

PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

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www.pawneenationhousing.org

WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's almost Spring time! We cannot wait to be able to do activities outside for our tenants. We hope you all are anticipating the PNHA Community Garden and hope that your family will join us as we grow vegetables and fruits. We hope this will be a fun activity for the kids and your families.

The Housing Authority has been busy working with our Commissioners and See Renewal, a consulting firm, to start a Housing Development Work Plan for future home development on some of the properties owned by the Housing Authority. We had our kick-off meeting in February and will keep reporting as we make progress on the final Work Plan. There will be opportunities for your input coming soon.

There are a lot activities coming up. Please check out the flyers and calendar for meetings and events. And Happy Birthday to our tenants and staff for March and April.

The Youth and College Assistance Programs are open. Please contact us on more information on eligibility and the application process.

All of our applications for programs are on our website. All are income and jurisdiction based. Our funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and we follow their income guidelines. Please call our office if you would like to learn more our programs and if you are eligible for services.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter and seeing all the activities the Housing Authority is doing.

~ Linda Jestes, Executive Director

COMMISSIONER NEWS



NEXT BOARD MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR
March 11th at 11: 30 A.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR
April 8th at 11: 30 A.M.

For a full listing of our Commission Meetings, please visit our website at www.pawneenationhousing.org.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Douglas Gover Miller, Seat #1
James Grant Hawkins, Seat #2
Reva Howell Garcia, Seat #3
Carol Nuttle, Seat #4
Suzy Knife Chief, Seat #5

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Commissioners had a Regular meeting on February 11, 2025 with a quorum present. Housing Staff gave reports on daily operations. In New Business the Commissioners heard updates on purchased properties; made a motion to table the revisions for the Collection Policy; and adopted the revisions to the Grievance Policy for Rental and Lease Purchase Programs. The Commissioner also asked to post PNHA policies online.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Commissioners and Housing Staff have met with consultants from See Renewal to start a Strategic Plan for Planning and Development. This plan will include future development of lands owned by the Housing Authority for new housing in the Pawnee Community.

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COMMISSIONER NEWS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONT'

On February 3, 4, and 5 the Commissioners and Staff worked with See Renewal Consultant, Amy Wilson and staff, on a Community Needs Assessment, Strategic Housing, Land Acquisition & Land Use Project for the Housing Authority. The plan will set goals to overcome housing deficiencies, gaps in community services, and economic challenges, and it will build a framework for achieving those goals. The Work Plan will be used to justify and secure funding needed to advance the Housing Authority's goals and objectives while the Housing Plan is being developed.

We will keep everyone updated through our newsletter and other correspondence, such as Community Meetings, Surveys, press releases, etc., so that everyone knows how this plan will benefit our Community, Tribal members, and future tenants of the Housing Authority.



PNHA STAFF



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Jaden Grier, Maintenance (Contract)

Ronald Jestes, Maintenance (Contract)

Tom Pratt, Maintenance (Contract)

Garon Cozad-Tawkoity, Maintenance (Contract)

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

We wanted to provide our tenants with emergency phone numbers in case you need them.

PN Law Enforcement	918-762-3103
Chief David Kanuho	918-285-6552
Asst Chief Harold Howell	918-285-6553
Officer Cory Jimboy	405-221-7292
Officer Laura Delaune	580-401-0787

Pawnee Nation Fire Dept	918-762-3655
PN Executive Office	918-762-3621

Pawnee City Police Dept	918-762-3166
Pawnee County Sheriff	918-762-2565
Federal Bureau of Investigation	405-290-7770

Cleveland Area Hospital	918-358-3188
Cushing Regional Hospital	918-225-8170
Stillwater Medical	405-743-1644
Rural Wellness Fairfax	918-642-3291

Pawnee County **Storm Shelter Registration**



Pawnee County Emergency Management has created a
storm shelter registration form.

With severe weather season approaching, Pawnee County Emergency Management has created a way to be better prepared to provide potentially life-saving services. If your shelter location is registered and in the event your storm shelter is covered with debris, emergency services will still be able to locate you in a timelier manner. Your information will only be used in the time of a disaster.

Please visit:

www.pawneecountyok.org/emergency-management

choose the Shelter Registration Tab



HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES



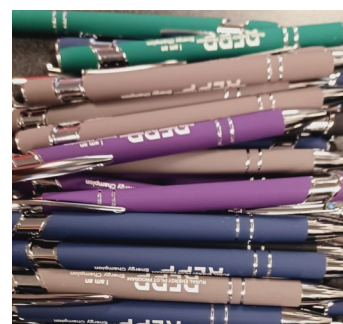
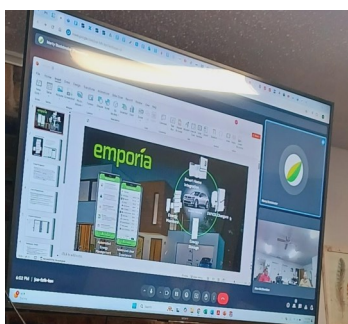
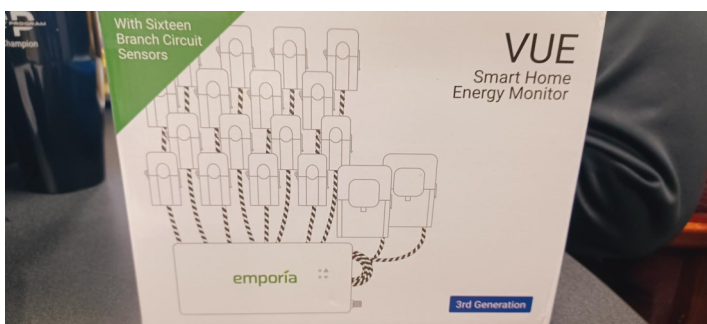
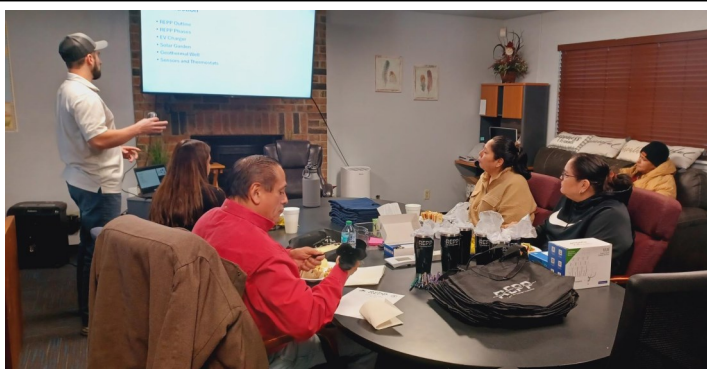
The Pawnee Nation Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) has been busy signing up “Energy Champions” for the sensor program, working on community engagement, and installation of the sensors and thermostats. The program has been very busy these last few months as we are continuing with phase 2 of the project and moving into phase 3.

REPP had a workshop on February 20th at 5:30 PM at the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Conference Room. We apologize for the technical difficulties for the virtual component, there were issues with the Teams App that evening.

The event was attended by local community members. Participants were able to see how the sensors work and get more of a technical idea by the Company Emporia, on how to read the data.

Each participant was able to take home REPP promotional items from pens, bags, tumblers and t-shirts. We wanted to thank everyone who has signed up for this program.

If you missed this event and would like to learn about what the program is doing or to participate in the program, please email Alex McSheridan, Energy Coord.



HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The maintenance staff have been cutting trees and removing debris on the 14 acres south of town. They have also been mulching the limbs for future use.

The crew had been working on three (3) non-NASHASDA homes located at 403 Forest Street, 704 Forest Street and 419 Park Lane. Two (2) of the units are now occupied and we are seeking applicants for the last one on 419 Park Lane. This is a unit that is open to anyone who is over the income guidelines of the 80% median.

Continued work on a few rehabs at Littlesun Addition are on going. The staff are still working on Unit 113 with plans to start soon on Unit 116. These units will be getting a face lift and new appliances to get ready for new tenants to move-in. The unit at 106 Eagle Chief is now ready for occupancy for applicants.

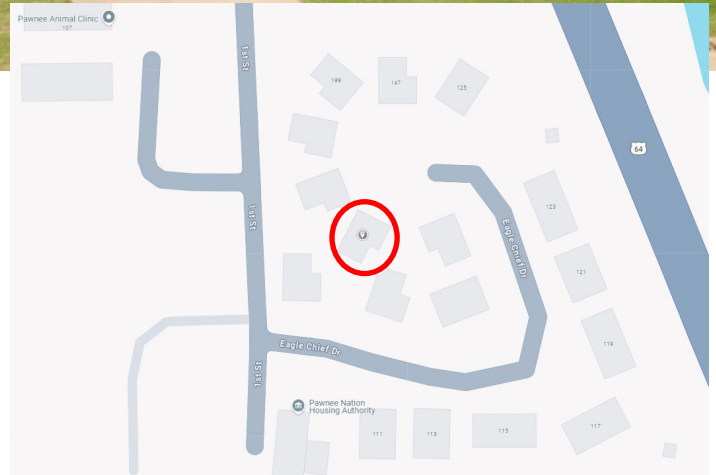
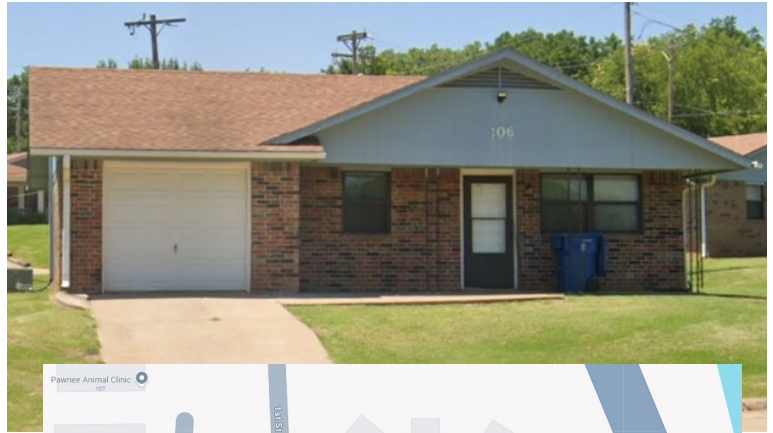
The Commissioners are continuing to work on the Non-NAHASDA Lease Purchase Program and then we will seek applicants for 307 Ash Street.



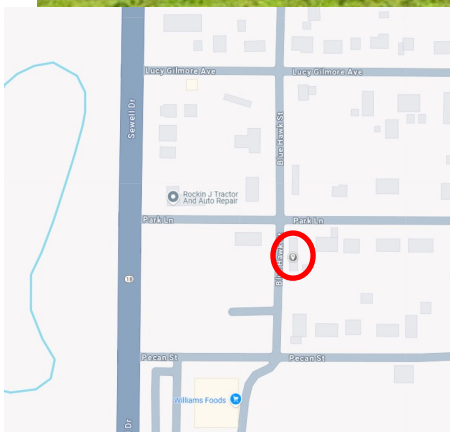
HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

AVAILABLE HOUSING

The Housing Authority is seeking tenants for 106 Eagle Chief Drive. This home is a three (3) bedroom home with 1 full bathroom, garage and nice living space. Eligibility requires the applicant to be within the HUD income guidelines, under the 80% median, be a Pawnee Tribal member or other federally recognized tribe, and submit documents for a background check. Monthly rent is income based, no higher than \$391 plus a \$300 security deposit. All of our applications are online at our website or can be picked up at the Housing Office.



The Housing Authority is seeking tenants for 219 Park Lane. This home is a trailer home with three (3) bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, car port, and utility shed. This home is income based and to qualify you must be over the income guidelines of the 80% medium. Any community member may qualify for occupancy. The monthly rent for this unit is \$800 with a \$300 security deposit. Renter is responsible for all utilities and lawn upkeep. All of our applications are online at our website or can be picked up at the Housing Office. For questions or further information, please contact Ms. Mary Hawkins.



STATE OF THE CITY, PAWNEE

PNHA Commissioners and Staff attended the 4th Annual State of the City Event hosted by the Pawnee Community Chamber of Commerce on February 16th. The event was well attended and attendees heard speakers by Pawnee community leaders, and State and Tribal leaders.

Speakers included:

- * Senator Chuck Hall
- * OK House Representative Ty Burns
- * Chamber President Cynthia Butler
- * Pawnee Business Council President Misty Nuttle
- * Pawnee County Economic Development Foundation President Virginia Rogers
- * Pawnee Community Summit President Carol Rapp
- * School Superintendent Stacy Womack
- * Sheriff Shawn Price
- * County Commissioner Joe Higgins and
- * Mayor Alice Cottle.

The event was held at the Pawnee Lakeside Event Center and catered by Click's Steakhouse. Mr. Sean Gartner shared his musical talents during the meal and the Pawnee FFA helped with drinks, desserts and clean up.

It was an evening of information of what our community is doing to make Pawnee successful. We look forward to attending next years event.



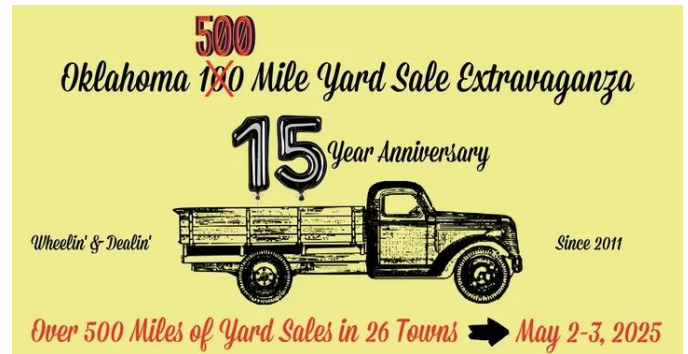
TENANT MEAT BOXES

We hope that our tenants were able to use all the meat products handed out at the end of January. In spending the last of the ARPA funding, we were able to provide food products for our housing families. Thank you to Wild Country Meats for fulfilling the order for our Housing Community.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

We are offering assistance to our tenants who need help with hauling large items to the dumpsters. We do not have the manpower to load or unload, please have help available to assist you. Call the Housing office to get on the schedule.



500 MILE YARD SALE

The former 100 Mile Yard Sale that started 15 years ago in Pawnee has grown over the years and now it has been grown to the 500 Mile Yard Sale. To find out more information, the promoters have a Facebook page dedicated to the event. There will be \$25.00 vendor spots available on the Courthouse lawn for those who need a place to sell their items. You can contact the Chamber of Commerce to secure your spot at pawneechamber@gmail.com or call 918-762-2108. You can also register your yard sale on the sponsored map at www.ok500mileyardsale.com.

WILLS CLINIC

We have had several of our tenants ask about the Wills Clinic and if we would set up an event for our tenants. If you are interested in creating a Will, please contact our office so we can get the number of individuals who are interested and set it up. We encourage everyone, no matter what age, to think about creating a Will.

PNHA COOKING CORNER

SHEET CAKE

Prep Time: 15 mins * Cook Time: 20 mins

Ingredients

FOR THE CAKE:

2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1/4 tsp salt
4 tbsp cocoa



16 tbsp unsalted butter

1 cup boiling water

1/2 cup buttermilk

2 eggs

1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp vanilla extract

FOR THE ICING:

14 tbsp unsalted butter

4 tbsp cocoa

6 tbsp milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

3 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Add to saucepan: water, butter, and cocoa powder and bring mixture to a boil.

In a bowl: mix together the flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt.

In another bowl: mix together the buttermilk, eggs and vanilla. Add mixture to the flour mixture and mix until combined.

Combine the batter. Once the chocolate mixture in the saucepan is boiling, remove it from heat and pour it into the batter. Mix until combined and no lumps remain.

Pour into sheet pan. Pour mixture into prepared pan and smooth with a spatula to make sure it is dispersed in an even layer.

Bake. at 350°F for 15-20 minutes or until set.

In a saucepan: Add milk, cocoa, vanilla, and butter; bring mixture to a boil.

Stir in: powdered sugar. Beat the mixture with hand-held mixer to get rid of any lumps.

Pour over cake. Pour the hot mixture right over the hot cake. Use a spatula to spread it evenly over the cake. Allow frosting to set for about 10 minutes before eating.



EASY CHICKEN TOSTADAS RECIPE

Ingredients

8 corn tortillas (6 inch)

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

8.5 ounces corn, drained

1 1/2 cups shredded cooked chicken

8 ounces salsa

2 tablespoons taco seasoning

15 ounces black beans, drained and rinsed

2 cups Colby Jack cheese, shredded

Fresh cilantro, for garnish

Tomatoes, diced, for garnish

Directions - Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C).

Lightly brush both sides of the corn tortillas with vegetable oil and place them on a baking sheet.

Bake for 8-10 minutes, flipping halfway through, until they are crispy.

In a skillet over medium heat, combine the shredded chicken, salsa, and taco seasoning. Stir and cook until heated through, about 5 minutes.

Spread the drained black beans and corn evenly over the baked tostada shells.


Top with the seasoned chicken mixture and sprinkle shredded Colby Jack cheese over each tostada.

Return to the oven and bake for an additional 5-7 minutes, or until the cheese is melted.

Garnish with fresh cilantro and diced tomatoes before serving.

March 2025

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16	17 	18 11 a REPP Mtg 2p REPP Adv	19 7p SAP Support Group	20	21	22 PIV New Year Dance
	<<<<<<< Pawnee Public Schools SPRING BREAK >>>>>>> <<<<<<< City of Pawnee SPRING CLEAN-UP >>>>>>>					
23	24	25 11 a REPP Mtg 530 p PBC Mtg	26 7p SAP Support Group	27 1130a Chamber Roundtable	28	29
30	31					

SPRING EQUINOX/ PAWNEE NEW YEAR

CEDAR BLESSING

FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025
8:00 AM
PAWNEE NATION COURTYARD
881 LITTLE DEE DRIVE

EVERYONE IS WELCOMED!
For more information contact:
Herb Adson, CRD Director
(918) 762-3621 Ext. 222
hadson@pawneenation.org




Pawnee Veterans Organization



Spring/New Years Dance March 22nd 2025

Noon Meal Campgrounds



Happy Birthday to
our talented son,
Trey Gardipe
We love you!

Dad and Mom



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS!!

Jenifer Gover-Littlesun, Tenant
Misty Nuttle, Tenant
Garon Cozad-Tawkoyty, PNHA Staff

If you have any Birthday Shoutouts, or
Congratulations, please email or call
the Housing Office to get them in the
next Newsletter.



Happy Birthday
to
Marsha Hawkins
in March.

We love you!

From Mom

HOUSING GARDEN

We are getting excited about the
PNHA Community Garden. If you
and your family would like to help
in maintaining the garden, please
contact us. The fruits and vegeta-
bles that are grown will given to the
families. We are thinking of doing
raised beds and will send out more
information soon.



Happy Birthday on
April 3rd to our
youngest daughter
Miss Daysia.

We love you!



Dad and Mom

SUMMER ACTIVITY IDEAS

We are looking for some summer
activities for the PNHA children. If
you have any thoughts and ideas,
please send us an email. We would
like to plan some sponsored activi-
ties to keep them busy this summer.




Praise the Lord our
Mutton Man
is turning
2 years old!

Happy Birthday son!

Love,
Dad and Mom



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11 a REPP Mtg 530 p PBC Mtg	2 1130a Chamber Board Mtg 7p SAP Support	3	4	5 Deadline for Absentee Ballots
6	7	8 11 a REPP Mtg 1130 a PNHA Meeting 7p School Brd	9 7p SAP Support Group	10	11	12 6 pm PBC Candidate Forum
13	14	15 TAX DAY 11 a REPP Mtg 530 p PBC Mtg	16 7p SAP Support Group	17	18 Filter Changes	19 10a Chamber Easter Egg Hunt @ Pawnee Bills
20 	21	22 11 a REPP Mtg	23 7p SAP Support Group Admin Prof Day	24	25	26
27	28	29 11 a REPP Mtg	30 7p SAP Support Group			

MARCH
Live Entertainment

MARCH 14 | 9PM
AARON CARTWRIGHT

MARCH 22 | 8PM
MATT FERRELL COMEDY

MARCH 28 | 9PM
KENNEDY KARAOKE





THE WOLF WINTER SPECIALS

January, February, March
Daily Specials 11 am - 4 pm

Monday - \$13.99 - Chicken Parmesan, pasta with breadstick & drink

Tuesday - \$15.99 - Lasagna with salad, breadstick & drink

Wednesday - \$11.99 - BBQ Chicken wrap, homestyle chips & drink

Thursday - \$16.99 - Meatloaf with mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli & drink

Friday - \$18.99 [11 am-10 pm] - Popcorn shrimp, hush puppies, fries & drink

Saturday - \$29.99 [11 am-10 pm] - 10 oz ribeye, 4 shrimp, baked potato, salad & drink

PAWNEE NATION PRINCESS

Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Marie Pratt was invited by Miss Sac and Fox Nation Princess, Jocelyn Megehee to attend the Winter Hunt; Remembering Jim Thorpe.



YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The youth assistance program is open for the spring and summer sports for the kids. Applications can be picked up at the Housing Office or printed from the web-site. Youth participants, 1st grade through 12th grade, must have membership with a federally recognized tribe, the family unit monthly income cannot exceed 80% of the NAHASDA income guidelines and must reside in the Pawnee Nation service area. For more information, please give us a call at the Housing Office.



COLLEGE ASSISTANCE

The College Housing Assistance Program is open. To be eligible, each student must be attending an accredited post-secondary institution and enrolled in a degree or certification program.

All applicants must meet NAHASDA income guidelines, must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, and applicants primary residence must be in the Pawnee Nation jurisdictional area.

Please call the Housing Office for more information or visit our web-site.



PAWNEE NATION 4BANDS CATTLE CO.

Have you visited the new Pawnee Nation Four Bands Cattle Co. Facebook page? The Pawnee Nation Division of Agriculture are doing some big things! Check them out on Facebook to find out what they are doing.





**Pawnee Nation Four Bands Cattle Company**
January 3 · 🌐

Welcome to the Pawnee Nation Four Band Cattle company. We established our program from scratch about 4 years ago and soon will be selling our own locally grown beef and produce . We are excited to take you along on our cattle raising adventures, as well as showing you all the wonderful things we are growing in our greenhouse. Please reach out with any questions and we will be happy to address them. We are forever grateful for the support of the Pawnee Nation and the Business Council.

PAWNEE NATION ELECTION COMM

Want to keep up on the Pawnee Business Council Elections? The Election Commission is on Facebook and has a link on the Pawnee Nation's website. Below are the list of Eligible Candidates for the 2025 Elections.

Vice-President: Jordan Kanuho
Secretary: George Gardipe
Seat#3- Leah Vannoy
Carol L. Nuttle
Richard Nordwall
Seat#4 - Jenifer Gover Littlesun
Charlsi Adson aka
(Sammy Kemble)

January 30, 2025	AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION IN THE PAWNEE CHIEF: DATE OF ELECTION: MAY 3, 2025 TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building
February 19-22, 2025	FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. PAWNEE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER \$300.00 Filing Fee (must be Cashiers Check or Money Order)
February 24, 2025	POST LIST OF CANDIDATES (9:00 A.M.) (Un-Official List until review by Commission)
February 24-28, 2025	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES
February 24-27, 2025	CHALLENGE PERIOD: ANY ELIGIBLE TRIBAL VOTER MAY CHALLENGE THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE IN WRITING. TRIBAL COURT: ACT ON APPEALS AND CHALLENGES
March 3-6, 2025	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF CHALLENGES
March 6, 2025	POST LIST OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES: PAWNEE AGENCY, PAWNEE NATION OFFICES AND SUBMIT TO THE PAWNEE CHIEF AND THE PAWNEE NATION NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATION
March 10, 2025	DEADLINE: CANDIDATES STATEMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO COMMUNICATIONS BY 5 P.M. FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSLETTER
April 5, 2025	DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS"
April 12, 2025	CANDIDATE FORUM AT ROAM CHIEF BUILDING AT 6 PM
May 3, 2025	ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.
May 4, 2025	POST ELECTION RESULTS: 10:00 A.M. TRIBAL RESERVE
May 5-7, 2025	PROTEST PERIOD: ANY VOTER MAY PROTEST IN WRITING (A REQUEST FOR RECOUNT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$500.00 RECOUNT FEE)
May 7, 2025	PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
May 14, 2025	ELECTION COMMISSION WILL RESPOND TO PROTESTS NO LATER THAN MAY 17, 2023
May 15, 2025	ISSUE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
May 17, 2025	INAUGURATION

FLYERS



PAWNEE NATION ICW PRESENTS...

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

APRIL 19TH, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION
PAWNEE COURTHOUSE LAWN
500 HARRISON ST STE 300
PAWNEE, OK 74058

9:30 AM - SIGN UPS:
AWARENESS WALK
T-SHIRT
RAFFLE TICKET

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

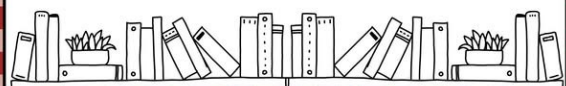
- INFORMATION BOOTH
- FOOD
- FUN
- GAMES
- PRIZES
- MUSIC

VENDOR INQUIRIES
RANDEE MARKS
RMO533@PAWNEENATION.ORG
MARIE JENKINS
MJ1309@PAWNEE.ORG

Pawnee Public Library

We are excited to try something new. On March 25th at 5pm, we will have an Adult Book Tasting Event. We will have tables set up and you will be able to come in and have a chance to preview the selected titles and get a taste to see if it might be something you would enjoy. It is a great way to review a selection of books that you might not pick up on your own. You will have a menu with the book titles and will be able to make your own notes about the selection. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Welcome to a
**BOOK
TASTING**



Oklahoma Historical Society
Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum

AN EVENT CELEBRATING EARTH DAY 2025

Something to Grow About

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 - from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at 1141 Pawnee Bill Rd, Pawnee, OK

**Free Admission
and Fun for All Ages!**



- Native Plant Give-away
- Seed Give-away
- Picnic Grounds
- Kite Flying
- Family-friendly Activities

- Demonstrations
- Interactive Displays
- Bison and Longhorn!
- Children's Games
- Hands-on fun!

Bring Plants and Seeds for Swapping!

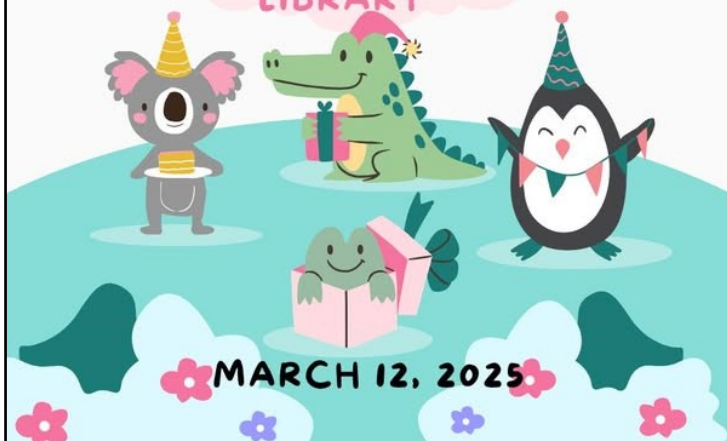


Oklahoma
Historical
Society



Pawnee Public Library

**STUFFED ANIMAL
SLEEPOVER AT THE
LIBRARY**



MARCH 12, 2025

Have you ever wondered what happens in the library when it is closed? We will share our secret world with your stuffed animal during our stuffed animal sleepover event.

Wednesday March 12 @ 4 pm drop one stuffed animal at the library. When you drop off you will: 1.) create name tag and info sheet for your animal, 2.) listen to a story with your stuffed animal, 3.) tuck your animal in for the night.

Pick up your animal the next day on March 13, and watch Facebook to see what pictures were captured during the night.

(Do not drop off your favorite or one you can't survive without.)