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## PBC PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Nawa, Akitaru. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with their loved ones. We have enjoyed the participation and celebrations in

recognizing Native American Heritage Month. We have had Tribal members participate in parades, cultural activities and events showcasing our Native American culture and language. A week-long celebration of events for the staff and community was organized, and joyful participation was shared around the campus. We are always very thankful to the staff who organize these events on behalf of the Pawnee Nation.

We are nearing completion of the Rural Energy Pilot Program grant steered by the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority and have developed a plan for moving forward with the ReConnect 3 and 4 grants awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture. Request for Proposals for technical and management expertise will be published soon. (Continued on Pg. 8)

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE



Nawa Pawnee Nation, As we close out the third quarter and enter the final months of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the strength, preparedness, and unity that continue to define our Pawnee Nation.

When I began serving as your Executive Director earlier this year, I committed to listening, learning, and ensuring that our government operates with foresight and resilience. This past quarter has tested that resolve—and demonstrated just how capable and forward-thinking our team truly is.

In anticipation of the recent federal government shutdown, our administration took deliberate steps to protect our programs, employees, and the services our citizens depend on. Working closely with the Pawnee Business Council, our Division Directors, and program staff, we established contingency plans to ensure continuity of essential operations, from health and social services to infrastructure and community support. While these situations can create uncertainty, I am proud of how our Nation faced the challenge with professionalism, cooperation, and strategic planning. These actions reflect our collective commitment to self-determination and responsible governance.

As we move into the holiday season, I am reminded of the importance of community, culture, and gratitude. This time of year, offers an opportunity to reconnect with family, honor our traditions, and give thanks for the blessings that sustain us. I encourage each of you to take time to reflect on how far we've come as a Nation and to celebrate the resilience that continues to carry us forward.

On behalf of the Pawnee Nation Executive Office, I extend my deepest appreciation to all our employees, leaders, and community members for your hard work and dedication throughout the year. May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and renewed strength as we look ahead to a new year filled with opportunity and continued progress for our great Pawnee Nation.

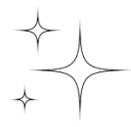
## PAWNEE NATION CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH ACTIVITIES

The Pawnee Nation Divisions, Programs and Committees hosted events to celebrate Native American Heritage Month in November. There were many activities, including handgames, Word of the Day, Rock Your Mocs Roundance, wear your ribbon skirt or shirt and much more.



Special Secretarial Election Edition  
COMING SOON  
for proposed  
Constitution  
Amendments





### PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

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### PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETINGS AND LIVE STREAMING

The Pawnee Business Council has made some changes to their meeting times and dates.

PBC Special Meetings are streamed live on YouTube and held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 9:00 AM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 PM of each month.

PBC Regular Quarterly Meetings remain in compliance with the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation and held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of February, June, August, and November.

### PBC MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2025:

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for September 2, 2025, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries. (continued on page 5)

### PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL HOSTS HOUSE DISTRICT 35 CANDIDATE FORUM

The Pawnee Business Council and United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (UINO) joined together to coordinate a forum for candidates who have filed for House District 35 State Representative. Three of the five candidates were able to take the time out their schedules to answer questions and present their platforms.



### RÂRISTÎSÂRU' (SK) CHIEF'S SOCIETY/COUNCIL



### Operation Feather Give: Tribal Unity

September 24, 2025 – The Nasharo Council, or Râristîsârû', traveled to Perkins, Oklahoma to visit the Grey Snow Eagle House (GSEH) where they received 25 adult eagle feathers—a powerful message for tribes of Oklahoma that promotes unity. (Continued on Page 3)



**Kitkahahki Band** - Morgan Littlesun, 1st Rîsârû', and Adrian SpottedHorsechief, 2nd Rîsârû'

**Ckiri Band** - Gilbert Beard, 1st Rîsârû', and Pat Leading Fox, 2nd Rîsârû'

**Pîtahâwirâta Band** - Frank Adson, 1st Rîsârû', and Tim Jim, 2nd Rîsârû'-

**Čawî' Band**- Matt Reed, 1st Rîsârû', and Arthur Fields IV, 2nd Rîsârû'

### Officers for the Rîsârû' Council are:

- Pat Leading Fox, Rîsâkitawi (Head Chief)
- Matt Reed, 2nd Rîsârû'
- Tim Jim, Treasure
- Gilbert Beard, Secretary

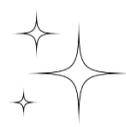
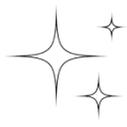
The Nasharo Council meetings are held in the Nasharo Council Chambers, located in the Pawnee Nation Enrollment Building. Each meeting is open to the public.

### PAWNEE NATION COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND BOARD OPEN POSITIONS

- Environmental Regulatory Board (2)
- Sports Commission (4)
- Tribal Employment Rights (5)
- Gaming Commission (1)
- Pawnee Nation Housing Authority (4)

If interested, please submit a written request with a resume to PBC President, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, P. O. Box 470 Pawnee, OK 74058. Positions will be open until filled.

Any questions please call (918) 762-3621 or email jnelson@pawneenation.org



# ISABELLE LEADING FOX COMPETES FOR 2026 MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA!

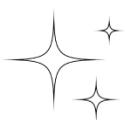


"I am honored to share my journey forward as a candidate in this year's Jr Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant! My platform, The Power of Our People, is focused on empowering our youth and revitalizing our communities by strengthening and preserving our Tribal sovereignty.

As a Jr Miss Indian Oklahoma candidate, I want to remind others that our voices and unity strengthen all of us. We are seeing this by continuing to mentor and give opportunities to our youth, revitalizing more traditions, and creating spaces for learning and voices to be heard. I believe these key aspects correspond to feeling valued, which is motivational in creating healthy life cycles for yourself and gaining a sense of belonging in your community!

Today, I want to express how grateful I am to be in the running for Jr Miss Indian Oklahoma officially and I wish the best of luck to all the other candidates!"

**Good luck to all of the candidates and Miss Isabelle.**



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### 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:

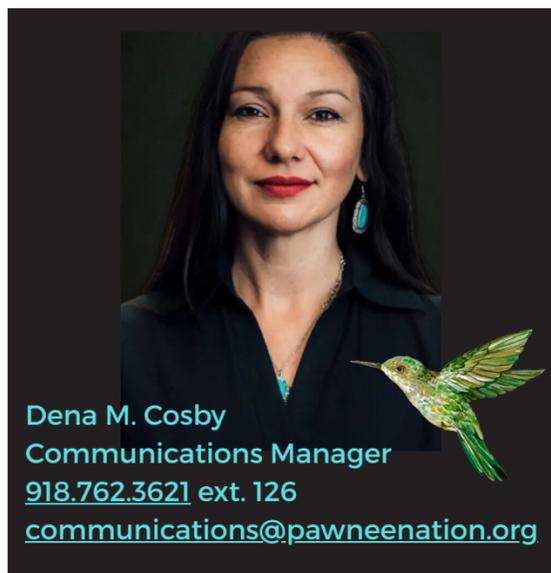
March, June, September, and December

**Online Archives:** Past editions are available on the Pawnee Nation website: [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org)

**Mailing List:** Adult Pawnee Nation citizens are eligible to receive a physical copy, free of charge. Mailout distributions may be subject to 1 per household.

**Facebook Page:** The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's Facebook page announces the release of new quarterly editions.

**Note:** The Chaticks si Chaticks includes information on tribal programs, events, health, and wellness.



## OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER HOSTS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON FOR NAHM



The Pawnee Business Council was invited to the Tribal Nation Leadership Luncheon that was hosted by the Oklahoma City Thunder and OKC Mayor Holt at the First Americans Museum.

The PBC donated the jersey and printed towel with the PN Bands to the Museum of the Pawnee Nation for display. Each Tribal Nation was presented with the 2025 Native American Heritage Month team jersey.

## OPERATION FEATHER GIVE: TRIBAL UNITY (CON'T FROM PAGE 2)



During the visit to the GSEH, the Râristîsârû' was taken on a Tour of the facility by the Iowa Tribe Councilman Abraham Lincoln. The Grey Snow Eagle House (GSEH) is the first Native American-led eagle conservation facility.



After the tour, The Râristîsârû' was awarded 25 Adult ariktahitu' (bald eagle feathers) by the GSEH through an initiative titled "Operation Feather Give".



Rîsâkitawi (Head Chief) Pat Leading Fox commented at the exchange, saying, "You are really blessing us by giving us these (feathers). Like they said (Elders), they are alive, and they are special. I can feel it. They are going to bless our Tribe because of what you have done here for us. In so doing, you're going to be blessed...that's what my prayer is for your Tribe."



The Eagle Talon print is a Pawnee constellation. It shows up in multiple places in Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado as petroglyphs on granite, sandstone, and basalt. This same design was painted on the foreheads of warriors when they went out on ceremonial warfare raids. - Risaru Matt Reed/THPO

# PAWNEE NATION PRINCESS PÂRI CTÎSÂRU' (SK)

Cora Marie Pratt ("Sku") is serving her second year, she continued her reign as the 2025-2026 Pawnee Nation Princess.



Princess Cora attended the Tulsa Native American Day on October 13, 2025. During the event, which was held at Dream Keepers Park, the Pawnee Nation Princess was introduced along with other dignitaries and performers.



Pictured, Princess Cora helped to serve the people at the Heritage Day Dance hosted by the Cultural Resources Division in October.



Princess Cora visited the State of Hawaii and represented the Pawnee Nation at a local Powwow in September.

Princess Cora participated in Black Bears Homecoming week Powder Puff Games with the Pawnee Senior class.



Above are pictures of more representation of our Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Pratt.

For more information on Princess Cora's activities and representation, please follow and like the @PawneeNationPrincess Facebook and Instagram pages on social media.



# PAWNEE INDIAN VETERANS CTÎSÂRU' (SK) (PRINCESS)

Skye Che K'o Manyimi Harragarra-Harms: Crowned in August 2025, she served as the 2025-2026 Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess. She was honored at a reception and Gourd Dance in September 2025.



Princess Skye participated and attended the Indigenous Pink Fashion Show hosted by the Wichita Tribe and other affiliated tribes. This event took place on October 18, 2025, in Anadarko, Ok. This event combines breast cancer awareness with Indigenous fashion.



Princess Skye attending the OSU Native America Student Association (NASA) 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow. Located in Stillwater, OK



Princess Skye visits Yale University plans to visit Brown University, Princeton University, and Dartmouth.

Princess Skye is pictured in front of a community street outreach missions.



Photo credit: Mike Simons/Tulsa World

The Princess is seen on the front page of the Tulsa World riding with the NEW Standing Bear Princess, Starlitt Alley (represents Ponca City and the Standing Bear Foundation).

For more information on Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess Skye or any questions please email pawneevets@gmail.com



## PBC MEETING MINUTES (CON'T FROM PAGE 3)

### Special Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2025

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for August 19, 2025, with changes, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the MOU with Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program and Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health, with changes, seconded by Carol Nuttle. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #25-61 Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health DBA, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the 4013 Indian Reservation Roads Budget Mod #1, seconded by Carol Nuttle. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to table Cross Timbers Consulting Contract to develop the Pawnee Nation Comprehensive Safety Plan, seconded by Carol Nuttle. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

### Special Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for September 16, 2025, with changes, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – no, 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 September 2, 2025, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – abstain, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Travel Report & Requests, seconded by Carol Nuttle. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve Resolution #25-62 Election Chair Reappointment for Cecelia Hawkins, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- no, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve Resolution #25-63 Election Sergeant-At-Arm Reappointment for Catherine Moore, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to withdraw Resolution #25-51 TERO Commission Appointment, seconded by Carol Chapman. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve Resolution #25-64 New Member -Enrollment, with changes, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve Resolution #25-65 Deceased Member -Enrollment, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-66 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-67 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve Resolution #25-68 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-69 Utility Commission Appointment for James Rice, seconded by Carol Nuttle. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve the Tribal Management Grant Contract Amendment, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- no, Carol Nuttle – abstain, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve 1067 Special Projects- Enbridge Christmas Party Donation, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve a half-page ad to be purchased out of the Pawnee Business Council Budget, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. The Princess is seen on the front page of the Tulsa World riding with the NEW Standing Bear Princess, Starlitt Alley (represents Ponca City and the Standing Bear Foundation. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- 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 enter into Executive Session, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to exit out of Executive Session, seconded by Jordan Kanuho. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to deny the Maltsberger Construction LLC Contract for Self-Governance Housing Improvement Plan, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- no, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – abstain, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to adjourn, seconded by George Gardipe. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 8:46 pm.

### Special Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2025

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for October 3, 2025, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. 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 exit out of Executive Session, seconded by Carol Nuttle. Vote: 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 Nutte to approve the Pawnee Business Council action items, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– no, 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 George Gardipe. Vote: 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 11:52 am.

**Special Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2025**

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for October 7, 2025, with changes, 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), 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 September 16, 2025, with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler– abstain, Dawna Hare– ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve 3417 Intertribal Buffalo Council Apprenticeship Budget, 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 Cynthia Butler to approve 1055 Pandemic Local Beef Delivery System Budget Mod #3, with changes, 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 Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve 1020 Department of Fire & Rescue Budget Mod #1, 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 table Resolution #25-70 2026 Comprehensive 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 Carol Chapman to deny Resolution #25-71 Vice President Resignation, seconded by Cynthia Butler. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- abstain, 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 Cynthia Butler to withdraw Resolution #25-72 Vacancy and Call for Special Election, seconded by Carol Nuttle. 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 adjourn, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun. Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Dawna Hare– ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 11:02 am.

**PBC 2025 RESOLUTIONS**

#25-61 – A Resolution to approve Pawnee Nation Mental Health, LLC adoption of the name “Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health” as its legal alias for all purposes – Approved September 2, 2025 by a vote of four for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-62– A Resolution to approve the appointment of Cecelia Hawkins to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Chair effective September 16, 2025, term ending May 31, 2029– Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of four for, one against (Chapman), none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-63 – A Resolution to approve the appointment of Catherine Moore to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Sergeant-at-Arms effective September 16, 2025, term ending May 31, 2027– Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-64 – A Resolution to approve eighteen (18) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll – Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-65 – A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of five (5) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll – Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-66 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Lana Lookout 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 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes– Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-67 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Arthur Williams Jr. from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe – Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-68 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Ty Taylor Lewis from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Chickasaw Nation– Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

**OPEN MEETINGS RECORDS REQUEST:**  
For a full copy of the PBC Meeting Minutes, please contact the PBC Secretary, George Gardipe via email at [gg1130@pawneenation.org](mailto:gg1130@pawneenation.org) or [jnelson@pawneenation.org](mailto:jnelson@pawneenation.org).

#25-69 – A Resolution to appoint James Rice to serve on the Pawnee Nation Utility Board of Commissioners effective September 16, 2025, and whose term will expire September 16, 2029– Approved September 16, 2025 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

25-70 – A Resolution to approve that all Tribal, Federal and State Grant Program Fund budgets included in the Pawnee Nation 2026 Comprehensive Budget be approved in the total amount of \$14,989,119– Approved October 21, 2025 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Vice President Kanuho).

#25-71 – A Resolution to approve the resignation of Jordan Kanuho– Denied October 7, 2025 by a vote of six for, none against, one abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-72 – A Resolution to approve the updated Pawnee Nation Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Approved October 21, 2025 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Vice President Kanuho).

#25-73 – A Resolution to approve the revisions to Articles I. through Article XIII. of the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Act – Approved October 21, 2025 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Vice President Kanuho).

#25-74 – A Resolution to requests funding for the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants (Parts A and C) for the grant period of April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029. Additionally, the Pawnee Business Council authorizes participation in the “Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders” needs assessment and grants permission to the NRCNAA to use all collected needs assessment information in an aggregate format for disseminating state, regional, and national results from the analyses of the data – Approved November 4, 2025 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-75 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the grant application for participation in Title VI Part A Nutrition Program; Title VI Part C Caregiver Support Program and Older Americans Act; and Section 311 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) for a (3) year grant period commencing April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029– Approved November 4, 2025 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#25-76 – A Resolution to approve the change to the existing account information for the Money Market Account with Armstrong Bank for the purpose of cattle business operations – Approved November 18, 2025 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Nuttle).

## **PAWNEE NATION CONSTITUTION CONVENTION: MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER**

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is entering a historic moment in our self-governance journey. Following the approval of Resolution No. 2535 by the Pawnee Nation Business Council, the United States Department of the Interior has formally authorized an election for proposed constitutional amendments. This marks the beginning of a 60businessday timeline once the official approval letter is received.

### **Why This Matters**

The Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention is a formal gathering, organized by the Governing Documents Committee, which includes the Pawnee Business Council, the Pawnee Nation Attorney General, and appointed Pawnee Tribal Citizens. Its purpose is to review, update, and strengthen the Nation’s governing framework. This has been a four-year project for the delegates, who have worked diligently since 2022 to refine constitutional language, gather citizen input, and ensure that every amendment reflects the sovereignty and values of the Pawnee Nation. The convention is a powerful tool of self-determination, allowing Pawnee Nation citizens to refine laws that uphold sovereignty, protect rights, and enhance governance structures. By participating, citizens ensure that the Constitution reflects the evolving needs of the Pawnee Nation while reinforcing Pawnee language and traditional core values with relevant legal protections.

Importantly, the Constitution Convention strengthens our ability to self-govern by protecting the independence of our two branches of government. It ensures that outside threats cannot undermine our sovereignty, laws, policies, or representation. By updating and clarifying our Constitution, we reinforce transparency, accountability, and adaptability, ensuring our laws remain strong enough to meet future challenges without compromising the core principles that define us as the Pawnee Nation. This guarantees that our Constitution works for every citizen now and for generations to come.

### **Amendments**

(Amendments are proposed changes to the Constitution. They are not yet adopted. Each amendment must be reviewed and approved by Pawnee Nation citizens through a formal election before being adopted and part of the Constitution.)

The proposed amendments address key areas of governance and citizenship, including:

1. Membership and Citizenship: Clarifying eligibility rules to preserve Pawnee identity and prevent dual enrollment conflicts.
2. Business Council Structure: Staggered terms, eligibility requirements, and vacancy procedures to strengthen continuity and accountability.
3. Duties of Officers: Clearer responsibilities for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer to ensure transparency and effective leadership.

4. Vacancy, Recall, and Removal Provisions: Updated processes for filling council vacancies, recalling officials, and ensuring accountability.
5. Nasharo Council: Affirming its review authority over acts of the Business Council and its role in safeguarding treaty rights.
6. Judicial System: Strengthening the Pawnee Nation Courts as a separate branch of government with clear jurisdiction and funding protections.
7. Bill of Rights: Expanding protections for freedom of worship, speech, press, assembly, and cultural preservation.
8. Amendment Process: Ensuring future changes follow a transparent, voter driven process consistent with Article XI of the Constitution.

**How to Participate**

- Eligible Voters: Approximately 3,000 Pawnee citizens are eligible to vote. A quorum of at least 50 voters is required for amendments to pass.
- Ballots: Each amendment will appear as a numbered yes/no question for clarity.
- Voting Options: Citizens may vote in person at polling sites or by absentee ballot.
- Outreach: Postcards, website updates, and Facebook announcements will keep the community informed.
- Forums: Three hybrid informational forums will be held (dates to be announced), providing opportunities to learn more and ask questions.

**Oversight**

The Pawnee Nation Election Commission will oversee the entire election process. This includes ballot design, polling site management, absentee voting procedures, and ensuring compliance with constitutional provisions. Their role is to guarantee a fair, transparent, and lawful election.

**Funding**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has received a funding request of \$6,000 to cover election costs, including ballot printing, mailing, and polling site expenses.

**Next Steps**

The Constitution Convention delegates will host three (3) hybrid public forums to brief Pawnee Nation citizens on the proposed amendments and answer questions.

We encourage everyone to stay informed by visiting the Pawnee Nation webpage:

[pawneenation.org/government/constitution-convention](http://pawneenation.org/government/constitution-convention) for updates and up-to-the-minute announcements.

The Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Board has been seated and continues to work with our consultants, Ascension Recovery Services, to guide and manage the facility in preparation for developing essential protocols and governing documents to appropriately and effectively provide effective behavioral and mental health services in our new facility. The Pawnee National Behavioral Health facility is transitioning leadership and job openings continue to be shared on the Pawnee Nation’s website, as received.

The Federal Government shutdown caused worry and anxiety, but the effects were minimal as we were prepared with contingency plans to continue essential operations should it have lasted longer than it did. We would like to thank and recognize, Laura Melton, in her capacity as Acting Finance Director, and Virgil Wade, Executive Director, for navigating us through the shutdown and compiling the vital information we needed to make informed decisions. During these times, discussions are had no one wants to have in their business operations, but this downtime afforded us the opportunity to assess, evaluate and continually monitor our expenses and funding availability, outline all resources and only authorize essential spending needs. The Nation’s Water and Waste Water project, funded by the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG), continues to move forward and we are patiently waiting for this much needed upgrade to our infrastructure so the Nation can continue to develop our campus with improved plumbing and new facilities. This year’s ICDBG proposal was submitted in the hopes of receiving assistance to provide elder-efficiency residences. This decision was made after delay caused the ICDBG deadline to change, due to the Government shutdown, and staffing shortages which limited the access to necessary information required to meet Notice of Funding Opportunity requirements. Thank you to Reva Howell, Planning Division Director, for working under the short deadline and getting the Nation’s submission compiled and submitted.

We have entered the last month of 2025 and continue to work diligently in institutionalizing processes, protocols, and addressing issues with our current Governing documents. We were notified by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior that our request to hold a Secretarial Election was approved to vote on the Constitutional Amendments brought forward by the Constitution Convention. More information on this important election will be forthcoming in a special edition of the Chaticks si Chaticks newsletter.

I want to thank the Pari akitaru for allowing the Pawnee Business Council to continue to serve you and our hopes are that each and every one of you enjoy this Holiday season with your loved ones. We continue to strive for excellence and remain informed on vital issues that affect our Nation and other Tribal Nations within Indian Country. It continues to be an honor to serve in these capacities and we hope our decisions continue to make the greatest impact that benefits each and every one of you. May Atias Tirawahat bless your homes and families as we finish out the year and welcome 2026.

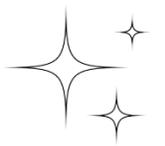
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**SAVE THE DATES!**  
 Constitution Public Forums  
 January 17, 2026  
 February 7, 2026  
 February 21, 2026  
 Times and Locations TBD  
 More information coming soon!

# WĪTIHURAHAC (SK)

She/He has passed away



**IRENE R. HUNTER**

**NOVEMBER 14, 1919 -  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025**

Irene Hunter, 105, of Chillicothe, passed at 12:20 p.m. Monday, September 1, 2025 with her loving daughter by her side in National Church Residences, Chillicothe, Ohio.

She was born November 14, 1919, in Pawnee, OK to Warren and Addie Rider. On February 27, 1943, she married Cornell C. Hunter who passed on April 11, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Edith (Steve) Zimmerman, of Cincinnati; grandchildren, Angela (Rob) Smaltz, Courtney (Evan) Zimmerman, Rebecca Billman, Hannah Zimmerman, Matthew Zimmerman; great grandchildren, Adeline and Ava Smaltz, Bryson and Riley Billman and Elsie Zimmerman Leach; a nephew, Dard (Karissa) Hunter, III, of Chillicothe; and a niece, Eloise (Joe) Walburn, of Athens. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a daughter, Martha A. Billman and sisters, Dorothy, Ruth, and Roseanne.

Irene attended Miss Brown's School and Milwaukee State Teacher's College where she sang in the acapella choir. She lived in Chillicothe for over 70 years. Irene was a member of the Chillicothe Garden Club since 1965. She was a member of the Adena Women's Board for 41 years where she had also served as president and started the annual plant sale that took place each spring in Yoctangee Park. Irene was also an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church where she sang in the Choir for many years and had also served on the St. Anne's Guild. She was a long-time member of the Chillicothe Country Club where she enjoyed playing bridge with her dear friends. Irene traveled all over the world with her husband, loved gardening and was an avid Ohio State football fan. Irene was actively involved in her community and loved to celebrate life. Her greatest joy was being with her family especially traveling with them. Irene was always positive, a forward thinker, a source of wisdom for family and was an inspiration to many. Her home was always filled with love, joy and laughter.

Over the years, she had worked at Fish and Wildlife Services, the Columbus VA Regional Office as a VA Claims Examiner, the Chillicothe VA Medical Center, Kear Realty as a Realtor, and H&R Block.

The family would like to extend a special "thank you" to the staff of National Church Residences.

A celebration of her life was held 11 a.m. Saturday, November 15, 2025 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the WARE FUNERAL HOME.



**ETERNITY  
SIMCHAYAH  
ALEXANDER**

**APRIL 23, 1967 -  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

The Pawnee Nation Flag is lowered for the passing of Skidi Tribal Member, Eternity SimChayah Alexander. Ms. Alexander was born April 23, 1967, and

returned to the stars on September 5, 2025. Arrangements were made with Major Funeral Home in Arlington, TX.

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



**GERALD DEAN  
HOWELL**

**APRIL 14, 1960 -  
OCTOBER 20, 2025**

Gerald Dean Howell was born with a smile on his face, a kind attitude, and the middle son of Jesse Jr. and Geraldine Howell in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 14, 1960.

He grew up mostly in Pawnee, Oklahoma where he established a diversity of lasting friendships.

Dean spent his elementary school years at Concho Indian School in Concho, Oklahoma along with his four brothers. He attended Jarman Jr. High School in Midwest City, Oklahoma; and later spent his high school years at Pawnee High School where he graduated with the class of 1979. Dean often spoke of his glory days playing football for the Pawnee Black Bears where he played for Coach Ned Williams, whom he greatly admired.

Dean enjoyed visiting with friends, family, and acquaintances, engaging them in stories of his time spent on the football field, in the Persian Gulf, and his life in the Bay Area.

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# WĪTHURAHAC (SK)

She/He has passed away

After high school graduation, Dean enthusiastically signed up for the Navy and went through basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois. After bootcamp, Dean officially became a Sailor at his graduation and Pass-In-Review Ceremony, in which his mother was proudly in attendance. Dean was then sent to serve his country in the Persian Gulf on the USS LaSalle, also known as the "Great White Ghost of the Arabian Coast" due to its white paint. Dean's family is what was most important to him, along with the simple life he chose to live in his hometown, Pawnee. He was deeply devoted to his brothers, Sonny, Esau, Mike, Baby Gene, and his sister, Laura Mae, of whom he leaves behind, as well as sister Ramona Battles from McAlester, Oklahoma.

Dean is also survived by nephews: Jesse Bulton Howell; Paden and Paxton Moore; Zane and Hayden Howell; William Tyner; Jay Michael Johnson; Stephen BigGoose; Brandon Kanuho; and nieces: Keesa Rae Howell; Alyssa Jade Howell; Tommie Tyner; Paige Moore; and Randi Leigh LeClair-Fuller; including a host of cousins, grandchildren, and many 'Indian' brothers and nephews.



## SARA CLEMENTINE HOWELL

MAY 12, 1949 - OCTOBER 26, 2025

Sara Clementine met her perfect match in William Howell. Each with their biting wit and humorous banter will be fondly remembered.

Excited to start their new lives together, the two were married on March 22, 1980. Sara Clementine Howell, 76, of Pawnee, Oklahoma, journeyed to the stars while surrounded by her loved ones on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Pahuhkirikskat Tiwari, Walks in the Moonlight, lived her life as beautifully as she was named.

Sara Clementine was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma in 1949 to Phillip Gover and Reva Lenore Patterson. Sara Clementine graduated from Chinle High School, Arizona in 1968 and then attended Haskell Indian Nations University. She returned to Pawnee to work for the Indian Health Service as an executive billing administrator for many years, retiring in 2015.

Sara Clementine and William could often be found on the various sports fields and gyms throughout Oklahoma and beyond supporting and encouraging their children and grandchildren.



They also spent much of their time traveling and supporting various cultural events throughout Indian Country. She stood by William's side while he served as head chief and in the many leadership roles. Even as her health waned her love for family, culture and an opportunity to tease never ceased.

Sara Clementine was preceded in death by her parents Phillip and Reva Gover of Pawnee, Oklahoma, her husband, William "Bill" Howell, and siblings Pauline Cox, Bill Gover, Sandra St. Clair, Phillip "Chief" Gover II, Garry Gover, and is survived by siblings Phyllis Morales, George "Butch" Gover, and Charles Gover; Son, Douglas Gover-Miller; Daughters, Angela Reid, Lisa Howell, Angel Riding In, and Reva Howell Garcia and grandchildren Sara Llamas Howell, Arianna Riding In, Jaslene Garcia Howell, Yessenia Garcia Howell, Nathaniel Riding In, Vivianna Riding In, Lillianna Riding In, Annesa Davis, Aaron Gover, Aubrey Gover, Jaylene Good Fox, Jolene Gover-Miller, Becky Howell, William Wade Howell, Brandon J. Galvan, Bradley J. Galvan, Ethan W. Galvan, Emma C. Galvan and many auntie, nieces, nephews, grandkids and great grandkids.



## DENNIS JOSEPH "JOEY" WILLIAMS JR

JUNE 3, 1975 - NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Dennis Joseph "Joey" Williams Jr., lovingly known as Joey, passed away on November 16, 2025, at the age of 50. Born on June 3, 1975,

Joey was a proud member of the Pawnee Nation and had a heart as big as his smile, a laugh that could light up a room, and a presence that made everyone feel at home. He was the kind of person who could fix almost anything (or at least try), build something beautiful from scratch, and turn an ordinary afternoon into a lasting memory.

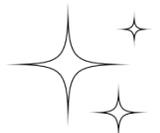
He was preceded in death by his wife, Janna Williams; his daughter, Christina Norrid; father, Dennis Joseph Williams Sr.; his mother, Sharon (Gordon) Osborne; and his grandparents, Charles and Charlene Gordon.

Joey is survived by his daughters, Kiristain Bailey and Angel Williams, and his five cherished grandchildren, Tyler, Skyler, Jesse, McKenzie, and Ava. He is also survived by his siblings, Angie Hess and her husband Kyle, Wesley Williams and his wife Adrienne, and Jerron Williams; his grandmother, Delores Williams; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews who held him dear.

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Joey had a passion for creating and working with his hands. He loved being outdoors, whether building, fixing, or simply enjoying nature. Generous to a fault, he would give a stranger his last dollar without hesitation. Above all, Joey treasured the time he spent with his family. His warmth, generosity, creativity, and steady presence will be deeply missed, but the love and memories he leaves behind will live on in all who were fortunate to know him.



A chapel service was held on Tuesday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home, 4170 E. Admiral Pl, Tulsa, OK 74115.



**JAMES THOMAS RIDING IN**  
AUGUST 31, 1949 -  
NOVEMBER 16, 2025



The Pawnee Nation and Veterans Flags have been lowered for the passing of Pitahawirata Tribal Member, Dr. James Thomas Riding In

Dr. Riding In, a Navy Veteran, was born August 31, 1949, and returned to the stars on November 16, 2025. Arrangements are being made with Berardinelli Family Funeral Service in Santa Fe, NM, we will keep the community updated.

James Thomas Riding In was a notable member of the Pawnee Nation, a Navy Veteran, and an associate professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University (ASU). He was an esteemed academic known for his expertise in U.S. history and American Indian studies, and he earned his Ph.D. from UCLA in 1991.



Dr. Riding In was buried at the Santa Fe National Cemetery with military honors.

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

## TERO BUILDS DECK AND FENCING FOR VAW PROGRAM



Above: The TERO Department build a privacy fence for the Violence Against Women building and department. (No, it's not a zoo!)

## PAWNEE NATION HOSTED ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT



In Pawnee, Oklahoma, the main Halloween 2025 events included Ghost Stories Tours at the Pawnee Bill Ranch, Haunted Pawnee, and the annual trunk-or-treat.

The community gathered for a fun and safe trunk-or-treat event, featuring candy, music, and creative costumes. This favorite event was organized by the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office.



## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: WORD OF THE DAY



Left to right: Electa Hare, Louise Beard, Lynette Tsoitigh, & Stephanie Sewell

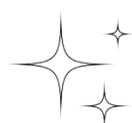
**TAT ČAPÂKICKIRI**  
(I AM A CKIRI WOMAN)

**TAT ČIČAWĪ'**  
(I AM A ČAWĪ' WOMAN)

**TAT CPÎTAHAWIRÂTA**  
(I AM A PÎTAHAWIRÂTA WOMAN)

**TAT CKITKEHAHKI**  
(I AM A KITKEHAHKI WOMAN)

The Pawnee Nation Cultural Resources Division (CRD) spent several weeks preparing WORD OF THE DAY reels for community education during Native American Heritage Month. The CRD Director, Herb Adson, conducted a 30 day project with Language instructors, Taylor Moore and Gilbert Beard. Communications Manager, Dena Cosby, technically supported the project through production and social media releases around the thanksgiving season. A special thanks goes out to all who participated and took the time to learn.



### HERITAGE DAY DANCE



The Pawnee Nation's Heritage Day Dance was held on Sunday, October 12, 2025, sponsored by the Pawnee Nation Cultural Resource Division. A meal was served at 5 p.m., followed by the dance. The Pawnee Nation also recognizes Native American Heritage Month throughout November and observes Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 13 in 2025) with various cultural activities and events.



### PAWNEE INDIAN VETERANS ORGANIZATION, VETERANS DAY DANCE



The Annual Pawnee Indian Veterans Day Dance for 2025 took place on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at the Pawnee Nation Roundhouse.

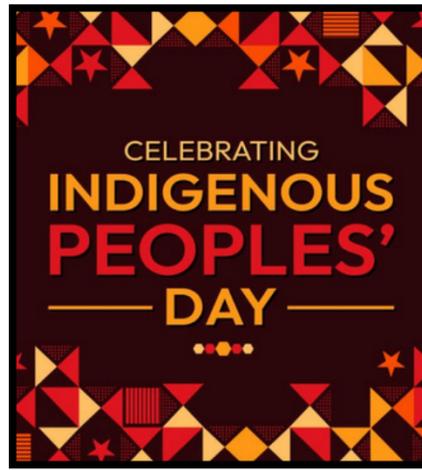


WILSON F. MOORE CHAPTER - NWTF ESTABLISHED IN 1985  
IN MEMORY OF WILSON MOORE

The event was hosted by the Pawnee Veterans Organization and included a traditional noon meal followed by dancing. Attendees were encouraged to bring their own dishes and chairs. The event also featured the flying of the flag of William Hugh Howell, a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran.



### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



2025 Theme: Indigenous Peoples' Right to Self-Determination- A Pathway for Food Security and Sovereignty. This year's theme highlights the essential link between autonomy over land and resources and Indigenous communities' ability to ensure their nourishment and well-being.



In 2025, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday, October 13. The Nation's facilities and offices were officially closed for the day in observance of the holiday.

The Pawnee Nation Cultural Resources Division also hosted its annual Heritage Day Dance on Sunday, October 12, as a special event leading into Indigenous Peoples' Day. This event included a meal and traditional dancing to celebrate Native American heritage and culture.



### PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY HOSTS STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETING

The Pawnee Nation Housing Authority hosted a three day event with a series of workshops, community sessions and bringing together partnerships on the planning and development phases of the PNHA Strategic Housing Land Acquisition and Land Use Plan. The Housing Authority Board of Commissioners have been working with SEE Renewal on the Plan and are seeking input from all partners and stakeholders to develop efficient Housing in Pawnee and/or within the Pawnee Nation's jurisdiction.



## **AARP AWARDS: THREE PAWNEE NATION MEMBERS HONORED**

Three of our own Pawnee Nation citizens were honored in the 2025 AARP Elder Awards.

On November 5, 2025, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors celebrated 48 individuals from 17 Tribal Nations. This was an opportunity to highlight their achievements, community service, and overall their impact on Tribal Nations.

The ceremony was held in Oklahoma City at the First Americans Museum (659 First Americans Blvd.).

**2025 AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honor from the Pawnee Tribe are:**



**Martha Only A Chief  
Helen Echo-Hawk Norris  
Larry Goodfox**



## **RURAL ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM (REPP) UPDATE**

Pawnee Nation continues to make strong progress on the Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) Grant, an important initiative designed to strengthen our Nation's energy resilience, reduce long-term utility costs, and support infrastructure that will benefit our community for generations.

- Technical assessments to determine infrastructure needs and identify the most efficient system designs.
- Budget and compliance updates are required before moving into the implementation phase.
- Coordination with departments and local partners to confirm site needs, timelines, and operational considerations.

### Current Status of the Grant

Over the past several months, the project team has been working closely with federal partners and technical consultants to move through the required planning and development phases of the grant. Key tasks currently underway includes:

These foundational tasks help ensure the REPP project is efficient, cost-effective, and strategically aligned with Pawnee Nation's future energy independence.

### Community Workshop November 6, 2025

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the PNHA Energy Coordinator hosted a

Workshop to support clients with their Emporia Vue sensors. During the workshop:

An Emporia consultant joined virtually to provide direct assistance.

Participants were able to ask questions, troubleshoot issues, and receive step-by-step guidance.

Clients gained a clearer understanding of how to use their sensors to track household energy usage and contribute data that supports the REPP project.

This workshop is one of several engagement opportunities that will continue as we move deeper into implementation.

### What's Next

The next phase of the project includes finalizing technical planning, completing environmental and regulatory requirements, and preparing for procurement and construction activities. As progress continues, the Nation will provide regular updates to keep the community informed and engaged. If you would like to stay up-to-date with the Pawnee Nation REPP grant, follow us on Facebook at Pawnee Nation REPP.

Pawnee Nation appreciates the community's continued support as we build a stronger, safer, and more resilient energy future for our people.



### WORLD DIABETES DAY 2025



World Diabetes Day 2025 was held on Friday, November 14, 2025. The themes for the 2025 campaign were "Diabetes across life stages" and "Diabetes and Well-being", with a specific focus on "Diabetes in the workplace".



lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Taylor Morris received his Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from the University of Oklahoma in 2017 and completed an

ASHP PGY1 pharmacy residency with Indian Health Service in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He currently holds 2 separate board certifications in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy and Advanced Diabetes Management. He is currently at the Pawnee Indian Health Center as the Deputy Chief Pharmacist creating and implementing pharmacy-led chronic disease management clinics. LCDR Morris has been happily married for 11 years to his high school sweetheart, Leah. He is a member of the Cherokee Nation and is looking forward to working with the Indian Health Service for the entirety of his career.



The food was catered by Arthur Fields IV

### PAWNEE NATION HOSTS FAMILY SAFETY RESOURCE FAIR TO SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN



On November 14, 2025, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Department held the 'Chosen & Protected' Family Safety Resource Fair in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Louise Beard, an administrative assistant at the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission, volunteered to wear the Skidi costume during the fair. The fair provided information about family safety resources and Indian Child Welfare (ICW) programs.



The event was connected to the 'Skidi - Safety Ambassador' program, which introduced a new mascot for the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement and Police Department.



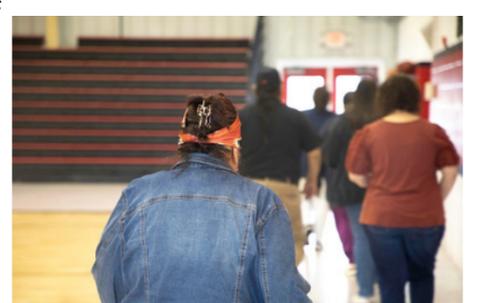
Pawnee Nation Education Departmental Staff create gourmet hot chocolate to pass out with delicious cookies!

The event, which was also associated with the "2025 Child Awareness Event" in April 2025, focused on family safety resources and Indian Child Welfare initiatives. The combination of this event and the introduction to Skidi highlighted the overall goal of community safety!

### DIABETES PROGRAM HOLDS POKER RUN/WALK 2025

The Pawnee Nation's 2025 Poker Run/Walk event was scheduled as part of Diabetes Awareness Month events in November 2025.

The event was held at the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma location in Pawnee, OK. The event was originally scheduled for a specific date in November and was later postponed by one day to Friday, November 21, 2025, at 1:30 PM due to a change in weather.



👤🚧 **YOUTH FALL** 🍁🍂

**BREAK** 📅 **17** **CAMP** 🌲



The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma hosts an annual Youth Fall Break Camp sponsored by the Diabetes, CHR/HE, and Substance Abuse Programs.



**PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA TOR HOSTS CORNHUSK DOLL MAKING CLASS!**

On October 18, 2025, the Substance Abuse Program/ Native Connections (NC)/ and Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) programs hosted a doll making class by Lorrie Thorpe!

Tribal Opioid Response (TOR): This is a program offered through the Pawnee Nation's Division of Health & Community Services, focusing on preventing and treating substance use disorders, including opioid misuse, and offering recovery support.

The renowned doll maker's name is actually Ellery Thorpe, not "Lorrie" Thorpe. Ellery Thorpe was a notable American doll artist and a charter member of the National Institute of American Doll Artists (NIADA), a group dedicated to recognizing original handmade dolls as fine art.



**MORE FALL CAMP 2025**



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Native Connections and Pawnee Nation TOR spent the afternoon with our youth at the Pawnee Diabetes Fall Break Camp today. These kids never cease to amaze me with their creativity and willingness to learn. They made necklaces, keychains and some made bracelets for themselves or for a loved one. Thank you for sharing your wonderfully sweet kids with us today! Turàhî!





**CUCUMBER HARVEST**



with Shane McMurry

The Pawnee Nation Greenhouse's recent cucumber harvest stands as a testament to the dedication and meticulous efforts of its team, led by Shane McMurry. On October 8, 2025, McMurry guided the Communications Manager through the intricate process of harvesting, which culminated in an impressive yield of 160 pounds. This achievement underscores the greenhouse's commitment to sustainable agriculture and community support. Notably, the distribution efforts, managed by Monie Horsechief, prioritized enriching the lives of 35 families, with a special emphasis on providing for Elders. The remainder of the cucumbers found their way to the 4Band Market storefront, ensuring that the local community could enjoy fresh, homegrown produce. This successful harvest highlights the impactful role of community-driven agricultural initiatives in fostering nutrition and solidarity.

As always, Shane didn't leave the Entomology out of this harvest! The study of bugs and insects comes along with the observation of these creatures inside the ecosystem of the greenhouse.

**PÎRUS (INSECT)**

**March of the fall armyworm**

Did you see it? Did you see the fall armyworm on the move? For about a week in the middle of September, they emerged; they consumed, and they moved. The fields were like a sea of ever eating caterpillars chewing and marching without pause.



Fall Armyworm looking for a way into the Pawnee Nation Greenhouse

Then as quickly as they came, they marched on to greener pastures until next year.

The Fall Armyworm *Spodoptera frugiperda*, is a common pest of grass and grain crops (especially winter wheat) in

**Lady beetle extravaganza**

Early in November you may have had a similar experience: Ladybugs, ladybugs everywhere! On the windows, in the cabinets, in the corners of every room. This year the Asian multicolored lady beetle, *Harmonia axyridis* seemed to be especially prolific.



Asian Multicolored Lady Beetles aggregating. It's not a plague (although it might feel like it), it's a natural behavior called aggregation.

A ladybeetle finds a suitable place away from the elements, your kitchen window seal for instance, and then they release a pheromone that says: "HEY I FOUND A GREAT SPOT". Fairly quickly, one becomes many, and you have a house full of ladybugs. You can scoop them up and move them to a large tree with plenty of nooks and crannies, just beware the smell. If you are curious where that smell comes from, it is an oil secreted between the joints of the eggs and while it's foul, it comes off with soap and water.

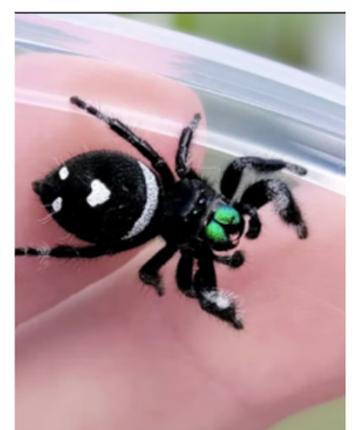
It's not all bad though, these guys are voracious predators of soft bodied insects like aphids and scale. By springtime you will be glad to have them back in your garden as the first line of defense.

**Jumping spiders: fascinating friends**

If I could change one thing in this world, it would be that people are less afraid of spiders. Spiders are some of the most widespread and beneficial creatures on the planet. Allow me to introduce the Bold Jumping Spider, *Phidippus audax*.

**A Bold Jumping Spider studying a camera**

This little guy is the whole package: intelligent, beautiful, and charismatic. He is an active sight-based predator who only eats other bugs (not people!).



Jumping spiders have been observed calculating complex geometry to catch prey with a high degree of precision. They are extremely curious, and researchers have even discovered that they experience REM sleep, meaning they can dream!

This species is common in Oklahoma and across the U.S. In late fall females will lay an egg sac in a secluded spot and her babies will emerge the following spring. They are harmless to humans and make excellent pets for anyone interested in keeping unusual critters.



## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE PN PRINCESS COMMITTEE

A special thank you goes out to the Pawnee Nation Princess Committee for organizing themes and events for Native American Heritage Week!

November 24<sup>th</sup> employees met at the roundhouse to show off their beautiful ribbon skirts and shirts.

November 25<sup>th</sup> former Princesses, Lisa Gooday, Tiffany Fietze-Nichols, Angela Pratt, and Skye Goodfox relive their youth and gave their best Princess wave for wear your Princess Banner Day. Following, employees gathered again at the roundhouse to represent their Tribes by wearing Tribal T-Shirts.

What a great way to be proud of our heritage and celebrate who we are.



## PAWNEE NATION EMPLOYEE'S CLUB SPONSORS CONTEST



### Frybread Contest

- 1 Moria Hoff
- 2 Freida Naylor
- 3 Louise Beard
- 🌟 People's Choice: Louise Beard

### Chili Contest

- 1 Freida Naylor
- 2 Louise Beard
- 3 Lisa Gooday
- 🌟 People's Choice: Louise Beard

### Bake Off Contest

- 1 Lyle Fields
- 2 Louise Beard
- 3 Krystal Branch
- 🌟 People's Choice: Louise Beard



The Pawnee Nation Employee's Club sponsored a frybread, chili and baking contests for staff. The winner of the day was Louise Beard who took home the People's Choice and placed in all three contests. Congratulations to all the winners!

## PAWNEE NATION PROGRAM T-SHIRT DRIVE



The Pawnee Nation Ti-Hirasa Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Healing Center held a community t-shirt drive on November 10, 2025 at the community building located at 301 Maintenance Rd. Participants lined up along Morris Road to receive this free gift and support the program.



### Pawnee Language Key

- SB - South Band
- SK - Ckiri Band

The Pawnee Nation offers many job opportunities for employment.

For more information please visit the website at <https://pawneenation.org/job-opportunities/> or call the Office of Human Resources Office at the main number 918-762-3621.



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Iriratutakicisu,  
phonetic pronunciation:

"I-dee-daa-doo-daa-kee-chee-soo"

In our Pawnee language this name means:  
"Those who are my relatives, Those Whom We Belong"



## Advertising Prices for the *Chaticks si Chaticks*

Advertising is a great way to promote, brand, and bring traffic into your business, reserve your space today!

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1/8 Page	\$100.00	\$50.00	4.75 x 2.65
Business Card	\$40.00	\$20.00	3.5 x 2

The Pawnee Nation is a proud member of the Chamber of Commerce

## 4 Bands Market

200 Morris Rd. Pawnee Oklahoma 74058

★ Open to the public Tuesday - Thursday - Friday 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
 1st Saturday of every month 9:00 am to 12 pm

1 lb 85% Ground Beef \$6.00	Chuck Roast 32-36oz \$18.99	10 lbs 85% Ground Beef \$56.00
Ribeye Steaks \$19.99 per lb	Beef Sticks \$2 each or 10 for \$15	2x2 Cubed Stew Meat \$7.00 per lb

Locally grown beef by the Pawnee Nation

## PAWNEE NATION DIRECTORY

### COMMISSION-BOARD OPENINGS

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)

updated 11-5-25

### Environmental Regulatory

Act as lead agency in Tribal water quantity allocation, regulatory functions, consult/coordinate with DECS, seek injunctions against persons in violations against act, exam/approve plans for waste disposal facilities, decide status of permits/licenses/certifications specified under Act, and responsible for implementing regulations of the Act.

TERM: 4 years OPEN POSITION: 2  
 GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Law and Order Codes, Title XII Natural Resources Protection Act

### Sports Commission

Implement the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission Act and to protect/maintain/improve the safety/welfare of the participants of the sports competition as well as the general public.

TERM: 3 years OPEN POSITION: 4  
 GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Pawnee Nation Sports Commission Act

### Tribal Employment Rights

Formulate/adopt/amend/rescind rules and regulations necessary to carry out provisions of this Act, administer oaths/hearings by subpoena, to require witnesses to attend hearings, review/issue rulings and orders pertaining to appeals of the PNTRO aggrieved parties, to examine any person with respect to any matter relates to the Act, petition Tribal Court for orders necessary & appropriate to enforce the decisions of TERO, to exercise all authority delates to or conferred by law, receive reposts necessary for discharge of duties, shall have authority in operations & functions of TERO.

TERM: 3 years OPEN POSITION: 5  
 GOVERNING DOCUMENT: TERO Act

### Gaming Commission

To adjudicate all matters arising on appeal from the actions and/or decisions of the Director, to issue rules and regulations pertaining to the Nation's Gaming Operations and activities, to classify games, and upon application of the Director to issue orders of impoundment of Gaming Equipment believed to be malfunctioning for test or for other good cause.

TERM: 3 years OPEN POSITION: 1  
 GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Gaming Ordinance

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING (B.L.G. 64) 881 LITTLE DEE DRIVE PHONE: 918-762-3621/FAX 762-0012**

- OFFICE OF THE PBC PRESIDENT
- EXECUTIVE OFFICE
- HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FAX 762-0008
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES DEPARTMENT
- DIVISION OF FINANCE FAX 762-0009
- DIVISION OF PLANNING
- GRANTS AND CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT
- PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

**GAMING COMMISSION (871 LITTLE DEE DRIVE): FAX 762-3395**

- LICENSING DEPARTMENT

**PAWNEE NATION TAX OFFICE (490 AGENCY RD) PHONE: 762-3624 FAX: 762-0000**

- PAWNEE NATION TAG OFFICE
- PAWNEE NATION GIFT SHOP
- PAWNEE NATION TAX COMMISSION

**DIVISION OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE DEPARTMENT 762-9734/FAX: 762-0017
- INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT PHONE: 762-9779/FAX: 762-0007

**PAWNEE NATION WELLNESS CENTER AND MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING (806 MORRIS ROAD)**

- PAWNEE NATION DIABETES PROGRAM (806 MORRIS RD) FAX: 762-0014
- PAWNEE NATION COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE (808 MORRIS RD)

**PAWNEE NATION ROAM CHIEF EVENT CENTER (810 MORRIS RD)**

- PAWNEE NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, FAX: 762-0001

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (311 MAINTENANCE RD) FAX: 762-0001**

- SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS
- NATIVE CONNECTIONS PREVENTION
- TRIBAL OPIOID RESPONSE (TOR) & PREVENTION

**PAWNEE NATION TITLE VI ELDERS CENTER (901 AGENCY RD)**

**OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (301 MAINTENANCE RD) PHONE: 855-810-4144 FAX: 762-0005**

**PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER (301 AGENCY RD) 762-3655**

- DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES & SAFETY
- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION & SAFETY
- DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY/FIRE & RESCUE
- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

**DIVISION OF EDUCATION & TRAINING (657 HARRISON)**

- YOUTH SERVICES
- HIGHER EDUCATION
- ADULT SERVICES

**FITNESS CENTER (481 AGENCY RD): 762-3227 EXT 193**

**PAWNEE NATION LEARNING CENTER (804 MORRIS RD): 762-1007**

- DAYCARE
- AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT (700 AGENCY RD): 762-0013**

**DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE (800 MORRIS RD)**

- PAWNEE NATION 4 BANDS STOREFRONT
- PAWNEE NATION 4 BANDS CATTLE CO
- PAWNEE NATION GREENHOUSES

**CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION (657 HARRISON)**

- TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (THPO)
- NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA)
- PAWNEE NATION LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

**DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT: 762-3013**

**DIVISION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT (361 CLINIC RD)**

- MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
- JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT
- PAWNEE NATION UTILITIES COMMISSION AND TECHS
- TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE (TERO)

**PAWNEE NATION COURTHOUSE (1202 HERITAGE CIRCLE) FAX: 762-0016**

- PAWNEE NATION DISTRICT COURT
- PAWNEE NATION SUPREME COURT
- IRIRATUTAKICISU INITIATIVE

## Pawnee Nation Tax Commission

The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission is now located at 490 Agency Road, Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

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

918-762-3624

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

18TH DEC

PICTURES WITH SANTA AND MUCH MORE...

FOOD & GAMES START AT 5:30 PM  
 RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES START AT 6:30 PM

Pawnee Nation Gymnasium | 800 Morris Road, Pawnee, OK

For more information email [CB0081@pawneenation.org](mailto:CB0081@pawneenation.org) or [Mayor@cityofpawnee.org](mailto:Mayor@cityofpawnee.org)

## Pawnee Nation HOUSING AUTHORITY

Serving the Pawnee Community Since 1965

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