

# CHATICKS SI CHATICKS

Official Publication of the Pawnee Nation



## 2025 Pawnee Business Council Inauguration

Pawnee Reserve, Oklahoma, (May 15, 2025)-The Pawnee Business Council (PBC) celebrated the 2025 PBC Inauguration at 10:00 a.m. on May 17, 2025. The event took place at the PN Multipurpose Building located at 808 Morris Rd. in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Four members were honored in the inaugural celebration: Vice President, Jordan D. Kanuho, Secretary, George Gardipe, Member Seat # 3, Carol L. Nuttle, and Member Seat # 4, Jenifer Gover Littlesun.

Kanuho and Gardipe serve as re-elected officials, while Nuttle and Gover Littlesun are now both newly elected officials.

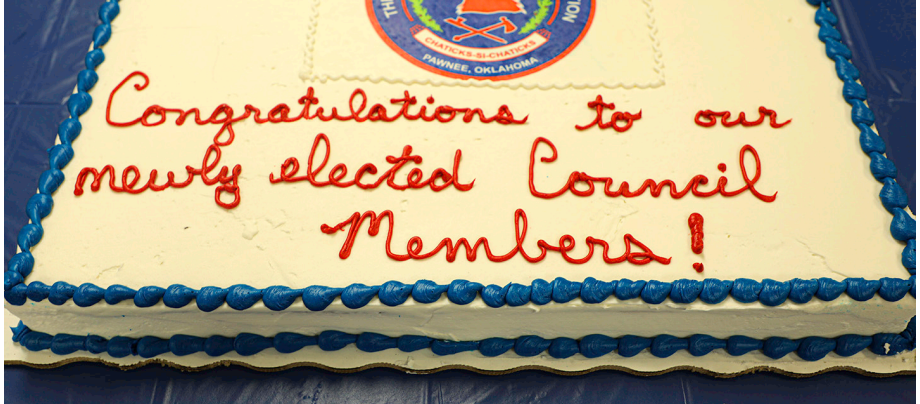


The agenda included Welcoming Remarks by the new Executive Director, Mr. Virgil Wade. The 2025-2026 Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Pratt “Sku” (on that Good Road), gave the invocation by performing the Lord’s Prayer in Native sign language. Mr. Wade then introduced our Madame President, Misty M. Nuttle. President Nuttle welcomed everyone and congratulated the returning Council Members and the newly elected Council Members. She conducted the Oath of offices for all four members.



Next, Mr. Wade introduced 2nd Čawî’ Rêšâru’ and Paktiku (Camp Crier) Arthur Fields IV “Kûruks Rahastawiku” (Bear Tied Up) greeted everyone in attendance and explained his role as Paktiku (Camp Crier), he then performed his duty by announcing the newly sworn in Council Members to all of our akitâru’ as well as all of the creations.

Mr. Wade then turned the Inauguration over to the Cultural Resource Division Director, Herb Adson “Tikûruks Râhikûcu” (The Brave Bear), who rendered a Pawnee Prayer Song to conclude the Inauguration.



Gilbert Beard, 1st Resaru for the Ckiri Band, commented,

“I was happy to attend the Inauguration Ceremony, alongside the rest of the Nasharo Council, and witness the inauguration of the returning Council Members and the newly elected Council Members. Our Nation is fortunate to have many great leaders amongst our people who are willing to serve our akitâru’ wholeheartedly. The Inauguration itself was outstanding; it was very well put together and I applaud everyone who was behind the scenes who made it all happen. One thing that really stood out to me, was it also showcased something that really sets us (Čahriksičahriks/Čahiksičahiks) apart from the neighboring tribes around us, OUR CULTURE.”



The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma sends a special thanks to the departments and programs that helped prepare, set up, and conduct the event. We also want to thank those who spoke, prayed, cooked, and any other contributors that helped to make this a meaningful event for the Pawnee people.





Rîsâru’ (Chief) Selections

The Nasharo Council Band Meeting and Elections were held on  
May 3, 2025

The Chaui Band Meeting was held at the Museum of the Pawnee Nation (657 Harrison St.).

The Pitahawirata Band Meeting was held at the Law Enforcement Conference Room (1200 Heritage Circle).

The Skidi Band Meeting was held at the PNC Albin LeadingFox Building (861 Little Dee Dr).

The Kitkehahki Band Meeting was held at the Pawnee Earthlodge (829 Little Dee Drive).

Head Kitkehahki Chief Morgan LittleSun

“It was brief, we met in front of the boy’s dorm. We had breakfast burritos, donuts, coffee, and orange juice. We opened with the prayer and accepted nominations for Head Chief.

The Band voted for me to remain in my position as Head Chief.

Next, we accepted nominations for 2nd Chief. Pete Moore and Adrian SpottedHorseChief were nominated. The Band chose to keep Adrian in his current position as 2nd Chief as well.

We concluded and thank everyone for their attendance and participation.”

Head Pitahawirata Chief Frank Adson

“Nawa Akitaru,

A scheduled Pitahawirata Band meeting was set in accordance to the Pawnee Nation Constitution. The meeting was held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Pawnee Nation Police Department Conference Room.

As 1st Resaru of the Pitahawirata’s Reminders were put out on the PN website and Facebook to attend respective band meeting for selection of band chiefs.

Currently, Frank Adson - 1st Resaru and Tim Jim - 2nd Resaru have served the previous term and now have been elected again by acclimation.

The nomination for 1st Resaru was raised by a band member. it was seconded as well. Band members raised the nominations to cease and continue with our current Resarus by acclimation, all in attendance agreed.

Suggestions to have regular Band meetings were discussed. We will try and use the Fall and Spring Dances held and sponsored by the Pawnee Business Council and Resaru Council. Time and place TBD.”

Head Skidi Chief Gilbert S. Beard

“We opened with welcoming words. Rîsâru’ Pat rendered a prayer and breakfast was served.

While the folks were finishing their meal, I gave some opening remarks, welcoming everyone and I thanked them for allowing me to serve them as Head Rîsâru’ of the the Band. I also shared some thoughts concerning the Selection of Chiefs.

2nd Skidi Rîsâru Pat LeadingFox also gave opening remarks and thanked the Band for allowing him to serve the Band as 2nd Rîsâru’. He also shared thoughts with the Band about the Selection of Chiefs.

We opened the meeting up for Nominations of Head Skidi Rîsâru’ and 2nd Rîsâru’. The Band chose to keep both Rîsâru’ Pat and I in our current positions.

Both Pat and I thanked the Band for their trust and support in our leadership.

Next Rîsâru’ Pat and I spoke to the Band concerning our culture and lifeways. After our discussion, we opened it up to the Band for any remarks. Many of our Band members shared words of encouragement with Rîsâru’ Pat and I. After everyone had their chance to speak we concluded with a prayer and dismissed.

Atî’as Tirawâhat kistiwata Ckiri akitâru’, nawa! (Our Father in the Heavens, watch over the Skidi Band, amen!)”

Head Chaui Chief Matt Reed

“Jordan Kanuho began with a prayer.

I cooked a meal for the band and David contributed with fry bread and drinks. We had boiled buffalo roast, beef roast, blue corn hominy and pork, blue corn hominy with pumpkin and Anasazi beans, apple and cherry cobblers, and boiled potatoes.

Before we voted, I reminded everyone that potential chiefs had to be enrolled in the Nation.

After everyone was served and we were close to done eating, I asked them for their nominations for head chief. They selected me unanimously.

David then asked to speak and he informed everyone that he could no longer serve.

I asked for nominations for 2nd chief and they nominated Arthur Fields IV “Kûruks Rahastawiku” (Bear Tied Up). He was selected unanimously. There were 23 people in attendance no including myself.”



CRD Advisory Committee 2025

Back Row (L-R): Adrian SpottedHorsechief, Sonny Rouwalk, Herb Adson  
Front Row (L-R): Pat LeadingFox, Jamie Nelson, Helen Norris, Frank Adson, Larry Goodfox  
Not pictured: Ramona Horsechief, Gene Evans



Mad Bear Plaque Presentation

Pawnee Reserve, Okla. (May 30, 2025) - The Museum of the Pawnee Nation, the Pawnee Nation Tribal Historice Preservation Office (PNTHPO), and the National Guard Casualty Operations Office held an honoring ceremony at the City of Pawnee Cemetary where the Pawnee Scouts Memorial stands.

The ceremony began with a cedar blessing (Allen Moore). Gilbert S. Beard, Ckiri Rîsâru, Nasharo Council, emceed the ceremony while other speakers included: Cultural Division Director Herb Adson and Ty Burns (Oklahoma State Representative Dristrict 35).

Burns retired from the 45th Infantry Brigade with 20 years of service in 2018. Sgt 1st Class Burns has been deployed to Iraq in 2007-2008 and Afghanistan in 2011-2012. He is the recipient of many awards including Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

According to the Pawnee Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Joseph “Matt” Reed, “This is to mark the installation of the Medal of Honor headstone for Mad Bear, which should have been installed 112 years ago with his funeral. At all of our Pawnee Nation cemeteries you will find the graves of veterans of the Pawnee Scout Battalion with no military headstone despite having served honorably in the United States Army.”

The Pawnee Princess, Cora Pratt, and Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization Homecoming Princess Isabelle Leading Fox unveiled the Military Medal of Honor Gave Marker.

Casualty Operations



“The Oklahoma Army National Guard Casualty Operations Office provides direct support to the Survivors of Active, Reserve, and National Guard fatalities. Casualty Operations works in conjunction with Army Casualty Assistance Centers, Military Funeral Honors, Survivor Outreach Services, and a number of government offices and non-governmental organizations devoted to supporting Survivors.” (<https://ok.ng.mil/Casualty-Support-Operations/>)



Contact Information:  
Herb Adson, CRD Director  
Email: [hadson@pawneenation.org](mailto:hadson@pawneenation.org)  
Joseph Reed, THPO  
Email: [jreed@pawneenation.org](mailto:jreed@pawneenation.org)



Let’s chat about what it’s like to serve our own people and how we can build strong, healthy relationships through our work!



Contact Electa Hare: (918)399 6999 or [eh0629@pawneenation.org](mailto:eh0629@pawneenation.org)





## Grand Opening of the Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health

Pawnee Reserve, Oklahoma, (May 5, 2025)-The Pawnee Nation partnered with Ascension Recovery Services to host the official Grand Opening of the 22,000-square-foot, 26 bed adult/geriatric inpatient and outpatient behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment facility, Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health.



Adrian Spottedhorsechief, 2nd Resaru for the Kitkehahki Band, led the ceremony. The newly crowned 2025-2026 Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Pratt, was designated for the invocation and beautifully performed the Lord’s Prayer. Welcoming remarks were presented by Madame President Nuttle of the Pawnee Business Council. The Proj-ect Introduction was given by Brian Kirk (Program Manager) while Gilbert Beard, 1st Resaru, delivered a Pawnee Song. Guest speakers included Kendall Carter, Vice President/Owner of Thompson Construction Inc (TCI), Dwayne Robinett, Senior VP, Managing Principal of HFG Architecture, and Doug Leech, Founder & CEO of Ascension Recovery Services.



Brian Kirk, Behavioral Health Program Manager



Misty M. Nuttle, Pawnee Business Council, President



The Pawnee Nation also collaborated with KKT Architects. Baker Tilly who assisted with obtaining capital for the construction costs.

According to Baker Tilly, “The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma partnered with Ascension Recovery Services, an industry leader in developing comprehensive, fully integrated behavioral health systems for vulnerable populations who are uninsured or underinsured, to design the facility’s welcoming, accommodating programming, tailored for the ethnically diverse Tribal community that has not historically had access to treatment.”



“This center is more than a treatment facility – it’s a reflection of our values, culture, and commitment to healing within the Pawnee Nation. By weaving together clinical care with cultural connection, we are creating a place where our people can heal in a way that honors who they are.” -Brian Kirk, Program Manager







The facility also provides local, accessible treatment for the predominately rural five-county service area, including both native and non-native members, who previously were forced to travel more than 40 miles to Tulsa to seek quality behavioral and mental health treatment.



Pawnee Nation community and employees, and others that traveled to the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, toured the new facility with much enthusiasm. The halls were embellished with culturally-sensitive signage bearing the Pawnee Nation language.



From Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health

“The Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Center is dedicated to providing expert, culturally responsive care to the Pawnee Tribe and surrounding communities. By offering a full spectrum of behavioral health services, the center aims to foster healing, resilience, and long-term wellness. With a focus on holistic treatment, the facility serves as a vital resource for individuals and families seeking support.”





**Pawnee Nation Indian Child Welfare  
“Child Awareness Event”**

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible “Child Awareness Event 2025” organized by the Pawnee Nation Indian Child Welfare. The event was a remarkable success, and it truly highlighted the importance of child welfare within our community.

The dedication and effort put into this event were evident in every aspect, from the informative sessions to the engaging activities. It was inspiring to see the community come together to support and raise awareness for the well-being of our children. Your commitment to ensuring a brighter future for our children is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for providing a platform where important issues concerning child welfare can be discussed and addressed. The knowledge and resources shared during the event will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on all who attended the event.

Once again, thank you for your hard work and dedication. I look forward to supporting and participating in future initiatives by the Pawnee Nation Indian Child Welfare.

Respectfully,

Randee Marks, Indian Child Welfare Coordinator

Marie Jenkins, Indian Child Welfare Administrative Assistant/Case Worker

4th of July

PAWNEE NATION TIME CAPSULE EVENT

JOIN THE CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION AND CRD ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIC BURIAL OF THE PAWNEE NATION TIME CAPSULE TO BE OPENED IN THE YEAR 2125

EVERYONE WELCOMED

START AT 10 AM  
PAWNEE CAMPGROUNDS  
600 CAMP GROUNDS RD

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

**April 30, 2025 | Pawnee Youth Highlight**

Teagen and Tevin Minney are both members of the Pawnee Nation (PN) and Seniors in Oklahoma. Recently both young men have had exciting news as they prepare to graduate.

Teagan Minney stands at 6’0”, weighing 150 pounds. He’s a Senior at Yale High School. Teagan was selected for the 2025 Oklahoma Native All-state Football team. He was also chosen for the Pawnee All-star Game, for the District B3 All District Offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP), and the Oklahoma Eight Man Football Coaches Association All-star Team.

Tevin Minney weighs 165 pounds. He has had a successful high school wrestling career in Cushing, Oklahoma. Tevin recently signed a contract to wrestle at Williams Baptist University in Arkansas.



**Mrs. Leah Matin Merrell**



Congratulations! Mrs. Leah Matin Merrell, from the Hominy District, graduated from Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC) with an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education, top of her class. She is the daughter of the late George J. Waller of Hominy, Okla., Christena Waller and Robert Pratt Sr. of Pawnee, Okla. She is the granddaughter of the late George E. and Marguerite Waller and Elizabeth and the late William Hand, all of Hominy; and the late Willard Sr. and Ophelia Pratt of Pawnee. She is the wife of Laidley and the proud mother of Emily and Nichole.

While attending school, Leah was on the Dean’s list each semester. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) organizations.

Leah would like to thank her family, the Osage Nation, the Pawnee Nation Learning Center, NICC, and the late Elouise Cobell. Leah is a passionate education advocate for children of all ages to learn their culture and traditions, by continuing her work for the Pawnee Nation. “It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.”





## Sharon Kay Pinnecoose

July 23, 1938 - November 12, 2024  
Clinton, Oklahoma

Sharon K. Pinnecoose, age 86, passed away on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. She passed in the comfort of her home in Ignacio, CO. Sharon was born in Clinton, OK to Thelma Stoneroad and George Howell. Sharon was a proud member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. She grew up and attended school in Pawnee, OK where she graduated and earned her high school diploma. Sharon lived most of her life in Oklahoma before moving to Ignacio, CO, where she met and married Barney. She worked as a secretary for many different companies before retiring and becoming a homemaker. In her retirement Sharon enjoyed making Native American outfits for her family, taking long rides which sometimes led her to visit family in Oklahoma. She loved celebrating birthdays and holidays with her family. She enjoyed shopping for herself as well as family, her favorite store was Dillards, her style couldn't be matched. Sharon loved talking on the phone with her niece Candace Dan, and extended family members including Alpha Kent and Charlie Foster. Towards the end of her life Sharon enjoyed going out to eat, watching her stories, cheering for her beloved Oklahoma Sooners on Saturdays and the Dallas Cowboys on Sundays, and sitting on the porch with her husband Barney and their 3 dogs admiring the beautiful sunsets every evening. Sharon was a proud member of the War Mothers Society.

Sharon is survived by her husband Barney Pinnecoose, fur babies Kootit, Cici and Baby boy of Ignacio, her little girls Krista Richards and Shiri Howell, her baby boys, Scott Prairie Chief, Dewayne Richards, Joseph Howell and Aeden Richards, daughter in-law Venerita Valdez, 3 children, sons, Jack Frost Jr., Andrew Frost and daughter, Jaqueline Frost all of Ignacio. And many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sharon is preceded in death by her mother Thelma Stoneroad, father George Howell, brother George E. Howell Sr., sisters Hazel Howell, Barbara Chevarillo, and Sarah Howell, daughters, Tyner Prairie Chief, Andrea Richards, and Suzette Frost, sons, Chief Prairie Chief and William Frost.



## Scott Lyons

October 17, 1960 - November 23, 2024  
Pawnee

Scott "Scotty" Lyons was born in Enid, Oklahoma, on October 17th, 1960, to Horace Victor Lyons, Sr and Marcella Lucille Smith Lyons. He made his journey to the stars on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, having reached the age of 64. He was a proud member of the Pawnee Nation and of the Skidi and Kitkahaki bands.

Scott was born with severe heart issues and faced many hardships in life because of it. He never let it slow him down though and was active in school as a trainer for the Pawnee Black Bears and even received specialized training to assist when players were injured. Following high school, Scott worked at UPS as a driver, at the Pawnee Nation as a Recreation Coordinator, and made his life in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He was known for checking in on his elderly neighbors on Yellowhorse Drive.

Scott is survived by three sisters: Vicki and Lucian Larney of Seminole, OK, Andrea "Tweetie" Bowen of Pawnee, OK, Denise and Alvin Moore, Sr. of Red Rock, OK. He is also survived by three brothers: Horace Victor Lyons, Jr. of Glencoe, OK, Keith Hiram Lyons and Florissa Kanuho of Pawnee, OK, and Dana Jason Lyons and John Grantham of Arlington, TX. He also leaves behind 17 nieces and nephews who will miss his laughs and care.

Scott is preceded in death by his parents Horace and Marcella Lyons, his maternal grandmother, Manuella Goodchief EchoHawk, paternal grandparents, John and Mary Irving-Lyons, his brother John Robert Lyons, his sister Vera "Nene" Lyons-Thayer, and nephew Justin Springer.

Scotty was loved and will be missed greatly.

### Kay Diane Blosser | April 5, 1936 - December 17, 2024

The world bids farewell to Kay Diane Blosser (Springtown, Texas). departing on December 17, 2024 at the age of 88. Kay leaves behind memories cherished by the community. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family. In the quiet moments of reflection, amidst the gentle rustle of leaves and the whispered song of the stars, we shall carry Kay's memory with us, a guiding light illuminating the path ahead. May Kay's Journey be filled with peace and serenity, as her find rest in the embrace of eternity.



## Thomas Goodeagle

d. December 3, 2024

Thomas Don "GoGo" Goodeagle passed away on December 3, 2024, at his home in Anadarko, Oklahoma, surrounded by family. GoGo was Osage, Quapaw, Sac and Fox of Kansas, and Pawnee. His Osage name was WahKan-Tah-E, "One who saw God." A 3rd son's name from the Tsi Shu clan.

GoGo was the youngest son of Dolores "DeeDee" Goodeagle of Anadarko and Donald Goodeagle of Walters. He belonged to the Grayhorse District and proudly served as a committeeman for the current Drunkkeeper. GoGo loved to attend Grayhorse and watch his children, grandchildren, and family members dance. He looked forward to it every year. He was very proud of his Mary Osage Green Camp.

GoGo married his wife, Yvette, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Together, they made their home in Anadarko for over 25 years. He was a loving father to five children: Lindsay Goodeagle of Fairfax, Okla., Benjamin Goodeagle of Tonkawa, Okla., Thomasina Rose Goodeagle of Anadarko, Amanda Goodwill of Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Owen Hutcheson of Fairfax. He was also a devoted grandfather to nine grandchildren: Chakah, Farren, Collin, Benjamin Jr., Kyland, Kaiston, Amia, Toncha, and Ivy.

GoGo was an avid Oklahoma State Cowboy fan! He wore OSU every day of his life. He enjoyed attending sweat lodge with his wife Yvette until her passing, then he began to sun dance.

Always committed to his people, he served as Arena Director for Grayhorse War Mothers, Osage Princess Sorority, Standing Bear Powwow, American Indian Exposition, and Denver March.

GoGo lived in Fairfax with his grandma Mary Osage Green at The Big House in his younger years. He attended school in Fairfax, where he played basketball and football. After graduating, he pursued a career in the oilfield, working for over 25 years with Parker Drilling, Nabors Drilling, and Cactus Drilling.

He also helped cook at the Traders Village Powwows in Texas for many years. He loved to joke around with everyone and could light up a room with his laughter.

He was surrounded by a loving extended family and was honored to have many adoptive daughters, sons, brothers, and sisters. GoGo is survived by his mother, DeeDee; father, Donald; brother, Kenneth Paul; sister, Candace; children Lindsay, Ben, Rosie, Amanda, and Owen Hutcheson; grandchildren; aunt Beverly; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Mary Osage Green; aunt Thomasine Moore; sister Danene Lane; brothers Terry and Ronnie Goodeagle; beloved wife Yvette Goodeagle; and aunt Eunice "Dolly" Lane.

## KRYSTINE V. BLOSSER

Krystine Vernice Blosser, 57 of Rapid City, SD died on May 16, 2021. She was born on June 24, 1963 to William and Kay (Arthur) Blosser in Scottsdale, AZ. She is survived by her husband, Randolph Adrian.

## Jessie Elaine Romero

AUGUST 24, 1942 - JANUARY 21, 2025

Jessie Elaine Romero, age 82 passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

We honor her memory.



## Jeffery Douglas Adams

October 7, 1946 - February 21, 2025

Cleveland, Oklahoma

Jeffery Douglas Adams passed away from this life on February 21, 2025 at his home in Cleveland, Oklahoma

Jeff was born on October 7, 1946 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Simond "SD" and Virginia "Tunie" Adams. Jeff grew up and attended school in Cleveland, Oklahoma, and graduated in 1964, receiving several awards and honors throughout his school years. Jeff played high school football, baseball, basketball, and enjoyed fishing with his father. Jeff proudly served his country in the 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper in the United States Army being honorably discharged in 1968. Jeff was a pipeliner traveling all over the United States. He retired as a pipeline superintendent with Henke & McCoy. Jeff was a proud member of Local Union 798. Jeff was united in marriage to Joyce Joan Williams on April 14, 1988 in Cleveland, Oklahoma.



Jeff's work sent him on many travels throughout the years. He was a hardworking man, charismatic, and devoted to his family. Jeff enjoyed taking yearly family vacations to 30A, Florida, camping and cook outs in Mannford, and the Adams family Christmas Eve tradition. He loved watching the grandkids play sports, always making the travel no matter how far, cheering on the Oklahoma State Cowboys, the Cleveland Tigers, and the Kiefer Trojans. Jeff was known by all for his signature laugh, and he never met a stranger. Survivors are his wife of 36 years, Joyce of the home, four children, Jack Siler and wife Shelley, Brent Adams and wife Amanda, Jill Hayward and husband Dale, and Hayley Krotzer and husband Grant; grandchildren, Justin Siler and wife Samantha, Jake Adams, Jenna McGinnis and husband Noah, Luke Adams, Will Adams, Elle Adams, Harper Krotzer, and Bracken Krotzer; great grandson, Joel Siler; sister, Denise Adams Grovey and husband Don; nephew, Ken Mcsorley and wife Sherry; great nephews, Collin and Cade Mcsorley, and a host of other relatives and friends. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Simond and Virgina Adams.



## Robert Dean Shilling

January 11, 1955 - February 23, 2025  
Antlers, Oklahoma

Under the wide and starry sky, Dig the grave and let me lie, Glad did I live and gladly die, And I laid me down with a will. This be the verse you grave for me: Here he lies where he longed to be, Home is the sailor, home from sea, And the hunter home from the hill. --Robert Louis Stevenson Robert Dean Shilling went home on February 23, 2025. He began his journey on January 11, 1955, at Ponca City, Oklahoma, the son of Clifford B. Shilling, Sr. and Elsie Taylor Shilling. While it is difficult to capture the essence of a man in a few lines from an obituary, maybe you can note some trends and draw your own conclusions. As a toddler, Rob's eating preferences were, at best, questionable. His favorite snacks were raw potatoes and raw hot-dogs. Despite his odd food cravings he thrived and attended Liberty Elementary School where he met and made life long friends among his fellow students and favorite teachers-Mrs. Stumbaugh, Mr. Wright and Mrs. Howell. While at Liberty he also discovered the sport of football and his passion for raw potatoes and raw hotdogs was replaced by the post-game Lotaburger. Despite his changing and expanding palate his love of football remained throughout his life. He would play for West Jr. High and then out on the hill he played on the line for the Ponca City Wildcats where he would learn many valuable lie lessons under the tutelage of his coach, Jerry Runyan. Rob's attitude was once a Wildcat always a Wildcat.

During his senior year the Wildcats defeated their arch enemy and Super Bowl. Rob left the familiar environs of Ponca City to further his education at Stanford University. While at this bastion of enlightenment the streaking phenomenon was racing across college campuses nation wide. Rob's dorm decided to streak the Golden Gate Bridge as the Bay Are Runners Extraordinaire, Association of Stanford Students (the acronym being BARE ASS.) Rush hour traffic was brought to a standstill while the San Francisco television stations and newspapers covered the event. Rob's picture, along with his derby hat and smile, made the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle along with a bevy of his fellow streakers. When his mother saw the picture she immediately recognized his bare bottom. We were impressed but she said she knew his cheeks instantly because she had powdered and diapered them and a mother doesn't forget. Rob then relocated to Norman, Oklahoma, to attend the University of Oklahoma where he pledged a fraternity noted for its intramural football prowess. They practiced hard, partied too much, occasionally attended class and won the school championship. Needing additional money, Rob became a waiter at Legend's, an upscale Norman bistro, with an all greek wait staff, where he acquired a taste for eggs Benedict and bloody Marys. Always eager for the next adventure Rob chucked the frat life and became a bartender at O'Connell's Irish Pub when it was the place to be in Norman.

He also acquired the Pub's top secret chili recipe which, unfortunately, he takes to the grave. From the Pub he went to work for Santa Fe Rail Railroad and became a union man when he joined the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes as a gandy dancer, a steel-driving John Henry job, where he swung a spike maul to drive spikes into the railway ties. He laid track from Kansas to Texas. From his time on the railroad steel gang Rob became a connoisseur of greasy spoon blue plate specials and spicy Mexican vegetable soup brought north of the Rio Grande by Mexican Railway workers.

From Santa Fe Railroad he returned to Ponca City, and now being a committed union man, joined the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union. In short fashion he worked his way up from the yard at Conoco Refinery to operator trainee and became a customer of the chicken fried steak at Cobbs Cafe. An operator at the refinery was a dream job but Rob's wanderlust was not yet abated and he joined the Navy to see the world. He had always lived like a sailor in port, so in many ways he was just legitimizing his lifestyle. He was a blue water sailor who explored the world of the southwest Pacific and many Asian ports of call. He was a navigator with the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class. He would spend nine years in the Navy and discover that he loved the sea.

He acquired a dragon tattoo in Hong Kong and expanded his epicurean bent with sushi in Japan, kimchee in Korea and meat on a stick in the Philippines. A highlight of Rob's naval career was the invasion of Russia. In the fall of 1983 Russia shot down a Korean Airliner. Rob was on a Rescue and Salvage ship that was part of a task force sent to look for the airliner's black box. The admiral in charge of the task force called all ship's captains to a meeting on the flagship. During the meeting Rob continued to plot his ship's location because they were immediately adjacent to Russian territorial waters. He discovered that due to currents and wind they were quickly drifting toward Russian waters. He informed the navigation officer who told him he must have made a mistake because the flagship would not allow them to get so

close to Russian waters. It turns out the flagship chose that moment to perform navigation equipment maintenance and the task force was, in deed, drifting into Russian waters. Suddenly Russian frigates and destroyers were swarming the area and loud speakers informed the task force that it was in Russian waters and should prepare to be boarded. The task force beat a hasty retreat to international waters and would live to fight another day. Because Rob did truly love the sea he next signed up to become a mate on a merchant ship but fate intervened and he went home to Oklahoma to help his father who was experiencing health issues. Rob entered the next phase of his life as a logger in southeast Oklahoma where he enjoyed catfish and venison back stran and almost anything fried.

Logging is hard work and Rob was getting a little long in the tooth he looked around for a profession that rudn't e.,Pose him to the elements and hard, heavy lifting. He found the program in Radiologic Technology. After training at Meridian Technology Center he became a registered Rad Tech at hospitals in Stillwater, Cushing and Antlers, eventually becoming Director of the Radiology Department at Pushmataha County Hospital in Antlers. Rob was still employed there when he was called home.Rob was predeceased by his parents; his nephew, Allen Hensley; and his niece, Kimberley Oldham. He is surved by his brother and sister-in-law, Clifford Shilling, Jr. and Jamie Childs Shilling; his adopted sisters, the Fabulous Baker Girls, Kim DeHaven and Kristy Rogers; nephews, Taylor Shilling and Brennon Hensley; nieces, CreCre Oldham, Mahiya Shilling Mesa and Helen Paige Oppen; great nieces, Ruby and Violet Hensley; and great nephew, Ramon Wesley Taylor Mesa; and many beloved cousins and extended family members from the Taylor, Little Eagle and Shilling families.Rob was an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation and also of Choctaw heritage. His Pawnee name is Kuruks Takab, which translates to White Bear.

Rob was a member of the Kitkehahki Band and also of Skidi descent. He is a direct descendant of Pawnee Chief White Eagle and renowned Pawnee Scout, Arusa To-tah-it, Robert Taylor. His grandparents are: William Columbus Shilling and Mary Jane Kelly Shilling; Jobie Taylor; Paul Little Eagle and Julia Murie Little Eagle.When Rob stopped traveling the world he proudly served as Vice President of the Pawnee Indian Veterans Association. He was also the worlds best uncle. He took nieces and nephews to many events over the past thirty years ranging from innumerable circuses, to the U.S. Open Tennis Championships, the Toronto International Film Festival, major league baseball games, the OU-Texas game, Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones, Pawnee Indian Veterans Doings, church (both Baptist and Methodist) and much more. He has entertained us aU with his stories of the sea. A better man could not have died and we will miss him dearly.



## Mary Margaret Nelson

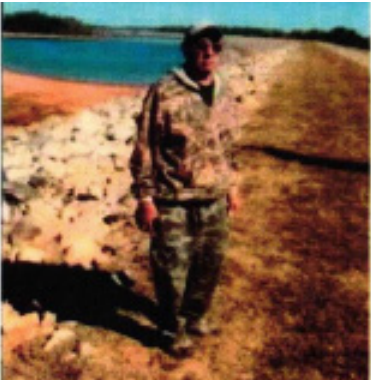
March 30, 1957-March 10, 2025

Mary Margaret Nelson, a beacon of love and a pillar of strength, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2025, in Orange, California, leaving behind a legacy of faith, passion, and generosity. Born on March 30, 1957, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mary's journey through life was marked by her unwavering spirit and the joy she found in every moment.

Mary's life was a testament to the power of love, which she found early on in the halls of her Massachusetts high school, where she met her beloved husband, Mark Dale Nelson. The young couple's love blossomed, and they entered into a devoted marriage in 1977. For over 33 years, they celebrated life's highs and navigated its lows, side by side, until Mark's passing in 2010. Her heart, vast and full of compassion, also knew the pain of loss, as she was preceded in death by her loving mother, Effie Craven, her cherished daughter, Sheena Nelson, and her brothers, Joey and Billy Craven.

Mary's dedication to her familly was her crowning glory. She is survived by her adoring son, Sean Nelson; her father, Joseph Craven; her brothers, Michael and his wife Heidi Craven, and John Craven; her sisters, Angela and her husband John Craven, Alice and her husband Larry Higbee, and Kathy and her husband Scott Greenhalgh; and her sister-in-law, Susan Craven. Each of these individuals was touched by Mary's radiant warmth and indomitable spirit.

Education was a journey for Mary, one that saw her transition from the classrooms of Oklahoma and Massachusetts to the halls of higher learning later in life. Her determination saw her earn a Bachelor's degree, which propelled her into a fulfilling career spanning over 25 years as a project manager in the security industry. Her analytical mind and ability to read people made her a respected figure in her field, as she approached each project with meticulous care and insight.



## Willard Louis Pratt Sr.

May 23, 1938 - March 12, 2025  
Pawnee

Willard Louis Pratt, Sr. made his journey home, Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at his family home in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Willard Louis Pratt, Sr was born May 23, 1938 to Nora Pratt and Harry Pratt. He was a full blood Pawnee, member of the Skidi Band and Pumpkin Vine Clan. Willard was born and raised in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Willard grew up at the family home north of Pawnee, while growing up the family had a roundhouse where they had Ghost Dances, War Dances, Hand games. Willard growing up as a child, be would go with his grandma and grandpa to the store so he could be the translator between the store clerk and his grandparent. Willard attended and



graduated from Pawnee High School, after graduation he attend and graduated from Okmulgee Technical school. Later in life he attended Drumright Truck Driving School receiving his CDL. Willard met and married the love of his life Ophelia Manona (Clark) Pratt, out of their union 10 children were born: James Charles, LaDonna Lizzie, Robert Richard, Willard Louis, Jr., George Henry, Thomas Douglas, Emmett Joey, Esther Nora, Louis Francis, Lisa Galene. Willard served in the National Guard from 1955 - 1958, 82nd Airborne, 3rd Armor Division as a mechanic working on amphibious tanks and later transferred to United States Army RA INF., from November 1958 - 1964, he was honorable discharge with a medal of Good Conduct.

Willard worked as a mechanic in the local tire shop in Pawnee, worked for Conoco in Ponca City, Pipeline work traveling throughout the United States, Quapaw. Willard had a strong love for his faith in god, he received his certificate for Ministering and traveled several towns preaching for other churches throughout his life. Willard loved playing the guitar, watching his westerns movies, WWE Wrestling and football and if he wasn't watching movies he was doing his bead-work, he loved to sit for hours beading, he had steady hands for all his designs he created in his work. He loved to sit out on the porch enjoying the weather and anyone who came to visit him at his home you could always find coffee, tea and something to eat. He enjoyed his children, grandkids, great grandkids, family and friend to visit him anytime, he enjoyed his outings with his nephew Ashley Pratt or grandson Jake Leading Fox.

Kitkehahki Tribal Member, Nikole Lynn Robinson (Gannaway) Willard enjoyed his life to the fullest and loved his family. Willard is preceded in death by his Mother Nora Pratt, Father Harry Pratt, WifeOphelia Manona (Clark) Pratt, 1 son James Charles Pratt, 3 sisters, Roberta Gardipe, Thomasine Neff, Cynthia Pratt and 1 Brother Douglas Tilden. Willard is survived by his 9 remaining children, Ladonna Lizzie, Robert Richard, Willard Louis-Jr, George Henry, Thomas Douglas, Emmett Joey, Esther Nora, Louis Francis and Lisa Galene along with numerous grand children, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and numerous other family members. Willard will be missed and loved by all who knew him, whose lives he touched specially his family. Bearers: Robert Pratt, Willard Pratt-Jr, George Pratt, Thomas Pratt, Emmett Pratt, Louis Pratt, Ashley Pratt Honorary Bearers: Jason Neff, Jake Leading Fox, Joe Pratt, Willard Pratt-3rd, Carlos Arkeketa, Curtis Arkeketa, Timmy Pratt, and Jeremiah Pratt.

### Kitkehahki Tribal Member, Nikole Lynn

Robinson (Gannaway)

Nawa,

The Pawnee Nation Flag has been lowered for the passing of Kitkehahki Tribal Member, Nikole Lynn Robinson (Gannaway). Ms. Robinson was born February 23, 1969, and returned to the stars on March 26, 2025.



### Gary Lee Horsechief

December 23, 1948 - April 9, 2025

Gary Lee Horsechief was born December 23, 1948 to Daniel Horsechief and Virginia (Riding In) Horsechief in Pawnee, OK. Gary joined his family in heaven April 9, 2025. His maternal grandparents were Frank and Ethel (Wilson) Riding In, great grandparents were William Riding In and Virgina Riding In. His great grandmother Lattice (Walking Bear) Fancy Eagle walked down from Nebraska during removal. His paternal grandparents were Mable Long and Hugh Horsechief. Gary took great pride in his heritage from both the Horsechief and Riding In families. Gary was the last fullblood Pawnee in the Riding In family.

Gary spent his early days on his grandparents farm near Council Valley. He attended elementary school in Pawnee and completed his high school at McClain High School in Tulsa. He later also Gary worked in the oilfields down in Cushing and also worked for the Pawnee Nation early in his career. He found rewarding and entertaining work as a Grand Executive Chauffeur, visiting and serving in that role until he retired to the family homeplace with his beloved pup, Tracy girl. Uncle Gary loved his OU Sooners and his Dallas Cowboys.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, two sisters Donna Marie Roop and Dani Sue (Dayna) Ashlock, one brother Barry, niece Cheryl Smith, nephew Stevie Ashlock, and his Aunt Marlene Riding In Mameah and Aunt Janice Horsechief.

Gary is survived by his nephews Terry Dan Ashlock and Jesse Ashlock, and niece Lisa Ashlock. He is also survived by his cousins Dorna Battese, Marilyn Feathers, James Riding In, Bob Riding In, Cheryl Brown, Dawna Hare, Denise Riding In, Frances Main, and Ginger Little Sun.

### Micheal Wayne Fields

The Pawnee Nation Flag will remain lowered for the passing of Skidi Tribal Member, Micheal Wayne Fields. Mr. Fields was born November 23, 1958, and returned to the stars on April 18, 2025.



### Brett Mathew Ivers

October 8, 1956 - April 15, 2025  
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Brett Mathew Ivers was born on October 8th, 1956 in Pawnee, OK to Darwin “Don” Peters and Rosanna Korman Peters of Pawnee, OK. Brett was originally named ,John D. Peters at birth. Brett was adopted in 1957 Paul and Mary Ivers of Ponca City, OK where he lived his entire life. Brett grew up with a passion to ride and race motorcycles.

He graduated from Ponca City High School in 1974. Brett worked within the family business at Ivers Cycles and later in life retired from Titus HVAC both in Ponca City. Brett had two daughters, Trisha and Lindsey with his first wife and then in 1984 he married Terri Mardis Ivers and the two of them spent 36 years together until Terri passed in 2020.

Brett reconnected with his biological family in the early 1980s and discovered he had 11 biological brothers and sisters. Brett was known to ha'e a love for his family. mu:ic, guitars, music memorabilia, motorcycles, corvette, and Elvis Presley. He lived his entire life full of compassion. love, and kindness for everyone.

Later in life Brett enjoyed spending time with his companion, Michelle Palmer of Ponca City and the two of them could pend hours talking, laughing, and going on adventures.

Breit is survived by his daughter, Trisha John on, her husband Jack Johnson of Ponca Cit)-, OK and 6 grandchildren. Chelsea Womack and companion, Christian Meuen of Wichita, KS, Austin Womack of Paris, TX, Abigail Johnson and companion, .Jerry Ackem1an of Enid, OK, Lathan and Lakota Johnson of Ponca Cit)-, OK, and Taylor Nightengale ,tnd companion. Mackenzie Gnapp of Enid, OK.

Brett is also urvived by 4 great gr:indchildren. Liam and Landon Ackem,an of Enid, OK, and Cambrie Weiser and Oliver of Wichita. KS.

Brett is also sunived by 7 biologica siblings, Darwina Blanchard (sister) of Tulsa, OK, Diana Only A Chief (sister) and companion, Billy Bamm Brown of Tahlequah, OK. Donna Howell (sister) of Pawnee, OK. Walters. Peters Both are of Pawnee, OK, Stella Robinson (sister) and her husband, John Robinson of Tulsa, OK., John Only A Chief (brother) of Los Angeles. CA. Belynda Sosa (sister) and her husband, L.irry Sosa of Oklahoma City, OK.

Brett is also survived by his sister in law, Kim Dively and her husband, Kent Dively of Ponca City. OK, brother in laws Richard Mardis of Oklahoma City, OK and Hollie Mardi and companion, Pam Wilcox of Oklahoma City, OK.

Brett is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins. friends, and neighbors. He was associated and loved by so many. Brett is proceeded in death by his wife, Terri Ivers, daughter, Lindsey Nightengale, biological parents. Darwin “Don” Peters and Rosanna Norman Peter and adoptive parents, Paul und Mary Ivers, and biological siblings, Billy Peters, Norman Peters, Marilyn Peters. and Jame: Peters.

Brett returned to the star and was called home by God on April 15th, 2025 with his family surrounding him with the same love and compassion he showed to everyone throughout hi-entire life



**Alpha Marie Kent**  
April 17, 1939 - April 15, 2025

Alpha Marie Kent died April 15, 2025, at her home in Oklahoma City. The wake for Marie will be at 7 p.m. on Monday (April 21) and her funeral on Tuesday (April 22) at 11 a.m. Both services will be at Huber-Benson Funeral Home with burial following at Concho Cemetery. She was born on April 17, 1939, in Pawnee. She worked in home health services as a caregiver. Marie was a religious person; she read her Bible regularly.

She is survived by a son, Edgar Blaine Kent, Jr. of Oklahoma City; brother, James Stoneroad of California; and grandchild, Allister Kent. Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. John L. and Maude (Little Crow) Stoneroad; husband, Edgar Blaine Kent, Sr; sisters, Wilma Meeks, Lois Wilson, Oress Stoneroad, Patricia Starr, and Mary Safadi; and brothers, William Stoneroad, John L. Stoneroad, Sr. and Truett Stoneroad.







## Lisa Gay Norman

December 3, 1960 - April 24, 2025

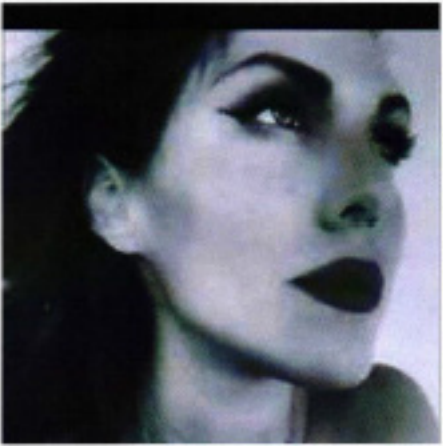
Tonkawa, Oklahoma

Beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister entered her eternal resting place on April 24, 2025, at her home surrounded by family. Lisa was born on December 3, 1960, in Pawnee, OK, to Francis “Jack” Norman and Madelyn Horse Chief Eagle Norman.

Lisa attended Chilocco and Sequoyah Indian Schools after graduating from school, Lisa started her family and made her home in Tonkawa, Oklahoma. Lisa worked for several of the area tribes but was currently working as the Higher Education Director for the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma. Lisa was a member of the Tonkawa Tribe Scalp Dance Society, which she enjoyed dancing with. Lisa did the very best she could in every aspect of life. Lisa was bossy, strict, beautiful, and kind and could find humor in almost any situation. She was a fierce protector of those she loved, especially her grandchildren.

Lisa loved spending time with her kids, grandchildren, and sisters and going to the casino with the Wolf Pack. Lisa spent previous years coaching basketball and softball when her daughters were younger, which she loved. Lisa was a huge sports fanatic. She loved watching her favorite “Thunder” basketball team and was always ready for every March Madness Tournament. Lisa’s competitive side would always ensure creative games and activities for family birthdays, holidays, and gatherings.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are daughters Teya Roughface, Kianna and T’Neile DeLodge, and her one and only son, Keaton Calls Him all of Fort Oakland, Tonkawa, OK. Lisa had 14 grandchildren, 7 girls and 7 boys: Taryn, Kara, TySaa, Cochana, Kori, Thalys, Mason, Freemont, Keaton Jr, Sunflower, Karson, Khotah, Asher, and Sobie. Lisa had 6 sisters: Mickael “Miki,” Lauren, Jacquelyn ‘Jackie,” Macy, Stacey, and Sarah “Queenie” and numerous nieces, nephews, and their children who all adored and loved her tremendously. Lisa was preceded in death by her Father, Francis “Jack” Norman, her mother, Madelyn Horse Chief Eagle Norman, and a brother, Charles “Erney” Norman.



Carmen Lee Davis

March 17, 1984- May 12, 2025

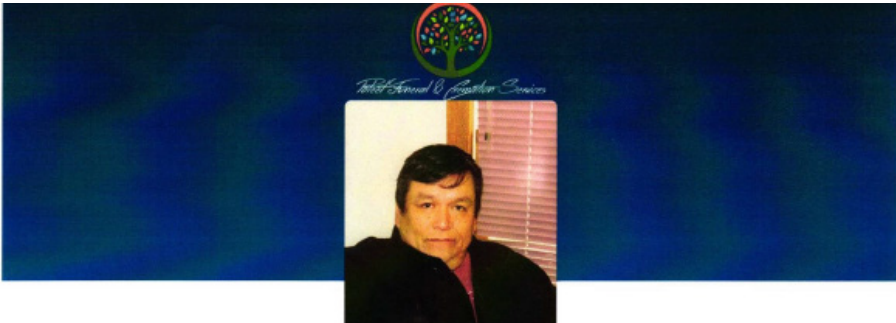
Carmen Lee Davis was born on March 17, 1984 “St. Patrick’s Day”, in Lander, Wyoming to JoLynn Davis. She attended school in Lander and graduated from high school in 2002. Carmen attended the University of Wyoming her freshman year, then transferred to Mesa State for her sophomore year. Always wanting a challenge, she attended the Disney College Program in Orlando, Florida through Mesa State. While there she met many amazing friends and decided to transfer to Texas State to be with her friends. She worked at Disney World during school breaks and summer. The draw of the beach and ocean eventually pulled her to the University of Central Florida where she graduated in 2009 with her Bachelors in Psychology. After graduation she started working at Disney World and then at Universal StudiosMargaritaville as a trainer. Carmen excelled in customer service and hospitality. She was a manager at The Edison at Disney Springs when it opened in 2018. Carmen also worked at Hunter Vision in Orlando as a sales representative and worked as an intern at the Florida Hospital East Residency Clinic while attending UCF. She returned to Lander during the COVID pandemic.

Her love of travel took her to England, Ireland, Italy and other countries. Carmen loved the ocean and beaches. She knew she was a mermaid. Mermaid nature is someone with an exotic, mysterious and enchanting personality.

Carmen was extremely artistic and owned and operated her own business “Carmen’s Custom Cakes” in Orlando and did some work in Lander. Her work was outstanding. She constantly worked on diamond paintings which were beautiful. She has an enormous family and large group of amazing friends who will miss her dearly. Words cannot explain how amazing and beautiful a person she was-such a genuine soul, truly had a golden heart.

Carmen was an enrolled member of the Pawnee ation (Skidi) of Oklahoma. She was a lifelong Catholic. She is survived by her mother JoLynn Davis, Aunt Pauline Davis, Cousins-Tracy (Scott) Rupp, Rosie Campbell- Kloie Sanders and Jade Campbell, Brandon Jones - Hai lie and Faith Jones, Nick Knell (Kassidy Anderson)- Owen and Hendrix Knell, Brody Knell- Aubrey and Johnsey Knell, Noah (Deirdre) Knell - Tate, Kennedy and Adelyn Knell, Alexa Johnson (Robert Dighton) -Aria, Nova, Gavin and Carley Dighton, Brittany (Mike) Dailey, Brayden Johnson-Baker, Silas Dailey and Anavian Even all of Lander, WY. Aaron Gregg of Denver, CO. Anthony (Colleen) Davis -Ben, Sam, and Ava Davis of Mulkiteo/Seattle. WA. Robin Olsen, Las Vegas, NV. Tre’ (Bre’Aunna) Davis- Bexley, ixson and Dax Davis of Williston, ND, Jazmyn (Jay) Buchanan - Khalil Buchanan of FL, Drew (Brittney) Reddon, Justin and Dylan Nelson of D, Samantha and Xavier Olsen of AZ. Zola (Costa) Nichols- Jason and Kara of Las Vegas, V, Zachary (Kristi) of Buena Park, CA, Carla (Jimmy) Mann- Joshua, Brian, Kyler,

Kimber Mann of Fort Washakie, WY, Uncle Robert Calhoun - Natalie James, Marlo Calhoun, Robert Calhoun of Fort Washakie, Aunt Lucille McAdams of Fort Washakie, Dale (Bronya) McAdams - Storm and Talon McAdams of Seabrook, TX. Darren (Kristin) Calhoun - Riley, and Jaylen Calhoun of Cave Creek, AZ. Tammy (Brian) Stromme -Courtney of Bozeman, MT, Gary Holt and Tara Calhoun of Riverton, Linda (Steve) Garcia and family of Fort Washakie, WY, umerous family members from Oklahoma and Kansas. Carmen was preceded in death by her grandparents Harold and Ella Leona Davis, Uncle Harold “Dave” Davis, Crystal Johnson, Emi Gregg, Andrea Nelson and Isabell Davis. Numerous grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.



## Joseph James Hawkins Sr.

October 28, 1954 - May 19, 2025

Pawnee

Joseph James Hawkins Sr. was born in Enid, Oklahoma, October 28, 1954 to Darlene Carson. He was a member of the Pawnee Nation. He left us on his spiritual journey Monday, May 19, 2025. He met his first true love, Rebecca Littlesun his Senior year in Pawnee, Oklahoma. They married December 4, 1975 and began their journey in the month of June of 1975 as he joined the Army, for which he served as a Cavalry Scout and a Motor Transport OP.

After his military service he returned to Oklahoma with his family where he took on several jobs where he spent half of his career working for the Chickasaw National Recreation Area Park as a Park Ranger in Sulphur, Oklahoma and graduating college at East Central University with a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and Majoring in Business Administration.

His last journey was back to Pawnee, Oklahoma where he worked the rest of his career working for the Pawnee Tribe as the Director of Gaming Operations, Tribal Development Casino’s Stone Wolf, Trading Post and Teepee. The year of 2016 took a tragic turn where he was diagnosed with cancer and tried battling it with chemotherapy and then radiation.

He was awarded by the Pawnee Tribal Corporation to thank him for his dedication and commitment for 15 years, December 1, 2024. He was very liked and loved by several co-workers stating he was stoic, scary if he wasn’t smiling, had a great sense of humor, amazing, full of wisdom, laughter, love, stories and mostly known for his jokes.

He enjoyed spending time with his family at home and every now and then taking trips to the aquarium and going out to restaurants to eat when he was able to. He also enjoyed celebrating holidays and birthdays especially when cheesecake and steaks were involved. When his health began to fail he still wanted to and did go back to work to support his family and even walk with his granddaughter her Senior Year for cheerleading although he could barely walk and stand but he did. Joseph leaves behind his wife Rebecca Hawkins, three children, daughters Tamera Hawins of Tulsa, Ruth Hawkins of Cushing, son’s Jonathan Hawkins, Joseph Hawkins III and Harrison Hawkins of Pawnee, Oklahoma, grandchildren, great grandson. He had three sister’s Patricia Hawkins of Ridley, Ok, Marie Hawkins of Arlington, TX and Charlotte Alexander of Irving, TX. He was preceded in death his mother Darlene Carson, sister Deborah Whiteshirt, son Joseph Hawkins Jr., daughters Rosalee Hawkins and Sarah Smile Hawkins. Joe would want to end this with a joke so close your eyes and imagine him telling us ...The penguins gathered around a dead comrade where they rolled the deceased penguin across the frozen water to bury the body. They gathered around the hole and started to sing “freeze a jolly good fellow, freeze a jolly good fellow and then they kick him in the ice hole.” And that’s the reason why you never see a dead penguin.



## Joy Kathryn (Gover) White

June 2, 2025

Bartlesville

Joy Kathryn White was born to Stephen and Vera Gover on January 12, 1941 in Pawnee, OK She lived with her parents and siblings; Stephen Carroll, Aileen, Ada and Marshall in Southwest Oklahoma. Where she served with her family on the mission field at multiple Indian missions and attended the very first Indian Falls Creek. She graduated from Weatherford High School and then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State Unniversity where she met and married her true love and lifetime companion, Bobby White. Joy supported Bob in his teaching career moving to Dewey, Oklahoma, Dexter, New Mexico and then back to Dewey where the lived for the remainder of their lives. Joy ran a home child care which allowed her to be home for her boys, Stephen and Robie while they were young. She later opened with Indian Lodge Restaurant in Bartlesville with her brother Marshall. The Indian Lodge was known for amazing Indian tacos and Indian hotdogs. It was here that she mastered her fry bread and pumpkin fry bread recipes that have been coveted by many. Joy later retired from Jane Phillips Hospital where she worked in Administration included admissions, medical records, insurance billing and Indian health billing. Joy was Pawnee Indian and a well known Native American artist receiving many awards for her bead work and other arts. It was once jokingly noted that "No matter what it is, if it will stay still long enough Joy will bead it." She and her family traveled to art shows, Powwows, and art competions from coast to coast. Joy was proceeded in death by her parents, siblings, Steven Carroll, Aileen, and Marshall and her husband Bob. She leaves many family members behind to celebrate her life. Including her son, Stephen with wife Lisa and adult children Mikela and Gavin of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Her son Robie with wife Kay and adult daughter Madie also of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Her daughter Debra Kay Mooney of Idabel Oklahoma. Her sister Ada and husband Bob Barber of Marysville, Ohio and so many other family and friends. Joy was well known for saying, "God has a plan, we may not know what it is, we may not know why and we may not know when it will show itself BIIT God always has a plan." It was God’s plan to call Joy from this earth, quietly in her sleep on Monday June 2, 2025 at the age of 84 at home surrounded by her family. After spendings days laughing, joking, telling stories, sharing so many happy memories and praying with her nieces, grandchildren, daughters, sons and close personal friends. Just last week Joy was heard telling a granddaughter, "You know where I am going, you know how to get there. I will be waiting with open arms to greet you." God’s plan for Joy





# PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OPENING

- It is the policy of the PNHA to conduct background checks on all newly appointed commissions
- Publish/enforce rules/regulations adopted by the Housing Authority, State of Oklahoma, and/or Pawnee Nation.


Terms: 3 years    Open Positions: 2

JOIN OUR  
TEAM

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

Governing Document: Pawnee Nation Housing Authority

OPEN UNTIL FILLED (5-9-25)



# TRIBAL COURT OPENINGS

**ASSOCIATE JUDGE**

Appointment by the Pawnee Business Council the Pawnee Nation Tribal Court has the following open positions, each position is given a stipend per court day and is responsible for carrying out faithfully the duties of the Tribal Court office to the best of their abilities. The Associate Judge upon the call and in the absence of the Chief Judge, the Associate Judge is to perform all the duties of the Chief Judge. The Associate Judge will be called to preside over appellate proceedings which are filed.

Specific Duties:

- 1.Exercise all powers of the Chief Judge in his/her absence.
- 2.Authorized to acknowledge all complaints filed.
- 3.Sign all legal documents when there are no other Judges available to sign them.
- 4.Authorized to handle all court cases: criminal, civil, probate, juvenile, and domestic relations while on duty.

Experience and Skills:

- 1.Must be a member of an Indian Tribe, or an attorney located within the State of Oklahoma; has never been convicted of a felony, or within one (1) year last past, of a misdemeanor; and is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 2.Must have: (a) five (5) or more years of experience as a Judge, or (b) at least five (5) years of experience in a field related to Criminal/Civil Justice, such as court administrator, probation and parole, or law enforcement, or (c) two (2) years of college study in a related field, or higher education in law and order.
- 3.Must be of high moral character and physically able to perform the duties of the office.
- 4.Must be able to communicate well, render judgments fairly and firmly.
- 5.Must be able to relate and work with all resource people and departments (local, state, federal) for the interest of the people and community and tribal government.

**Term: 6 years                      Open Positions: 1**  
Governing Document: Law and Order Codes

If interested, please submit a written request with a resume, to Misty M. Nuttle, President, Pawnee Business Council, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, P. O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. For electronic submissions please email [jnelson@pawneenation.org](mailto:jnelson@pawneenation.org).

Updated January 17, 2025



# BOARD OPENINGS

## PAWNEE NATION ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD

The Health Advisory Board Act establishes the Pawnee Nation Health Advisory Board, which is responsible for assisting the Pawnee Business Council in the operation, planning, and budgeting of Pawnee Nation's health services. The Board is also tasked with ensuring proper credentialing of the professional and medical staff providing health-related services.

The Health Board supports tribal self-governance by contributing to the development and operation of Pawnee Nation health services, which provide essential health care to the community. The Act outlines the regulations and procedures that will be administered by the Health Advisory Board to fulfill these responsibilities.

Key functions of the Board include guiding the Pawnee Nation health services by providing governance and administrative structure, which supports planning, management, oversight, and resource allocation. The Act further defines the organization of the Health Board, emphasizing its role in establishing policy, maintaining high standards of health care, and overseeing institutional management and planning. It also outlines the relationship between the Health Board, the Pawnee Nation, and the health services staff.

This Act ensures that all Health Board Members are well-informed, accountable, and committed to fulfilling their duties, thereby contributing to the effectiveness and quality of the health services provided to the Pawnee Nation community.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required:

- Ability to pass a background check.
- The Health Board members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- The Health Board members shall meet the requirements set forth in the Pawnee Nation Human Resources Policies and Procedures Background and Character Policy and Procedures, Section G. Background Investigations.
- The Health Board members shall be qualified in one or more of the following areas: public health and wellness, Indian Health, medicine, pharmaceuticals, dental, mental health, business management, traditional culture, health care law or financing.
- The Health Board members must exemplify attributes of leadership and organizational skills for the development and growth of the health and wellness of the Pawnee Nation.
- The Health Board members may not be administrators or directors of any other health agencies or delivery systems that are accountable to the Health Board.
- The Health Board members shall not be employees of the Pawnee Nation health services.

**Term: 3 years                      Open Positions: 5**  
Governing Document: Health Advisory Board

If interested, please submit a written request with a resume, to Misty M. Nuttle, President, Pawnee Business Council, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, P. O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. For electronic submissions please email [jnelson@pawneenation.org](mailto:jnelson@pawneenation.org).

Updated January 17, 2025



# COMMISSION-BOARD OPENINGS

If interested, please submit a written request with a resume, to Misty M. Nuttle, President, Pawnee Business Council, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, P. O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. For electronic submissions please email [jnelson@pawneenation.org](mailto:jnelson@pawneenation.org).

### ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY

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

**Term: 4 years                      Opening Positions: 3**

Governing Document: Law & Order Code Title XII Natural Resources Protection Act

### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

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

**Term: 3 years                      Open Positions: 3**

Governing Document: TERO Act

### MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Day-to-day responsibility for the financial affairs and ethical/professional standards of the Corporation but shall share these authorities with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma for budget and audit purposes. All corporate powers shall be exercised by the Board of Directors. The business, property, and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board. Duties: Annual Budget, regulate cash management, meet guidelines and requirements of donors/funders, avoid conflict of interests, and develop systems that protect internal controls.

**Term: 3 years                      Open Positions:6**

Governing Document: Museum By-Laws

### ELECTION

Establish procedures for fair elections and to ensure the secrecy and sanctity of the ballot, and to ensure due process is afforded to all persons eligible to vote in the Nation's elections and the candidates.

**Open Positions: 1**  
Governing Document: Pawnee Nation Election Act

Updated January 31, 2025



# BOARD OPENINGS

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PNBH Board of Directors is responsible for providing corporate oversight and governance in relation to the Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Facility including all ancillary business activities supporting its operations. Board members are responsible for collaborating with Ascension Recovery Services in charting the executive leadership and strategic direction of the PNBH consistent with the Nation's vision and long-range goals. Board Members are responsible and accountable for the successful development and implementation of strategic business plans to enhance the success and growth of the Company. Board Members provide oversight of business operations and new development while ensuring that each entity is operating in a sound and fiscally responsible manner.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required:

- Ability to pass a background check.
- The Board members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Experience with American Indian tribal governments.
- The Board members shall be qualified in one or more of the following areas: public health and wellness, Indian Health, medicine, pharmaceuticals, dental, mental health, business management, traditional culture, health care law or financing.
- The Board members must exemplify attributes of leadership and organizational skills for the development and growth of the health and wellness of the Pawnee Nation.
- Action-oriented and innovative mindset.
- Proven leadership and management skills.
- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to convey information clearly in person, in writing, and via telephone and email to diverse audiences.
- Advanced problem-solving and analytical abilities.
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality.

**Term: 3 years                      Opening Positions: 5**  
Governing Document: Articles of Operation of Pawnee Nation Mental Health LLC.

If interested, please submit a written request with a resume, to Misty M. Nuttle, President, Pawnee Business Council, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, P. O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. For electronic submissions please email [jnelson@pawneenation.org](mailto:jnelson@pawneenation.org).

Updated January 17, 2025



# BOARD OPENINGS

## PAWNEE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Appointment by the Pawnee Business Council. The PTDC Board of Directors is responsible for providing corporate oversight and governance in relation to the gaming activities of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, including all ancillary business activities supporting its gaming operations. Board members are responsible for charting the executive leadership and strategic direction of the PTDC consistent with the Nation's vision and long-range goals. Board Members are responsible and accountable for the successful development and implementation of strategic business plans to enhance the success and growth of the Corporation. Board Members provide oversight of business operations and new development while ensuring that each entity is operating in a sound and fiscally responsible manner.

Board Members are selected for the candidate's subject matter expertise in the field(s) of gaming, management, business, and/or finance. General policies and procedures of the Corporation are adopted by the Board of Directors subject to the approval of the Pawnee Business Council.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required:

- Must be able to pass a background check and obtain a gaming license through the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission.
- Must have experience with American Indian tribal governments.
- Must have a good understanding of economic development and tribal sovereignty as it relates to business and economic development.
- Must possess a strong financial background with an ability to develop and adhere to a complex organizational budget.
- Subject matter expertise in gaming, management, business, or finance.
- Must be action oriented and innovative.
- Proven demonstration of effective leadership and management qualities.
- Must have exceptional public speaking skills and be able to effectively present and communicate with the entire organization and the general public.
- Must have excellent communication skills and be able to communicate clearly in person, in writing, and by telephone and email in a diverse range of audiences and settings.
- Must have advanced problem solving and analytical skills.
- Must have knowledge of employment and gaming laws and regulations.
- Must maintain confidentiality.

**Term: 3 years                      Open Positions: 4**  
Governing Document: Articles of Incorporation of the Pawnee Tribal Development of Corporation

If interested, please submit a written request with a resume, to Misty M. Nuttle, President, Pawnee Business Council, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, P. O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. For electronic submissions please email [jnelson@pawneenation.org](mailto:jnelson@pawneenation.org).

Updated January 17, 2025

To contact the Pawnee Nation Communications Office, email [communications@pawneenation.org](mailto:communications@pawneenation.org)

Visit our web page and make submissions via our Community Shoutouts form. Community submissions need to go through the Executive Office.