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## 2017 ELECTIONS



April 7 - Deadline for Absentee Ballots  
April 13 - Candidate Forum 6 pm  
May 6 - Election Day  
May 7 - Election Results



### POSITIONS FOR PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

- ★ Vice-President - (4) Year Position
- ★ Secretary - (4) Year Position
- ★ Third Council Member - (4) Year Position
- ★ Fourth Council Member - (4) Year Position

# 2017 Regular Election of the Pawnee Business Council

## Official Listing of Candidates

### **Vice President**

Darrell J Wildcat

### **Secretary**

Patricia "Patsy" McCray

Phammie Littlesun

Alexander Horsechief

### **Council Seat 3**

Adrian Spottedhorsechief

Ellis Horsechief

### **Council Seat 4**

Liana Chapman Teter

Charles Knife Chief



**Election Day is on May 6th. Polls open from 8 am to 7 pm at the Pawnee Nation Multi Purpose Building.**

Pawnee Nation Election Commission  
 PO Box 600  
 Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

## 2017 Election: Schedule of Events

April 7, 2017	DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS"
April 13, 2017	CANDIDATE FORUM AT MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT 6 PM
May 6, 2017	ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.
May 7, 2017	POST ELECTION RESULTS: 10:00 A.M. TRIBAL RESERVE
May 8-10, 2017	PROTEST PERIOD: ANY VOTER MAY PROTEST IN WRITING (A REQUEST FOR RECOUNT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$500.00 RECOUNT FEE)
May 10, 2017	PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
May 17, 2017	ELECTION COMMISSION WILL RESPOND TO PROTESTS NO LATER THAN MAY 17, 2017
May 19, 2017	ISSUE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
May 20, 2017	INAUGURATION

Pawnee Nation Election Commission		
Chairman	Cecelia Hawkins	Phone: 918-223-7735
Clerk	Margaret Twins	Email: Electioncomm@pawneenation.org
Secretary	Jamie Nelson	
Sargent-at-Arms	Zachary Rice	
Alternate	Cynthia Butler	

## Vice President Candidate - Darrell J Wildcat



Nowa,

To all my relations and tribal members. Being unopposed as a candidate for the Vice-President position on our Pawnee Business Council was surprising. I didn't know what to think at first. After sleeping on it, the next day I felt good about it. I felt Atius had blessed me and a majority of the people were behind me and supported me. I don't know who to thank, other than our Father Above.

When I was elected Vice - President, over a year ago, I was told to watch and listen. I have done this. I'm still learning. Being an elected official is not an easy task. Our guide is our Constitution. It still needs some revision. But it's getting done. This will add more power and strength to solidify our sovereignty.

This upcoming election will utilize our revised Election Act.

As Pawnee Tribal citizens, please exercise your right to vote.

Sincerely,

*Darrell J. Wildcat*

Vice-President of the Pawnee Business Council

# Secretary Candidate - Patricia “Patsy” McCray

Nawa Pawnee Relatives and Friends,

My name is Patricia (Patsy) Reed McCray, of the Skidi band, and I am seeking your support for the office of Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council. I am the daughter of Jennie Lou Tefertiller – Reed and Victor Reed. I am a descendent of Frank Leader, Principal Chief (Skidi) of the Pawnee and of Skatoose. I am the mother of 3 children: Chris McCray, Transportation & Safety Manger for the Pawnee Nation and Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Pawnee; Nathan McCray, Graphic Design Artist for Eskimo Joes, and Amy Peschel, Administrative Assistant at the First National Bank of Pawnee. I also have 4 wonderful grandchildren. I have lived in Pawnee my entire life and have been employed by the First National Bank of Pawnee for 26 years. Over the years I have seen the strife and struggles of my relatives and friends but I have also seen the many accomplishments that make me proud to be Pawnee.

With the changing of U.S. Presidents the Healthcare of our people should be on the forefront of our minds. Healthcare is vitally important to our people and we need to make sure the U.S. Government honors their promises and treaties. As Secretary, I will work with tribal leadership, government officials, and I H S officials to not only maintain what we have but to build on it.

Education comes in many forms, first is educating our youth in a day and age where state governments are cutting funding to our schools. I know the Paw-

nee Nation supports our schools and as Secretary I want to find a way to do more by working with the Pawnee Nation Education Director, Title VII Coordinator, and school officials so we can weather this storm of funding deficits and support our youth so they are not left behind. Secondly, I will continue to support the outstanding work being done in our language and cultural classes and work with the Cultural Resources Director to the efforts.



With all the recent earthquakes in our area I want to credit our leadership, responders and environmental personnel in due their due diligence in keeping our people safe and knowledgeable on how and why these earthquakes are taking place. With that said, as Secretary I want to support the recent endeavors of the Pawnee Nation in exercising our Sovereignty in regards to the earthquakes and the other illegal activities taken place by oil companies against our people and our lands.

As Secretary, I will push for more economic development and diversity. Casinos have brought us revenue to diversify

into other business opportunities and market the Pawnee Nation to provide jobs, education and training to our people. I will work with the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (TDC) so that additional revenues can be brought in. As Secretary, I will work with the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission to identify the revenues coming in and what additional revenues can be brought in like taxing the oil companies, utility companies, additional gas tax, etc. These additional revenues can be the difference in sustaining the Pawnee Nation for years to come.

My goal as Secretary is to Strengthen, Diversify and to bring Continuity to the Pawnee Nation. I will work with each Pawnee Nation Division Director to see what is needed to strengthen their programs. I will fight for the healthcare of our people. I will support the education of our youth for they will inherit what we build today and continue moving us forward in the future. I will work with the Pawnee Business Council to bring diversities in our businesses to bring in additional revenues. I will also listen and talk with you, the people, to get your perspectives, to learn from our accomplishments and failures.

I want to be a positive influence on the Pawnee Business Council and the Pawnee people so I will lead with integrity and continuity so we can accomplish our goals and meet the needs of the people. I humbly ask for your support on Pawnee Nation Election Day.

*Patricia (Patsy) McCray*

# Secretary Candidate - Phammie Littlesun

**WHAT POSITION ARE YOU RUNNING FOR?** Pawnee Business Council Secretary

**WHAT IS YOUR NAME?**

Phammie Littlesun

**WHAT IS YOUR BAND?**

Kitkehauki

**EXPLAIN YOUR BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS THAT FIT THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR.**

I worked for the Pawnee Nation for 10 years in the property department. I left that position to return to college and get my degree. I am a 2013 graduate from Haskell Indian Nations University with a BA in American Indian Studies. I also have an AA degree from Northern Oklahoma College. My education and 10 years of working in the property department and 31/2 years on the Pawnee Business Council as Secretary makes me feel I am qualified for this position.

**DESCRIBE HOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL WILL BENEFIT THE PAWNEE NATION.**

I have the experience from serving for the past 3 ½ years. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from Haskell Indian Nations University in American Indian Studies. This degree has taught me to think outside the box, meaning thru sovereignty I could dream about what I want for my tribe. Then I was taught how to make my dream a reality. I am pushing for a strategic plan. I would like it done so everyone could see the direction we are leading them. Thru the strategic plan we could all be informed and encouraged about the progress. There is so much that needs to be done, for example our law codes need to be updated along with other policies and our constitution needs to be changed also. I've been a part of the process and would like to continue getting things done. I feel I'm the one pushing for the changes to get made and if I'm not there to continue pushing then the changes won't get made.

**EXPLAIN HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING ISSUES.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

TDC, tribal development corporation is our economic arm. They have oversight of our casinos and businesses up town. I've attended their meetings and made suggestions to TDC about business ventures I would like investigated thru feasibility studies etc. It is up to TDC to move forward on my suggestions. I try to support TDC but I feel they could do more.



I'm looking and thinking about ways our Nation could prosper. I want an enterprise built that would provide jobs for all our people not just those who can get a gaming license or have a driver's license.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

To be truly sovereign we have to be able to sustain ourselves. I recently attended a NCAI conference and sustainability was one of the topics at the conference. I have attended agriculture conferences and have brought information forward. I have been pushing strategic planning meetings so that a plan will be in place for all to follow and everyone can understand how

this plan will work toward sustainability. I think of sustainability as a means to feed ourselves and provide for our tribal members. I think of having green houses to grow our own food, aquaponics to also provide. I'm also thinking of solar panels for our tribal members and our tribal offices. I think of raising buffalo as another means to feeding ourselves. I would also like to see businesses on our reservation that would help tribal members to be self-sufficient thru providing employment.

**VIEWS ON TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

I'm all for sovereignty, but I also know that In order to be completely sovereign then we must not depend on the federal government for anything. I think it is a goal to shoot for and it is possible. We can flex our sovereignty arm right now by adding culture leave into our HR policies. Cultural leave is referring to our Pawnee Culture and meant for those who participate in our culture. There are those tribal members who cook for funeral feast and dances, this leave would be granted to those who help out in this manner. Having Pawnee preference in our hiring processes is also another way of using our sovereignty. They are small steps but it is all working toward our sovereignty.

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PAWNEE NATION'S FUTURE?**

All things listed that I commented on, Economic development, sustainability and sovereignty. Communication is needed between all entities of the tribe. I've been requesting better communication and joint meetings between all entities of the tribe. The other entities I'm talking about are the Pawnee Nation College, Tribal Development Corporation, Pawnee Nation Housing Authority, Nasharo Council. We need to get along with each other and we as a council need to get our strategic plan in place so everyone knows the direction we are leading them. I want

# Secretary Candidate - Phammie Littlesun

to have more community meetings so that the Pawnee people could voice their opinions on the different programs and ideals that are presented. I would like to have them in different areas of the state where there are tribal members living. We have one of our PBC meetings in the evening so those who work during the day could attend to listen in or voice their concerns.

## **WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR OUR ELDERS?**

I would like to see an elder care service something similar to what DHS provides. We could have workers assist elders at home with cleaning and cooking or even laundry. Those family members who can't work because they are taking care of an elderly parent or relative could be paid for doing so. We would have to look for a way to fund this program but I think it is needed for our elders.

## **WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR OUR YOUTH?**

The youth in our community are in need of so much care and attention. I would like to see a youth center built a place where we could teach them about our culture and language. Youth leadership programs need to be developed. The youth need a place they can call their own and I know our youth need help, they need self-esteem and encouragement. They need to be told to stay away from alcohol and drugs. They need pride instilled in them. I would like to see mentoring programs for our youth, Job shadowing for college students and grooming students

for tribal jobs. The tribe is beginning an agriculture plan, we need to begin asking high school students and college students who are interested in this type of job to apply at Universities or colleges who specialize in these fields.

## **VIEWS ON TRANSPARENCY AND BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE?**

I feel we have been transparent more than any other council in the past. I requested we begin videoing the meetings and putting them on the internet for our people to see. I'm accountable for my actions everyone sees them. My view is to remain honest, transparent and accountable. I try my best to walk my talk.

## **WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO BRING BACK MORE OF THE PAWNEE CULTURE?**

I actively participate in our culture. I attend the veterans' dances and the young dog dances along with the Kitkehauki dances. I'm either dancing or I'm cooking. I also attend hand games and Native American Church ceremonies. I would like to see a sweat lodge go up once again on our reserve also. Making prayers for our people and making a way for our people to pray is always going to be a priority for me. I was instrumental during my term on council to develop the Culture Resource Division. My main concern was language classes for the community but thru having community meetings and finding resources a Culture Division was developed. I also brought forth the changes in the building usage by rewrit-

ing the policy to include rent free use of our buildings for cultural purposes. I also went before the school board to request eagle feathers be worn during graduation and our boys be able to wear earrings. I will continue to support our Pawnee Cultural Resource Division.

## **WHERE DO YOU SEE THE TRIBE IN 4 YEARS?**

I see us closer to total sovereignty, closer to total sustainability. I see us out of debt with clean audits and on to building our nation up. The questions I answered are my dreams and wishes for our Nation. I'm willing to work for the changes. I haven't looked for another job while being on PBC because I want to be able to dedicate my time to the Nation and I will continue pushing to have our constitution amended so it is readable and understandable. I see our Law and Order codes being revised and brought up to date. I would like to see our Pawnee Nation College receive its accreditation and our Nasharo Council get its powers back so that our tribal council won't be held up in court paying hundred thousand dollars in lawyer fees.

I will try my best for my Pawnee people. I would greatly appreciate your vote!

*Phammie Littlesun*

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# Secretary Candidate - Alexander Horsechief



Hello/Nowah

My name is Alexander (Cubbie) Horsechief. My parents are Algar, whose parents were the late Delbert Sr., and Minnie (Moses) Horsechief, and Geneva Horsechief.

I am a proud member of the Pawnee/ Cherokee Nations and the Kitkahaki Confederate Clans. As a Liberal Arts major graduating from Yale High School, I also attended Sequoyah Indian School and Haskell Schools. For about 12 years, I was involved in construction and maintenance trades and resided in Orlando, FL.

As a Business Council member, I will be accountable and responsible for the secretarial position keeping records and information for the benefit of our citizens members. I believe that it is also important to listen to our constituents' ideas, opinions, and questions, hopefully with the ability to provide them answers. Finding more ways to become more self-sufficient economically as a sovereign tribal nation is vital to sustain our future.

We should give voice to our members regardless of their ages. They have many good ideas and concepts to offer. It is important to listen and learn from our elder's past successes and failures.

We should search for ways to provide programs and services that our elders are interested in and need.

We cannot overlook our common youth-our next generation. We must invest in the future of our culture and history by developing programs that teach our youth the knowledge needed to understand, value, and love their Pawnee/Cherokee Cultures. Our youth must continue to be educated with the knowledge and skills to implement new technological innovations for our nations' benefits! They can lead us into co-existing with our environment and natural resources, which is urgently important for each of us. Our future generations, our next leaders, will provide and care for our citizen members and non-members and will establish the responsibilities and actions our people need so that our nations will continue to have a long successful existence.

See you at the polls.

*Alexander E. Horsechief*



**PAWNEE NATION ELDER CENTER**  
910 Agency Rd - Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058  
**918-762-4042**

## Volunteers Needed: BE A PART OF GIVING BACK!

**The Elder Center is seeking Volunteers** to assist in the **servicing of the lunch meals**. If you could use your lunch hour to help serve a few times a month to assist in **giving back to the Tribal Elders**, one needs to fill out complete the Volunteer Agreement Form and return to Human Resources. **Any and all assistance would be appreciated**, and can be used as often or little as you are available.

**Volunteers** that assist during their lunch hour can **enjoy a free meal** following the Elder serving time. Volunteers may work with the Outreach Specialist to conduct home chores, visits, or assist in the Coordinator in the Elder Garden.





Sammye Adson is the Chairperson for the Pawnee Nation Land Use Committee. The Committee is responsible for managing the use of land that is owned by the Nation. Committee Members include: Jimmy Jestes, Property; Rhonda James, Property; Brian Kirk, Contracts; Andrew KnifeChief, Executive Director; Phammie LittleSun, Council; and Adrian Spotted Horse Chief; Council. We have been busy working on the following items:

1) Land into Trust:

- a. The following lands have been identified and will be put into trust:
  - i. Day Property
  - ii. Nebraska Properties

2) Land Outreach:

- a. Planning an outreach program wherein tribal members can donate or sell their portion of fractionated lands by quit claim deed to the Pawnee Nation. This process protects the land, the Nation, and other owners from eminent domain practices by the State of Oklahoma according to BIA policy. Unless the tribe owns a fractionated amount of any land the state can use eminent domain rights to take the land for state use such as a dam, highway, etc.

3) Agriculture – The Nation is looking to leverage assets that we have and land is one of them. We are therefore moving in the direction of agriculture development by raising livestock such as bison and cattle, and eventually crops. The agricultural project will help promote the conservation, development, and use of our land resources for the betterment of the Pawnee people. Although this venture is new we are collaborating with experts from the USDA, other entities, and neighboring tribes who have been successful in this endeavor.

- a. **Bison Project** – 20 head of bison are being acquired and will be placed on acreage off Catelic Road. The land is being prepared to accommodate the herd and the following is a recap of progress to date:
  - a. A 2-time burn of the buffalo pasture lands. Both of the north and south pastures have been cleared of cedar, brush, etc. and have been burned. A second burn is scheduled for the end of summer to generate new seedlings and growth.
  - b. Cedar clearing – in process
  - c. Fence removal – south side has had some old fencing removed which will eventually be replaced.
  - d. The OSU Extension Office was contacted to leverage seeds – however a representative from NRCS of the USDA inspected the property and found an abundance of natural grass. After the end of summer burn is completed the grass will come back. We will not need seeds for pasture grass.
  - e. The USDA has been engaged for a soil and botanical survey to ensure the land is in prime condition for livestock
  - f. Investigating land sales within the vicinity (Catelic Rd.) in order to develop more pasture land.

There are more projects to follow that include cattle. The Land Use Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. Please feel free to contact me with ideas, concerns, or questions. Thank you for your support as your Business Council moves to diversify business initiatives that drive change and growth.

Nawa.....

Sammye Adson  
Tel: 918-285-0587

The members of the **Pawnee Nation Election Commission** encourage all members of the Pawnee Nation to exercise their right to **VOTE** and become a part of this very important opportunity. Your personal involvement in this process can and will strengthen our Nation, now and in the future. All members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, who are eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election are eligible to vote. **Any qualified member of the Pawnee Nation can request an absentee ballot in writing, addressed to the**

**Pawnee Nation Election Commission  
P.O. Box 600, Pawnee Oklahoma 74058**

Eligible voters may also **FAX** a request to the **Pawnee Nation Election Commission at 918-762-6446** or email, ***electioncomm@pawneenation.org*** if they expect to be absent from the polling place on the day of the election.

Please include a valid address and telephone number when requesting an absentee ballot. **All requests must be made no less than twenty-one (21) days; before the Election day (May 6, 2017)** and must be accompanied with **two (2) forms of identification**. Upon receipt of a valid request, the Election Commission will forward to the voter all necessary forms to be used in the pending election. Any ballots not postmarked 48 hours prior to the election will not be counted. Candidates and members of the Pawnee Nation are being advised that changes in the Election Act may be viewed on the Pawnee Nation website or by request to the Election Commission.

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2017 REGULAR/SPECIAL ELECTION  
REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Pawnee Nation Election Commission:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma am/will be 18 years of age on the day of such election; hereby request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the address below. Copies of two forms of identification (CDIB, Membership card or State Issued ID) will be included with the Request for Absentee Ballot and a telephone number will be provided.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (as appears on CDIB/Pawnee tribal card)

Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_ (should appear on CDIB/Pawnee tribal card)

Driver's License/ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Note: Request for absentee ballot must be received by April 7, 2017***

Mail to:  
Pawnee Nation Election Commission  
P.O. Box 600  
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

If you choose to submit via delivery service, use this delivery address:

Pawnee Nation Election Commission  
Attn: Cecelia Hawkins  
881 Little Dee Drive  
Pawnee, OK 74058

Additionally, you may fax a signed request to (918) 762-6446. Please include cover sheet, clear copy of two forms of identification and make attention to Election Commission.

# Council Seat 3 Candidate - Adrian Spottedhorsechief



Nawa akitaru!

My name is Adrian Spottedhorsechief, and I am running for reelection to the Pawnee Nation Business Council, Seat #3. I am a loyal and proud member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. My Pawnee name is Asawakirirareasaru (Spottedhorsechief). Representing the Kitkehahki Band, I have served as Band Chief for two terms, being the second youngest to assume this position of leadership, the first being my Great-great-grandfather. I have lived in and around the Pawnee community for 35 years, graduating from Yale High School. After completing a certificate in Offset Printing and Graphic Design from Central Vo-Tech, I later attended school at OSU/Okmulgee and Northern Oklahoma College.

In the last four years, I have faithfully served in Council Seat #3 on the Pawnee Nation Business Council. It is my hope to continue to represent the Nation to the best of my ability, and to work to complete the projects that I initiated, some of which have benefited the Nation thus far, or will benefit the Nation after they are realized.

My choice to run for reelection for the Pawnee Business Council is not a recent decision, and I am very confident that I will continue to help lead the Pawnee Nation into a direction of success for the future of the Pawnee Nation. The important aspects that are necessary for success are: preservation of culture and language, accountability and transparency to Pawnee Nation members regarding our tribal government, reinstating the Nasharo Council, good working relationship with Pawnee Nation employees, and sustainable economic ventures on and off the Pawnee Reserve, and defined below.

## **PRESERVING CULTURE:**

The Pawnee Nation is rich in culture and history. We maintain ceremonies within our tribe that we conduct and hold dear. The Kitkehahki Dance, Asakipiriru (Young Dog Dance) Kuskaharu (Visitation), Skidi Dance, Native American Church, hand games, Mourners feast, and other ceremonies. We must continue to practice, share, learn, and protect these ceremonies. Through a fellow council woman's effort, I assisted in advocating for a Cultural Resources Department, which was instituted in the last few years.

## **PRESERVING LANGUAGE:**

Language is NOT separate from culture. We must also strive to preserve our language. The utmost importance being that we must consistently use our language, every day, all the time. Every day we do not use it, we lose it. I firmly believe that we should strive to offer and encourage it being taught in daycares, Pre-K (early learning), and elementary. I also see the need for continued support for the Jr. and Sr. High, Pawnee Nation College, and the adult community level classes, in their continued learning of the language. Language preservation involves EVERYONE and affects EVERYONE.

There is no compensation for loss of language. This is the reality and there are no options. Once a language is lost, a tribe and its culture is lost. We need to continue to grow our culture, utilizing and supporting our ceremonies, as well as fostering new ideas and integrating them into our culture and nation.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH TRANSPARENCY:**

Responsibility, trust, communication and transparency concerning governmental affairs should be a priority for the Pawnee Nation Business Council when dealing with the Nasharo Council or "Chief's Council," tribal members, the Pawnee Nation Employees, our community and the public.

## **NASHARO COUNCIL:**

I am advocating for reaffirming the power of the Nasharo Council, the "Chief's Council." The Nasharo Council existed as a cultural and economic "checks and balances" when dealing with the Pawnee Business Council and Tribal Development Council, on matters concerning Pawnee Nation constituents. We need to revisit the check and balances that the Nasharo Council provided for the Pawnee Nation, the people.

## **GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH PAWNEE NATION EMPLOYEES**

I am for advocating a continued good rapport with the Pawnee Nation employees, the very people who are the engine of this Nation. There is an obvious need to legitimize the rights of our employees, and I still believe this is of the utmost importance.

## **SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

The Pawnee Nation is NOT limited in our entrepreneurial creativity. Meaning: Economic Development on and off the Pawnee Reserve is possible! My assistance

# Council Seat 3 Candidate - Adrian Spottedhorsechief

was vital in procuring a construction company for which the nation is now a majority owner. This construction company, with diligent work and support, could benefit the nation by leading to 8A contracts and more jobs (with training), for the nation. Another project we are diligently working to obtain the funds for, is to begin construction on a community pool. This pool will be a place for youth, adults, people in need of physical rehabilitation to gather and improve their health. Not only tribal members will benefit from this community pool, but local residents as well.

There are additional opportunities coming about for the Pawnee Nation, such as a bison ranch, the potential to use solar technology, creating new job opportunities and generating major tourism funds. We have the potential to market our own bison jerky, cured by natural methods, with a tribal label or seal, which would be sold across the country. Also, we are still looking into other potential alternative energy sources and technology to benefit the nation, with a stronger and determined push towards using solar power on the reserve. Coffee shops, additional restaurants, and mobile food services are possible, including a new solid agricultural plan (using Aquaponics as well as soil gardening).

These ventures have created JOBS, and will create more JOBS for our people, and

bring in the necessary REVENUE that is currently lacking in the community, for more development or improvements. With our unique sovereign status, which affords us the opportunity to prosper in an already competitive market, we can create a sustainable community! We can sustain the Pawnee Nation. I have provided more examples here within this topic of economic development because it is extremely important to understand that, given the current status of the United States government and the changes that are occurring, that economic development is increasingly important for the Nation to be self-sufficient and less dependent on government funds. Sustainable Economic Development is KEY!

#### IN ADDITION:

I will advocate for a community garden which will yield fresh produce for our community and a Farmer's Market set in place for members to sell their produce. Farmer's Market vendors could also provide fresh produce to the nation via elder and youth programs, and to other members and businesses of the surrounding community. In the surrounding area, we can own or partner with businesses in Stillwater, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City. There is strong potential to start a business on tribally owned lands in Nebraska, our former homeland.

I will advocate for the purchase of

land that would provide for more opportunities for small business owners. Also, the purchase of local lands to be brought back into the nation, to expand housing development (houses or apartments for tribal members), and the startup of a Pawnee Nation Realty Department.

I will advocate for the consideration of an expansion to the Yale Casino, with a possibility for other small businesses in the area that would benefit from the casinos location.

#### OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES:

Our Pawnee Nation people are our most precious resource. Nothing that I mentioned is mutually exclusive; we do not stand alone, but work together. Everything we are and do is imprinted with our past, as we head into the future. I live by the words and ways of my Ancestors existing in the present, caring for our Elders, setting examples for my peers and nurturing a future for our children born and unborn – they are the future of our Nation. Tata cikstahu!

In closing, I have done my utmost to help lead the Pawnee people and keep their best interests in mind and heart, thinking always to the future.

Thank you!

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*Adrian Spottedhorsechief*

## PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA RECEIVES FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AWARD

**T**he Pawnee Nation recently received a \$15,000 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of the Pawnee Nation's Local Food Assessment Project.

The goal of the Pawnee Nation Local Foods Assessment is to gain an

understanding of the Pawnee Nation's current food sovereignty with a focus on Native and non-Native fresh food production in addition to providing accessibility of these foods for tribal members. Data collected will be used to educate tribal members on healthy food consumption, Native food teachings and how to produce

their own fresh foods for long-term local and sustainable food access.

The project will be a collaborative effort with the Pawnee Nation Title VI program, Pawnee Nation Planning Department; Oklahoma Farm and Food Alliance and OSU Extension Office, as well as tribal elders and youth.

# Council Seat 3 Candidate - Ellis Horsechief

**Ellis Horsechief, Jr. unexpectedly passed away on March 19, 2017. He had a passionate love for God, his family and the Pawnee Nation. Ellis's dream was to serve on the Pawnee Nation Business Council and to serve whole heartedly because he loved his Pawnee people. This is the campaign article Ellis wrote and we felt it needed to be published because he had a vision and a lot of ideas that could still be utilized. Ellis would also want it to be shared.**

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS EVERYONE!**

Nawa Pawnee Relatives,

My name is Ellis Horsechief, Jr. and I am asking for your support in seeking the office of Pawnee Business Council Seat #3. I was born in Pawnee, OK on December 13, 1955. I am the son of Ellis Horsechief Sr. and Laverne Liberty Moore Horsechief. My maternal grandfather was Sydney Moore Sr. and grandmother was Iva Pratt. My grandfather was Delbert Horsechief Sr. and grandmother was Minnie Ruth Moses Horsechief. I am married to Ramona (Monie) Fields Horsechief and we have three (3) children John and wife Tabi of Glenwood, IA and minor children Vada, & Caleb, and two (2) twin grandchildren Exodus & Selah. We currently reside in Pawnee, OK.

Our family moved here from Oklahoma City, OK (7) six years ago, in order to become more actively involved with our Pawnee Nation and also to allow my wife and children to be closer to her mother, Minnie Osborne Fields.

I am the owner of Horsechief Professional Painting & Wallcovering of 35 years. My clientele consists of customers in Oklahoma City and surrounding areas and now here local customers and surrounding areas. My clientele consists of commercial and individuals in which I have a solid and strong foundation. I managed and sustained my business which allowed me to develop strong leadership skills, organizational and management skills needed in order to maintain a successful self-employed business. In addition

to the painting business, I also have Horsechief Music, LLC which consists of a business which involves creating, writing, and producing my own contemporary Christian music and I have published a two (2) cd's currently out on the market, and I am currently about to



complete the 3rd music cd. I also have a college degree from Rose State College in Midwest -/City, OK and also education at Oklahoma University in Norman, OK.

If elected as 3rd seat of Pawnee Nation, I will be the kind of leader who is innovative, someone who will bring integrity to our people. I will be a hard worker for our people and seek what is right for all of our people. Your problems, as well as successes will be mine for it is

going to take all of us to build our Pawnee Nation, because the best is yet to come. My goal for Pawnee Nation is to promote accountability, provide transparency, and information for our tribal members to be readily available providing it is not confidential. I am a person that is hands-on while not seemingly to micro-manage others, I have always been a blue collar worker and I will continue those hard working ethics. I would like to limit my trips unless absolutely necessary because I feel with today's technology we could take advantage of technology through webinar trainings, etc.

If elected, I will work diligently to promote actions consistent with our tribal laws, policies and procedures to disclose information rapidly available to the nation. This will provide accountability and transparency from our government.

If elected I look forward to working side by side every council member to work together as a nation rather than stand alone for the progress and advancement of our people. Together this will make us more durable as leaders of our Pawnee Nation. Some of the things I feel need to be achieved in the next administration are:

1). Strategic clarity has to do with long term goals for our nation. Goals need to range from becoming more financially stable within our nation which is likely possible if a revenue allocation plan were created from the revenue of the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation. More

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importantly, becoming more financially stable would allow tribal members the opportunity for more jobs. I have faith that our people, if given the opportunity will be readily available to allow new beginnings.

2). Our elders, can be extremely useful in teaching our youth how to appreciate and sustain the value of work ethics and pride within themselves. Hearing old stories from our elders will help preserve our culture, as well as the language. Then, there are some elders that need our assistance and we need to be readily available for them, as they were for us. This may involve painting, mowing lawns, and daily upkeep simply to make their lives more comfortable. We will benefit from this, as our tribe will receive a blessing and as leaders we must lead in this area as well.

3). I feel that we should explore more federal grants which will allow Pawnee Nation to restore the old buildings that are sitting idle. We should value the importance of having buildings that are aesthetical to the eye. For example, the Trading Post needs to be rebuilt into a new larger building that is more appealing to the customer, which in turn would allow the possibility of more revenue. With that being said, this will also create more jobs to our nation. We should place signage around our nation which will allow people visiting our tribe a brief history of our tribe and the buildings that remain idle.

4). To keep Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation in a continued process and other ventures besides gaming such as agriculture, small business ventures. PTDC should promote and assist with small business loan assistance to tribal members that may have an idea, dream, goal in mind which could change people's lives for the better. This is outlined in the

Articles of the PTDC and is something that should be implemented. A few ideas that I have for new business ventures is a grocery store, office supplies, develop agriculture and horticulture business which will contribute to raising our own cattle. To work side by side of PTDC of any future ventures and promote accountability and transparency.

6). I think it is of vital importance for our Pawnee Nation College to receive more exposure and also as I understand it, the college needs more funding. We also need dorms on our reserve because in Pawnee there is limited housing and the housing that is available is barely livable because of the landlord's poor maintenance and upkeep. We will not receive any more students if there is no readily housing available. We also have need to develop a large online digital library for several reasons, cultural preservations, outreach to community members outside of the local community, as well as being a great resource for Pawnee Nation College for accreditation for the HLC. This is where it would be useful if we could develop a TDC Revenue Allocation Plan and include the college within that plan because it states in the TDC Articles 3.14 purposes of Higher Education under the "Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978". We need to utilize the separate enterprise of Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation for the purposes for which it was created.

6). I am in favor of restoring power to the Nasharo Council because I feel that it is of vital importance to provide the economic checks and balances of the PBC and TDC. It is extremely important to restore the cultural and traditional values of the Pawnee Nation.

7). We also need to build our own homecoming campgrounds on our own

reserve. This campground should be created with the vision of our Pawnee culture in mind. The goal would be to create an atmosphere for our celebrations that would remain consistent, clean, and sensitive to our cultural beliefs.

8). In future and current building ventures, TERO will be taken seriously in training workers, safety, and licensing as needed according to TERO guidelines. We also need to abide and support the TERO program and staff.

9). PAWNEE PREFERENCE will be taken seriously in all positions, whether it is with employment or commission boards. In regards to employment, if the applicant applying has hands-on experience rather than the academic qualifications, this will also be taken into consideration. This is the area where leadership training programs should be developed and implemented within our tribe. (For example) field work should be considered always because it is hands-on and life experience. Education is of vital importance along with hands-on experience.

I will strive to work in unity with the Pawnee Nation Business Council as a whole. If we work together as a team, anything is possible as long as we keep an open mind. If elected, I will always listen and look at all sides involved and strive to be fair.

With this accountability and transparency, our Pawnee Nation can and will thrive. Your vote will be appreciated and put to good use.

Prayers for God's providence. Aho!

*Ellis Horsechief Jr.*

# Council Seat 4 Candidate - Liana Chapman Teter



**LIANA CHAPMAN TETER**

## **PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SEAT #4**

My name is Liana Chapman Teter of the Kitkehahki Band and I am running for re-election to Business Council Seat #4. As a current member of the Pawnee Business Council, I am knowledgeable of the Pawnee codes, policies and procedures. I have a good understanding of the constantly changing state and federal laws and policies affecting our Pawnee country and I will continue to be able to call on that knowledge as a re-elected official for the Seat #4 leadership position.

My parents are Basil Chapman and Alma "Chita" Keys Chapman. My paternal grandparents are the late Henry Chapman and May Riding In Chapman. My maternal grandparents are the late Walter Keys and Nora Shunatona Keys. My great-grandfathers are Charles Chapman, William Riding In, James Keys, and Richard Shunatona. The Chapman-Keys families have served the Pawnee people with exemplary leadership for many generations and I wish to continue that tradition. I am a direct descendant of Kitkahaki George, Big Eagle, Brave Chief, Eagle Chief, and Chief Baptiste Bayhulle.

And now I have been blessed to see our

tribe grow and prosper, especially over the past four years. These remarkable accomplishments cannot be achieved by one councilmember alone, but only through consensus of the whole unit. We have been able to add a new Cultural Resource Division, opened a new PN Elder Center, completed a new Resource Center, expanded the IHS parking lot, installed the Pirau Park, a children's playground east of the Roundhouse, and are currently in discussion on expanding our Wellness Center to include a Pawnee Nation Aquatic Center. The construction for StoneWolf Casino and Howler's expansion continues throughout the spring. With the establishment of the Attorney General Office, we are judiciously working on trust and water rights issues. We are now able to offer Health Insurance to our employees, promote employee leadership proficiencies, improve tribal Records Management, and attentively work toward tribal government efficiency as we continue towards our goal of self-governance and economic development.

I have the educational background, tribal government experience, and the motivation to continue to provide leadership for our government. I am committed to our tribe's culture, traditions and people, and I will continue to reach out, listen, and consider the needs and concerns of our community as our goals and priorities are determined.

I believe that a PN Council member should be present around the Pawnee community in order to best uphold our traditions and values. I believe that council members should support government ethics with vital principles of leadership, holding all elected officials to a higher degree of knowledge and standards, treating everyone with dignity & respect, and formulating justifiable decision-making.

As business affairs come up, I have always made efforts to: 1) gather the facts; 2) listen to the voice of the people; 3) put the interest of the Pawnee Nation first, not focusing only on my own family and personal interests; and 4) only after taking all the facts into consideration, do I then determine my final decision.

We live in a contemporary setting where we must also protect our sovereignty. As a Council member I will continue to stand for the following PRINCIPLES:

1. Put Culture and Traditions first to encourage sovereignty and preservation.
2. Strengthen our Educational institutions and support our students of all ages & levels to inspire personal self-reliance.
3. Seek and facilitate innovative economic growth to advance our independence.
4. Strive towards economic self-sufficiency to foster self-government.

We Pawnees have proven to be a strong people and it is my aspiration that honoring the sacrifices our ancestral tribal leaders made when they came to Oklahoma will enable us to reinforce our ways: RESPECT for tribal members, especially our elders; Preparing our children with the knowledge of our Pawnee traditions; Standing together in times of need; and Ensuring the prosperity and education of our children. These are vital to our tribe's survival, having been put forth by the many generations before.

I believe that our CHILDREN MUST COME FIRST, as they are our legacy and will carry on our traditions and continue our culture. Making sure that our children and youth are educated is one of my highest priorities. Each semester we have been able to provide to enrolled members gift cards for school clothes & school supplies through the PN Youth



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Supplemental Funding Program. We have an After School Program promoting homework and Pawnee language/history at the Cultural Learning Center. The PN Learning Center and Afterschool Program have met a great need providing for the families in Pawnee. In 2015, the Pawnee Nation College completed its tenth year of operation. I believe we have more potential to do even better for our youth in the next few years.

My higher education includes both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Education degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK and I have pursued additional graduate hours in Child Development and Early Childhood Education from Oklahoma State University. I possess a current 2017 Teaching Certificate from the Oklahoma State Department of Education to teach in the areas of Early Childhood, Special Education, Elementary Education, Music, and Social Studies. I have been a school teacher in various Oklahoma

public schools for the past 28 years, in addition to teaching undergraduate coursework at Oklahoma State University in the Department of Family Relations & Child Development. Beyond my formal coursework, I am committed to learning everything I can to best serve my community, be it from listening to other leaders, reading best practices, or by staying up to date on local, state, and national issues.

Serving on the Pawnee Tribal Business Council is an honor and responsibility that I have taken very seriously throughout these past four years. I have been dedicated to the Pawnee people and culture. Since a child, I have always made strong efforts to participate fully in all tribal activities and community gatherings. My broad knowledge of the Pawnee people and culture, the federal codes, PN policies and procedures, and understanding of the laws that affect Indian Country have helped me serve the Pawnee Nation. If re-elected, I promise

to promote Education, Family, and Culture with the help from our Planning & Development Division, ICDBG Grant, Division of Cultural Resources, Health & Community Service Division, and the Division of Education and our PN Veteran's Organization.

As a current Pawnee Nation Business Council member, I have the history, experience, and knowledge to continue to advocate on behalf of the Pawnee Nation, and I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION.

*Liana Chapman Teter*

## Council Seat 4 Candidate - Charles Knife Chief



My name is Charles Knife Chief a member of the Skidi Band, Wild Wolf Clan of the Pawnee Nation and I am running for Council Seat 4 of the Pawnee Business Council. I am currently a member of the Tribal Development Corporation but would like to play a more active role in developing the overall direction that our tribe needs to take to continue to grow and become more self sufficient. Business opportunities are just part of the growth we need to take. I believe we need to take advantage of our sovereign status in protecting our lands and members by using our tribal court system. We have allowed the BIA to manage our water, land, and oil rights long enough. We are a sovereign nation with a constitution and laws and have the

right to seek legal recourse to grow and seek compensation.

I have been a successful practicing physician for 35 years and have extensive experience in decision making leadership positions on the local, federal, and private corporation level. I adhere to and enforce policies and procedures that have been appropriately developed and will abide by and support the constitution of the Pawnee Nation.

I ask for your support and vote in the upcoming election.

*Charles Knife Chief*

# Obituaries

## Tracy Lee Stewart Busch

April 25, 1970 - February 3, 2017

Tracy Lee Stewart Busch, born April 25, 1970, passed away Feb. 3, 2017 at home. We celebrate her life by remembering her wonderful smile,

## Wanda Mae Chapman

September 11, 1933 - Feb. 13, 2017



Wanda Mae Chapman was born on September 11, 1933 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Henry and Lonie Tatum Chapman. She passed away on

February 13, 2017, at Southern Oaks Nursing Home in Pawnee, Oklahoma where she had been a resident for a short time.

Wanda grew up on the Chapman home place west of Pawnee and attended Pawnee Indian School. She had many

infectious laugh and caring nature. She is survived by her husband Stephen Mark Busch, mother Leanne Stewart, brother Mark (Cara) Stewart, sister Paula (Jim) Kowalewski, many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She

close country relative and friends of which they all passed the time together with the simple way of life. They rode horses, swam in the pond and also had to help with the work. In her late teen's she met and married Steve Daniels and out of this union a daughter, Stephanie was born. The marriage later ended in divorce and Wanda moved to Oklahoma City where Wanda worked for a while as a dietitian at a small hospital and then moved to Altus, Oklahoma working in the home health care profession. In 1990, Wanda moved back to Pawnee and had a home built on her property in Yale, Oklahoma and has resided there since.

Wanda was a caring and loving person but did have a feisty side once in a while. She was a strong woman but softhearted. She loved animals

was preceded in death by her father James Stewart and many loved uncles, aunts and grandparents. Visitation was Thursday, Feb. 9th at 6pm with service following at 7pm at Faith Community Church, 910 Main St., West Chicago, IL.

especially her dogs which she longed to go and see before her passing. She will be missed by many relatives and friends.

She is survived by her companion of 40 years, Raymond Hill who has diligently cared for Wanda during the last few years that her health declined. His dedication is very much appreciated by the Chapman family. She is also survived by a daughter, Stephanie Tignor of Fairfax, OK, two grandsons, Daniel and wife Melissa and children Hailey, J.D. and Stephen Clay of Oxford, N.C. and Stephen and wife Cindy and children Emma, Tylie, and Madison of Fairfax, OK; one brother Charles Chapman of Pawnee, OK, three sisters, Millie Chapman and Linda Jestes of Pawnee, OK and Alice Wood of Stillwater and a host of relatives and friends.

## David Keith Chapman

June 25, 1954 - March 1, 2017



David Keith Chapman 62, was born on June 25, 1954 in Oklahoma to Robert Lee Chapman and Ginger Anna Livingston Chapman. He passed away

on March 1, 2017 at his home in Morrison, Oklahoma. He grew up in several places as the dependent of a military family graduating from Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, Florida in 1972. David later attended and graduated from

Oklahoma State University in 1993. He met and married his wife Cathy Malone Chapman in Pawnee, Oklahoma on July 31, 1976 celebrating 40 years of marriage in 2016. To this marriage was born daughter Christy Lee Chapman, sons Clint David Chapman and Colton Michael Chapman. David's interest were hunting, riding motorcycles, and playing the guitar. The light of David's life was his grandchildren. He was "Paw Paw" to them and loved to tease them. He was a simple quiet man but to those close to him he could be a bit ornery and his laugh was unforgettable. David was an automotive technician for over 40 years working in several shops in Pawnee and Stillwater. He was a Sales Account manager with O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Stillwater at the time of his

death. David is survived by wife Cathy of the home in Morrison, Oklahoma, children Christy and husband Matt Fenton of Jenks, Oklahoma, Clint Chapman of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Colton Chapman of Morrison, Oklahoma. Grandchildren Mya and Ava Fenton, Jenks, Oklahoma and Chris Chapman, Riverside, California. Brothers Scott and Becki Chapman of Palm Bay, Florida, Troy and Martha Chapman of Pawnee, Oklahoma, sisters Janet Chapman, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Susan Chapman of Ponca City, Oklahoma several nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Ginger Chapman, and one sister, Lisa Gail Chapman.

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## Carmen Darlene Chapman Pogue July 20, 1983 - February 27, 2017



Carmen Darlene Chapman Pogue, 33, was born on July 20, 1983 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Charles and Judith (Judy) Darlene Crawford Chapman. She passed away on February 27,

2017 at Cleveland, Oklahoma where she had been a resident for four years. Carmen grew up as a child on the Chapman place in Skedee and later on moved to Pawnee with her father where she attended Pawnee Schools. She graduated with the class of 2001. At an early age, she developed a love for nature, enjoyed horses, hunting and fishing, watching sporting events, and spending time with her dad. She married Larry Adams on May 25, 2002 and out of that union, a daughter, Judy Darlene was born. Their marriage later ended in divorce. Carmen then married Josh Pogue in April 2013 and out of this union, a son, Michael Wayne Pogue was born. Carmen was also a step-mother to Jacob Lee Pogue. Carmen was a loving person, hard worker, and had a humorous personality. She was a strong woman but soft hearted. She will be dearly missed by many relatives and friends. Carmen is survived by her husband, Josh Pogue of Cleveland, OK, her children, Judy of Pawnee, OK, sons, Michael and Jacob

Pogue of Cleveland, OK, her father, Charles W. Chapman of Pawnee, OK, her sister, Paula Chapman of Cleveland, OK, her maternal grandmother, Molly Caze and husband Dale, of Oklahoma City, OK, her aunt, Patricia Bradley and Husband, Phillip of Indianola, OK, her aunt, Gina Boling and husband Tom Cousins of Edmond, OK, aunt Alice Wood of Stillwater, OK, aunt Millie Chapman of Pawnee, OK, Aunt Linda Jestes and husband Ronnie of Pawnee, OK. She is also survived by an adopted aunt and uncle Ed Green and wife Wanda and children along with numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Carmen is preceded in death by her mother, Judy Crawford Chapman, her maternal grandfather, Golden Birch (GB) Crawford, and paternal grandparents, Henry and Lonie Chapman.



## Ellis Horsechief Jr.

Ellis Horsechief Jr. being 61 years of age, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the Stillwater Medical Center. He was born in Pawnee, OK but then he graduated from Carl Albert High School. He worked as a commercial/residential painter for over 30 years. He is survived by loving wife Ramona (Monie), his daughter Vada - 13 years of age, Caleb Ellis - 10 years of age, and of Pawnee, OK and his oldest son, John Ellis

and wife Tabi, and two twin grandbabies Exodus and Selah, 8 mos of age and they are residents of Glenwood, Iowa. His parents were Ellis and Laverne Horsechief Sr. His grandparents were Delbert and Minnie Horsechief and Sydney Moore Sr. and Iva Bell Pratt, all preceded in death. His siblings are Kathy Horsechief, Lisa & husband Charles Eaves, Lorrie Horsechief, and Mark and Doris Horsechief, all of Midwest City, OK. His immediate nieces and nephews are Crystal, Justin, Dylan, Jenny, Stacey, all of Midwest City, OK. His grandchildren are Levi, Khloe, Lyndsey, Jaelyn. Also, survived by many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. Ellis had a music degree from Rose State College. He was a believer of Jesus Christ and served in many capacities in ministry through his music, preaching, teaching bible studies, and overall speaking about the Lord with everyone he came in contact with. He wrote an abundance of songs in which he was able share by producing and completing through music cd's called "This Mission" and "The Walk". He was blessed with the ability to play many music instruments and also blessed with a beautiful voice in which he used in obedience to share about the word of God

through his music. Ellis loved the Lord and his goal in life was to plant a seed of the Lord with as many people as he could, he strived for that daily. He was an enrolled member of the Pawnee tribe and also a descendant of the Otoe Missouri tribe. He served as Kitkehaki Chief for the Pawnee Veterans Organization. He attended and served many churches in Oklahoma. He was especially close to Glorieta Indian Baptist Church in which he served most of his ministry years. His goal in life was to raise his children to be mighty warriors of the Lord alongside his wife. Rest in Peace Ellis Horsechief Jr. You are singing again in the highest of most high places. We love you and miss you daddy! John, Vada, & Caleb. My love, Monie. Services were held Wednesday 10:00 A.M. March 22, 2017 in the Pawnee Nation Multipurpose Building with Rev. Duane Pratt and Rev. Warren Pratt Jr. officiating. Internment followed in the South Indian Cemetery, services were under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Friends can leave a memory for the family at [www.poteetfuneralhome.com](http://www.poteetfuneralhome.com)

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**We prioritize Native American women and members of the Nation.**

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