

PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

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WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Summer time is upon us and we are gearing up for mowing season. Also underway is the Housing community garden project. Cynthia will send out more information on when we will meet and start planting.

Our staff is continuing to work with our Housing Commissioners and Ms. Amy Wilson with See Renewal on the PNHA Strategic Housing Land Acquisition and Land Use Plan for future development on some of the properties owned by the Housing Authority.

We hope that all the kids enjoyed all the Easter events in April. The Housing Office had fun watching all of our kids hunt eggs during the tenant event. We added some pictures from the event.

We did want to let everyone know that we have not received our funding from our IHBG grant. At this time, we have several applications that have been put on hold until funding is received. This includes the Privately Owned Homes Program, Rehabilitation and Modernization Program, and the Housing Improvement Program. For those who have an application submitted, it will stay active on the waiting list until that funding is received.

We celebrated Admin Professionals Day along with the Pawnee Nation. Thank you to Ms. Mary Hawkins for her hard work and dedication to keeping the Housing Office up and running.

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
May 13th at 11: 30 A.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR
June 10th at 11: 30 A.M.

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

COMMISSION POSITION OPEN

There is a vacancy on the PNHA Board of Commissioners. If you are interested in filling the position, please contact the Pawnee Nation Executive Office, Jamie Nelson. You will need to submit a letter of intent, attach a resume, and sign a background check release form.

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Commissioners had a Regular meeting on March 11, 2025 with a quorum present. Housing Staff gave reports on daily operations. In Old Business the Commissioners approved revisions to the PNHA Collection Policy; and approved the PNHA Non-NAHASDA Lease Purchase Policy. Under New Business, the Commissioners had discussion on Virtual Meetings; set a meeting for the PNHA work plan with See Renewal; approved an amendment to the PNHA Sub-Contract with the Pawnee Nation; and approved the request for permission to share the PNHA data for presentation and viewing for the REPP Project.

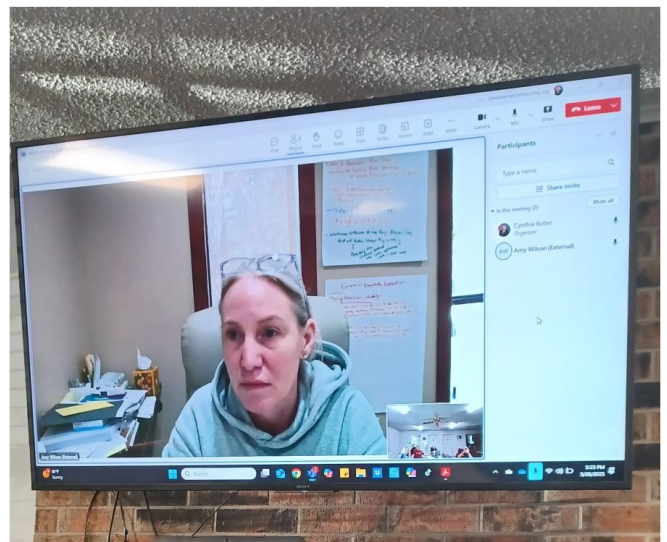
The Board of Commissioners had a Regular meeting on April 8, 2025 with a quorum present. Housing Staff gave reports on daily operations. In New Business the Commissioners set a planning and development meeting with See Renewal on April 17th. In Executive Session the Commissioners also approved for the removal of Commissioner due to compliance concerns and unexcused absences.

COMMISSIONER NEWS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The PNHA Commissioners and staff met with Ms. Amy Wilson with See Renewal on the PNHA Strategic Housing Land Acquisition and Land Use Plan. There was discussion on goals and the Commission made some additional changes to the goals. Other discussion was on the development of a mission statement and a disclaimer to be added to all of the documents or deliverables for the plan.

We will keep everyone updated as the Commissioners move forward with plan. There will be opportunity for community engagement and we will get information out on surveys, events, etc.



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	918-399-7275
Officer Laura Delaune	918-935-6485
Officer Russell Sentel	918-935-6103

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

WE ARE HIRING!!

The Housing Authority is seeking to hire a part time Project Coordinator. If you are interested, please visit our website for the job description and download the employment application.

Should you have inquiries about the position, please call the Housing Office.

HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES



The Pawnee Nation Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) has been busy finishing up with the installs of the sensors and the smart thermostats. We do have a few of the sensors left, please get with Alex if you would like to participate in the pilot program.

The project will soon be moving into phase 4 of the program, which is Distributed Energy Activities. The goals of phase 4 is the utility grid construction, community solar garden array, public access DER charging stations and the battery energy storage system. Alex is working with TDC on contracts for the placement of the charging stations.

As we moved into phase 4, we will keep everyone updated on the progress.



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.

Continued work on a few rehabs at Littlesun Addition are on going. The staff just finished up Unit 113 and will now start work on Unit 116 which is a one (1) bedroom unit.

Staff have also started mowing and will be helping with the gardens. They will be getting around to filter changes and checking the smoke detectors monthly.

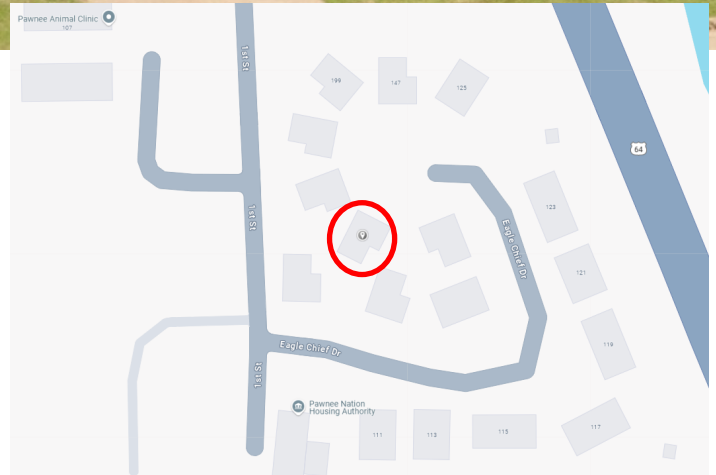


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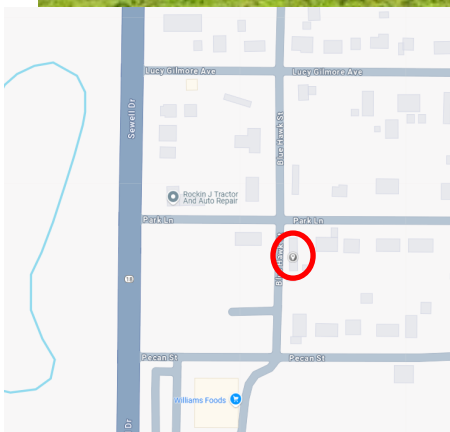
AVAILABLE HOUSING

The Housing Authority is seeking tenants for 106 Eagle Chief Drive. This home is a three (3) bedroom home with one (1) full bathroom.

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.



PNHA TENANT EGG HUNT

Thank you to all the tenants who came out and hunted eggs with us. We hope that the kids enjoyed themselves and got lots to eat. Here are some pictures of the event. We cant wait until next years hunt.



PNHA TENANT EGG CONTEST

We had five families participate in the Easter Egg Decorating Contest. The winners of the contest are pictured. Thank you to all who participated and colored eggs.



**Merrell Family
1st Place**



**Ramirez/Grier Family
2nd Place**



**Branch Family
3rd Place**



**Big Bear Hand Family
4th Place**



**Nelson/Hudson Family
5th Place**

PNHA DONATES TO PN EGG HUNT

The Housing Authority donated funds to sponsor the 0-3 age category for the Pawnee Nation Employees Club Easter Egg Hunt on April 18. We hope all the kids and adults had fun hunting eggs and got lots of candy and prizes to take home.



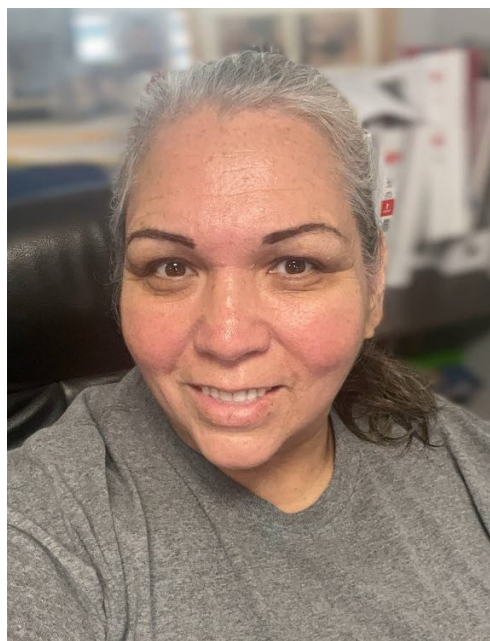
POLICY REMINDER

The Housing Authority would like to remind everyone of our Smoke Free, Drug Free, Weapon Free Policy. We have received several complaints about tenants smoking in the units and want to remind everyone that smoking is not allowed in accordance to this policy. If you were issued a violation we hope that you will take serious the policies we have in place. A second violation will result in termination of your lease agreement and a fee of \$1,500 to have the unit cleaned from any smoke residue left behind in the unit.

If you would like a full copy of this policy, or any other policy of the Housing Authority, please contact the main office.

ADMIN PROFESSIONALS DAY

On April 23rd, the Housing Authority celebrated Administrative Professionals Day with our Admin Tech, Mary Hawkins. Ms. Mary has been with the Housing Authority for 13 years. She performs many duties within the office that includes answering phones, taking rent payments, sending letters of correspondence, and more. We appreciate her hard work and dedication to the job and want to thank her for all she does.



WILLS CLINIC

We have had several of our tenants who have signed up for the Wills Clinic and we will soon be getting a date and more information to those families. If you are interested in creating a Will, please contact our office. We encourage everyone, no matter what age, to think about creating a Will.

PNHA COOKING CORNER

5 MINUTE CHICKEN SALAD

Ingredients

2 cups chicken, shredded
1/2 apple, diced
1/4 cup sliced grapes
2 celery stems, sliced
1 seedless mini cucumber
1/4 cup raisins
1/4 cup plain yogurt
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/4 tsp onion powder
Dashes of salt and pepper



Mix all ingredients and refrigerate before serving.
Best on a croissant.

GARLIC HERB ROASTED VEGGIES

Ingredients

1 lb baby potatoes (red or gold), halved
1 cup baby carrots (or sliced reg carrots)
1 cup fresh green beans, trimmed
2 tbsp olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp dried Italian seasoning
1/2 tsp smoked paprika
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper



1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F
 2. In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients and mix until everything is evenly coated
 3. Transfer to a 9x13 inch baking pan that is lightly greased with cooking spray
 4. Cover with aluminum foil, roast for 30 minutes, stir, uncover and back for another 30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender
- Garnish with fresh herbs like parsley before serving and enjoy



UCCAS 5 CUP SALAD

Ingredients

1 cup Sour Cream
1 cup Pineapple Chunks
1 cup Mandarin Oranges
1 cup Maraschino Cherries
1 cup Miniature Marshmallows

Directions - Drain the can of pineapple chunks, making sure to reserve a tablespoon of the juice.

Mix together the pineapple chunks, the reserved pineapple juice, mandarin oranges, sour cream, cherries and mini marshmallows.

Refrigerate for a few hours and serve.

7 LAYER DIP

Layer in this order

16 oz refried beans mixed w/ 1 pkg taco seasoning
1 cup sour cream
1 cup guacamole
1 cup salsa
1 cup lettuce
1 cup Mexican cheese or sharp cheddar
4 oz sliced olives
1 cup tomatoes

Garnish with green onions if desired, and serve with corn chips



MAY 2025

Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

				1	2	3 PBC Election Day
					Steam Engine Show	
					500 Mile Yard Sale	
4	5 10 am Behavioral Health Grand Opening	6 11 a REPP Mtg 530 p PBC Mtg	7 1130a Chamber Board Mtg 7p SAP Support Group	8	9 PHS Graduation	10
11 	12	13 7 a PPS Board 11 a REPP Mtg 1130 a PNHA Meeting	14 7p SAP Support Group	15 1130a Chamber Roundtable	16	17 PBC Inauguration Day
18 12 pm Kitkehahki Ceremony	19	20 11 a REPP Mtg 2p REPP Adv 530 p PBC Mtg	21 7p SAP Support Group	22 Filter Changes	23	24 PN Princess Reception
25	26 PNHA Closed 	27 11 a REPP Mtg	28 7p SAP Support Group	29	30	31



JOB FAIR

Wednesday, May 14th

9am - 12pm
1pm - 5pm

Onsite at Ditch Witch



Join Our Growing Team at Ditch Witch in Roles Like:

Job Fair Opportunity at Ditch Witch on May 14th if anyone is interested in a career with them.

<https://jobs.thetorocompany.com>



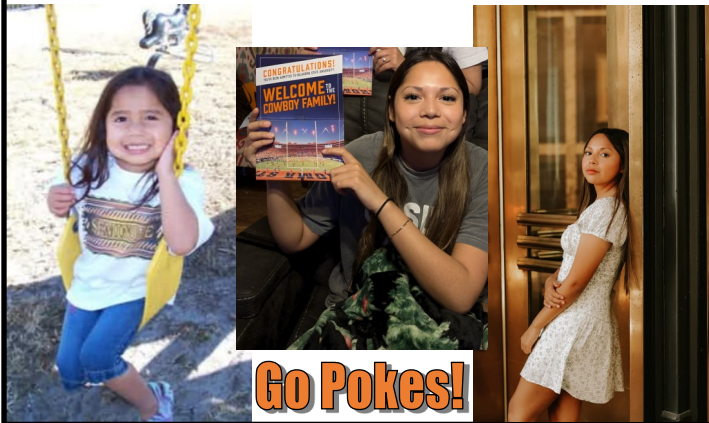
APPLY ONLINE TODAY!
Click Here to Apply!

- Welders
- Material Handlers
- Machine Operators
- Painters & Assemblers

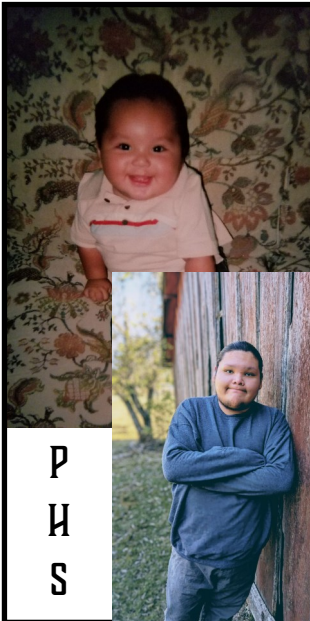
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND WE BELIEVE IN YOU
AND IN YOUR FUTURE!

LOVE MOM AND DAD



Go Pokes!



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Congratulations
Aiden George!
(aka My Little Man)

We are so proud of
you and look
forward to what the
future holds for you.

Remember to keep
the Lord first in all
you do and every-
thing else will fall
into place!



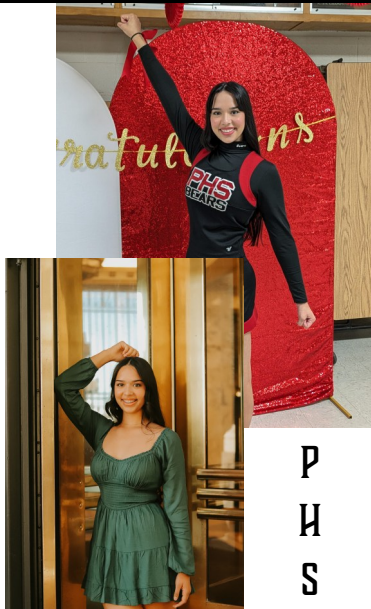
Love Mom

We love you and
we are proud of
you!

Go Pokes!

Good luck in all
your endeavors.
We will always be
here for you.

Love Your Bonus
Mom and Dad



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The world is waiting
for you to do BIG
things, Aaron!

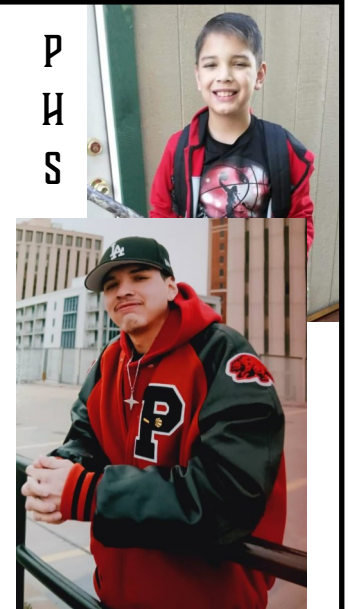
Make the most of it
and all that life has
to offer.

The sky is the limit,
Baby, go for it!

Love Momma



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Congratulations Graduates!!

Cierra Carney, Oklahoma State University

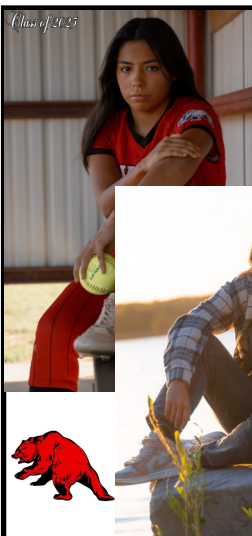
Haeli Stevens, Haskell University

Taylor Grant, Haskell University

Alex McSheridan, University of Oklahoma

Jarred Kanuho, Oklahoma State University

Leah Merrell, Nebraska Indian Community
College



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Congratulations
Miss Adiliah!

We are so proud of
you!

Love Mom and
family



Happy Birthday
to our daughter

Jema

on May 9th.

We love you!



Mom and Dad



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON

MAY 14TH TO

Linda Festes

WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE
YOU BOSS US AROUND AND
GIVE ADVICE.

WE APPRECIATE YOU IN SO
MANY WAYS AND WISH YOU
MANY MORE BIRTHDAY
BLESSINGS!

From the PNHA Staff

MAZZIOS GO!



PIZZA (7" OR 12")

**CHEESE, SAUSAGE OR
PEPPERONI**

**COMBO OR HOG HEAVEN
CHEESE DIPPERS**

**LOADED CHEESE
DIPPERS**

**CAULIFLOWER CRUST
CRUSTLESS PIZZA**

SANDWICHES

HAM N CHEDDAR

TURKEY N PROVOLONE

CHICKEN, BACON & CHEESE

ITALIAN SUB

SALADS

HOUSE SALAD

W/CRISPY CHICKEN OR GRILLED CHICKEN

CHEF SALAD

WINGS *CHOOSE FROM HOT BUFFALO,
SWEET BBQ OR MEMPHIS DRY RUB

8-PC. TRADITIONAL WINGS

8-PC. BONELESS WINGS

918-454-2225
Arrow Stop

918-762-4466
Trading Post

Happy Birthday my
gorgeous wife
Drew Big Bear Hand
on May 14
We love you!

From Josh and the
kids



Birthday Shoutout to
our youngest son,

JUDE


Happy Birthday son!

Love,
Mom and Dad






Happy Birthday to
my beautiful wife on
June 24th!

Lisa Gardipe

 I love you!

From G

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 530 p PBC Mtg	4 1130a Chamber Board Mtg 7p SAP Support	5	6	7
8	9	10 7 a PPS Board	11 7p SAP Support	12	13	14 
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22	23	24 7 a PPS Board	25 7p SAP Support	26	27	28
29	30					

MOWING SEASON

We are gearing up for mowing season. Please help in keeping the yards cleaned up of toys, bikes and other debris.





FEATURED SPECIALS

Weekdays: 11am - 4pm
Fridays: 11am - 10pm
Saturdays: 11am - 10pm

MONDAY \$11.99 Cajun Shrimp Po'Boy <small>with homestyle chips</small>	THURSDAY \$10.99 Smothered Porkchop <small>with mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans</small>
TUESDAY \$10.99 Chicken Bacon Quesadilla <small>with chips and queso</small>	FRIDAY \$11.99 Grilled Chicken Breast <small>with wild rice and yellow squash</small>
WEDNESDAY \$11.99 Chicken Alfredo <small>with salad and a breadstick</small>	SATURDAY \$35.99 Ribeye Steak (12oz) <small>with vegetable, loaded baked potato and a salad</small>

PAWNEE NATION PRINCESS

Miss Cora Pratt was selected for a second term as the Pawnee Nation Princess! The Princess Committee held a reception for Princess Cora on April 26th at the Pawnee Community Center. We are excited to see your representation of the Pawnee Nation for another year. Congratulations!



SAVE THE DATE

Oklahoma 500 Mile Yard Sale Extravaganza

15 Year Anniversary

Wheelin' & Dealin' Since 2011

Over 500 Miles of Yard Sales in 28 Towns ➡ May 2-3, 2025

OKLAHOMA STEAM THRESHING & GAS ENGINE ASSOCIATION

STEAM & GAS ENGINE SHOW

100 YEARS CATERPILLAR

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 2-4, 2025

Steam Park Grounds in Historic Pawnee, OK

Gates Open @ 8:00 am • \$10/Day - 12 & Under Free

OKLAHOMA STEAM THRESHING & GAS ENGINE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANTIQUE POWER EXHIBITS • FUN FAMILY EVENTS

WHEAT THRESHING • SAW MILL • MACHINE SHOP

CORN GRINDING • SHINGLE MILL

ARTS & CRAFTS • FOOD VENDORS

Friday is School Day
(Free Admission to school groups accompanied by teacher)

OklahomaThreshers.org • 918.762.2108

Save the Date!

PBMR

40th Annual

Pawnee Bill Memorial Rodeo

July 24th, 25th, & 26th 2025



PAWNEE NATION
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

GRAND OPENING

Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health

We are pleased to invite you to the grand opening of Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health a new state-of-the-art facility dedicated to addressing the urgent need for comprehensive addiction treatment in our community.

Event Details

May 5, 2025

10am

1204 Heritage Circle
Pawnee, OK 74058

CONSTRUCTION

The construction at the playground has now been completed and the man hole has been filled in. Thank you to the residents of Eagle Chief for keeping the kids away from the construction site.



GET INSURED NOW!

Fancy Teter

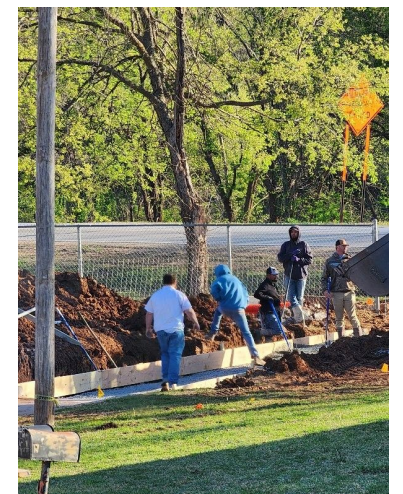
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ready to help!



Contact me today for a personalized insurance quote that fits your needs! Whether you're looking for coverage for your home, renters, auto, or life insurance, we're here to help. Call, text, email at your convenience, and I will get back to you promptly. We offer competitive rates and tailored options to ensure you have the protection you need. Reach out today and secure your peace of mind!

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PAWNEE NATION'S 4-BAND CATTLE CO.

The 4-Band Cattle Co. has opened a new storefront for the community to purchase meat products. Office hours to purchase these products are Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 6 pm and the 1st Saturday of the month from 9 am to 12 pm. Located at 200 Morris Road, or call and pick up your order at 918-762-9121.

New to the storefront are caps and t-shirts. Please call for prices and sizes or visit their Facebook page for more information.



Price List

Stew Meat	5lb	\$30.00
85% Hamburger Deal	10/ 1lb pks	\$56.00
85% Hamburger	1 lb	\$6.00
4 hamburger patties	1 lb	\$7.50
Tenderized Round Steak	2 (8oz)	\$6.99
Top Sirloin Steaks	1 (7oz)	\$6.99
Strip Loin Steaks		\$19.99/lb
Filet Mignons	2 (6-8oz)	\$34.99
Chuck Eye Steaks		\$10.99/lb
Rib Eye Steak		\$19.99/lb
T-Bone Steak		\$16.99/lb
Trimmed Brisket	(7.5-8oz)	\$50.00
Chuck Roast	(32-36oz)	\$18.99

PAWNEE NATION ELECTION COMM

Are you keeping up with the Pawnee Business Council Elections? Stay connected on the deadlines and election day by visiting the Election Commission Facebook page or visit them on the Pawnee Nation's Website.

Next is Election Day on May 3rd. Polls open at 8 am to 7 pm.

Don't forget to visit your candidates and support them by attending their events during the day.

May 17th will be Inauguration Day!

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

List of Eligible Candidates for 2025 PBC Elections

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

PAWNEE BAND MEETINGS

Make plans to attend your Band meetings on May 3rd. This year is election year for Band Chiefs. Support your Band and our Rêșârû' Council.



Pitahawirata Band Meeting

Date: May 3, 2025

Time: 10 am

Location: TBD

Snack/meal will be served.



Čawî' Band Meeting

Date: May 3, 2025

Time: 10 am

Location: Museum of the Pawnee Nation

The Rêșârû'karu Council

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

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

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

Matt Reed, 1st Resaru, and **David Kanuho**, 2nd Resaru for the Cawi Band

