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## PBC PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Nawa Akitaru!

With the first thunder we celebrate a new year. A time of renewed life, health, happiness, and opportunities for prosperity. This new season brings new opportunities and growth to our nation as many funding opportunities are announced and planning is initiated on new projects which add to our current infrastructure. Our goals this 2nd Quarter are to attend a 2-day, immersive Planning Session, develop a draft short-term strategic plan, identify priority needs from current activities and review our List of Infrastructure Goals and Activities to assess our current state.



These activities are essential to discuss the current state of the Nation in order to highlight gaps or areas of concern, alongside the positive outcomes listed. We must continue to identify and track our deficiencies to ensure they are adequately assigned and tracked, until they are appropriately resolved. We have a lot of great activities and events going on at the Nation; however, they are not getting the appropriate attention they deserve. This area is being addressed and a plan of action initiated to increase our communication of these areas and events. On February 16, 2026, I was invited to speak at the State of the City event, presented by the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce. In doing so, a comprehensive summation of the Nation’s current projects was shared with the attendees. I am sharing this with you, as well:

### Pawnee Nation Development Update

The Pawnee Nation is making significant strides in economic and infrastructure development to enhance the well-being of our community. Below is an overview of our key initiatives and projects that are currently underway or planned for the near future.

### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

In 2025, the Pawnee Nation updated its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to shape a stronger future. Through surveys and town halls, we gathered insights on demographics, community needs, and workforce development opportunities. Our focus was on housing improvements, assessing our current school structure, and identifying strategies to attract top talent to Pawnee. This effort aims to create a sustainable and thriving local economy. (Continued to page 3)

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Nawa,

As we concluded 2025 and began preparing for a new year, the Pawnee Nation continued to focus on strengthening our community through cultural gatherings, governance efforts, and programs that support the health and well-being of our people. The last quarter of the year was filled with meaningful events, important discussions about our Nation’s future, and opportunities for our citizens to come together. The holiday season brought many opportunities for citizens and families to gather and celebrate our traditions.



The Pawnee Nation Holiday Christmas Market, held December 12–13, showcased the creativity and craftsmanship of local artisans. Community members enjoyed shopping with local vendors and watching a traditional woodcarving demonstration.

On December 18, the Pawnee Business Council partnered with the City of Pawnee to host the annual Community Christmas Party at the Multi-purpose Gymnasium. The evening was filled with food, games, and holiday cheer as families gathered together and enjoyed a fun filled event. From December 27 through December 31, the Holiday Handgames brought many of our people together for friendly competition and fellowship. These events continue to be a valued tradition during the holiday season. Supporting the health and well-being of our citizens remains a priority by providing opportunities for community members to stay active and improve their health in the new year.

As we move forward into 2026, Pawnee Nation leadership remains committed to strengthening our government, supporting community programs, and preserving the cultural traditions that unite us as Pawnee people. We encourage all citizens to stay engaged, attend community events, and participate in discussions that shape the future of our Nation.

Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, elders, and community members who continue to contribute to the strength of the Pawnee Nation.  
Respectfully,

Virgil Wade  
Executive Director  
Pawnee Nation

## RIBBON CUTTING FOR STONEWOLF, PAWNEE



The StoneWolf Casino in Pawnee, Oklahoma, officially held its grand reopening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 23, 2025. The event marked the transformation of the former Trading Post Casino into the rebranded and renovated StoneWolf Casino.

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## PAWNEE NATION SUBMITS PETITION TO WITHDRAW SECRETARIAL ELECTION DUE TO BALLOT DELAYS AND TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTION

The Pawnee Nation initiated a Secretarial Election to amend its Constitution under Resolution #25-35, and subsequent amendments under Resolution #25-36. Last week, the Constitution Convention Delegates identified operational and coordination issues affecting the ballot mailing timelines required for Secretarial Elections. These concerns were brought to the Attorney General, the Governing Documents Committee, and the Pawnee Business Council (“PBC”) for review and action.

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## CONTINUED: PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION

The major issues identified leading up to the PBC special meeting included the following acts and omissions:

- the BIA failed to print the necessary number of ballots;
- the BIA failed to provide adequate support to the Nation's Election Commission;
- the Election Commission failed to include all materials required with the mailed ballots;
- there was an operational omission, as the Nation could not effectively or timely track which ballots were received by voters

Cumulatively, the primary cause of these issues was (1) a failure for all parties' duties to be specifically identified, (2) a failure to manage deadlines and expectations with hard task completion dates, and (3) general internal communications between the Nation and BIA. While an exact number was not reported to the PBC, it is believed that close to half of the necessary ballots were not mailed out to our eligible voters. The PBC then held a special meeting on February 26, 2026, which included a conversation with the Election Commission and Attorney General's office in executive session.

After leaving executive session, the PBC amended the agenda to pass Resolution #26-09, which submits a petition to withdraw the Nation's previous petition for a Secretarial Election under Resolution #25-35 to be compliant with both the federal requirements of Secretarial Elections and the Nation's own Constitution and Election laws. The PBC found this to be the most appropriate action for three primary reasons:

1. Upholding the integrity of the election;
2. Ensuring all eligible voters of the Pawnee Nation receive a ballot and can exercise their civic rights; and
3. To not waste any further federal or tribal resources.

While we wait to hear back from the Secretary of the Interior on the status of this withdraw request, the Secretarial Election is still ongoing. Those of you that did receive your ballots, you may vote and return those with the prepaid envelopes that should have been included in the packets you received. All ballots received will be maintained in compliance with the federal and tribal election laws.

Once the withdrawal is complete, the PBC will be able to resume the amendment process as soon as feasible by submitting a new petition, after the identified issues are resolved. In the interim period, the PBC will also be requesting that the Secretary of the Interior ensure that the regional offices of the BIA and their staff can fulfill their duties to the Pawnee Nation - in staffing, funding, printing, and delivering ballots in a timely manner. The PBC remains committed to holding the federal government accountable for its trust obligations to our Nation, protecting election integrity, and ensuring a sound and fair election process for all Pawnee Nation citizens. The fair electoral process starts with ensuring our citizens receive their ballots in a timely matter.

We have also requested that the Attorney General's office work on preparing training materials for the Election Commission and assist in drafting a realistic election timeline for the BIA to both approve and ensure it can commit the required resources too. When these requests are completed, the Pawnee Nation will be submitting a new petition for a new Secretarial Election going over the same Constitutional Amendments. Then, the Election Commission will also be adequately equipped to navigate the BIA, the election, and remain an independent commission. The PBC has full faith in our Election Commission's ability to oversee the next election once federal resources are properly committed and training is provided by the Attorney General's office and/or the BIA.

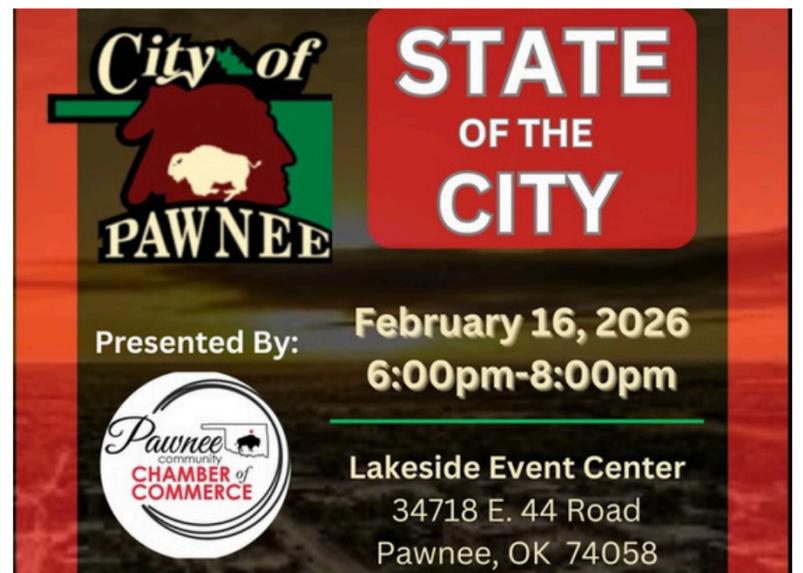
The PBC appreciates the patience of Pawnee Nation citizens and apologizes for any inconvenience and frustration this may cause. Additional updates will be provided as the withdrawal process moves forward and preparations begin for a new Secretarial Election.

The PBC expresses its gratitude to the Constitution Convention Delegates for their three and a half years of dedicated work, to the Election Commission for its efforts and long hours, to our federal partners for their continued support and willingness to meet with us to address the concerns that arose, and most importantly to our citizens.

The PBC remains committed to protecting the voting rights of Pawnee Nation citizens and ensuring every eligible voter has a fair and equal opportunity to cast a ballot in all our Nation's elections.

For questions, please contact the Pawnee Nation Executive Office.

### STATE OF THE CITY FOR PAWNEE



Pawnee, Oklahoma, is currently in a period of active local governance and community planning, with its 5th Annual State of the City Address scheduled for February 16, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lakeside Event Center and hosted by the Pawnee Community Chamber of Commerce. The night's events brought together City, Tribal and State leaders to speak about current governance & initiatives, healthcare planning, and economic development. Madame President Misty Nuttle also gave a State of the Nation address during the event. Lone Tipi Productions recorded the event and community members can view the video on Lone Tipi's YouTube channel.

Speakers for the State of the City included:

- Chamber of Commerce, President Cynthia Butler
- State of Oklahoma, Senator Chuck Hall
- House District 35, Representative Dillon Travis
- Pawnee Economic Development Board, Connie Tuter
- Pawnee County Commissioner, District 2 Joe Higgins
- Pawnee Public Schools, Superintendent Stacy Womack
- Pawnee Community Summit
- Pawnee Nation, Pawnee Business Council
- President Misty Nuttle
- State of the City Address, Mayor Alice Cottle



Credit: Jayda Smith Photography and submitted by Pawnee Chamber

## President's Message to the People Continued'

*Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant (TEDC)*  
 Strengthening our utility infrastructure is a top priority. This project will enhance our ability to manage and oversee critical services such as water, electricity, sewage, and broadband expansion. The initiative began with a kick-off meeting in January, and we are currently reviewing utility rates for all buildings on our campus to ensure cost-effective and efficient management.

### Grid Resilience

We are committed to modernizing our energy infrastructure. Our current initiative focuses on designing and implementing new underground electrical lines in partnership with Indian Electric Cooperative. We are conducting a cost analysis to determine the financial scope of the project before entering negotiations for cost-matching and implementation. Additionally, remaining funds will be allocated toward other projects aimed at preventing power outages and improving service reliability for our community.

### Renewable Energy & Environmental Projects

Our commitment to sustainability and innovation continues with several environmental projects:

**Sensor Development:** The PN Housing Authority, worked with electrical contractors, and installed home sensors to monitor energy usage and efficiency. Data is currently being collected every month to develop a comprehensive report.

**Workforce Development:** Working with OSU IT to bring a certificate program for solar installation/maintenance. This will give 10 individuals the opportunity to special in this renewable energy field.

**OU Research Report:** OU is doing analysis on the censor deployment and will produce a final report once project is complete.

### Indian Community Development Block Grant-WED FY24

To support the expansion of our Nation, we are doubling the capacity of our lagoon system—from two lagoons to four. This improvement will ensure sustainable wastewater management and accommodate future community growth. Infrastructure Strategic Plan & Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal

### Climate Planning

Planning for the future is critical. We are conducting an engineering study to design a water treatment and filtration system that will address water hardness and improve quality. Additionally, a new engineering and design plan for new fire hydrants and engineering/design services for the lagoon expansion.

### Bridges

Infrastructure is a cornerstone of economic and community development. We have submitted applications for over 40 bridge projects across the Pawnee Nation jurisdiction. Additionally, plans are in place for a railroad overpass that will provide direct access for future Pawnee Nation enterprises, by enhancing transportation and logistics in our region.

### Projects – Still in Planning

ICDBG FY25 PN Elder Efficiency Units – There is a need for elder assisted living units; to help accommodate for this aging demographic. Homes built generations before focused on younger families without planning for future elder use. Elders who choose to stay at home, often live alone, despite an obvious need to have some type of home health care. This proposal addresses the ever-growing need of the elderly population, and provide safe, affordable housing, for this vulnerable population. Rural Health Transformation Program-Oklahoma has officially secured \$223.5 million for the first budget period of a five-year grant through the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program, part of a historic \$50 billion federal investment authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act This funding brings new resources to rural communities statewide. The Pawnee Nation eagerly anticipates the Funding Opportunity Announcement and plans to focus efforts on Community Health and ways to incorporate the Community Health Aide Partnership Program.

Development of small enterprise businesses, researching appropriate business models, and investing funds utilizing the The State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), reauthorized by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act and determining priority areas for funding and projects utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds from the legal settlements reached between state, local, and tribal governments and numerous companies in the pharmaceutical supply chain involved in the opioid epidemic. These funds are being distributed in multiple installments over an 18-year period to support addiction treatment, prevention, and recovery efforts. It is the hopes of the Pawnee Nation that program designs and services will impose a lasting impact on the opioid epidemic, drug addiction and decrease and prevent unnecessary fatalities.

As a Council, we always look forward to bringing awareness to what is happening at the Nation. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate and enjoy hearing what is happening in our community. The Pawnee Nation is dedicated to seeking out and bringing much needed resources, which will address critical needs in which we feel we have the capacity to develop, administer and sustain. We hope all our efforts make lasting impacts on crucial needs necessary to elevate and enhance all our programs, services and activities to benefit our Pari akitaru.

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 Misty M. Nuttle  
 President of Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

## RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTES

### Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting

**MINUTES**  
**November 1, 2 02 5, 19:80 a.m.I, Pawnee Nation Microsoft TEAMS**  
**Virtual**

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for November 1, 2025, seconded by Cynthia Butler.  
 Vote: George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -yes, Jenifer Gover-LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for November 1, 2025, seconded by Cynthia Butler.  
 Vote: George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -yes, Jenifer Gover-LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve 2025 Pawnee Nation Third Quarter Report: Divisions, seconded by Dawna Hare.  
 Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -yes, Jenifer Gover-LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve 2025 Pawnee Nation Third Quarter Report: Committees, Commissions, and Boards, seconded by Jenifer Gover-LittleSun.  
 Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle - yes, Jenifer Gover-LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approved 2025 Pawnee Nation Third Quarter Report: Financials, seconded by Carol Chapman.  
 Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle - yes, Jenifer Gover-LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to adjourn, seconded by Jenifer Gover-LittleSun.  
 Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle - yes, Jenifer Gover-LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 11 :00 am.

### Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

**MINUTES**  
**November 4, 2025, ,, 9:-0\_0\_a\_.IR\_.I, Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building 808 Morris Rd Tribal Reserve**

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for November 4, 2025, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.  
 Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Travel Request, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

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**RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTES**

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve 1055 Pandemic Local Beef Delivery Budget Mod #4, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle - ahu (yes), and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #25-74 Title VI Survey Submission, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahn (yes), Carol Nuttle -ahu (yes), and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #25-75 Title VI Application, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -ahu (yes), and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Native Strategies LLC Consultant Agreement for the Bridge Preconstruction Project, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -ahu (yes), and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to adjourn, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 10:08 am.

**Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting  
MINUTES  
November 18, 2025, ,... 5:-J\_O\_p-m-l, Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building  
808 Morris Rd  
Tribal Reserve**

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for November 18, 2025, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle-ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Travel Request, seconded by Carol Nuttle. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle- ahn (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun- yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the 1006-166 PBC Committee Scholarship Budget, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle-yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the 1425 Diabetes Health & Wellness Budget, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle-yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to amend Resolution #21-53 ARPA Allocation (Food Insecurity Program), seconded by Carol Chapman. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle-yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun- yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve Resolution #25-76 Armstrong Cattle Account Information Update, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle- ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve the 2026 Pawnee Nation Holiday Schedule, with changes, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle-ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to table the Deer Population Reduction Hunt, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle-yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Membership, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle-yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to adjourn, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Carol Nuttle -yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun-yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

**Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**January 6, 2026, 9:00a.m., Pawnee Nation Microsoft Teams Virtual**

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for January 6, 2026, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle - yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for December 2, 2025, with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle - ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for December 16, 2025, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-abstain, Carol Nuttle -ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve the Pawnee Business Council Travel Request, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -aim (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #26-01 Table Creek Treaty (Annuity Drawdown), seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -aim (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to adjourn, seconded by Cynthia Butler

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler - yes Dawna Hare- ahn (yes), Carol Nuttle - ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 9:42 am.

**Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**January 20, 2026, 15:30 ,...mi.l, Pawnee Nation Microsoft Teams Virtual**

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for January 20, 2026, with changes, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for January 20, 2026, with changes, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #26-02 Gaming Commissioner ViceChair Reappointment, with changes, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve Resolution #26-03 Housing Authority Reappointment, with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-abstain, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #26-04 Housing Authority Appointment, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler-abstain, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #26-05 Housing Authority Appointment, with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-abstain, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #26-06 Housing Authority Appointment, with changes, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-abstain, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the 2026 Cost of Living Allowance Proposal, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve 4210-608 Probate Backlog Assistance Budget, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle - yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve Resolution #25-36 Secretarial Election Amendments, with changes, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun -yes, and President Nuttle -not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to amend Resolution #24-24 USDA ReConnect 3 Authorization Update, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle -yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to amend Resolution #24-25 USDA ReConnect 4 Authorization Update, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare-aim (yes), Carol Nuttle - yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun - yes, and President Nuttle - not voting. Motion carries.



# WĪTHURAHAC (SK)

She/He has passed away

## MOLLIE A. DAVIDSON



February 21, 1937-  
December 16,  
2025

Mollie Ann Rice Davidson, age 88, of Pawnee, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on December 16, 2025, in her hometown of Pawnee.

Mollie was born on February 21, 1937, in Pawnee, Oklahoma, to Robert P. Rice and Christine Hand Rice. She was a proud, full-blood member and elder of the Pawnee Nation.

She attended Pawnee Indian Boarding School and later Haskell Indian Junior College. In her early adult years, Mollie worked as a seamstress and later served her community as a Title VI cook for the Pawnee Nation, a role she took great pride in.

Mollie was married to Roger Skeen, whose military service took them overseas for a time, and later to Wayne Davidson. Through these years, Mollie lived in several places, including Kansas City, Missouri, though Pawnee always remained home.

She was the mother of Dan, Lolita, Phil, Robert, Cheryl Sue, JoAnne, Launita, Gregg, Harvey and Michael.

Mollie was proceeded in death by her parents, Robert and Christine Rice; her sisters Sharon, Wanda, and Rebecca; her brothers Dennis, Robert, Lawrence, and Herb; and her sons Dan, Robert and daughter Cheryl Sue.

She is survived by her brother, Keller Rice; her daughters Lolita Hensley, JoAnne Thompson and Launita Carroll; her sons Phil Williams, Gregg Price, Harvey and Michael Hyatt; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren all of whom were important to her.

Mollie enjoyed spending time with friends and was an avid bingo player, a pastime she continued to enjoy until just weeks before her passing. Those who knew her remember her as social, humorous, and deeply rooted in her community.

Mollie passed surrounded by family, and her loved ones take comfort in their faith that she is now at peace.

## TIFFANY ANNETTE POCAHONTAS HENDERSON

The Pawnee Nation Flag is lowered for the passing of Tribal Member, Tiffany Annette Pocahontas Henderson. Ms. Henderson was born June 12, 1984 and returned to the

stars on January 3, 2026. Tiffany Henderson will be cremated, by the Cremation Society of Tennessee. There will be a memorial was a memorial for her on January 8th, located at Boondocks in Tennessee from 4 pm - 6:30 pm.

## REBECCA SUE EPPLER "CUSARI CAHIKS"



March 14, 1940-  
January 18, 2026

Rebecca "Becky" Eppler, of Pawnee, was born March 14, 1940 to Adam and Hazel (White) Pratt, and was called home on January 18, 2026, at Stillwater Medical Center.

Becky was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 47 years, Teddy Eppler, and her daughter, Laureen Eppler. She attended Pawnee Indian Boarding School (aka Gravy U) and graduated from the Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Oklahoma State University.

She was a member of the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church and a proud member of the Skidi Band of Pawnee Nation. She served her tribe in various leadership positions, including Treasurer of the Pawnee Business Council.

Becky's knowledge of her tribal culture did not come from a book, as she would say, and she was called on as a consultant on numerous books and projects including the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, the Heard Museum, both in Chicago, the University of Nebraska, the National Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration and the American Indian Integration of Baseball. She was the proud wife, mother and grandmother of veterans and served as President of the Pawnee War Mothers. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, dances, singing, Handgames, and teasing. Becky will be remembered for her wisdom, laugh and her feisty wit, but mostly her positive outlook on life, which she attributed to her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her daughter, Lozana Eppler (Mark Collins) of Pawnee; her son, Eddy Eppler (Emilee) of Broken Arrow; brothers, Duane (Lesley) Pratt and Allen Dale Pratt, of Pawnee; sister, Eileen Sands, of Oklahoma City, eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 22nd at the Roam Chief Building, 810 Beck Dr., Pawnee with her nephew Bruce Pratt officiating. Interment will be in the North Indian Cemetery, under direction of the Poteet Funeral Home of Pawnee.

## BENJAMIN WALTER PAPPAN

October 20, 1958 -  
January 30, 2026

## BEATRICE K. REALRIDER



August 23, 1947-  
February 1, 2026

Beatrice Kay Realrider, lovingly known to many as "Aunt Bea," was born on August 23, 1947, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Austin and Marie (Lane) Realrider. She passed away surrounded by the love of her family and community, leaving behind a legacy of generosity, strength, and joy. Beatrice was a proud graduate of Pawnee High School, Class of 1967. She continued her education by attending Barrel Racing School in Texas, Cosmetology School in Cleveland, Oklahoma, and later earned her CLEET certification. Throughout her life, she worked in many roles, including beautician, security guard at Santa Fe Racetrack, cook for the Pawnee Elders and Pawnee Nation Youth, and as a CNA in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She was also a talented self-taught interior decorator and sculptor. Beatrice was known for her big heart and open home. She welcomed anyone in need, often filling her house with her sons' friends and nephews, feeding them, caring for them, and driving them all over Oklahoma for skating and breakdancing. She played a vital role in advocating for the youth of Pawnee and was instrumental in helping establish the town's skate park. She tirelessly raised funds, going door-to-door with a coffee can in hand, and today the park remains a beloved space for local youth. Aunt Bea had a deep love for cooking—especially her famous meat pies, which she perfected over the years. She even sold them at the Shakopee Powwow, where they were warmly received by the Northern Natives. She was known for her humor, her spicy language, and her ability to make anyone feel at home at her table. She also loved to travel, a passion she inherited from her parents. Over the years, she journeyed to Montana, North Dakota, Mexico, and many other places. She enjoyed accompanying her brother Sonny to art shows and traveling with her nieces, "Tootz and Marie," to arts and craft events, where she was a natural and enthusiastic saleswoman. She is survived by her kids, Alison Kay Fox, Austin Joe RealRider, and Rusty Diamond; her grandchildren are Nisha Edwards, Dae Diamond, Phoenix Diamond, Shawn Diamond, Kylie Diamond, Jacque Cummings Enciso, Harris J. Cummings, and Sharlae Rose Cummings, and her great-grandchildren are Ayden Johnson, Ariyah Edwards, Lashae and Amiyah Pippens, Jayceon Scootie" Osceola, Hayden and Aniya Estes, Grayson Walker, and Kaymayah



"Lyric" Houston. Numerous nieces and nephews, including Linda Horn, Cherise Moore, Alice Carroll, Angie EchoHawk, Pam Ellis, Warren RealRider, Lloyd Cummings and Marlon Houston. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Lillie and Carolyn, her brothers, Norwood and Austin, her son, Darin Diamond, her granddaughter, Mercedes Walker, and her nephews, Lawrence Ray Cummings and Dylan EchoHawk. Beatrice Kay RealRider will be remembered for her generosity, her spirit, her laughter, and her unwavering love for her family, her community, and her culture. She will be deeply missed but forever cherished.

**TAMERA RENEE CHAPMAN**



March 25, 1985-  
February 2, 2026

Tamera Renee Hawkins was born March 25, 1985, and passed away February 3rd, 2026, at the age of 40.

Tamera graduated from Byng High School in Byng, Oklahoma, and later completed Cleet Training in Drumright, aspiring to be a police officer. She was known for her strong work ethic and often worked multiple jobs at once. She stayed busy and liked it that way.

She was a citizen of the Pawnee Nation-Kitkehaki Band and a descendant of the Ponca and Otoe-Missouria Tribes. Tamera loved attending the Native American Church.

She had no children of her own but poured her love into her nieces and nephews, who meant the world to her. Tamera also adored being a dog mom to her Yorkshire terrier, Kitsu. She loved music of all kinds, especially Elvis Presley, and had a love for the Disney character Stitch, often showing it off with her favorite Stitch socks. A devoted OU fan, she loved anything OU and especially enjoyed watching OU games with her dad, Joe Sr.

Tamera is survived by her mother Rebecca Hawkins; her brother Jon of Pawnee; her sister Ruth of Cushing; her nieces Sonja, Butterfly, Shaylynn, and Caitlyn; her nephews Triston, Jackson, Jordyn, Joe III, and Harrison; her grandson, Damien and her fiancé Kendall Eaton of Skiatook. She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Hawkins Sr.; her sisters, Rosalee and Sarah; and her brother, Joe Hawkins Jr.

**The Executive Office**

The Executive Office works closely with the Pawnee Business Council (PBC) in providing support for developing strategic direction; coordinating activities with council and committees, approving, calculating, and processing travel; providing oversight of operations; identifying short-term and long-term opportunities; assisting in development and enactment of tribal legislation; providing minutes; maintaining records; and serving as a point of for tribal members, funding agencies and governmental offices.

The Executive Office staff also works with Pawnee Nation's various programs in identifying goals, objectives, services, outcomes, needs, and resources needed to provide quality services to our tribal membership. Employees also establish and maintain effective communications with applicable State and Federal legislative bodies and funding agencies. The Executive Director serves as a liaison between the PBC and the staff and with the Census Bureau.



**The Executive Office team consists of:**

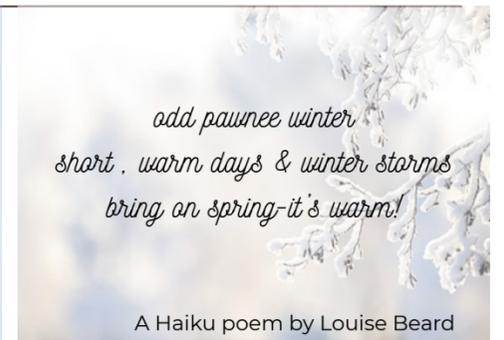
- Executive Director - Virgil Wade
- Executive Administrative Assistant - Jamie Nelson
- Executive Office Assistant - Ericka SunEagle-Shawnee
- Receptionist/Assistant - Jennae Kanuho



**Burial Assistance**

The Pawnee Business Council 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.

For more information on Burial Assistance please call the Executive Office at 918-762-3621 or visit: <https://pawneenation.org/the-executive-office/>



**Čahriksičahriks**

The Communications Team creates and publishes the Čahriksičahriks, the official publication of the Pawnee Nation, free of charge to Pawnee Nation Members. We share news about events and successes of the Pawnee Nation with the area press to establish and maintain a positive, timely, and professional release of information.

The Čahriksičahriks is released quarterly, following:

- Four Seasons (Meteorological, Northern Hemisphere)
- Spring: March, April, May
- Summer: June, July, August
- Fall (Autumn): September, October, November
- Winter: December, January, February

The **Communications team** updates the official website and official social media accounts, while establishing and maintaining a professional relationship with area news outlets to ensure the publication of Pawnee Nation news and events. Pawnee Nation Communications also fosters relationships with the City of Pawnee, surrounding Native Sovereign Nations, and adjoining partner communities to promote the Pawnee Nation and serve Pawnee Nation citizens, past, present, and future.



Dena Cosby has experience in public relations and communications, particularly within the context of Native American tribal nations. She served 7 years as the Communications Coordinator for the Osage Nation and currently holds the position of Communications Manager for the Pawnee Nation.

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**web page or Pawnee Nation**  
**Facebook and click the link on our**  
**home page!**



## Pâri Ctêsâru' (Pawnee Princess) News

### PRINCESS CORA PRATT PERFORMS DEW DROP FAIRY IN THE NUTCRACKER

Pawnee Nation Princess/Pâri Ctêsâru' Cora Marie Pratt performed as the Dew Drop Fairy in Studio K Performing Arts Center's production of The Nutcracker on December 21. A 16-year-old sophomore and dedicated dancer, Pratt represented the Pawnee Nation while showcasing her ballet skills with the Studio K Performing Arts Center Facebook page.



In addition to her 2024 performance as the Dew Drop Fairy, Cora Pratt has been a dedicated student and performer at the Studio K Performing Arts Center in Pawnee, Oklahoma, for several years.

Her previous roles and involvement in the studio's productions include:

**Flower in the Waltz of the Flowers:** In earlier years of training, Pratt progressed through the corps de ballet roles typical for senior students before being cast in lead soloist positions.

**Lead Dancer:** Pratt has frequently been featured in senior-level group performances and small ensemble pieces for the studio's annual winter and spring showcases.

**Cultural Performer:** While not strictly a ballet role, she has utilized her dance background to represent the Pawnee Nation as Princess, performing traditional dances at events such as Native American Heritage Night for the Tulsa Oilers and at the Tulsa Native American Day.



Left: Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Pratt, performed for Native American Heritage Night at the the Tulsa Oilers hockey game on December 12.



Right: Princess Cora attended the 2026 Haskell Indian Nations University Spring "Welcome Back" Powwow on February 24 in Lawrence, Kansas.

In her dual capacity as a senior ballet student and the 2025–2026 Pawnee Nation Princess/Pâri Ctêsâru', Cora Pratt held several high-profile roles during her reign:

- **Cultural Representative:** Serving in her second reign as Princess, Cora represented the Pawnee Nation at various dances, powwows and cultural events. She participated in events hosted by the Pawnee Nation during Native American Heritage Month.
- **Outgoing Royalty and Mentor:** Throughout January 2026, she served as a mentor for the incoming 2026–2027 royalty. She was a featured attendee and leader at the Pawnee Nation Princess Celebration and Coronation on January 8, 2026, where she helped prepare for the transition of the title to Isabelle Bayhulle LeadingFox.
- **Community Leader:** In late 2025, she continued her advocacy work by appearing at the ICW Resource and Family Safety Fair, where she promoted the importance of foster care within the tribe.
- **Student Leader:** As a senior at Pawnee Public Schools, she participated in school-specific milestone events, such as the Senior Sunrise ceremony for the Class of 2026.

## 2026-2027 PAWNEE NATION PRINCESS



Isabelle Bayhulle LeadingFox is the 2026-2027 Pawnee Nation Princess.



Her coronation took place during the Pawnee Nation Princess Dance on February 22, 2026, at the Pawnee Roundhouse in Pawnee, Oklahoma. The event, hosted by the Pawnee Nation Princess Committee, celebrated the transition from the outgoing princess, Cora Pratt, to Isabelle Bayhulle LeadingFox for the new term.



Following her coronation, she is expected to appear at major regional events, such as the Haskell Indian Nations University Spring Powwow, which typically occurs shortly after the February transition.

Isabelle is the daughter of Pat and Vicky LeadingFox. She comes from a family deeply rooted in Pawnee education and leadership; her sister, Sky Seeing Ruth LeadingFox, was a high-achieving student at Sequoyah High School during her term as Pawnee Tribal Princess. Isabelle now joins her sisters Sky Seeing, Jessica Leading Fox and Skidi Leading Fox in being crowned Pawnee Nation Princess.



RIGHT: TWINS & WATER BOYS FOR THE 2026-2027 PN PRINCESS CORONATION: Blake Knife Chief (12) & Randall Knife Chief (12) both sons of Suzy Knife Chief, PN Diabetes Program Coordinator



LEFT: Leland Rice, Head Man Dancer for the Princess Dance and Coronation.



RIGHT: Son of Adrian Spottedhorsechief, Emcee during the ceremonies, Judah Spottedhorsechief.



The Pawnee Nation Princess Committee (PNPC) is a dedicated group of tribal women and/or past Princesses responsible for selecting, mentoring, and supporting the Pawnee Nation Princess.

Committee: Chair Tiffany Fietze-Nichols, Vice-Chair Lisa Goodday, Secretary Jamie Nelson, Treasurer Reva Howell and Members Cynthia Butler, Skye Goodfox, and Expo Director Francis Kent Primeaux





**Pâri Ctêsâru' Isabelle Bayhülle  
Leading Fox**

Isabelle Bayhülle Leading Fox, Čîsâri Čahiks, is the incoming 2026-2027 Pawnee Nation Princess and the youngest daughter of Patrick Leading Fox Sr. and Victoria Leading Fox. Her siblings include three sisters, Jessica, Skidi, and Sky Seeing Leading Fox, and brother Patrick Leading Fox Jr.

Isabelle is a 17-year-old senior at Pawnee High School and is finishing her first year at Meridian Technology Center in the Health Careers Program, focusing on Medical Core, Certified Nursing Aide, and Home Health Aide courses. She is a member of the Northern Plains Indian Club and actively participates in Meridian Tech's student organization-Future Health Professionals.

Isabelle is a Ckiri Pawnee from both her maternal and paternal sides. She descends from the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma & the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians through her mother, and from the Kitkehaki Band through both her parents. She is Pahukstâtu, which is the Pumpkin Vine clan from the Ckiri Band.

Isabelle's first and middle names honor the wife of Rêsâru'sirîtêriku, meaning "Chief They All Look To" in Pawnee, also known as Baptiste Bayhülle. Isabelle Bayhülle, Tsa Ta Ra Huddi, was a Ckiri Pawnee woman known as "Woman Dust Cloud". She had married Baptiste Bayhülle in the early 1870s, after he was named an Interpreter in the 1857 Treaty of Table Creek and his time as a sergeant in 1867 in Company C, a Ckiri company. Isabelle's maternal lineage reflects humility and accountability rather than status, which Baptiste's wife, Isabelle Bayhülle, is a notable reminder of those standards.

Isabelle was given her Pawnee name, Čîsâri Čahiks, meaning "Princess of the People", by her father, Patrick Leading Fox Sr. This name was passed down from his late mother, Myrtle Pratt, and bestowed upon Isabelle before she finished her term as the 2024-2025 Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming Princess. Myrtle Pratt carried this name during her own service and representation for the tribe as Miss Haskell.

Guided by a unique cultural upbringing, Isabelle is currently preparing for a future in the healthcare field. Through her studies in medical terminology, anatomy & physiology, and clinical training for CNA, and HHA coursework, she has the skills necessary to achieve the highest quality of care and service to others with compassion and dedication. Isabelle plans to continue her studies in health sciences, whether it's Public Health or Biological Sciences; she plans to pursue an intentional and personal commitment to continue to support the well-being of any individual and their communities through education and healthcare by honoring the values of her academic and cultural foundation.

During her reign, Isabelle would like to remain committed to believing in the strength of balancing a strong traditional knowledge with modern education and views this relationship as essential to sustaining her and her family's Pawnee identity and sovereignty. Isabelle is committed to supporting the opportunities that uplift young people, strengthen cultural connections, and honor the teachings passed down through the generations in the community. Isabelle hopes to serve as a positive role model for our young people by promoting cultural pride, education, and service.

Isabelle is honored and grateful to represent the Pawnee Nation and is proud to continue to carry her cultural identity with pride. Isabelle and her family would like to extend sincere gratitude towards our Pawnee people for nurturing her in our age of Pawnee culture and guiding her towards this journey of life lessons, memories, and, of course, service.

**CHE K'O MANYIMI, PAWNEE  
INDIAN VETERANS**

**ORGANIZATION PRINCESS 2025-26**

Che K'o Manyimi (also known as Skye Malinda Harragarra-Harms) is the 2025-2026 Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess/Ctêsâru'. A member of the Pawnee Nation, she is an active cultural ambassador involved in community outreach and traditional celebrations.



Heritage: She has Pawnee, Otoe-Missouria, Kiowa, and Comanche ancestry. Her Jiwere-Nut'achi (Otoe) name is Che K'o Manyimi.

Role: As the Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess, she represents the Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization at various events, including Tulsa Native American Day and gourd dances.

Family: She is the daughter of Wynema Harragarra and the late Rob Harms. Her family has a long history of leadership and cultural preservation; she is a direct descendant of Matthew and Charlie Whitehorse, who were keepers of the Sacred Bustle for the O-Ho-Mah Lodge.

Community Work: She participates in educational endeavors and fundraisers, such as Indian Taco sales, to support her reign and community initiatives

As of early February 2026, Che K'o Manyimi continues her busy reign as the 2025-2026 Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess. Photos below were shared on her personal Facebook page.





### MINIATURE POTTERY | CHIEF CERAMICS



Alexis HorseChief is the artist behind Chief Ceramics, and she was indeed a featured vendor at the Pawnee Nation Holiday Christmas Market 2025.

#### About the Artist & Chief Ceramics

Alexis creates hand-painted ceramics, including the miniature pottery and larger wheel-thrown pieces that were highly popular during the holiday market.

Artistic Style: Her work often incorporates intricate designs and vibrant colors, reflecting her Pawnee heritage and modern aesthetic.

She is an alumna of Oklahoma State University, where she developed her technical skills in ceramic arts.

Family Heritage: The HorseChief family is well-known in the Native American art community; she is related to the renowned Pawnee/Cherokee painter and sculptor Daniel HorseChief.



You can visit her work on

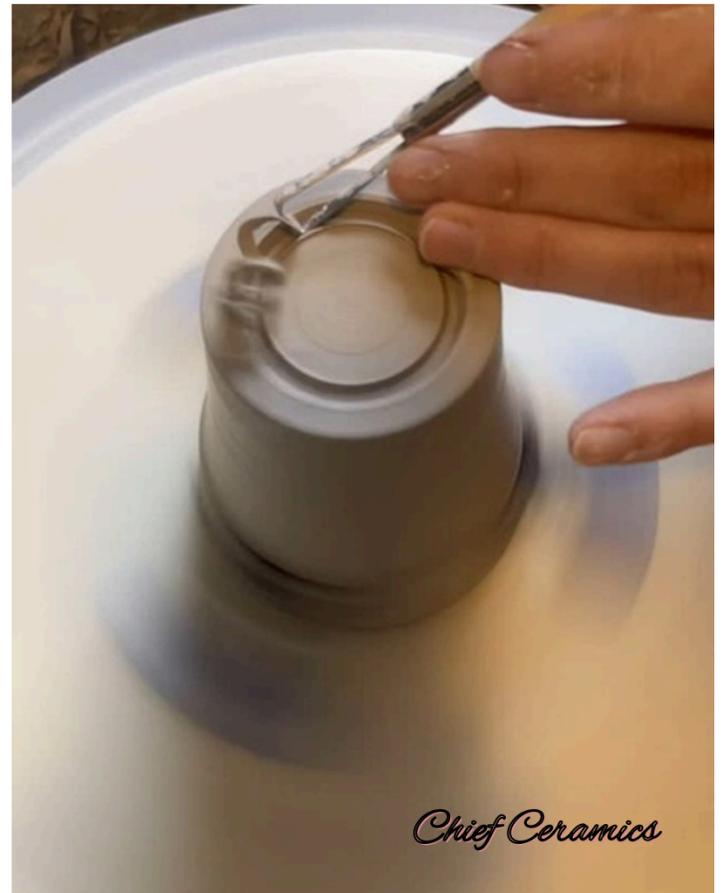
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**My work represents the human condition.** The gestational period is shown through mixing the clay. Transforming the pugged porcelain into a vessel demonstrates birth and growth. Deconstructing the vessels with water epitomizes the complex emotions that humans experience such as, anxiety and depression. The emotionality of the human experience is detrimental to life because emotions effect not only our mentality but our physicality as well. I have lived with anxiety and depression, and I believe that my most anxious or depressive episodes have the most impact on my mental and physical state. My pieces emphasize this part of the human condition because I view these episodes as my make or break point in life. The final product represents the emotions and experiences that have the strongest impact on our lives.



Chief Ceramics

Here are photos of products from Chief Ceramics by Alexis HorseChief, showcasing her distinctive pottery style which includes the use of Oklahoma red clay.

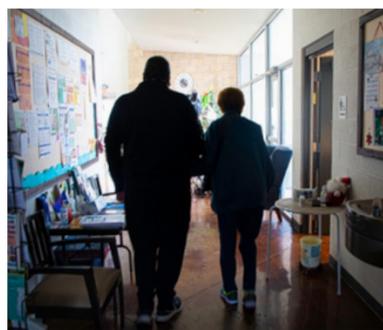


### OILS VISITS THE PAWNEE NATION



December 10, 2025, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma hosted the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) Wills Clinic at the Title VI Elder Center located at 901 Agency Road. The OILS Wills Clinic presented from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Eligible individuals were able to ask questions and learn why its important to have a will in place.

To apply, schedule a booking by calling 405-943-6457.



OILS was available to draft and execute last will and testament free of charge. Eligibility is subject to Federal Income Guidelines and Membership in a Federally recognized Tribe.

### CON'T: RIBBON CUTTING FOR STONEWOLF CASINO, PAWNEE

As the entity overseeing the tribe's gaming assets, the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation managed the renovation and reopening of the 10,000-square-foot facility.

The ceremony was hosted by the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce, Marcella Stephenson (Chamber Director) who led the ceremony and joined in celebrating the transformation of the former Pawnee Trading Post Casino into the rebranded StoneWolf, Pawnee facility.



The event was attended by tribal citizens, local residents, and Casino staff including individuals Curtis DeGraff and Cassandra Arkeketa-Robbins, who participated in the public celebration of the new venue.





### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



It was a night to #CelebratePawnee at the Cedar Deer Lodge who served as the premier venue for the Pawnee Community Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet on December 13, 2025. This black-tie event celebrates local businesses and citizens who positively impact the Pawnee community.

The Chamber President and PBC Member Seat #1, Cynthia Butler started off the event with a welcome and the nights first award. The following organizations were recognized at the most recent banquet held at the lodge:

- Small Business (0–5 Employees): H&R Block of Pawnee
- Small Business (6–24 Employees): Click's Steakhouse
- Small Business (25–50 Employees): Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health
- Customer Service Award: Armstrong Bank
- Woman-Owned Business: Where The Buffalo Roam
- Champion of the Arts: Studio K
- Volunteer of the Year: Tiffany Higgins
- Pawnee Event: Pawnee Bill Memorial Rodeo
- Mayor's Outstanding Citizen Award: Carol Rapp

Several awards recognized the work of Pawnee Nation employees, citizens and entities:

- Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health: Honored with two major distinctions:
  - Small Business Award (25–50 Employees).
  - Pawnee Choice Award, which is based on public nominations and community support.
- Pawnee Nation College: Awarded Nonprofit of the Year for its contributions to regional education.
- Dr. Gene Evans, MD - Pawnee Clinic and former PBC Member, took home the Award for Veteran-Owned Business.
- Sarah Llamas-Howell: Received the First Responder Award recognizing courage, compassion and service that goes above and beyond the call of duty.
- Mary Faye Blackowl: Received the prestigious Pawnee Nation President's Leadership Award, presented by President Misty M. Nuttle.



The First Responder Award was awarded to Sara Llamas-Howell, who serves on the City of Pawnee Ambulance Service and as a City of Pawnee Firefighter. Her commitment exemplifies courage, professionalism, and compassion.



Mary Faye Blackowl is the first woman to ever receive the President's Leadership Award. She has a long history of involvement with the Pawnee Nation.

#### KEY PRESENTERS AND PARTICIPANTS



Kitkehahki Rêsâru' Adrian SpottedHorsechief: Represented the Râristêsâru'/Nasharo Council and shared the stage with other tribal leaders to honor community and business excellence. He was asked to say the blessing of the food during the event.



George Gardipe: Attended in his dual capacity as PBC Secretary and Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, facilitating the recognition of local economic growth.



Jamie Nelson: Pawnee Nation Executive Office, Executive Assistant and a Director of the Chamber of Commerce, helped in faciliating the event.



Alice Cottle: The Mayor of Pawnee presented the Mayor's Citizen of Excellence Award.

It was a night to Celebrate!



### MICHAEL ECHO HAWK COMPLETES 100-MILE MARATHON!



On January 17-18, 2025, Michael T. Echo Hawk, a dedicated tribal member and ultra marathoner, undertook an impressive feat by completing a 100-mile ultra marathon on a certified course, covering a total of 102.46 miles through the challenging terrain of the Arizona Estrella Mountains.

His accomplishments are underscored by his personal milestone of 715 days of sobriety as of February 7, 2026. Over the last two years, Michael has participated in numerous endurance events, including 9 marathons, a 50-kilometer ultra marathon, and two 50-mile ultra marathons.



Sponsored by Aravaipa Running's Coldwater Rumble Trail Runs, this race featured a formidable elevation gain of 10,514 feet. Michael ran in memory of his brother, Matthew S. Echo Hawk, who tragically passed away the previous summer. As a tribute, Michael proudly carried the Pawnee Tribal Flag across the finish line, where he was greeted by several family members.

Residing in Orem, Utah, Michael is the son of Larry and Terry Echo Hawk and has four siblings—Jenny, Paul, Mark, and Emily—all of whom are tribal members. His journey and updates can be followed on Instagram at @echohawk7.



### ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Annual Community Christmas Party on December 18, 2025, was a heartwarming event that highlighted the strong collaboration between the Pawnee Business Council and the Pawnee City Council.

Held at the Pawnee Nation Gymnasium, this festive gathering brought together community members, including children, council members, and leaders such as the Mayor of Pawnee and the President of the Pawnee Business Council, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.



The evening was filled with laughter and merriment as attendees enjoyed food, games, and the excitement of a raffle of bikes and door prizes for the adults. Santa Claus made a special appearance, joined this year by Mrs. Claus, delighting the young ones.



Santa's helpers diligently distributed toys and books from the Toys for Tots program, supported by the Tulsa Marine Corps Reserve unit's campaign for Green Country. This initiative ensures that families in need receive gifts during the holiday season, reinforcing the spirit of giving and community.



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### TITLE VI ELDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY



The celebration, hosted by the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, took place on December 17, 2024, with photos shared on Christmas Day 2025.

Activities: Elders gathered for fellowship, shared a meal, and participated in a gift giveaway donated by the Pawnee Business Council.

The event emphasized honoring Tribal elders through kindness and communal celebration.

**Media Coverage: Russell SunEagle professional photography**

2025 Christmas Party Photos: Russell SunEagle captured the Title VI Elders Christmas Party held on December 17, 2025





# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS

## CHU RAHIKATS BRAVE WOMEN GROUP VALENTINES CANDY CREATION PARTY

Participants partied hard on February 10, 2026 at the Community House. The Violence Against Women's Program provides group activities for victims/survivors of DV/SA and the families of victims/survivors. Group offers an opportunity for these women to come together in a relaxing atmosphere, to learn a new skill, enjoy fun, and fellowship.



Tiny taste-tester poses with candy creation!



Pictures were taken by Caitlin Leimenstoll, a freelance photographer based in Stillwater, Oklahoma operating under the business name Caitlin Lemon Photography.

Caitlin Leimenstoll is the daughter of Dina Johnson the Violence Against Women Program Coordinator. She was in attendance as a volunteer at the Valentine's Candy Creation Party.



Dina Johnson: Violence Against Women Program Coordinator & Jennifer Moses: Program Staff/Representative.



Left: Ablasa Benjamin Kent making a masterpiece!



## PAWNEE NATION LAW ENFORCEMENT



It was a snow-covered season for Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement. The sun refused to not shine, though.

## PAWNEE NATION TOR HOSTS 1<sup>ST</sup> MEDICINE WHEEL & 12 STEP WELLBRIETY CERTIFICATION



The Pawnee Nation's TOR-Tribal Opioid Response department recently hosted their inaugural Medicine Wheel & 12 Step Wellbriety Certification program, a transformative three-day event focused on spiritual and emotional healing.

Held from February 11th to 13th, the program emphasized Wellbriety, a community-oriented recovery approach that empowers facilitators to lead Circles of Wellbriety within their own communities.

These Circles tackle a broad range of recovery challenges, including intergenerational trauma, addiction, and mental health issues, fostering a communal healing environment known as a "Healing Forest."

Through regular meetings, participants cultivate new thought patterns, attitudes, and self-perceptions, promoting trust, autonomy, and spiritual growth.



The program's modular design supports prevention, treatment, intervention, and recovery across diverse demographics, including individuals, families, and communities. By embedding the teachings into daily life, participants embark on a journey towards a balanced, sober life, enriched by strong social and emotional connections.





This was just one of our upcoming training courses to be held this year with White Bison. We look forward to seeing you and working with you again. This was a learning experience and such a blessing to see the healing in progress and taking place and going back into our native communities.



The Medicine Wheel & 12 Step Wellbriety program, developed by White Bison, blends Indigenous teachings with recovery steps, often utilizing a, "blanket ceremony" to lay out sacred items representing the Four Directions (East, South, West, North) and principles of healing. Items typically include symbols of the Four Directions—yellow, red, black, and white—along with sacred medicines (sage, cedar, sweetgrass, tobacco) and tools for emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual balance.

**Pawnee Nation TOR would like to give special thanks to Andrea Alexander, WhiteBison, Inc/Wellbriety Facilitator for teaching our class.**

**A big thank you to Steven Moore for our cedar blessing on the first day of our training.**

**Also, to our Pawnee Nation Executive Director, Virgil Wade, for taking some time to welcome our 25 participants.**

**Also, would like to recognize President Misty Nuttle for accommodating our space for this wonderful training. I want to also say thank you to Leah Gardipe Vannoy who provided frybread for our Friday meal and don't want to leave out the PN property team for always making sure we have everything in place.**



The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission is the tribal regulatory body responsible for administering the Pawnee Nation General Revenue and Taxation Act. It primarily manages tribal vehicle registrations, excise taxes, and various licensing fees to support tribal self-governance and community services.

**Contact Information**

The Tax Commission is located within the Pawnee Nation complex in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

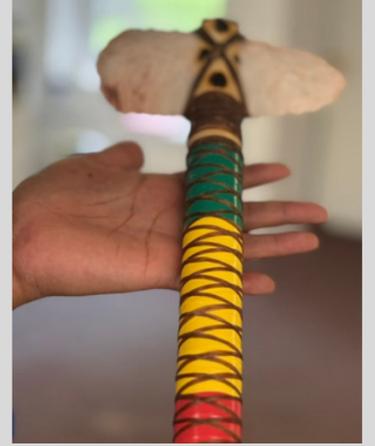
Physical Address: 490 Agency Road, Pawnee, OK 74058

Mailing Address: PO Box 438, Pawnee, OK 74058

Phone: (918) 762-3624

Fax: (918) 762-4029

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



*Gift Shop Items*

*If you are looking for Pawnee Nation branded merchandise rather than a vehicle tag, the Pawnee Nation Gift Shop (separate from the Tax Commission) sells various items*



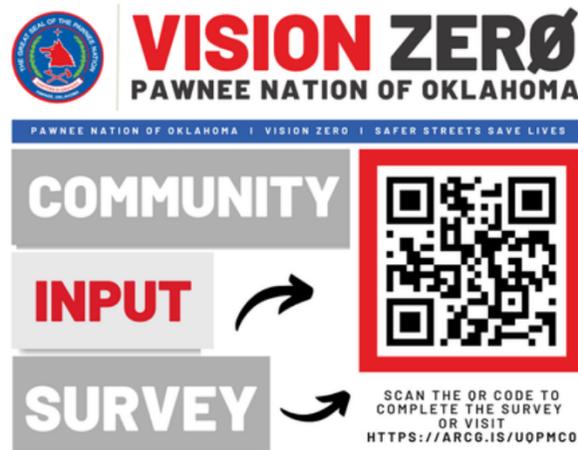
The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Office invites children ages 12 and under to participate in Skidi the Safety Ambassador's Easter Coloring Contest!

Children may pick up a coloring page at the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Office. Once completed, coloring pages must be returned to the office to be entered into our Easter gift giveaway.

All returned coloring pages will be proudly displayed in our office. The prize drawing will be held on April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. Thank you for helping us spread the word and encourage participation in this fun community event!

I have attached the announcement and coloring page for parents and caregivers to print directly from Facebook. If you have any questions, please contact me at (580) 401-0787

Officer Laura DeLaune



The Pawnee Nation Comprehensive Safety Action Plan!

Please scan the QR Code to complete the survey.

For more information, visit <https://arcg.is/uqpmco>



**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY 2026**



Aiden Jones, Jaslene Garcia-Howell, & Cale McPeek on Signing Day, February 4, 2026 at the Pawnee High School Annex building at 2:00 p.m.



Jaslene Garcia-Howell (with parents), signing for Hutchinson Community College.

Jaslene Garcia-Howell is a highly decorated Class of 2026 basketball standout from Pawnee High School in Oklahoma, recognized for her dominant presence as a 6'0" power forward. A member of the Pawnee Nation, she has achieved several elite milestones during her high school career.

**Career Highlights & Milestones** ★★★★★

- **Scoring & Rebounding:** She eclipsed both the 1,500 career points and 1,000 career rebounds marks in early January 2026.
- **Statistical Dominance:** During her senior season, she averaged 21.8 points and 12 rebounds per game, shooting 53% from the field.
- **College Commitment:** In February 2024, she officially signed to continue her career with the Hutchinson Community College Blue Dragons in Kansas.
- **Versatility:** Beyond basketball, she has also competed in softball and golf for Pawnee High.



Aiden Jones is a multi-sport student-athlete at Pawnee High School in Oklahoma, graduating in the class of 2026.

**Athletic Profile**

**Primary Sports:** He excels as a Tight End (TE) and Defensive End (DE) for the Pawnee Black Bears football team, wearing jersey #85. He also plays for the varsity baseball team (#18).

**Physicality:** He is listed at 6'2" and approximately 230 lbs.

**Performance Stats:** In football, he is a two-way starter known for his durability. During his 2024 junior season, he recorded a solo tackle in a dominant 68-0 win over Quapaw. On the baseball field, he has recorded an 84 mph velocity.

**Academic & Leadership**

**Academic Excellence:** Jones maintains an impressive 4.11–4.15 GPA.

**Leadership:** He serves as his Class Vice President and has been named a team captain for the football program.



Lucas Crawford is a standout multi-sport athlete at Stillwater High School in the Class of 2026.

**Athletic Career & Commitment** ★★★★★

**College Commitment:** Crawford has committed to play college football at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO).

**Football:** He serves as a Left Tackle (LT) for the Stillwater Pioneers (#73). Despite only beginning his football career as a junior after a long-term focus on baseball, his massive 6'7", 300 lb frame quickly made him a dominant offensive lineman.

**Baseball:** He is also a high-level 1B and Left-Handed Pitcher (LHP). He has been a frequent participant in Perfect Game and Prep Baseball Report events, where he has recorded exit velocities up to 91.9 mph.

**Academic & Physical Profile** ★★★★★

**GPA:** He maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA while taking concurrent college classes.

**Physicality:** He is noted for his rare size (6'7") and significant reach, with 11-inch hands that help him excel in run and pass protection.

**Rankings:** He is recognized as a top offensive line prospect in Oklahoma by Prep Redzone, where scouts have praised his high developmental ceiling.



## HORSECHIEF NATIVE FOODS

Ramona "Monie" Horsechief operates Horsechief Native Foods, a popular recurring vendor at Mother Road Market in Tulsa. Known for "World Champion" Indian tacos and authentic Native American cuisine, her business typically operates out of the market's Kitchen 66 takeover spaces on a rotating schedule.

Upcoming Appearance: Horsechief Native Foods is scheduled to return to Mother Road Market on March 20, 2026.  
Recent Residency: They recently completed a week-long residency from February 17 to February 22, 2026.  
Location: Mother Road Market, 1124 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa, OK 74104.



Ramona "Monie" Horsechief is a celebrated Native American chef and an eight-time winner of the National Indian Taco Championship. A member of the Pawnee and Cherokee nations, she has over 20 years of culinary experience and is widely recognized for her "World Champion" Indian tacos and commitment to traditional Native foods.

### Culinary Excellence & Awards

Horsechief began her competitive journey in 2006 and won her first championship in 2009. Her accolades include:

Native American Times +3

- **National Indian Taco Championship:** 8-time first-place winner (wins in 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2022, among others).
- **Fry Bread Champion:** Won the 2013 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Fall Festival Fry Bread Champion Cook-Off.
- **Signature Dishes:** Known for using buffalo or venison meat in her chili, accompanied by homemade roasted salsa and traditional frybread.

### The menu frequently features award-winning traditional dishes and homemade desserts:

- **Indian Tacos:** National Champion tacos made with fluffy frybread, seasoned beef, pinto beans, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, and chipotle salsa.
- **Specialty Items:** Veggie tacos (with hominy and pinto beans), taco salads, and bowl chili with frybread.
- **Desserts:** Large fudge brownies (pecan, Rocky Road, or chocolate syrup) and cinnamon sugar frybread.
- **Beverages:** Authentic "Indian Camp Tea".

### Contact & Market Information

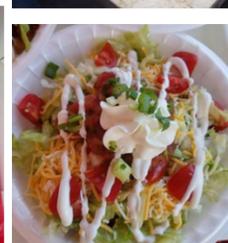
Business Contact:  
Phone (405) 880-0653 or email  
ramona.horsechief@yahoo.com.

### Mother Road Market Hours:

Tuesday – Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM.  
Monday: Closed.

### Social Media:

Updates on specific serving dates are regularly posted on the Horsechief Native Foods Facebook Page



### Legacy & Family

Cooking is a family affair for the Horsechiefs. Monie learned the art of frybread from her mother and grandmother, Effie Little Eagle. She is now passing these traditions to her own children:

**Caleb Horsechief:** Her son has followed in her footsteps, competing in the National Indian Taco Championship and managing the popular brownie and dessert line for their business.

**Vada Horsechief:** Monie actively promotes her daughter's self-employed business featuring baked goods and beadwork.

## DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

### NON-NATIVE STENCH OF SPRING

In 2025, under the encouragement of the Pawnee Nation Division of Agriculture staff and members of the Agriculture Committee, a resolution was passed by the Pawnee Business Council to ban a highly invasive, non-native tree on tribal reserve land. Commonly known as the Callery or Bradford Pear Tree, it originates from East Asia. In early spring the tree produces many white flowers that persist for about two weeks, having an unpleasant aroma sometimes described as "fish-y". It will rapidly spread by underground runners, and in bird droppings after they eat the fruit (technically, the flesh is edible because it is not outright poisonous, but flavor and texture are unpleasant and it can cause tummy distress.) It has become a serious environmental nuisance, especially in the eastern half of the state.

The limbs are known to break easily in wind and ice storms contributing to utility outages because it is so commonly planted in yards under powerlines. Arguably worse is the damage it has caused through unplanned invasions, overtaking agricultural lands, limiting the growth of beneficial native species, and negatively impacting grassland wildlife in areas that it grows so tightly packed the ground is fully shaded. Watch as you drive in early to mid-April and you will see many pointy-topped white trees packed together in fields that used to be grass. Unfortunately, despite the facts and warnings of its existence, the state of Oklahoma has failed to declare it as a plant deserving regulations to ban the sale and planting of it as other states have done.

Pawnee tribal members and friends are encouraged to learn to identify the tree and not allow its growth on one's property. To remove, cut the tree down and treat the stump to prevent it from sprouting again from the roots. Native species such as Dogwood, Viburnums, and our State Tree Redbud are some viable replacement trees. To learn more about the stench of spring one can find information on the website of OK State University, Natural Resources, Extension, Callery Pear.

CR Ledford  
Biologist  
Pawnee Nation Agricultural Division



**Awirâriktis Pâri**



**Community & Culture**

Elders play a central role in preserving the culture and language of the four confederated bands—Chauí, Kitkahahaki, Pitahawirata, and Skidi.

**Advisory Council:** The Elders Advisory Board meets regularly to discuss tribal matters and plan community events.

**Social Activities:** The Elders Center hosts various activities including free bingo, birthdays, and special guest speaker events. Regular monthly meetings and birthday celebrations will be held monthly.

**Cultural Preservation:** Elders are frequently featured in oral history projects and "Visiting with the Elders" sessions to share traditional knowledge and language.

**Contact & Locations**

Title VI Elders Center: 901 Agency Road, Pawnee, OK 74058.  
Phone: (918) 762-4042.

Updates: Current news and event flyers are regularly posted on the Pawnee Nation Elders Facebook page.

Search PawneeNationElders or



**Scan Here**

to view the PN Elders Facebook page



**ADVISORY BOARD OF ELDERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
TO BE HELD AT TITLE VI**

The Advisory Board of Elders is pleased to announce **Gilbert Beard**, Language Instructor and 1st Resaru of the Rêsarú'karu Council will be our guest speaker for March 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

We warmly encourage all Elders to join us! Your presence and voice are invaluable to the continued success and guidance of our Board.  
Nawa 'Iri!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT: LYLE FIELDS,  
918-762-3624**



**The Pawnee Elders Advisory Council has received a \$60 meat donation from Dorothy Roberts!**

**They will be holding a RAFFLE as a fundraiser.**

**The DRAWING is March 31, 2026!**  
1 ticket for \$2  
3 tickets for \$5

**Purchase tickets from or Contact:**  
Lyle Fields  
Phone: 918/762-3624  
Email: LF0231@pawneenation.org



**ADVISORY BOARD OF ELDERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
TO BE HELD AT TITLE VI**

The Advisory Board of Elders is pleased to announce its **Regular Monthly Meeting** scheduled for **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

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Nawa 'Iri!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
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**THE LEGACY OF ROY TAYLOR AND JOSEPH R. TOY**

*written by Dena Cosby (Anontoope)*

On February 19, 2026, the Pawnee Nation Communications Office interviewed Roy Taylor, eldest living descendant of White Fox and brother of Joseph R. Toy, an American Civil War hero.



Roy: Expresses appreciation for the effort to interview him. He asks how the decision was made by the Coast Guard to name a ship after Joseph R. Toy.

As the eldest living descendant of White Fox, he offered invaluable insights into the legacy and traditions of the Pawnee Nation, emphasizing the importance of preserving and honoring their history.

His conversation with Marvin Paul Hand was a poignant reminder of the contributions Native American veterans have made to the country, and it served as an inspiring narrative of perseverance and pride for future generations.



Roy Taylor, eldest living descendant of White Fox

During the interview, Roy Taylor shared vivid memories of his time serving in the Korean War, painting a picture of both the camaraderie and the challenges faced by the 1st Marine Division.

His recollections were not only a testament to his own resilience but also highlighted the enduring spirit and bravery of the Pawnee people. Taylor spoke with pride about his heritage and the role that his cultural background played in shaping his outlook and determination.



Roy: Mentions his daughter, Mary Lou Stevens and his wish for her to be included in this legacy.

Taylor mentions his work with the Oklahoma Military hall of Fame and the upcoming introduction of Harry Mad Bear.

A FAMILY OF WARRIORS

Taylor shares his pride of his second oldest brother, Joseph Toy. He gave his mother a proverbial award for raising six sons, all of whom were veterans with Honorable discharges.

- Amos: Army
- Joseph: Marine Corps & Coast Guard
- Benny: Navy (served in the Aleutians)
- Ralph: Marine (fought at Saipan & Peleliu)
- Jimmy: Navy Medical Corpsman (wounded in Korea)
- Roy: Marine Corps (served in Korea)

Captain Joseph R. Toy (1808–1862): A significant figure in Simsbury's history, Joseph R. Toy was a Methodist minister and a captain during the American Civil War. He served in the 16th Connecticut Infantry and died in 1862 during the war. His legacy is preserved through the Capt. Joseph R. Toy Post No. 83 of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), a veterans' organization named in his honor.

For more information regarding this interview, email [dc1301@pawneenation.org](mailto:dc1301@pawneenation.org)



**PAWNEE NATION CELEBRATES CHIEFS DAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**

The Pawnee Nation Cultural Resources Division hosted a presentation of knowledge and tradition for Chiefs Day, recognizing our Pawnee Râristîsâru'. The event was attended by tribal citizens at the Museum of the Pawnee on Main Street in Pawnee.



**Nawa akitâru'!**

With flu season and other sickness going around during this time of the year, we here at the Pawnee Language Department would like to remind everyone to witîsarukstârîkaru'! (wash your hands!)

**Nawa!**

**PAWNEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM PRESENTS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS EVENT**

PAWNEE NATION ICW PRESENTS...

**CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS**

Indian Child Welfare  
Pawnee Nation

FREE T-SHIRTS & DOOR PRIZES

**Pawnee County Courthouse Lawn**  
500 Harrison  
Pawnee, OK 74058

**Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

**EVENT TIMES**

- 9:00AM - SIGN UPS BEGIN
- 9:30AM - 10:00AM - WALK BEGINS
- 10:00AM - 12:00PM - EVENT DURATION

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- INFORMATION BOOTH
- FOOD
- FUN
- GAMES
- PRIZES
- MUSIC

Inclement weather location will be:  
Pawnee Nation Wellness Center  
806 Morris Rd, Pawnee, OK 74058

Vendor Deadline:  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Vendor Inquiries:  
Ranee Marks  
RM0533@PawneeNation.org  
918-762-9779

Vendor Inquiries:  
Marie Jenkins  
MJ1309@PawneeNation.org  
918-762-9780

**Spring Cedar Blessing**

**Friday March 20, 2026**  
**8:00 AM**  
**Building 64 Campus Lawn**  
**881 Little Dee Dr**

The Culture Resources Division welcomes everyone to join in the Spring Cedar Blessing. May this season bring you warmth, joy, and new beginnings

For more information contact:  
Herb Adson, CRD Director  
918-762-3621 ext. 222  
hadson@pawneenation.org

*First Thunder*

**Spring Solstice Dance**

All Tail Dance Societies Invited

**Saturday, March 21st**  
**Pawnee Nation Campgrounds**  
**Traditional Meal at Noon,**  
**Dance to Follow**  
*Meal provided and prepared by PNBC and Nasharoo Council*

Akiraru, please bring your dishes

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 4**

**SKIDI DANCE**

Meal at Noon,  
War Dance to Follow  
**Pawnee Nation Campgrounds**

**Horsechief**  
NATIVE FOODS

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# Tutoring

Every Wednesday beginning February 11<sup>th</sup>,  
2026 from 2-5pm.

Cultural Resource Center- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
657 Harrison Street, Pawnee, OK

Tutoring is for all JOM students from  
Elementary to High School.

For more information, call Stephanie @ 918-762-9913

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email: [communications@pawneenation.org](mailto:communications@pawneenation.org) phone: 918-399-3644 ext. 126

Checks payable to: Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma please write code 150/1006 in description area of the check  
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Pawnee, OK 74058

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1/4 Page	\$150.00	\$75.00	4.75 x 5.25
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What Publication will the AD be placed in?

## Free GED test prep Classes In Pawnee!

Classes are free! If you have a CDIB card your testing fees will also be covered.

**Pawnee Nation Education**  
657 Harrison Street  
Pawnee, OK 74058

What & When: **GED Prep** Monday 2-5 pm  
Tutoring Wednesday 2-5 pm

Where: Pawnee Nation Education Building Computer Lab or your device. **GED Prep** and Tutoring are free!

Instructor: Bambi Vogele LittleSun

For **GED Prep** if you cannot attend class, virtual meetings, paper lessons and computer assignments are available to support you. Register on [GED.Com](http://GED.Com) and select Pawnee Nation Ed as you

For questions, please contact Bambi @ 918-269-5567 or come to the Pawnee Nation Education Dept. Computer lab to sign up.

# WE NEED YOU!

## APPLY FOR COMMISSION & BOARD OPENINGS

### Environmental Regulatory Commission

- Open Position: 4
- Terms 4 years
- Governing Document: Law and order Codes, Title XII Natural Resources Protection Act

### Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission

- Open Position: 5
- Terms 3 years
- Governing Document: TERO Act
- Must be enrolled in a Federal Recognized Tribe and at least 25 years of age

### Pawnee Nation Health Advisory Board

- Open Position: 2
- Terms 3 years
- Governing Document: Health Advisory Board Act
- Must have at least a bachelor's degree and be at least 21 years of age

### Pawnee Nation Tax Commission

- Open Position: 3
- Terms 3 years
- Governing Document: General Revenue and Taxation Act
- Must be an enrolled Pawnee Tribal member or descendent and at least 21 years of age

If interested, please submit a written request with a resume to: Misty M. Nuttle, PO Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. For electronic submissions please email [jnelson@pawneenation.org](mailto:jnelson@pawneenation.org)

### YOUTH SPRING BREAK CAMP

March 17-19 from 10am-3pm  
Grades: 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> (First 30 to sign up)  
Pawnee Nation Wellness Center Gymnasium—drop off and pick up  
806 Morris Road  
Snacks and a light lunch will be served  
Students in Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> can sign up to be a group mentor

Sponsored by the Diabetes, CHR/HE, and Substance Abuse Programs  
For more information, please call Susy Knife Chief at 918-762-9760 or via email [sd0072@pawneenation.org](mailto:sd0072@pawneenation.org)

Learn to work the right way!  
Census Planning & Crafts  
Experiential Learning!  
Sports Games and PE Activities

### Spring into Safety with Skidi!

The Pawnee Nation Police Department invites children 12 years old and under to participate in our

### Spring into Safety with Skidi! Coloring Contest!

How to Participate:

- Print the coloring page from the Pawnee Nation Facebook page, or
- Pick up a copy at the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Office.

Complete the coloring page and be sure to include:  
Child's Name:  
Phone Number:

Return your finished coloring page to the Pawnee Nation Police Department to be entered into a drawing for a special Easter Surprise!  
Drawing Date: April 3rd

Pawnee Nation  
**4 Bands Market**

**NEW HOURS**  
1:00 PM TO 6:00PM  
TUESDAY-THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Locally Grown Beef and Produce

Pawnee Nation Employees Club  
COMMUNITY EVENT  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Friday, April 03, 2026  
Starts @ 1:00 PM

Pawnee Nation Campus  
881 Little Dee Dr.  
Pawnee, OK 74058

- Ages 55+: Behind T-6 (Elderly Meals) Bldg 1:00 pm
- Sensory-Friendly Group: SE corner of T-6 Bldg 1:00 pm
- Ages 0-3: East Side of Little Dee Circle 1:10 pm
- Ages 4-8: Behind T-6, past 55+ age group 1:20 pm
- Ages 9-12: Moses Yellowhorse Field 1:30 pm
- Ages 13-18: Southside of Pani-O Garden 1:40 pm
- Ages 19-54: Southside of Bldg 64 1:50 pm

Chu Rahikuts "Brave Women Group"

### Easter CANDY CREATION PARTY

MARCH 26TH / 5:30-7:30 PM

Limited to 20 Participants  
Small Room  
810 Morris Rd.  
Pawnee, OK

RSVP BY: COB Thursday March 26th  
RSVP to Jennifer at [jm1111@pawneenation.org](mailto:jm1111@pawneenation.org) or (918) 762-6460

Pawnee CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Easter EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 @ 10 AM

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT PAWNEE BILL RANCH, SPONSORED BY PAWNEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[PAWNEECHAMBER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PAWNEECHAMBER@GMAIL.COM)  
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