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Pawnee Nation Election is May 2, 2015 at the Multi-purpose from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee Ballots must be received by Saturday, May 2nd.

Message of the President



Marshall R. Gover

Nawa Pawnee Tribal members. Once again it is time for the Tribal Newsletter. Since the last edition we had a group of Sociology students from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois come and visit. A group of students come every 2 years to interact and volunteer in our Pawnee Nation

community. This year they helped our community by cleaning up the cemetery and by helping clean up the BIA gymnasium. The first night that they arrived in Pawnee they were greeted with a wonderful dinner. The next night the Employees club hosted a hand game for them. Everyone in attendance had a great time. The students were very interested in the different programs and services that are provided by the Pawnee Nation. Over spring break the Education Department hosted a youth culture camp. At the camp they had individuals come in and share stories, lessons on our history, and what it means to be Pawnee.

The Pawnee Business Council voted to re-establish the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission. The Tax Commission is here to help make sure that the Pawnee Nation is getting the taxes that are due to them from automobile taxes and oil and natural gas taxes. The Employees club held an Easter egg hunt for

the community on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was very well attended and they had several prizes that were given out in each age category. It was great to see the community both young and old enjoying themselves and hunting eggs. Whether you are attending a Sunday church service, an all-night prayer meeting, or just spending time with your family I pray that you reflect on the true meaning of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. The time for elections is here again. There are 4 positions open for re-election this year. As you look for the candidate that you are going to support look at more than just family and friendships, look for morality and the person who will do the best for the Pawnee Nation. It is my sincere prayer that Atius will put the best people for the Pawnee Nation into office. Finally, I would like to thank all the employees of the Pawnee Nation. Without you all, we would not be the greatest Nation on the face of this Earth.

Congratulations to Tribal Member, Maeghan Murie on being selected a Udall Scholar



Maeghan Murie and President Gover

This Announcement reprinted from O.S.U. Website

Oklahoma State University student Maeghan Murie of Cleveland, Okla., has been selected as a Udall scholar, making her the recipient of one of the nation's most prestigious undergraduate awards.

Murie, a junior majoring in chemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology, joins the ranks of 14 former winners from OSU who received the scholarship, which awards up to \$5,000 annually to defray the cost of undergraduate education while honoring the legacies of Morris and Steward Udall.

Murie was one of only 50 students selected this year from among 464 applicants nationwide for the scholarship, which is awarded to sophomores and juniors who excel in and plan to pursue careers that impact American Indian self-governance, health care, or the stewardship of public lands and natural resources.

Tim O'Neil, program coordinator of OSU Scholar Development and Undergraduate Research, congratulated Murie for her success in earning the award.

"It is a very difficult task for any undergraduate and she did a fantastic job," O'Neil said.

Murie's research mentor, Dr. Richard Bunce, is among the professors

she credits for getting her involved.

"I've seen her research capabilities grow," said Bunce. "Maeghan's driven and wants to present her research and always does a great job of it. She has been an excellent student."

Murie's great-grandmother had Alzheimer's disease, and her experience with that neurological illness as well as her familiarity with the limitations at Indian clinics motivated her to apply for the research scholarship.

"I want to help address the issues that I believe are restricting the health care system among these clinics," said Murie, adding, "my plans fit well with the intent of the Udall."

Eventually, Murie wants to perform biomedical research to develop treatments for different diseases of the nervous system.

"I am just very thankful for this opportunity," she said. "It is very humbling because I know that there are a lot of great students and scholars out there who apply."

Marshall Gover, president of the Pawnee Nation, applauded Murie's achievement: "If you're willing to go out and apply yourself and pay the price, you can achieve anything you want, and Maeghan is a good example of that."



Julia Good Fox

Pawnee Member Appointed as New Dean of Natural and Social Sciences at Haskell Indian Nations University

Lawrence, Kansas—A Pawnee academic with a passion for serving Indian Country and Tribal Colleges and Universities has been named the new Dean of Natural and Social Sciences at Haskell Indian Nations University.

As dean, Good Fox will oversee mathematics, Environmental Sciences, and Indigenous and

American Indian studies. Currently, the Environmental Sciences Department offers both AS and BS degrees and the Indigenous and American Indian studies Department offers a BA degree.

"I'm excited," Good Fox said. "I love working with and for students. It's an honor to be part of their academic journey while they are at Haskell. And then following their successes as they enter graduate school and the workforce is very rewarding."

"But, of course, we couldn't accomplish this without our faculty," Good Fox continued. "I'm blessed to work alongside talented academics who show their commitment to Indigenous Peoples and Nations by choosing to teach at a Tribal university. I'm really looking forward to assisting more of our faculty as we continue to support our students in identifying and realizing their potential and

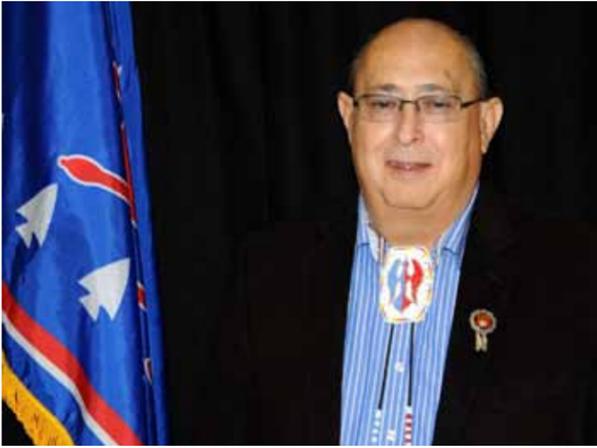
their goals."

Good Fox began working at Haskell in 2005. As Chair of Indigenous and American Indian studies, she assisted the department in fostering and maintaining partnerships throughout Indian Country. In addition, she was instrumental in ensuring that the department kept relevant in the American Indian studies field.

"At Tribal colleges, we don't always enjoy the same access to resources as do our colleagues who teach at mainstream colleges," Good Fox explained. "While that can lead to the creation of 'silos' or academic sites that are disconnected from both the realities of Indian Country and the trends in our academic field, our department knows its responsibility to keeping these types of connections ongoing."

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## CANDIDATES FOR PAWNEE NATION PRESIDENT



**Marshall R. Gover**

Nowah. My name is Marshall Gover and I am running for Pawnee Business Council President. My paternal grandparents were Shield Chief and Viola Wilde. My maternal grandparents were Marshall Smith and Clara Smith, who were Baptist Ministers. I am the son of Steven G. Gover and Vera Faye Gover who were on the Southern Baptist Mission Board. I am a Vietnam combat veteran and served honorably in the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969. When people run for Pawnee Business Council, different ones make promises, "When I get elected I will do this" or "I will do that". If elected the only promise that I can make you is that I will do the very best I can. It takes the whole Business Council to do things. It

takes a majority vote of a quorum. That's why we call it the Business Council. It's not one individual that makes decisions for the whole Nation. I believe that the Pawnee Nation is the greatest Nation on the face of the earth. The Pawnee Nation should be leading in every aspect and we should be the example for all Indian Nations. We should be the leaders in government, business, and all of our endeavors. We should have the best employee base in Indian Country. We should use our resources wisely and in a way that is exemplary to other Nations. I believe a tribal leader should be knowledgeable in our tribal traditions and culture, and should participate. They should be present at all Council and Committee meetings. When we have Visitation, Veterans Dances,

Skidi Dance, Kitkehahki Dance, Young Dog Dance, handgames, any activity, our Council Members should be there to represent the Council.

In the years that I have been the leader of this Great Pawnee Nation, we have seen many accomplishments and future endeavors. When I came into office there was a "Bridge to nowhere", and now that bridge has a road and is one of the most heavily used bridges in the county. A transit plan that I presented several years ago and we are finally getting plans and meetings to get this put in place. In the next few months we are working on the new parking lot at I.H.S. This has been a work in progress and when talking to I.H.S., I let them know we have the capabilities to do that for them. We are getting things finalized and the Pawnee Nation is the contractor for that project. I have been fortunate enough to be recognized by different agencies and appointed to national committees. I serve on the Direct Service Tribes National Committee, for those who receive their health services from the federal government. Our clinic is a Direct Service Tribe Clinic and we represent concerns of all direct service tribes regarding health care. I have been instrumental in negotiations with I.H.S. to

be able to move money from line item to line item like Self Governance organizations are allowed. I was awarded the I.H.S. Director's Special Recognition, Tribal Leadership/Partnership award for my efforts in advocating for those concerns. Other Committees that I have been honored to sit on include Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration Committee, Secretary's Advisory Committee for Health and Human Services, and within the last four years I have been a representative on the Oklahoma Area Budget Formulation for I.H.S. to present priorities for the Oklahoma area. I have been privileged to represent concerns of Indian people not just the Pawnee people but the people of the United States and being a part of these organizations and committees. It has had an impact on our service unit. In treaties we were promised education and health care, it has been a struggle to get the US Government to hold up to their promises. When I met with President Obama, I reminded him of those promises and mentioned that we are only funded at 54% for health care and that we needed to be funded the full 100% for our people, so that in crisis it is not just life or limb, but so we can

have preventative medicine instead of crisis medicine. During my term I presented a request to the Council to re-establish the Pawnee Tax Commission. The Tax Commission was losing out on revenues. The Tax Commission is re-established now and we will be increasing revenues because of it. We have hired more staff members to help with our finances to get them in order and to produce records in a timely manner. You will see that in the annual report, how we have grown and how we are prospering. So many times people say "where is our money going?" or "why don't we get per cap?", and it's like building a house on sand or stone. A house built on sand will shift and turn, but a house on a solid foundation will stand. When we build our businesses and government on solid rock it will stand forever. Then one of these days we will be able to give our people per cap, but if we don't build on solid rock, we will crumble and fall and nothing will be achieved. As we take time to build, we need to create a Nation built on a solid rock for our future generations. My promise to you is that I do the best I can for our people and I ask for your support in the upcoming elections. I pray that God Almighty will Bless this Pawnee Nation.



**Ellis Horsechief Jr.**

Nawa Pawnee Relatives, My name is Ellis Horsechief, Jr. and I am asking for your support in seeking the office of President of the Pawnee Nation. 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, Vada, & Caleb. We currently reside in Pawnee, with the exception of John who resides in Lawrence, KS. I was born in Pawnee on December 13, 1955. Our family moved here from Oklahoma City, OK (6) 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. Before moving to Pawnee my clientele base was in Oklahoma City and surrounding areas. 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. 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 President 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. 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. I will be here for our tribe and a good counselor when needed; I will represent our tribe with no extra baggage. 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. 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, my administration will take appropriate actions consistent with our tribal laws, policies and procedures to disclose information rapidly available to the nation. One of my goals is to work closely with the newly elected Treasurer to ensure that we immediately work on audit issues and establish a budget that is provided to the tribal members. This will provide accountability and transparency from our government. As President, I will utilize every council member in their specialty areas. 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 for we must focus on

future generations. Goals need to range from financial reserves, to expanding the land base, getting our people to work. The jobs are available, so let's put our people to work, this is why we need to get Pawnee tribal members trained to provide for their families. 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 help, and we need to be there for them, as they were for us and this may involve painting, mowing lawns, and daily upkeep 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 in a new building; an ideal area would be across the street from its current location. With that being said, this will also create more jobs to our nation. We should place sign around

our nation which will allow people passing through to know where we are located along with a brief history of our tribe.

- 4). To keep Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation in a continued process and other ventures besides gaming such as agriculture, construction, small business ventures, and always keeping in mind per cap for our people. A few ideas that I have for new business ventures is a grocery store, construction company, develop agriculture and horticulture business which will contribute to raising our own cattle. This would allow the revenue from these ventures to go back within our nation and also would increase our tax revenue.
- 5). Our children are our future. Build a large playground or a large splash pad for our children which will allow them to remain active for their health benefits and us as parents as well. This would be convenient for local families and also be convenient for families at holidays, celebrations instead of having to travel to other cities for playground equipment and swim area.
- 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

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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 "Trially Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978". We need to utilize the separate enterprise of Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation for the purposes of which it was created.

7). 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.

8). 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.

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

10). 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, life experience, and situations. Education is of vital importance along with hands-on experience.

As I stated in the beginning, if elected my administration will be held accountable for all our actions, good as well as the bad. I will strive to work in unity with the Pawnee Business Council. 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.



**Misty M. Nuttle**

Now! My name is Misty M. Nuttle and I am currently seeking the position of President of the Pawnee Business Council. My parents are Neva R. and George H. Pratt and the late Samuel E. Nuttle. My maternal grandparents are Neva Spotted Horsechief Moore and the late Thurman F. Moore. My paternal grandparents were Pearl Osborne Nuttle and William F. (Bubby) Nuttle. I have three children; Drew, Jaden and Adi, and have resided in Pawnee for the majority of my life. I graduated from Skiatook High School and went on to pursue my education at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS where I received an Associate of Arts degree in Tribal Management and at the University of Phoenix in Rockville, MD where I received a Bachelor of Science degree with emphasis in Business Management. I have previously served at the Pawnee Nation as the Tribal Planner, Tribal Development Coordinator and Grantwriter and am familiar with our Tribal programs, services and existing Tribal infrastructure.

In my current position as Treasurer, I reflect on my actions daily. Did I make the best, educated decision? Did I forget anyone? Will this action be the best decision to benefit our people? Could I have read more, learned more, asked more questions? The past 2 years as Treasurer, on the Pawnee Business Council, have opened my eyes to not only the obvious...the desires, wants, wishes of our people but the true needs of our people. When I ran in 2013, I knew our system was broken and in need of repair. I did not make promises that I knew I couldn't keep and as any good business person would do, I knew I had to assess and evaluate the tribe's financial situation before I could speak to any promises I even thought I could

deliver. What I did promise was to use my knowledge to bring accountability and transparency to light with the Nation's finances. This is an ongoing process but I believe we have made many advancements in implementing sustainable processes that will be continue to be utilized as we have captured all relative aspects of the process.

Since 2010, the Pawnee Nation

has had repeated audit findings and our last current Indirect Cost Rate was a 2011 rate. Our Finance Director, staff and Director of Administrative Affairs has worked countless hours to develop proposals for 2012-2014 and through all of our perseverance; we now have approved negotiated rates. We continue to seek compliance with timely submission of our proposals and our 2015 proposal is on hold until we complete Budget Call for 2015. We have had delays due to mandated health insurance implementation, new SUTA rates, cost of living increases, and implementing new space cost rates. This process has not been treated lightly as we are striving for a balanced budget so we can maintain our finances accurately and make sound decisions based on real-time information. I intend on accomplishing this prior to the end of my current term. This was and still continues to be a great undertaking. Striving to eliminate this repeated finding, which I believe was the most imminent of all of our audit findings, will still be a priority should I continue as a member of the Business Council, as well as ensuring all of our finances remain transparent and financial processes identify roles and responsibilities.

I have a heart for our people and have witnessed personal and private struggles of our members. Struggles such as unemployment, homelessness, addiction, substance and drug abuse, the vicious cycle of incarceration and our people accepting this as the "norm," removal of our Pawnee children from their parents and homes and placement with non-native or non-Pawnee families because we do not have enough approved "Pawnee" foster homes. To be an effective leader, one must lead ALL of his/her people, not just a select few. We are a broken people, but we do not have to be. As President, I will identify what is "broken" within our infrastructure, programs and services and make sure they are addressed and identified in our contracts so we receive adequate funding to address our needs. I will be an advocate for our people and

our local issues on national platforms and provide written responses to our Congressmen and Senators so they know what our needs are. I will not be passive and will utilize the presidency to make sure everyone knows we are here and our issues need to be heard.

There is no greater practice of self-governance than being a steward of one's own resources, whether it's financial, natural resources, human resources, etc. Each contributes to our overall governance system and infrastructure. Being able to identify these resources, address the needs of our tribal members, develop a shared vision and execute necessary tasks and practices to accomplish this vision is what is needed and I believe I possess all the skills needed to get this task done. We are on the brink of change and expansion and I believe each and every one of us has been waiting for this positive change to come. Let's build a vision together and make it happen. We are Pawnee, we are intelligent, perseverant people, and we can make this happen.

If we are going to maintain our culture and traditions, we have to be willing as a people to put in the effort to learn our ways. A very important and notable attribute of being Pawnee and a Native American tribe is having our own language. Without our language and culture, we are just another group of individuals who share some common interests and a few of the same beliefs. We would be considered similar to any other organization or group of people who share common interests so why should the Federal Government treat us any different? We need to hold onto what is sacred, what is ours and what makes us unique. Don't just say you're Pawnee BE Pawnee.

Tribal Sovereignty. Do you know what it means? Do you believe it is utilized in our government to its full extent? "Inherent right of self-government." Inherent: "belonging to the basic nature of someone or something" {Merriam-Webster.com} "existing in someone or something as a permanent and inseparable element, quality, or attribute" (Dictionary.com) Governance: "government, exercise of authority; control" We should be exerting control over all people, our physical, financial and natural resources, and all entities who are under the

Pawnee Nation. We should all be working towards the same common goals and make our priorities known so these entities can assist the Pawnee Nation in its quest for exerting full tribal self-governance. Pooling resources to make sure all tribal members' needs are addressed regardless of any distinction, including geographic location. Opportunities to increase self-value and self-worth of our individual members needs to be created so we can provide for our children and families with pride and commit ourselves to living a positive and healthy lifestyle. That is the Pawnee way. Entitlement mentality and individualism have never held positions in our organizational structure. Jobs or duties were not assigned, our people worked together as a cohesive unit, to ensure all tasks were completed or carried out.

It is these customs, traditions and guiding principles that I will lead with. Communicating and informing all the people and my fellow council members on the needs and priorities we must address in order to be a successful Nation. We will define our needs together and create a successful roadmap utilizing technology to address and improve the needs and quality of life for the betterment of all our people. We must rebuild our Nation to make us a stronger, more viable government that is committed to addressing all the needs of our Pawnee people. That is my intent as President. I have been on the Pawnee Business Council for two years and would not seek this position, if I did not think I was qualified and had the knowledge or expertise to fulfill the duties of the position. I will not just be a voice; I will lead by example and am not afraid of working alongside our employees to accomplish tasks necessary to keep us as a Nation moving forward. My desire is for all of our children, grandchildren and future generations to exist as Pawnee people because we put sustainable programs and services in place to address the wants and needs of us all. I humbly ask for your vote on May 2<sup>nd</sup> which will allow me the opportunity to put all my education and knowledge to work for each and every one of you, rebuild our Nation and showcase our Pawnee values, customs and traditions. We are a prideful and powerful people, let's rebuild our Nation to reflect this. Aho!

#### Editors Notes:

In the last issue of the *Chaticks Si Chaticks*, we wrote that Miranda Due was the daughter of Walthena Lawrence. Miranda is actually Charles "Chipper" Chapman's daughter. We also wrote that she was in Italy and she is in Turkey. We did correct the online version right away, but it was too late to correct the printed version. We regret the error and apologize to the family.

# CANDIDATES FOR PAWNEE NATION TREASURER



*M. Angela Thompson*

Nawa Akitahdau,  
My name is Mary Angela Thompson, aka M. Angela Thompson, of the Skidi and Chaui bands, I write to you today requesting your support for the office of Treasurer of the Pawnee Business Council. I have over twenty years of Tribal Government experience working in various positions. My years of experience working with Tribal governments and more specifically my fiscal responsibility experience, education, and professional philosophy has afforded me the knowledge, skills and abilities to best serve the Pawnee Nation and its citizens as Treasurer. Thank you for the opportunity and time to tell you a little about myself and family.

#### **Family Background:**

I am the proud Mother of three (3) children John Micheal Roland KnifeChief, Dennis Charles KnifeChief and Alexis Reynae Miller. My eldest son, John Micheal graduated from Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado in May 2014, with his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Human Services; once he graduated he moved back to Oklahoma and is currently utilizing his degree working for the Pawnee Nation citizens in the Education Division. My middle son, Dennis Charles lives and works in Shawnee, Oklahoma and is a professional boxer, he plans to further his education and wants to work with Native American Youth utilizing his life experiences and his profession to promote a healthy drug and alcohol free lifestyle. My youngest, my daughter, Lexi Reynae graduated in May 2014 from Tecumseh High School and is currently in her second semester at Seminole State University, pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy.

My Mother is Carol L. Nuttle; my maternal grandparents are the late Frank "Bubby" Nuttle and Pearl Osborne Nuttle; my maternal great grandparents are the late Earnest and Mary Leader Nuttle and the late Sam and Effie LittleEagle Osborne. I am a direct descendant of Frank Leader, Skidi Chief and wife Skatoose, Billy Osborne, Pawnee Scout, LittleEagle, Pawnee Scout and Mattie LittleEagle all who made the walk from Nebraska to Indian Territory. I have a proud heritage and come from an honorable Christian family. This family heritage and what our Pawnee ancestors endured to provide the younger generations including myself the opportunities that I have utilized to promote education, health and wellness, self-sufficiency and most importantly tribal sovereignty.

#### **Education:**

I received an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree from Northern Oklahoma College (NOC), Tonkawa, Oklahoma, in 1998 and was on the Dean's Honor Roll for the 1996 Spring and Fall Semesters. I then moved my family to Norman, Oklahoma where I continued my education and received my Bachelors of Arts (BA) Degree

from the University of Oklahoma in 2001. I began my career and entered the workforce and later decided to return to school. I received my Masters of Tribal Administration and Governance from the University of Minnesota – Duluth (UMD), Duluth, Minnesota in 2014 with a 4.0 GPA.

#### **Work Experience:**

**Pawnee Nation** – My specific work experience for the Pawnee Nation began at age 14 working under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Summer Youth Program; in 1990 I worked as a consultant in Accounting to close out JTPA programs; 1990-1992 I worked as Accounting Clerk II working in Accounts Payable; 1994-1996 I worked as Librarian/Language Coordinator within the Education Department during this time *I was responsible for establishing Pawnee Language Classes* working with Tribal elders, the late Lynn Rice and the late Levi Horsechief. The Pawnee community language classes led to the first Pawnee Language and Cultural Committee, which led to the first Pawnee Language Classes within the Pawnee Public Schools. I am pleased that today these classes and Pari Pakuru are still going strong in the community and in the Pawnee Public Schools. This experience is one, if not the, most proudest moment of my professional career and accomplishments; **2011-2013 I served as the Health and Community Services Division Director** where I was responsible for the Nation's health programs (SAP/CHR/HE/Diabetes) and social service programs (Title VI/FDPIR/VAW/ICW). I provided administrative oversight and supervision to four departments and twenty-two grant programs. The departments included Health, Prevention, Children and Family Services, and Nutrition. I accomplished the Division of Health & Community Services strategic objectives by providing oversight of all contracts (638), planning, organizing, and directing all functions required to effectively operate and maintain program activities and services. I left this position to further my education and received my MA.

#### **Other Experience:**

Positions I have held that has provided me with a vast knowledge and experience in multiple disciplined areas of tribal government include: Indian Child Welfare, Family Preservation, Family Violence, Tribal Youth, and Domestic Violence; Employment and Training; Self-Governance from planning, implementation to monitoring and Government-to-Government negotiations; Tribal Administration, Grants and Contracts Administration and Compliance; Budget development, strategic budgeting and preparation and monitoring; and Consulting services in the area of tribal management, self-governance, training and technical assistance and grant development. Please see a listing of positions I have held

below; I will be happy to discuss any of these in detail.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation (2000-2004) – General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Instructor/Testing Coordinator, Employment and Training Department

Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition, DBA, Spirits of Hope (2002-2004) – Board Vice-President, Board President and Rural Domestic Violence Coordinator

Sac and Fox Nation (2004-2009) – Self-Governance Director and Tribal Administrator

Cherokee Nation (2009-2011) – Self-Governance Analyst

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma (2013-Current) Self-Governance Officer and Budget/Self-Governance Officer

Grant Reviewer for Federal Agencies (2000-Current) – Independent Consultant

Leader, LLC (2011-Current) – Business Owner and CEO

#### **Professional Philosophy:**

I lead by example, I believe in accountability and transparency at all levels of government, I believe in fairness. I will listen and investigate all validated complaints and concerns with integrity. I am an ethical leader and an ethical leader has respect for others, provides service to others, seeks justice for others and shows honesty toward others. I believe a leader has to be intuitive to their environment, culture, organization, and personalities from all different levels to be able to choose the path to reach the identified goal(s). The leadership role and responsibility is to provide the direction, support the staff and/or tribal members in these directions, and ensure that the staff and/or tribal members input are included in goals and how to reach them; and Tribal leaders should be supportive, provide resources, and be flexible in the path to reaching the overarching goals of the tribe and organization.

I believe a great leader should have a combination of universalism, transformation and benevolence characteristics and be able to determine which of these characteristics should be utilized singly or in any combination in any given aspect or situation. Universalism is the ability to put others before yourself or care about the general welfare of the community or Tribal members through respect, fairness, cooperation, compassion, spiritual respect, and humility. Transformation is the ability to inspire others in achieving long-term goals of the group or Tribal nation through the use of courage and passion. Benevolence is to have concern for others on a daily basis through selflessness, integrity, and loyalty. I believe that a leader should have all these dimensions to be considered an authentic leader. Honesty, competence, integrity, wisdom, passion, courage, humility, compassion, cooperation, fairness, respectfulness, and spirituality are all characteristics that I think a future leader should possess. Further, a great leader would need to have the ability to determine which characteristics to be utilized in any given situation. I believe I have these characteristics and I will work hard to ensure I maintain these characteristics, if elected.

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

Continue the work that has been implemented from the last administration; strive to work in unity with all Pawnee Business Council members, continue the work on audit issues, indirect cost related issues, strategic budgeting, accountability and full transparency at all levels of government.

**Tribal Youth and Culture** – A priority area that I would like to expand on is our Tribal Youth, they are our next generation and our future; we need to invest in our future and our future leaders so that our Pawnee Nation will grow and be prosperous for future generations. The Pawnee Nation culture, heritage and language are the purest form of True Tribal Sovereignty including the land, these things no one can take from us as Pawnee people unless we allow them too. These things can be accomplished through education, training, and prevention efforts to ensure our future, our youth are happy, healthy and self-sufficient individuals.

**Employment Management Leadership Program** - Another area that I would like to explore and implement is an employment management leadership program that will develop our Tribal members to become our next managers of our Tribal enterprises and government. Therefore, I would like to implement a program that would allow the Tribe to develop Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) through intensive leadership development, trainings, and job shadowing. The people we hire to be the mentor's to the Tribal members are hired with the knowledge that they would train our people to take over these positions. The difference between these trainings and the leadership development program would be the types of leadership classes that they would undertake. Trainings would need to be different because training teach skills to deal with a specific situation; the leadership program would develop these KSA's within the individuals to make inferences and figure out what to do when new situations arise.

#### **Employee Education Program**

– Another area that I would like to explore is an employee education program. If we have an employee who would like to attend a school of Higher Education and/or Adult Vocational Training that leads to a college degree or certification; we should invest in this employee. Of course there would be certain requirements and assurances that their job duties would be met. In closing, I propose the following question to ponder...

Does the vision of any organization you belong to have the content, context, credibility and collaboration to be a compelling vision? If not, what might be missing? How might this be resolved?

Our Tribe does not currently have a specific identified vision that we all as tribal members and the elected officials are focusing on; although, I do believe the council, staff, and the tribal members have the same vision and goal; which is to provide effective and efficient services to our people and promote self-sufficiency so that our members are happy healthy people. Therefore, to answer the specific question above do we have the content, context, credibility, and collaboration; the answer in my opinion is no, because we don't have a vision. We are currently going

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through elections and I am hoping that the newly installed council will conduct a series of strategically community planning sessions to identify a vision, short-term and long-term goals for the tribe. I hope staff and tribal members are included in the development of the goals and objectives for the new administration. Tribal members are the stakeholders of the Tribe and they should value the vision and buy-in to the vision in order to accomplish the goals and objectives of the vision. The leaders have to provide the support, resources, and flexibility for the goals to be accomplished.

Tatachikstehu,

M. Angela Thompson

[MATHompson4PBC@outlook.com](mailto:MATHompson4PBC@outlook.com)

Hello Pawnee Tribal Member and Friends:

I thought I had retired from serving as your Pawnee Business Council representative! My years of serving on the Pawnee Business Council have been challenging. I always aim at serving well to benefit those needing help. I am a product of Gravy U; Haskell; Washington State; and graduate of OU with an MSW. I am proud to say that I was on the PBC administration that paved the way for the rise of the Casino, amid many Nay Sayers. It has done well, now, let's see how it is helping tribal members.

As I have attended Business Council meeting for the past three years, I believe very strongly that I must continue to advocate for those people whose vital needs are not being met. I was always told that you do not

need a reason to help people, you see the need people have. "Lack of funds" is an excuse, not a solution.

I seek the PBC Treasurer Seat because I am concerned over management of tribal business. I live in the community, participate in tribal activities, attend PBC meetings and other tribal committees, I join organizations geared to serving all tribal members in a good way. I am well aware and familiar with the problems confronting tribal members in obtaining vital services from the Tribal Programs. The main consideration is the decisions Council makes can and do affect peoples' lives; not necessarily in a positive way. I will continue to advocate for those needing help, not in open forum, but rather from the advantage of a Council Seat.

I definitely know how difficult it is to get information from the Business Council regarding financial information. For years, the

financial system/processes shows weaknesses and inefficiency. This often confusing system causes bills to be paid late, putting Tribal credit at risk; employee travel is delayed, causing more problems for employees, risking their personal credit.

I am ready to work hard and diligently with the Pawnee Business Council at arriving at implementing a transparent revenue allocation plan in general and in particular for gaming revenue.

You vote and support for me is appreciated toward helping improve the functioning of the Pawnee Business Council to reach its ultimate goal of better serving you.

Thank You,

Elizabeth Blackowl

## OBITUARIES



**Hazel Annette (Pratt) Moore**

Hazel Annette (Pratt) Moore, 59 years, of Hominy, Oklahoma, passed away on Friday, March 13, 2015 in Cleveland, Oklahoma. She married Michael Moore on April 13, 1985 and worked for the Native American Times in the Circulation Department. Hazel was a lifelong Hominy resident.

Hazel was born in Enid, Oklahoma to Edward and Freda Lee (Kipp) Pratt on November 29, 1955. She was a member of the Osage, Pawnee and Blackfeet Nations and was a Zon-Zo-Li Committee cook for many years. She graduated from Hominy High School and then attended Rogers State University in Claremore, and also attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. She was a member of the Friends Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, both in Hominy, and also was a member of the Native American Church.

Hazel is survived by: her husband Michael of the home; 3 children: Cynthia Moore of Hominy, Stuart Moore of Nashville, TN and Vanessa Moore of Hominy; and 5 siblings: Cynthia Aken of Albuquerque, NM, Alfred Horse Chief of Jemez Pueblo, NM, Sammy Evanoff of Tulsa, OK, Mandi Grimes of Hominy, OK and Stacey Pratt of Hominy, OK.



**Juanita Lee Robedeaux DeLodge**

Juanita Lee Robedeaux DeLodge was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 27, 1952 to Irma EchoHawk and Battiest Robedeaux. She was 62 years, 3 months and 14 days old. She passed away in Edmond, Oklahoma on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 0014.

Lee is survived by her "baby" sister, Tammy Twins, her children, Margaret Twins-DeLodge, Vanessa Van Deventer and husband, Marc, Ethan Twins, and Sasha Twins. Lee is also survived by her Papa Kenneth Roberts and Aunts Joan Spotted Horsechief, Estelle

Delos Elton Prairie Chief of Ignacio died March 20th, 2015 at home in presence of his wife. He was 60.

Chief was born February 13th, 1955 in San Antonio, TX to Delos Prairie Chief and Sharon Pinnecoose

He is survived by Nancy Prairie Chief his wife of 37 years. His mother Sharon Pinnecoose. His son Will Prairie Chief, 1 grandson Donavon Lopez- Prairie Chief, his sisters Sherri Prairie Chief and Jacqueline Frost, his brothers

Stevens, and Sally Ann Delaware. She is also survived by sisters, Darwina Blanchard, Diane Only A Chief, Donna Howell, Stella Robinson, Belynda Cleste Sosa, Bea Realrider, Cindy Rice, Janet Gonzales. Brothers, Robert Lee Thomas, Jess Robedeaux Bo Peters, Steve Knifechief, and Sonny Howell. Grandchildren: Collin Van Deventer, Sebastian Twins-DeLodge, Layla Van Deventer, and Hendrix Van Deventer. Lee will be missed by numerous other relatives and friends, including her dogs, Booker and Nacho Lee was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin DeLodge, her son, Kenneth Adachi, her mother and father, Irma & Bat, her brother, Bat Robedeaux, Jr, her sisters, Julia Monet Robedeaux, Mary Lasley Ramos, Elizabeth Frazier and Marilyn Peters Services was held Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 2:00 P. M. at the Pawnee Nation Roundhouse with Rev. Lynn Eaves officiating. Under the directions of the Poteet Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Jack Frost Jr. and Andrew Frost, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Chief is preceded in death by his father Delos Prairie Chief a brother Will and 2 sisters Andrea and Suzi Frost.

Visitation will take place March 23rd at 7:00pm - 9:00pm, at the SUIT Multi Purpose Room, 258 Ute Road. A service will be held at 10:00am, March 24th, at the SUIT Multi Purpose Room, 258 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO, Burial will take place at Ignacio East Cemetery, CO.



**Phillip Minthorn**

Phillip C. Minthorn, 56 of Fort Collins, passed away on February 14, 2015 after a long battle with cancer.

Phil was born on December 6, 1958 in Fort Defiance, Arizona to Brigham and Louise (Bryan) Minthorn. He moved from Albuquerque, NM to the Loveland/Fort Collins area in 1977. Phil graduated from Regis University with a Technical Management Degree. He worked for HP/Agilent for over thirty years. Phillip was a member of the Pawnee and Navajo Nation, the Native American Church and NCIPA. He enjoyed woodworking, motorcycles and Native American dance.

Phil is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert Cohoe. He is survived by his children, Kyle and Danika, siblings; Ronald Bryan, Vernon Cohoe, Eloise (Reggie) Moore, Carol Chee, Julia Minthorn-Garnet and many friends.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home, followed by interment.

On this page, we printed the Obituaries that were available. Unfortunately, other Tribal Members have passed on and we were not able to locate those obituaries and pictures. Those Tribal Members were: Richard Fields, February 16, 2015; Norma H. Roberts, March 2, 2015; Nathaniel Horsechief, March 4, 2015 and Pamela K. Chanate, March 25, 2015. We will print their obituaries in the next edition of the *Chaticks Si Chaticks*.

### TRIBAL MEMBERS:

***A Candidate Forum is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 12 noon at the Multi-Purpose Building. If any Tribal Members have questions for the Candidates, this is your opportunity to be heard and get your questions answered.***

# CANDIDATES FOR PAWNEE NATION COUNCIL SEAT #1

## Charlsi "Sammye" Adson

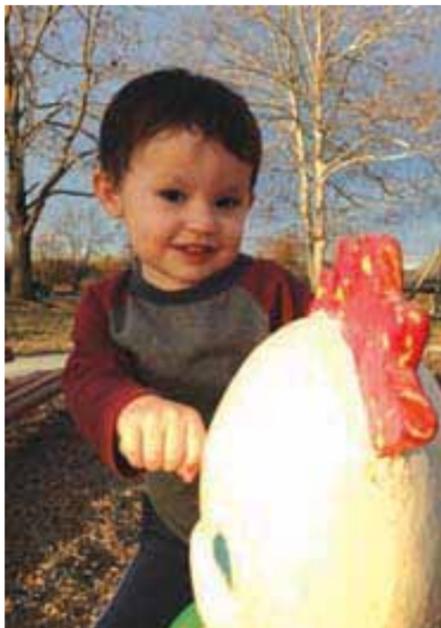
My name is Charlsi "Sammye" Adson and I am a member of the Pitahawirat Band of the Pawnee Nation. I am the daughter of Andrew and Georgia Mae Adson and the granddaughter of the late Herbert and Alice Simpson Morris. I am a candidate for Seat 1 of the Nation's Business Council. The citizens of the Pawnee Nation are responsible for electing officials that are ethical, honest, educated, experienced, and have an intuitive business sense to drive success.

I am employed by a large medical device manufacturer. After working 17-years in the corporate offices in San Diego in information technology and strategic sourcing management, I elected to transfer to the company's Mannford facility in June 2014 where I am a Quality Engineer. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management; maintaining a 3.85 gpa, and am a member of Muh Delta Muh the national honor society for business degrees. My business council experience includes Board of Directors Secretary for the Southern California Indian Center, Board of Directors member for the San Diego Indian Human Resource Center. I also served on the City of San Diego's Native American Advisory Commission as an appointment by the honorable Mayor Maureen O'Connor. I am compelled to work for the Pawnee Nation on three platforms. (1) Business; (2) Education; (3) Culture. It is for these reasons that I believe I am the viable candidate for Seat 1. The May 2015 election is an important day for all Pawnee Nation citizens as several Council seats will be elected. As you choose your candidates please keep in mind the importance of building a Business Council that can drive success by leveraging what businesses and funding that we have in place today while designing and incorporating a roadmap or strategic plan for the Nation's future. A fundamental process for any business's success is a strategic plan to provide direction and focus. It points to specific results that are to be achieved and establishes

a course of action for achieving them. We as a Nation need a solid leadership team to ensure we are leveraging the Nation's Tribal Development Corporation (TDC), available federal funded grants, both excellent venues to generate income and jobs. The Nation's citizens deserve a leadership team that is accountable to the Nation and regulatory authorities, while are transparent, ethical, and driven in making the Pawnee Nation self-sustaining by researching and generating new business opportunities to generate income and being an employer of choice. We must invest in our children by providing students with the necessary educational tools required to be successful and eventually self-sufficient. We must invest in our elders as many of our own are living on minimal fixed incomes and often do without basic necessities month after month. It would be a privilege to bestow the Nation's first per capita payments to those individuals that are over 65-years old (perhaps even 60); as I believe per cap payments would make a difference in the quality of their lives. The Pawnee language is a core element of what we are as a people; we must make the language program a priority by funding our Nation's experts to develop a viable language program via classroom, web-based and phone app applications. We must leverage and invest in the Nation's land (including agriculture) and infrastructure by maintaining our beautiful campus of historical buildings that serve government programs, executive offices, and the Pawnee College. Last, invest in our deeply rooted culture by developing a dance arena and camp ground located east of the gym that would be the primary location for all outdoor cultural events that is maintained by the Nation's workforce.

I look forward to meeting and visiting with many of you and welcome your feedback and ideas. Please join me in change by voting.

Thank you,  
Sammye Adson  
Pawnee Nation Tribal Council Candidate  
Seat 1



**Happy Birthday Son!**  
**Happy 2nd Birthday Talon Thomas Knife Chief.**  
**You have been a blessing to us all!**  
**Love,**  
**Knife Chief family**

Talon Thomas Knife Chief

## Linda Kay (Chapman) Jestes

Dear Pawnee Tribal Member: and afforded the opportunity to be employed in order to make their lives more stable.

My name is Linda Kay (Chapman) Jestes and I am seeking the position of Seat #1 of the Pawnee Business Council. I am married to Ronnie Jestes and we have lived in Pawnee all our lives. I am employed by the Housing Authority of the Pawnee Tribe and the Board of Commissioners for a period of 37 years. For the past twelve years we have had "clean" audits with no financial findings.

I previously served as Secretary to the Business Council from 2008-2012 and also served as Treasurer during this term when the Treasurer seat was vacated. I am presently serving on the Enrollment Committee, TERO Board and Tribal Development Board and assist the Travelers Club in providing meals for bereaved families.

I am very familiar with the duties that a council member must adhere to in order to make the Business Council a strong government. I will do my part in seeing that the endeavors of the Pawnee Nation are carried out for the people. I strongly believe that as a Council Member "we must serve the people and keep them well informed of the business at hand". Failure to keep people informed creates negative thinking and starts the "rumor mill". We need to possess a positive attitude in order to grow and become a thriving nation.

Some of my personal goals for the Pawnee Nation are:  
-to provide more support for our children's education.  
-update the Tribal constitution.  
-to develop a Revenue Allocation Plan.  
-to establishment a beautification program on the Reserve, which includes an area set aside for a Veterans Memorial Garden.  
-to have Building #64 renovated.  
-to seek funding to either repair or remove historical buildings on the reserve that are not usable.  
-to be more financially transparent.

On May 2, 2015 you will have the opportunity to select the individuals that you feel are best qualified to drive the Pawnee Nation in a "positive" direction. I seek your vote for a better future for the Pawnee Nation!

Linda Kay (Chapman) Jestes  
our Native Americans are trained

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## CANDIDATES FOR PAWNEE NATION COUNCIL SEAT #2

Nawa!

I am Karla Knife Chief, Granddaughter of Irene Knife Chief Gonzales and Manual Gonzales, and Daughter of Joanne Gonzales Rankins and JW Rankins of Pawnee, OK. My Son is Bobby Knifehawk Johnson and he lives in Pueblo, CO. My Daughter is Skidi Star Leading Fox and she lives here with me in Pawnee, OK. Pawnee, OK is my hometown as I was born here at the Indian Health Service Hospital; February 3, 1963. My children and I are members of the Pawnee Chapter of the Native American Church

I am a candidate for Pawnee Business Council and I am seeking re-election for Seat 2 of the Pawnee Nation.

I have served our Nation in a way I believe the Tribal members would want to be represented and believe I am fair and have a lot of common sense. I work for the people in many ways and I try my best to be respectful to my folks and especially my Elders. While in office this last 4 years a lot has happened and some changes were made for the betterment of the Tribe. The Pawnee Round House was remodeled and a new Elder Center for Title VI was added to the Tribal Reserve. The Salazar Settlement made it possible to create the School Clothes VISA Card Program (\$250.00) and the Funeral Fund (\$4500.00). These two programs, I felt were a good benefit to our Tribal Members. The new bridge entrance from Hwy 18 creates a beautiful entrance to the Reserve and the campus looks great. The Annual Report now being produced was something I pushed for because we need accountability and transparency to our tribal members. It will get better and better each year as we learn what you would like to be included in the reporting.

We have land in Nebraska and I want to put into Trust. I want these lands to be included in all our plans for growth and eventually have a Tribal Head Quarters up there. We have a lot of potential here and in Nebraska for agriculture development. I would like us to begin leasing our lands as we choose to.



***Karla Knife Chief***

There is just so much we can do and I believe in planning for the future for our Nation. Exciting things are happening and I am ready to focus on them to help create work and jobs. This means meeting with Pawnee Tribal Development Board and the Pawnee Nation College on a quarterly basis to have common goals to move forward together with common goals. The Nasharo Council could be included to update Pawnees on the things they are working on and as we plan and develop our Cultural Division. The Pawnee Language component will be included in this Division and hopes to have interested Pawnees become language Teachers. Our Museum will be part of this new division as well.

I want the Pawnee Members to have input with these plans and be at these meetings because everything we do we do for you, from the youngest to the oldest Pawnee Tribal Member! I am committed to the PBC and if I am re-elected I will be at the Tribe daily. I like to organize and plan. I will not be able to keep a full time job and serve on the council at the same time. I have done both the last four years and I have found that the PBC is a full time position and want to be there most of all.

I care about future of our children and the generations to come! I am open to conversation and questions and can be reached by telephone, 918-399-0543 or email, kknifechief@pawneenation.org

I am committed to the Pawnee Nation and its membership I hope I can get your vote, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015!

Faith, Hope, Love, Charity

I Remain, Karla Knife Chief,  
Pawnee Skidi Tribal Member

Nawa:

It's an honor be a candidate for the Pawnee Business Council. I am asking for your support in my campaign to advance the Pawnee Nation and our people. My name is Dawna Lynn Riding In Hare. My Pawnee name is Stah-pee-the-wee. I am a member of the Pawnee Nation and belong to the Pitahawirata Band.

I am the daughter of Cecil Sr. and Joyce (Sorrell) Riding In. My father's parents were Frank Sr. and Frances (Smith) Riding In. My father was raised by his great grandmother Lottice (Walking Bear) Fancy Eagle of the Pitahawirata Band on her allotment south of Pawnee. He spoke only Pawnee until age 7 when he entered Pawnee Boarding School (Gravy U). Lottice, known as Auntie, was of the first generation to live in Oklahoma after removal from Nebraska. Here her daughter Virginia was born and later married William Riding In, a Pawnee Scout, (Chau/Kitkehahki). Their children were Frank Sr., Charlie, Gertie (Riding In) Lewis, Lida (Riding In) Rice, and May (Riding In) Chapman. Frank Sr. was a farmer on the southern boundary of our original reservation boundaries.

My father was an educator (teacher/assistant principal) on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, and both parents were educators on the Navajo reservation. They attained their education later in life, valued education, and taught their children the value of education.

I am a graduate of Haskell Indian Junior College and the University of Kansas, majoring in personnel administration. While in Lawrence I married my husband, Charles Hare, Yankton/Oneida. We moved to Edmond, Oklahoma. While there we began our family with the births of our children Carly, Electa, and Danon. Also during that time, I began my career at the American Indian Training & Employment Program in OKC and managed a car rental office.

We moved to Pawnee in 1988 and the following year I began my career with Pawnee Nation serving as Director of Personnel/ Enrollment/ Communications for 6 years and Executive Director for 18 years. Currently, I am an



***Dawna Riding In Hare***

instructor for the Native Learning Center (owned by Seminole Tribe of Florida) and Native American Consulting (also 100% native owned), grant evaluator for the American Indian Into Psychology Program (OSU), and teach American Indian Sovereignty at Oklahoma State University.

If elected, I will serve the Pawnee Nation "with abounding pride in our cultural heritage and the determination to promote through marshaled efforts our social, economical and political advancement" as prescribed in the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

My primary goals are to develop and implement a long-range strategic plan that engages our tribal members and tribal entities; preserves our beautiful Pawnee culture and language; engages in community development that includes continuing the development of a diversified economy while incorporating agriculture and promoting entrepreneurship; encourages active citizenship in tribal government and beyond (local, state, federal); invests in our human capital with educational and employment opportunities; and supports our next generation of leaders. It's time to update our constitution to reflect the reacquisition of our homelands in Nebraska.

The Pawnee Nation advances when those we elect understand the role of legislation, work together, communicate effectively, and invest in employees by creating a positive environment for success.

Dawna Riding In Hare

***Pawnee Nation Election is May 2, 2015 at the Multipurpose Building from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.***

***Absentee Ballots must be received by 12 noon on Saturday, May 2, 2015.***

*Pawnee Nation Employees Club sponsors Annual Easter Egg Hunt*



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“We don’t just work for Haskell,” Good Fox continued. “We work for all of Indian Country. Although I am saddened about leaving the faculty, I am excited about serving as Dean. Haskell has a very strong foundation and a supportive and keen administration. So we are well positioned to play an even more important role for Indian Country than in years past. I look forward to working with our campus and our communities to help this historic institution to rise to greater heights.”

Good Fox currently is the Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Pawnee Nation College. Her writings and reviews have appeared in Indian Country Today, Last Real Indians, and other media outlets. Before entering the higher education field, Good Fox was an analyst programmer in the mutual funds industry. She also has experience in mental health as a counselor’s assistant and in public health as a program manager of maternal and childhood projects.

Good Fox was born and raised in Oklahoma. She earned a BA and MA in Literature at the University of Oklahoma, where she specialized in decolonization texts. She later moved to Kansas, where her doctoral studies in the American studies program at the University of Kansas centered on the international histories and theories of decolonization.

Julia is a direct descendent of Curly Chief and his wife, and also of William Mathews (Buffalo Chief) and Nannie Curlychief Mathews. Her grandparents are the late Theodore Goodfox and Gertie Mathews Roberts. Her mother is Theda Goodfox Kresge and her father is the late Olen Davis. Julia is the youngest of five siblings, and is the mother of Natasha, who earned an AA at Haskell in 2014.

