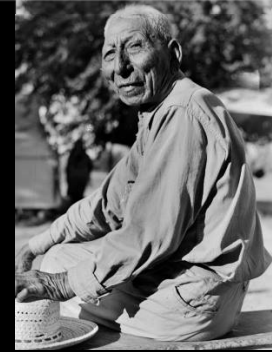




# IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ELECTION EDITION



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## IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTION 2016

### CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

#### VICE CHAIRMAN

- Eugene Big Soldier Jr
- Judy Barnes
- Phoebe Carson
- Thomas Cox
- Russell Deer
- Edgar Kent Jr
- Kerwin Murray
- Candice Pershall

#### COUNCILPERSON

- Brett Clark
- Eagle McClellan
- Lori Murray

#### SECRETARY

- Pamela Bolt
- Chalis Cox
- Lisa Washington

- Judge: Linda Bigsoldier
- Teller: Roxi Reed
- Clerk: Michael E. Rowe



**VICE-CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE**

***EUGENE BIG SOLDIER JR.***

Tribal Members,

My name is Eugene Big Soldier, Jr. I am a candidate for Vice-Chairman. It would be an honor to serve our people. I would appreciate your vote on June 4th. An experienced and knowledgeable leader is vital during this stage of the tribe's economic progress. I believe that I can provide the leadership that this position is in need of, contribute to the tribe's current achievements, and further add to the tribe's positive developments. I would like to invite you to a dinner at noon Sunday, May 22nd, 2016 at the Chena building, where you're welcome to share all of your comments and input. I believe that if you run for these leadership positions then a candidate should have the knowledge prior, and have a good plan. Also, how can you get from one point to the next without direction, a plan, and strong leadership?

Vote Eugene Big Soldier, Jr. for Vice-Chairman.

Aho! Eugene Big Soldier, Jr.



May 11, 2016

*Hello fellow tribal members!*

*My name is Judy Barnes and I am running for Vice-Chairman of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. My mother was Irene F. Twoguns, my grandparents were Velinda Murray Twoguns and Lorenzo G. (George) Twoguns and my great grandparents were Charles & Emily Murray and my great-great grandparents were Kirwin (1<sup>st</sup>) & Mae Murray. Charles Murray was an innovator of the Native American Church among the Iowa people. Kirwin Murray I, was an interpreter for the Iowa Nation and a Civil War Veteran.*

*I also had three uncles that served for the United States armed forces; Victor, Junior and Donald Twoguns. My mothers' sisters were Norma, Emily, Joyce, Linda and Bonnie. I have two beautiful daughters; Desiree' Bickford and Lindsey Barnes and a son, Derrek Barnes, including three wonderful grandchildren; Keenan (16), McKenna (10) and Hunter (4). I am very proud of each of them. They are a part of our future.*

*I worked for Kay County in the Assessor's office for 29 years. The last six years of my employment I was elected as Assessor. I retired from Kay County at the end of 2008. My experience involves taxation of real estate, working with the tribes of Kay County whether it was fee, trust and/or restricted lands.*

*I also have administrative experience, managing employees, pay roll and office duties. As Assessor I upheld morale and ethical duties to both my office and the State of Oklahoma.*

*Since retirement I am very involved in my church, serving on the kitchen committee, treasurer, part-time secretary, library committee, Awana Cubbie teacher and other volunteer duties.*

*These past few months I have been involved with the Constitution & By-Laws Reform Committee and have become re-acquainted with the history of our tribe. I am dedicated to the reform committee as I believe we are working toward goals that our tribe is interested in amending. During this process I have become well acquainted with several members and elders, listening and re-learning our tribal ways.*

*I wish to uphold our traditions and move our tribe in a secure, open forum. Making sure your voice is being heard and making myself available to serve you; the tribal member.*

*My hope is to return to the tribe my leadership and dedication skills; as the tribe has served me over my lifetime. My desire is to give back to the tribe in a positive and open manner. I plan to commit to you and each area of our tribe's business in the same fashion as I served Kay County for 29 years.*

*On Saturday, June 4, 2016 I am asking for your vote in our future. You can reach me at [judybtwoguns@yahoo.com](mailto:judybtwoguns@yahoo.com) for any additional information and/or questions. In advance I thank you for your consideration!*

*Sincerely,*

*Judy (Twoguns) Barnes*



## VICE-CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE

*PHOEBE CARSON*

Greetings,

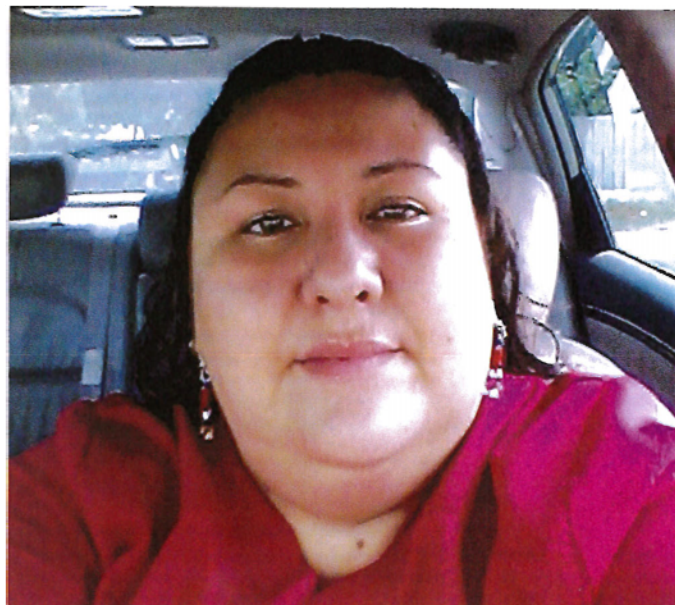
My name is Phoebe Carson. I am of the Kent-Small family. I am the granddaughter of the late Irene Laverne "Bonnie" Small Shores. My mother is Judith Shores and my father is Joe Carson. I have one son Darren Carson.

I am running for Vice Chairman and I am asking for your support and your vote in this coming election. My background is in health care and I feel this gives me an advantage because I know firsthand how to take care of people. I care about people and am asking you to let be your advocate and your leader.

I practice an open door policy and I am willing to sit down with you face to face. I will fight for you and for what is right. Nothing hurts me more than to see tribal members asking for jobs and being overlooked or ignored. I would like to see more tribal members employed. I would also like to focus on more programs for the children and of course I am firm advocate for our elders.

Although our gaming world has taken off by leaps and bounds I would also like to work with the business committee on finding other resources that will continue to help our tribe prosper. I will not be afraid to offer my ideas and opinions. I will consider all aspects before making decisions and will consider the tribe as a whole. Thank you for your time.

**VOTE PHOEBE CARSON VICE CHAIRMAN JUNE 4TH 2016**





## VICE-CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE

*THOMAS COX*



My name is Thomas A Cox, III, a tribal member since birth in 1961; my parents were Thomas Arthur Cox Jr. and Mary Loretta Kihega Osage from Fairfax, Oklahoma. My Grandmother Mable Kihega was a full blooded Iowa, she and my grandfather Joe Osage were good people as my paternal grandparents were Tommy Cox, Sr. and Juanita Cox. These people made me who I am today and I am proud to be a parent and Grandfather today.

I currently live in the Perkins area and have been working for the Iowa Tribe with our Iowa Tribal Business Committee, Iowa Distribution Center, and Cimarron Casino since my move back from Santa Fe, New Mexico after receiving my Bachelors of Fine Art Degree in Studio Art's with Honor's and my Entrepreneur's Business Certificate. I have an Associate in Applied Science in Plumbing and Pipefitting from The Oklahoma State University Technical Branch. I have taken other business courses and environmental health courses throughout my career as being a plumber and working for the Indian Health Service.

I will run for vice-chairman on our business committee and would appreciate to be re-elected. I am proud to work for our Bah-Kho-Je Tribe and very grateful for how far we have progressed today.

My main objective is to work with our Iowa Tribe and our elected Business Committee with our, Tribal Enterprises, Tribal facilities and its Director's for our Elder's, Generation of Today, and our Youth. I believe the people have a right to be heard and given an answer or explanation of what is going on with our tribal government.

I cannot make any promises, but I do know how to work and get a job done. I have seen wonderful buildings and programs set up for our people and want us to continue on with what we have and grow into what our elder's prayed and wanted for us. Today we have that and need to get along and continue to grow as a great Nation. I promise to be as professional as I can as your Vice-Chairman with honor and truth. I would like for our people, generations to come, to have our guidance and opportunity in life for days to come as a tribe.

Thank you for reading my campaign letter and hope to have a great election this year.

Thomas A Cox, III



VICE-CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE

*RUSSELL DEER*



Hello,

My name is Russell Deer, I'm running for vice-chairman in the upcoming election and I would like your support.

My parents are Francis and Lena Deer. My grandparents are Ed and Phoebe Small.

I may not be able to make any promises, but I would like a chance for this position. If you don't vote for me, come out and visit friends and family.

Thank you,

Russell Deer



## VICE-CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE

*EDGAR KENT JR.*



Honorable Members of the Iowa Nation,

My name is Edgar Blaine Kent Jr. I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Iowa Tribal Member. My family has over 200 years of recorded history with the Iowa Tribal bloodlines. I am the Great, Great Grandson of Frank and Emma Nawwaynaway Kent; the Great Grandson of Edgar Blaine Kent; the Grandson of Benjamin and Martha Bassett Kent; the Great Grandson of Margret Bassett, a full blood member of The Iowa Tribe; the grandson of Rev. John L. Stoneroad, a missionary among All Tribes for 60 years; and, the Son of Rev. Edgar Blaine Kent Sr., an anointed man of God.

My message to all of my Iowa Tribal members: As I look out from within our enterprises, I know that, business-wise, we have reached the need for a new level of leadership. The boundaries of our businesses no longer reach only as far as Perkins, Carney or Chandler. We are now embarking on an international level of business, paving the way and setting a new standard for other tribal nations to follow; we are becoming the true leader among all tribal nations.

It has taken the effort of every single Iowa Tribal Leader to get where we are today. It has taken every bit of positive thinking and dreaming big, even when we had almost nothing financially. It has taken every bit of negativity that has been dished out over the years. Because of this, being a leader for the Iowa Tribe has not been easy. Given the scope of what the Iowa Tribe is undertaking, our leaders not only need to have vision but also perseverance and dedication.

The time has come for all of us to stand together. We need to trust those we elect to make the right decisions for the future of our nation. We need to have faith that they will exercise due diligence in their endeavors on our behalf. And we need to have faith that they will work tirelessly to prepare all of us for the bounty we will ultimately receive.

At this time I ask every single Iowa Tribal Member to pray for our current Iowa Tribal Leaders. And I ask you to be led by the Holy Spirit when it comes to the elections. I have heard the voices of many Iowa Tribal Members and they speak of traditions and culture within the Iowa Tribe. In the past few decades, we have been separated by differences and grudges between families. The first step is to recognize the traditions we truly have been practicing and that have put a wall between many of us. Whatever differences we have had, the one true tradition and culture we have in common that we have never lost is our faith in the Holy Spirit.

The weight of our nation is on the shoulders of these Iowa Business Committee Members who are going to be elected. I believe no one is ever truly prepared for this job. I love all of you and want every one of my Iowa Tribal Members to have the best things in life. A great Iowa Tribal Leader once told me, "True prosperity comes from within" and this can only be achieved if there is peace in the heart and mind. The Greatest Warrior I have ever known once said: "If you could have understanding of all mysteries and have faith to move mountains, without love this all means nothing." This Greatest Warrior is Christ.

The night is over for my Iowa Brothers and Sisters. The new day has arrived. May the light of this day shine forever.

Thank you and God bless all of you.

Edgar Blaine Kent, Jr.





## VICE-CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE

*KERWIN MURRAY*



My name is Kerwin Murray, I have great ideas for this Tribe. I have worked with the Tribe for 3 years and am currently working for the Public Works Department. If elected I would encourage all growth and development, our Tribe needs to expand and allow for more jobs. I believe that we need to focus on the needs of the Tribal members, keeping them informed on expansions and job openings. I will take into consideration the needs of the Tribe over the needs of my own. I have a tendency on fixing things here and as most of you know I voice my opinion often, if elected I will make sure that your voice is heard through me. I have a never back down attitude that will be useful for the weaker members that are scared to speak up. I didn't grow up around the culture of the tribe but have learned a lot while being here. With your support I would like to make people accountable for their actions. As a growing prosperous tribe we cannot have petty differences hindering our success. I'm not making any promises only solutions. Vote for who you think is going to be the most honest of us all, Vote Kerwin Murray for Vice Chairman.



## Eagle McClellan for Councilperson



Greetings Tribal Members,

My name is Eagle McClellan, grandson of Frank McClellan Sr. and Elvina McClellan. I have had the pleasure to serve as your councilperson for the past two years and want to begin by saying thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement. Not only has it been a pleasure and honor but also a life changing experience. It has truly been a blessing to serve our people.

During the past two years, I have been involved in the decisions which have moved our tribe in a positive direction. We have many projects and growth taking place on a daily basis. We are very pleased with the performance of all of our Casino properties, but I also believe that securing our tribes future beyond gaming is a very important aspect of economic development for our tribe as well. The Travel Plaza, Ioway Distribution Center, Ioway Maintenance Co & Ioway Accounting Co, are a prime examples of our tribal enterprises that will provide non-gaming revenue for our tribe. I have learned the importance of researching project options, planning and good decision making. I have gained knowledge and a better understanding of how our tribal government operates which in turn has made me a stronger leader. I am very proud of the progress that we have made as a Business Committee. I am excited to see how our decisions today will benefit our future generations. I plan to do everything I can to see that our future has no limits. I am truly grateful for the sacrifices of our ancestors, and the fight for our tribal sovereignty has given us the opportunity to grow and be successful.

It has also been a true blessing to be involved with our tribal activities and cultural events. We have many throughout the year including Easter Celebration, Tribal Youth Awards, Memorial Day and of course our Annual Powwow. We are continuously working on the development of new programs and activities for our tribe to enjoy in the future. Being able to spend time with all of you is what makes this truly enjoyable. This type of interaction brings us closer together as a family, as friends and as a tribe.

This has been such a humbling experience and again I would like to thank you. If reelected I will always have the best interest of the tribe at heart and do what is right for our people. I am asking for your continued support at this year's annual election on June 4, 2016.

God Bless You,

Eagle McClellan



A Ha' Han we Pi Ki Bah Kho-je woh're

Greeting Iowa Tribal Members;

My name is Lori Murray and I am running for the position of Tribal Councilperson, for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

I am the daughter of Robert L. & Virginia (Gives Waters) Murray Sr. and the granddaughter of Kerwin & Alice (Faw Faw) Murray. I have five (5) children: Tosha, Harvey, Daniel, Derek and Lori Morgan.

I would like to see more programs for our youth and elders. I specially want to increase educational funding for our youth because they are our future.

➤ **Education**

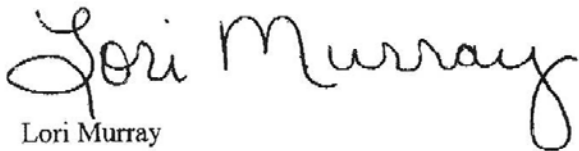
Education is the key to keeping our Tribe growing and prospering.

➤ **Employment**

I would like to see more Tribal Members employed. I would like to train our own Tribal Members to hold leadership positions and make sure they have the right tools for the job they are pursuing.

All in all, I know that we as Tribal Members can accomplish many great things as long as we all work together. I know that I am ready to serve as your Tribal Councilperson, and I would like to ask for your VOTE and SUPPORT on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your time and God Bless you all,

  
Lori Murray



## SECRETARY CANDIDATE

*PAMELA BOLT*



### **PJ MODLIN BOLT FOR TRIBAL SECRETARY**

Greetings Tribal Members! I am Pamela Bolt but many of you know me as PJ Modlin. I am seeking your vote this June 4, 2016 for the position of Tribal Secretary! I am the daughter of Christie Modlin, granddaughter of Dollie Modlin and the late Marvin Modlin, and the great granddaughter of the late Frank and Elvina McClellan. My husband Terrance Bolt works as IHS Human Resource Director in Oklahoma City and my two children Alexia and Morgan are students at Bryant Elementary. I have attended Perkins schools throughout K-12<sup>th</sup> grade and since graduating I have attended Rose State College, Oklahoma State, and most recently the University of Oklahoma where I am getting my degree in Microbiology in hopes to get into Dental School someday. I have served as the Iowa Tribe Tiny Tot princess and Tribal Princess for a number of years and was chosen by the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Business Committee to be one of three Tribal members representing the Tribe by having our handprints put on the wall at Lloyd Noble Museum in Norman along with the late Phoebe O'Dell and the late Jean Bales.

I have grown up around the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and have experienced and witnessed over the years the progress made by our past and present Tribal leaders and have appreciated the success of our Tribe and the growth of our Tribal complex, Tribal programs, and Tribal businesses. I am excited and honored to be a part of our Tribe's future and I feel my knowledge of our Tribe and traditions along with my education will enable me to better serve our people as Tribal Secretary.

If elected to serve as a member of the Iowa Tribe Business Committee, I look forward to working with the other elected officials towards improving and moving the Tribe forward to be successful to take care of our future generations to come. Some areas of interest that I personally would like to focus on are our Tribal health and dental clinic. Being a dental assistant and understanding health regulations, insurance, and billing I feel there are areas of improvement and compliance that can be made. Education is also an area of focus for me as I have greatly appreciated the help and assistance the Tribe has provided me as a JOM student all the way through college. Getting an education is very expensive but I feel it is very important and I would like to do everything I can to encourage our members to pursue their education. I think it would be nice to implement a program to assist those that have gotten their degrees with some sort of repayment program on their student loans. Lastly, I have witnessed the growth of our Tribal gaming from the time I was a little girl when we only had a bingo hall up until now. Presently, the Tribe is continuing to grow with our gaming and it has provided us with the means to increase and create assistance programs for our Tribal Membership. With this success, it is my vision to see our Tribe utilize the success of our gaming establishments to venture into other businesses and seek more non-gaming opportunities. This will enable our Tribe to more self-sufficient.

I'm excited to see where the future of our Tribe is headed and I feel that my knowledge and education enables me to be a good leader for our Tribe. I hope that you will support me as your new Tribal Secretary this June and I want to wish all the candidates the best of luck as I know we all want to see good things happen for our Tribe.

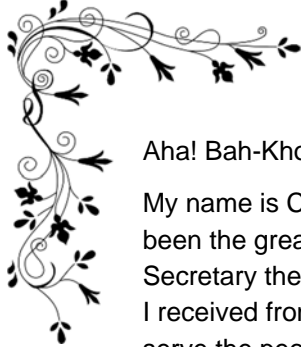
God Bless,

PJ Modlin Bolt



## SECRETARY CANDIDATE

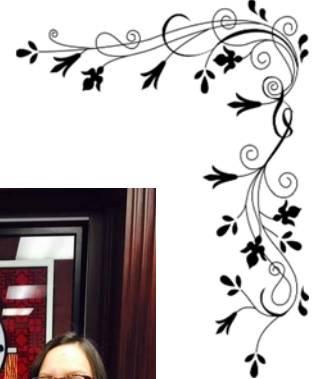
*CHALIS COX*



Aha! Bah-Kho-Je,

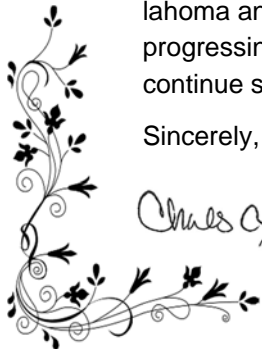
My name is Chalis Cox and I would like to express that it has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your Tribal Secretary the past two years. I am so thankful for all the support I received from everyone and have done the best of my ability to serve the people.

For those who don't know me, I currently reside in Carney, OK with my 5 beautiful children. I am a proud member of the Native American Church and was raised very traditional to respect our elders and our ways. I obtained an AAS degree in Accounting-Business Management (Magna Cum Laude) from Northern Oklahoma College. I have had many years in the clerical field, but the majority of my work experience has been in Finance; such as Accounts Payable, Payroll, Budgeting, Accounting Software, and Grants & Contracts. I have also worked in Enrollment, Personnel, Tribal Assistance, and as a Project Secretary for Flintco, Inc.



It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of all the recent projects for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and I am very proud of all the hard work that the Business Committee has done. We are progressing and working very diligently as a Tribe for our future generations. I would like to continue serving as your Secretary and would appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



**VOTE**

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