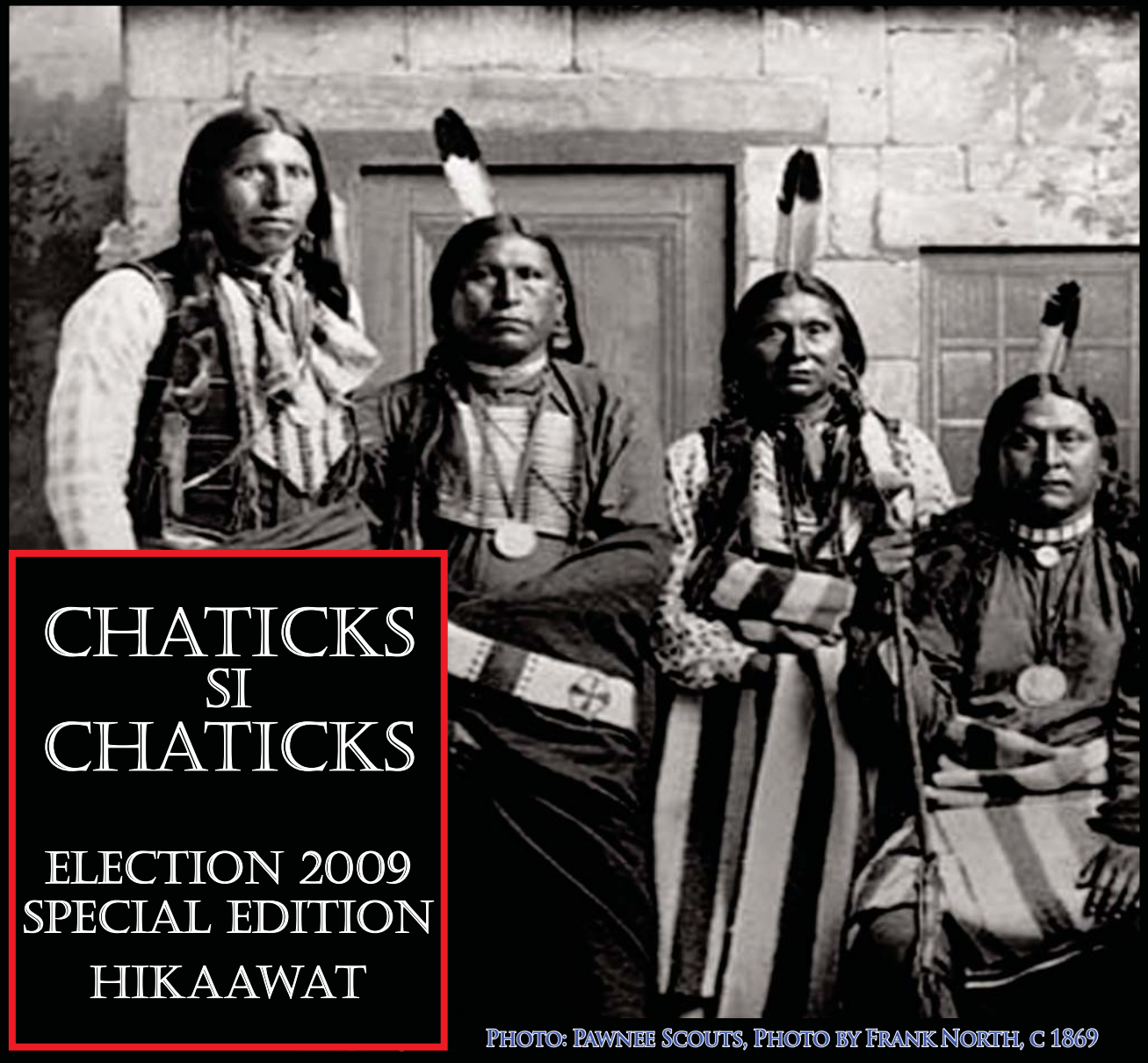


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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE HOWELL



*Dear Pawnee Nation Tribal Members:*

On May 2, 2009, the Nation will hold the Pawnee Business Council elections for the Vice President seat, Secretary seat, and Council seats #3 and #4. Hopefully the decision we make will be to continue the progress we have made. Someone asked me what makes a good Council member. I wish I had a good answer that would encompass all the factors a person needs to do a good job anywhere.

First, a good Council member, in my estimation, is one that:

- Has a genuine interest in successfully moving the Pawnee Nation forward
- Looks out for the best interests of the Nation, above one's own individual gain
- Is independent thinking and willing to discuss and look at both sides of an issue
- Carries out the responsibilities and duties of his/her office in a timely manner
- Is dependable and reliable in attending PBC meetings and being prepared
- Character needs to be above reproach because Council people are judged by separate and higher standards
- Makes effort to work with the staff and resolve differences amicably and appropriately
- Does not inflate self importance, accepts role to serve the Pawnee Nation

This may sound like a big order, but all it really means is to give others respect and to have respect for yourself. By being truthful and honest to yourself and others, the rest of the goals are conquerable. I don't expect anyone to fill all these requirements one hundred percent, but I would hope that Council people would strive to achieve them.

I was also asked, what constitutes an undesirable Council person. In my estimation that would be:

- Anyone seeking to sabotage Council's efforts or progress
- Being dishonest and creating divisions
- Putting one's own agenda above the needs of the Pawnee Nation

Good luck to all the candidates who are running. God bless the Pawnee Nation. Thank You.

—*President George Elton Howell*



# ELECTION 2009 CALENDAR



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### **May 2, 2009 - Election Day**

- Onsite Voting: Polling booths will be located at the Multi-Purpose Building, 806 Morris Rd., Pawnee Tribal Reserve. Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and Close at 7:00 p.m.
- Absentee Voting: Ballots must be received by the Election Commission at PO Box 600, Pawnee OK 74058 by Noon on Election Day.

### **May 3, 2009- Election Results Posted by Noon**

- Visit [www.pawneenation.org/election](http://www.pawneenation.org/election)
- Onsite postings at Multi-Purpose Building and Building 64.

### **May 4-6, 2009- Protest Period**

- Voters may submit a written protest with explanation to the Election Commission.
- All recount requests must include payment of a \$300 fee.
- The Protest Period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Protests received after 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted. The Election Commission will respond to protests by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2009.

**TBD - Certification of Election**





## CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



**CHARLES "BUDDY"  
LONE CHIEF**

### Education:

- The University of Tulsa;
- Tulsa, OK-  
B.A. Physical Science Education; Science Minor
- The University of Tulsa and Tulsa Junior College-  
Post Graduate Courses in Science and Education

### Military Service:

- U.S. Army -Basic Training Outstanding Trainee (Runner-Up), Physical Training Award, Expert Rifle Marksmanship Badge (Company runner-up), Proficiency Award (Company Runner-Up)
- U.S. Army- Staff Sergeant (E-6)
- 486th Civil Affairs Company- Reserve
- Tomahawk Division – Reserve
- 9th Special forces Group – Reserve (Texas)
- 95th Infantry Division (Active and Reserve)
- Active Duty (6 month)
- Army Reserve – 5.5 Years

### Professional Experience:

- Wilson Junior High, Tulsa, OK Taught Science, Geography, and Physical Education. Head Track

- and Asst. Football Coach
- Hale High School Taught Science and Physical Education. Coached Football, Girl's Basketball, Track and Cross Country.
- Tulsa County Mingo School Taught Science, Physical Education. Coached Baseball, Basketball and Softball.
- Friendship High School and Junior High, Wolfforth, TX Taught Physical Education. Head Track Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Head Coach 7th Grade Football, Boy's Basketball, & Girl's Basketball.

### Political Experience:

- Pawnee Nation, Pawnee Business Council- Third Seat Council Member
- Served on the following committees:  
Education  
Proposal Review  
Repatriation/Reburial Enrollment.

### Public Service:

- Chosen Model Recreation Program by National Evaluation Team
- Director Summer Recreation (Office of Economic Opportunity)
- Tulsa Indian Center– President
- Oklahoma State Department of Education Suggested Learner Outcomes Committee– Member
- Oklahoma State Department of Education Objective Test Writing Committee, Science Proficiency Exams– Member
- Oklahoma State Department of Education Committee, Biased Questions on Proficiency Exams-Member

### Describe how your membership on the Pawnee Business Council will benefit the Pawnee Nation:

“Experience – 3 terms serving on the Business Council. Have served as Chairman of the following committees at one time or another: Education, Enrollment, Repatriation & Proposal Review. Presently I chair the Repatriation and Proposal Review committees and am a member of the Education Committee. I have served on several Oklahoma State Educational Committees. I take the Oath of Office very seriously. I shall always do my utmost to do the best for our tribe.”

### Identify the top three priorities currently facing the Pawnee Nation's tribal government, and briefly describe how you will address these priorities:

“Expansion of the Travel Plaza - The present plans are to increase the gaming area approximately 10,000 square feet with the addition of 200 gaming machines, an 80 seating capacity restaurant with restrooms nearby, bar and grill, vault room, cage and break room. We need to expand our Travel Plaza in order to generate more income to meet the needs of our tribe in my opinion. At present we are limited in what we can do. If an acceptable loan agreement can be achieved, I believe it would be in the best interest of the Tribe to move forward with the expansion of our Travel Plaza.

Assistance for the following:

- Elders
- Students needing supplemental

- educational assistance
- Veterans Organization
- Burial assistance of \$1,500
- Repatriation/Reburial supplemental needs

Continued emphasis to provide as much assistance as the budget will allow. Maintaining our buildings to keep them in good working order and good preventative maintenance helps avoid big repair costs which includes structural, electrical, and plumbing. Communication with our Property Manager is the key.”

### Provide any additional information relevant to the Pawnee Nation's May 2009 Regular Election:

“I have also been a member of the following organizations:

- Tulsa Classroom Teachers Association
- Tulsa Science Teachers Association
- Oklahoma Science Teachers Association
- Oklahoma Education Association
- National Education Association
- Oklahoma Coaches Association
- Oklahoma Track Coaches Association
- National Coaches Association (National Federation)”

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



**TOM ELTON KNIFE CHIEF**

**Education:**

- Cal State University, Fullerton  
B.A. in Social Science
- Haskell Indian Junior College  
A.A.S. in Nuclear Physics
- Numerous certificates for teacher methodology
- Several night E.C.U.'s for Quantum Mechanics
- Certificates in Computer Processing

**Professional Experience:**

- Pawnee Nation- Various jobs in Administration i.e. Executive Director, Personnel Director, Tribal Planner for Housing Authority and Tribal Development Corporation Director
- Pawnee Nation College- Taught Pawnee language, culture, and history.

**Political Experience:**

- Pawnee Nation Business Council- three terms, two as Vice-Pres.
- Pawnee Nasharo Chief's Council- Head Chief

**Public Service:**

- Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization- Served many times as Head Singer

**Describe how your membership on the Pawnee Business Council will benefit the Pawnee Nation:**

"I will speak up. If I believe things don't sound right to me, I will ask questions. I will stand up for tribal employees if they feel and believe they have not had their due process. I and many tribal members want to know, "Where is all that money going?" I'm not saying there are any improprieties. I'm just saying me and the tribal members want to know. If it goes to some outstanding debt to a corporation, just tell us how much, why, and when will the debt be retired."

**Identify the top three priorities currently facing the Pawnee Nation's tribal government, and briefly describe how you will address these priorities:**

"Debts. I don't know many details as I have been out of politics for six years. I would like the Tribe, Veteran's Organizations (local and National), the city and the feds, through the stimulus, to develop an "urgent care center". Impossible? No. I would like the Nasharo Chief's Council's inherent powers and authority restored.

Back in the early 1990's when I was the Executive Director, the Business Council did not meet for 2 years due to a political deadlock. Many tribal programs were in jeopardy. I worked with the Chief's Council thru treaty rights and went to all the funding agencies. Thereby saving over half the programs without the Business Council resolutions, but rather resolutions from the Chiefs. They oversee the actions of the Business Council.

Finally; I wish to say, I don't hold anything personal against anyone. It's only business."



**PETE L. MOORE, JR.**

I am forty-six years old and have lived in Pawnee, OK nearly all of my life. I was raised in a strict but loving and wholesome environment with one brother and three sisters. Supportive parents and grandparents instilled family, cultural and traditional values, advocating alcohol and drug free lifestyle, which I have shared with my children and family. Evolving as the future of the Pawnee Nation, our children deserve special care and services. Our elders are an important resource and have needs we must strive to meet.

Fortunately from an early age, I have attended and participated in Pawnee Tribal functions and gatherings as well as Inter-Tribal events throughout Indian Country. Connecting with many has contributed to my on-going awareness of issues and successful ventures amongst Indian Tribes. My networking capabilities, open-mindedness, honesty and straightforward character has most importantly been extended to my fellow Tribal members to serve and represent all, from the youngest to

the oldest, to the best of my ability for our Pawnee Nation. Living in the Pawnee Community allows for utmost accessibility to my door to more personally serve my Tribal neighbors.

I have demonstrated my belief of the value of hard work and appropriate conduct during my professional career and have applied the same, along with management experience, while serving with Pawnee Nation Business Council for several years. I have committed time to work for the Pawnee people inside and beyond the walls of meeting rooms, including serving on the Title VII Parent Committee for several years. My reward and replenishment of strength is being a part of processes to achieve success and overcome challenges with a sincere interest to help steer a positive direction for our Tribe in services to members, economic development, self governance, and guarding our sovereignty.

In regard to promises, I am the same as before, I will not intentionally mislead people or make empty promises. What I will continue to offer is the promise to work hard in an ethical and professional manner with the best interest of the Pawnee Nation in heart and mind. I do not push my Native American Church religion on any person, but I will utter prayers for our goodness and future. I desire to carry many shared interests with me and continue to unselfishly dedicate service to our Nation as Vice-President of the Business Council.



## CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY



**ANDREA "TWEETIE"  
LYONS BOWEN**

### Education:

- Graduated from Pawnee Public Schools.
- Oklahoma State University and University of New Mexico  
Primary area of study in Business Administration.
- Massey Real Estate College, Dallas Received Certificate of Completion.
- Red Carpet Real Estate School, Enid-Received Sales Associate License .
- Great Plains Area Vo-Tech in Lawton, OK- Pharmacy Technician Certificate.

### Professional Experience:

- Pawnee Indian Health Service Clinic Pharmacy Technician
- Red Cross Office, Fort Sill Army Base- Field Accountant
- Pawnee Indian Health Service Clinic- Secretary to Clinical Director
- Self-Employed- Owned and operated a small business in Pawnee
- Forney International, Dallas, TX. Administrative Assistant to 5 project engineers
- Crutcher Resources Corporation-

Administrative Assistant/Cash Manager

### Political Experience:

- Pawnee Nation Business Council-
- Current 4th Seat holder

### Public Service:

- Marine Corps. League, Fairfax, OK-
- Auxiliary member and Assistant
- Coordinator for the Toys for Tots Program.

### Describe how your membership on the Pawnee Business Council will benefit the Pawnee Nation:

"I come to benefit the Nation by voting thoughtfully on major issues affecting the Pawnee Nation. I do not come on the Council to undermine the progress the Council has worked to establish these past two years. I come to help build up the Nation! I will continue to review all issues carefully and see how best to serve the Nation. I come prepared for Council meetings, and ready for rational discussions, without malice. If there is an issue on which I need clarification, I will seek the answer from knowledgeable persons instead of wildly speculating or making misstatements. I do not propose to know everything. This is my approach in solving problems.

My family fully supports the stands I take because they know I come to Council to represent only one interest group, the Pawnee Nation.

A positive attitude is something I come by easily since I pray daily to keep a healthy balance in my life and keep things in perspective. I

pray too, to keep an open mind and not be influenced by negativity. I firmly believe that continuity is the key to maintaining stability and success in the PBC as we move forward.

As Secretary, I will ensure enrollment records maintain strict privacy and confidentiality. I will make the Secretary seat a source of information for members and encourage review of Council minutes by making them available after Council approval. I will also produce a Secretary quarterly report on the Council's progress, available to all members. These are the contributions I bring to the PBC for the success of the Pawnee Nation.

In my professional career, I am knowledgeable about business endeavors, in that I owned and operated my own business. I understand what it takes to write a business plan and institute it. I feel that on the Pawnee Nation Business Council we should have seminars on Economic Development. There are some people that believe grants will do everything for us. In obtaining grants, they are to be used for a certain purpose and they cannot be used to make money. We need to become self-sufficient to develop our own Economic Development. I will continue to work towards the development of our Pawnee Nation in those endeavors that will benefit our people."

### Identify the top three priorities currently facing the Pawnee Nation's tribal government, and briefly describe how you will address these priorities:

"Number 1: Gaming; Number 1: Economic Development; Number 1: Health. These are all top priorities! None of these three should be ranked number 1, 2, 3. All are top priorities the Pawnee Nation is currently facing and addressing.

Also, each priority is not an issue in itself; each carries a host of byproducts. For example, Gaming promises jobs and employment; but it also addresses the needs of elders; education; childcare; all age group healthcare needs.

Economic development is a top issue. Needing entrepreneurial know-how to succeed; strategic planning; opportunities for business grants; possessing knowledge of business.

Health is a top concern. The issue is always money! Successful Gaming and economic development will bring needed funds to alleviate health problems facing our Pawnee Nation. We will supplement healthcare to ensure our needs are being met. I was on the 2005-2006 Council which was initiating moving toward opening a casino. The Council of 2005-2006 stepped in and ended it all. The returning and current Council of 2007 is again moving and progressing toward establishing Gaming.

I seek Secretary Council seat to ensure continuity in supporting and continuing the progress Council is making in this direction. As Council Secretary, I will issue a quarterly report informing of the Gaming and economic development efforts being made to address these top priorities benefiting all Pawnee Nation members!"

## CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY



**LINDA K. JESTES**

“Hi! My name is Linda K. Chapman Jestes and I’m seeking your vote for the position of Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council in the upcoming election.

I was born and raised in Pawnee. My parents were the late Henry and Lonie Tatum Chapman but I was raised by my brother, Earl. My husband, Ronnie Jestes, has been the Director, Substance Abuse Program for the United Community Action Program for 29 years. We’re members of the Family Worship Center here in Pawnee. The rest of our family consists of our son Bubba, his daughter, Chrissy and Jimmy Dale and daughter-in-law, Beverly, with Jaime, J.T. and Jaelyn. My family and I are proud supporters of every community/Tribal events.

In 2007 I ran for the position of Treasurer and was defeated by only a few votes. My strong desire to be of service to my people is the incentive to try again. Also, I’d like to follow in the footsteps of my father and

brothers-Basil, Tommy, Earl and Robert-who served on the Pawnee Business Council. They were instrumental in the development of many governmental systems and various economic development projects that allow us to enjoy many of the services we have today. I’m proud of their efforts and hope to carry my ‘positive energy’ forward to the good of the Pawnee people.

My Education Consists Of:

- Attended Pawnee Indian School and graduated from the Pawnee Public Schools
- Two years Certified Financial Mgmt. through HUD, OSU and Rose State College
- Child Development Associates Certification through Tulsa Community College
- Various Mgmt. Certifications through National American Indian Housing Council

My Business Experience Includes:

- Member, Executive Committee, Chamber of Commerce
- Vice President, Cowboys for Christ
- Active Supporter, Neighborhood Stabilization Program with City, County, UCAP
- Member, Pawnee Bill Memorial Rodeo
- Cook, Cattle Drive
- Owner, Successful Cattle Operation for 15 yrs.
- Previous Owner, Licensed Day Care for 6 yrs.
- Currently, Executive Director of Housing Authority of Pawnee Tribe (2003 through present)

As stated in 2007, my track record speaks for itself with the Housing Authority of the Pawnee Nation (A tribally designated Housing Authority formed under the State of Oklahoma). Over the past five years, 2003 through 2008, all audits reflected “NO FINANCIAL FINDINGS”.

These accomplishments are due to a ‘positive working environment’ with an excellent staff that enjoys working together toward a common goal- PROVIDING BETTER HOUSING FOR OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS. Pawnee tribal members owning homes within the Pawnee Nation jurisdiction are at an all-time high. This says a lot for effective home ownership counseling, strategic planning and financial education of our people.

MY VISION FOR THE PAWNEE PEOPLE IS SIMPLY THIS:

1. Existence
  2. Existence
  3. Existence
1. Existence Through the Education of Our Youth. In order for us as a tribe/people to exist in the future we must always remember where we came from. Developing special high school and collegiate programs geared toward economics, business and Indian law ensure our future existence. Specialized funding for completion of these programs ensures the goals we desire as a Tribe.
  2. Existence Through Tribally

Developed Short/Long Range Goals for Economic Development. BUT, it must be done with a team of economic experts working with our Tribal staff and Business Council to carefully guide us through this economic maize known as a “Recession”. An economic development project I’d like to see is a Tribally-owned Credit Union. Why not, other Tribes do!

3. Existence through Intense Financial Planning, such as Saving Plan, Supplemental Health Plan, Burial Plan, Casino Revenue Allocation Plan, Retirement Plan for Tribal Employees. The key to financial security is strategic planning...the mechanism to ensure these areas are funded in the Casino Revenue Allocation Plan. All Tribal funds should be guarded at this time of recession and cost effective measures put into place

These are just a few of my ideas for the Pawnee people. I believe with my business background and positive approach I can make a big difference on the Pawnee Business Council. I seek and appreciate your vote on election day.”



## CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL SEAT #3



**LILLIE REALRIDER  
CUMMINGS**

“Having previously served four years on our Pawnee Nation Business Council, I have filed for Council Seat #3. Once again I have chosen to run for a position on our tribal council because I’m confident I can be an asset as another Tribal Elder.

I am Lillie Realrider Cummings, widow of Lloyd Cummings, full-blood Pawnee. Both of us belong to the Chaui band. My parents were Austin and Marie Lane Realrider. My great-great Grandfather was WhiteElk. My great Grandparents were War and Lillie Rouwalk. My grandparents on my Dad’s side was Warren and Jennie Rouwalk Realrider and Grandma Addie Realrider. On Mother’s side, my Pawnee blood comes from Mary Rice Lane, who was known as “Babe”. Great Grand-father was full-blood Pawnee, Nelson Rice, who was a Federal Marshal. He also built our family home which was a hotel on our Pawnee Reserve.

My education consists of graduation from Pawnee High

School. I then attended Oklahoma City University. In my second year I met and married Lloyd and from there I attended college adding hours toward my degree wherever we lived while being both a Mother and a Student. I also attended Fort Lewis College, Northern New Mexico State, and finally Oklahoma State University. Now that I am mature I am attending our Pawnee Nation College full time! Our classes will be over just about the time of the tribal council elections.

After Lloyd’s retirement from the BIA, we moved back home to Pawnee twenty-two years ago and have lived here since. We had three children, the youngest Lawrence Ray is deceased. Our son, Lloyd Cummings, Jr., and his family reside in New Mexico. Our daughter, Dr. Linda Cummings (Mrs. Jimmy Horn) lives here in Pawnee and works at our IHS Clinic.

While my husband was in college, I worked as secretary for a private lawyer, worked for Bank of America, and also worked in the Realty Department for the BIA here in Pawnee and later also in Coulee Dam, Washington. I worked as a Copywriter for KSPI in Stillwater and years later while living in Washington and New Mexico, I worked as Copywriter for a Christian Radio station in Yakima, Washington, and as account specialist for KCHF Christian Television in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Lloyd and I were invited to co-host our own show on the Trinity Broadcasting Station in Albuquerque hosting a program

called “Chief Cornerstone” which we did for two years. I have also owned and operated three gift shops.

I am President of our Pani Hope HIV-Aids Coalition, and have served as Chairman of our Pawnee Nation Housing Authority, and served on our Repatriation Committee. I now enjoy writing the Elders News for our local newspaper.

As a Tribal Council member I want to see progress for the Tribe. Be aware that whoever you choose to elect, one cannot or should not, act alone. It takes a majority of the Tribal Council to take any kind of action.

I’m sure you are aware of the obvious, that opportunities for our tribe are rapidly decreasing with the plight of our National economy. There have already been cuts in some of our programs through no fault of our own. You and I know this is happening all over Indian Country. For this reason it is imperative that we plan and budget our money wisely.

We are in desperate need of employment for our Tribal people. We have tribal people who want to work but do not have transportation to go out of town. I am in favor of giving our Pawnee Tribal people first preference, not just “Indian Preference” for jobs here on the Reserve. I have heard that we can’t do that because it would be discrimination. We are a sovereign people. We are a Sovereign Nation within a Nation. Until we begin giving our people jobs to support themselves and their families, we’re going to continue having

them in poverty.

I know the council has approved to build a large casino at Chilocco. That may be a good thing for some, but we cannot put all our eggs in one basket. We need to put people to work here!

As your Councilwoman I will make every effort to search our opportunities for gainful employment for our Tribal members. In my opinion, that should be our number one priority!

For one thing, we have land where our people could put up a metal building and have their business, such as a laundry, barber shop, beauty shop, car repair, etc. They could pay the Tribe rental money for the location and the Tribe would also get tax money. This is one thing we could do without any cost to the Tribe and this could put some people to work and provide services. We would be giving them an opportunity to have a business.

Years ago the Chiefs would take care of the needs of the Tribe. Many times they were the ones who saw to it that the widows were taken care of, that the elderly were taken care of, that the sick ones were taken care of. My Mother-in-law, Eva Cummings, told me about when she was married to EagleChief, that was one of their duties. The people would camp near them and she would help take care of them.

In essence, this is what the Tribal Council is for. To help the people!



## CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL SEAT #3



**JAMES (JIMMY) E. FIELDS**

**Education:**

- Pawnee High School, Pawnee
- Wichita University-Accounting
- Central State University, Edmond, OK- BA in Sociology
- University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK-Guidance/Counseling

**Military Experience:**

Army/National Guard-  
1st Lieutenant/MOS Infantry  
Honorable Retired Reserve

**Professional Experience:**

U.S. Forestry Service, Clark, ID  
GIS-Surveyor  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee, OK, Relocation Officer  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wewoka, OK, Superintendent (GS-13)  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee, OK, Regional Director SES  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pawhuska, OK, Superintendent GS-14)

**Political Experience:**

Pawnee Business Council-Councilman

**Public Service:**

Rotary Club- Pawhuska, OK  
Rotary Park, various activities  
Council of Social Agencies- Pawhuska, OK-Promote Social Services

**Describe how your membership on the Pawnee Business Council will benefit the Pawnee Nation:**

“As a retired Federal Official with over thirty-nine years of service, I have a thorough understanding of all Federal laws and regulations dealing with Indian Tribes. I have served on numerous national review committees who had the responsibility of reviewing and revising federal regulations prior to submission to the Secretary for approval. These committees include: Roads, Law Enforcement, Social Services, Realty, and Housing. I believe this experience will assist the Tribal leadership in making the best decisions possible as we participate in and maximize funding from these Federal programs. We need to know what is and is not possible and how to get them.

As one of my duties as a Federal Officer, I have taken land in trust for individual Indians, and have reviewed the trust acquisition package for the 20 tribes in Eastern Oklahoma for gaming and economic development. My knowledge of the trust acquisition process will benefit the Tribe as we look to expand our gaming and economic development activity.

As Superintendent of the Wewoka Agency serving the Seminole Nation, I worked closely with the Tribal leadership in developing their economic development activity. Many contacts with industry leaders were made and I believe these contacts are still available to the Tribe.

Having served on the national committee which initially established the TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Program) Program, which was established

to maximize employment opportunities for members on the reservation, it’s my belief the Tribal contractors should be held to a higher standard in hiring our Pawnee people in the performance of their contracts.

While in Federal service, I served for over 15 years as the agency head in charge, either as Superintendent or Regional Director. I know how to effectively supervise employees to maximize their day to day activities. We have a great Tribal workforce and I know how we can improve their performance thus improving their earning potential.

While serving on the housing regulation review committee, I became aware of the many opportunities available to Tribal members to acquire adequate housing. Too many of our members are living in sub-standard housing and it doesn’t have to be that way. I want to maximize our participation in these programs.

I am thoroughly knowledgeable of all aspects of the Federal-Tribal relationship, and of all Federal laws affecting Indian Tribes. If the Tribe supports me in this election, I’m looking forward to being a small part of the excellent tribal leadership team we currently have and to continue the progress now taking place.”

**Identify the top three priorities currently facing the Pawnee Nation’s tribal government, and briefly describe how you will address these priorities:**

“The top priority is to maximize our gaming activity as this is our most productive economic development activity. It is important that we fully develop it. I would look to expanding the current facilities in

Pawnee and at the turnpike, but I would like to see what can be done with establishing one at Keystone Lake near Cleveland and/or one close to Stillwater.

I believe we have a good higher education grant program. I would like for us to establish an incentive program to compliment the higher education program which would reward those students who do well in their college work. For example, a \$500 grant for those who make the honor roll in their semester studies. The Oklahoma Seminoles have such a program and 65% of their college students do well enough to participate in their incentive program.

Developing the economic development activity is another area which could lead to jobs and Tribal income. I would like to see us establish a team that would take to industrial and business contacts all the advantages of doing business with the Pawnees.”

**Provide any additional information relevant to the Pawnee Nation’s May 2009 Regular Election:**

“Qualities that the most successful tribes possess are the ones that exhibit a unity of purpose, team work, togetherness, love and respect for each other. I believe our Tribe has come a long way in exhibiting these qualities in the past two years. I have found in my experience these tribes that perform a higher degree of cooperation are the ones that are most successful. These are the tribes that are able to meet the needs of their members. President Howell and the Tribal Council have done an excellent job these past two years and they are to be congratulated. I would like to be a part of the Council that will continue this progress.

## CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL SEAT #4



**DAVID D. ECHO HAWK**

**Name:** David D. Echo Hawk

**Age:** 51 yrs old

**Born:** December 1, 1957 Pawnee Indian Hospital Pawnee, Oklahoma

**Education:** Completed 3 yrs at Oklahoma State University, majoring in the field of social work

**Veteran:** Honorable Discharge, U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division, Co. "C" 1/325 Airborne Infantry

I am proud to be a member of the Pawnee Nation and of my family heritage. I am a direct descendant of Echo Hawk, WhiteEagle, Baptiste Bayhllle, and Ralph Weeks who all served in the Pawnee Scouts. I am the oldest son of Myron D. Echo Hawk and Marie J. Tonemah Echo Hawk. My grandparents were George T. Echo Hawk and Lucille "Tootz" Shunatona Echo Hawk, Mary Catherine Allen Botone and David Tonemah. I

am married to Angie RealRider Echo Hawk and together we have 6 children with 2 grandchildren. I have been a public servant since I have moved back home. I have served many roles within the Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization as Officer, Drum Keeper, Whipman, & Taildancer. President of the Pawnee Headstart Parent Committee. Served as President, Vice-President, and Parent Committee Member of the Indian Education Title VII Parent Advisory Committee. Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Pawnee Tribal Housing Authority. And served as Secretary of the Nasharo "Chiefs" Council.

Having moved back home in December of 1980 and having worked in many areas of tribal government, I know the issues that are most relevant to many tribal members that are of major importance for all of us as we move forward building the Pawnee Nation. In these times of economic woes our great nation is facing. It is time for our great nation to meet and prepare for what lies ahead. Economic development, job creation, and education is important for our people to make a living and support their families. Better healthcare, housing and more opportunities for our elders and youth.

Tribal members that are ready for a change!!! I would appreciate your vote and support on May 2, 2009.

AHO!!!



**MARSHALL RALPH GOVER**

"Nowah. My name is Marshall Gover and I am running for Council Seat #4. 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.

The Warrior tradition has always been important to our people. I am a Vietnam combat veteran having served honorably in the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969.

I previously served on the Pawnee Business Council as a Councilman, Vice-President and President. During my tenure, my goal was met in three ways: Being involved in the C.D.B.G. grants for the Multi Purpose Building and the Wellness Center; which are an intricate part of our programs, and used continually by our community.

Roads: Reserve and Cemeteries; which are still intact and used today.

The most gratifying, as President, achieving a balanced budget for our tribal funds.

I understand in all reality that this position counts as one vote. In order to make a positive change it takes a majority of votes to pass a decision. If elected, I will work toward the betterment of the Pawnee Nation. I believe a Council person should be seen as an active part of our community, and have concern for all our people; from the eldest, to the youngest, to the ones yet to come. I also believe a Council person should be aware of the traditional aspects of the Pawnee people. We have many events that reflect our strong ties to our ancestors; such as Visitation, Veterans Dance, Skidi Dance, Kitkehahaki Dance, Young Dog Dance, Funerals, feasts, and handgames. Our Pawnee people should be aware of the distinction between the uniqueness of our Pawnee War Dance and intertribal pow-wow ways.

I have often heard our people say, "Pray for me". I am asking you to not only to pray for me, but to pray with me for our Pawnee People.

"With your vote and the power of prayer we can achieve much, and lay down great tracks."



# ELECTION COVERAGE

The following press release was sent to all surrounding newspapers, tribes, television and radio stations.

## **Pawnee Nation Announces the 9 Eligible Candidates For Pawnee Business Council**

Pawnee, Okla., April 5, 2009—On April 1, the Pawnee Nation Election Commission announced the nine eligible candidates for Pawnee Business Council. The candidates are as following:

<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
Charles “Buddy” Lone Chief	Andrea “Tweetie” Bowen
Tom E. Knife Chief	Linda K. Jestes
Pete L. Moore, Jr.	

<b>Council Seat 3</b>	<b>Council Seat 4</b>
Lillie Realrider Cummings	David D. Echo Hawk
James E. Fields	Marshall R. Gover

Voting for the 2009 Regular Election for the Pawnee Business Council will be held on Saturday, May 2. The four seats to be filled during this election are: Vice President, Secretary, Council Seat 3, and Council Seat 4. Respectively, the incumbents for these four seats are Pete L. Moore, Jr., Donna J. Wilde, Charles “Buddy” Lone Chief, and Andrea “Tweetie” Bowen.

Election Commission Chair, Stephen Jake, stressed the importance of the April 10 deadline for eligible voters to request Absentee Ballots. The Pawnee Nation’s Constitution states, “No member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be denied the right to vote by secret ballot, either in person or by absentee ballot, provided that no write-in votes shall be allowed.”

Jake also encouraged tribal members with Internet access to stay up-to-date on election information by accessing [www.pawneenation.org/election.html](http://www.pawneenation.org/election.html). From this website, voters may download and print the Absentee Ballot request form, learn more about the candidates, and stay abreast of election information.

For questions or concerns regarding the 2009 Regular Election for the Pawnee Business Council, contact Stephen Jake at (918) 285-0003 or visit [www.pawneenation.org/election.html](http://www.pawneenation.org/election.html).

## Message From The Communications Office

In preparing this Election 2009 Special Edition of the Chaticks si Chaticks newsletter, Communications staff worked closely with the candidates to obtain information that would be helpful to Pawnee voters on Election Day. Each of the candidates were provided a biographical Question and Answer form and given the opportunity to submit a photograph. As reflected in this Special Edition of the newsletter, some candidates opted to submit a biographical article, while others chose to complete the biographical Question and Answer form. When a photograph was not made available by a candidate, Communications Staff inserted an alternate photograph. Please note that, throughout the development of this Election 2009 Special Edition of the Chaticks si Chaticks newsletter, every effort was made to provide fair, unbiased coverage of each candidate for the Pawnee Business Council seats of Vice President, Secretary, Council Seat 3, and Council Seat 4.

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# Band Chief Elections

The four Pawnee Bands, Chaui, Kitkehahki, Pitahawirata, Skidi, will hold meetings to elect new Band Chiefs on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

For additional information regarding these meetings, tribal members are instructed to contact their Band Chiefs. Chaui Chiefs are Ronnie Goodeagle and Austin Realrider, Kitkehahki Chiefs are Lewis Horsechief and Morgan Littlesun, Jr., Pitahawirata Chiefs are Francis Morris and Cecil Riding In, and Skidi Chiefs are Patrick Leadingfox and James Rice.

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