



## Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma Annual Election & General Council

The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma Annual Election and General Council meeting will be held **Saturday, June 4, 2005 at the Royal Bay Marina Theater** located at 11350 Hwy 59 North, Grove, Oklahoma. All tribal members who have met the membership requirements specified by the Tribal Constitution, are enrolled members of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, and are eighteen years of age or older on or before June 4, 2005 are eligible to vote. Polls will open at 8:00 am and close at 3:00 pm.

### SENECA-CAYUGA TRIBAL ELECTION OFFICIAL CANDIDATE LIST

#### Final Determination of Candidates

Pursuant to the Election Ordinance Article VII Election Procedures Section 9. Testing Qualifications of Candidates: It is the determination of the Independent Contractor that all prospective candidates have met the qualifications set forth in Article VII. Section 8. Qualifications of Elected Officials. There were no challenges filed pursuant to Article VII. Section 10. Challenge of Candidates.

#### Business Committee

##### **Chief**

(Two Year Term)

Katie Birdsong

LeRoy Howard\*

Paul Spicer

Terry L. Whitetree

##### **First Council Person**

(Two Year Term)

Dolly Perry Pewitt

Samuel Dean Wadsworth

Patrick Young\*

##### **Third Council Person**

(Two Year Term)

Kay Ellison

Jim Spicer

Jason Lee WhiteEagle

#### Grievance Committee

##### **First Committee Member**

(Two Year Term)

Allen Perry

Linda Turner Smith\*

##### **Third Committee Member**

(Two Year Term)

Brenda Enyart Chancellor

Barb Gonzalez

Jeffrey Niblack

##### **Fifth Committee Member:**

(Two Year Term)

Ginger Perry Keyes\*

Lora Nuckolls

\*Incumbent



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### **Katie Birdsong** Candidate for Chief

My name is Sharon "Katie" Birdsong and I am announcing my candidacy for Chief. I am the daughter of the late Floyd and Jackie Logan Birdsong. I am also the granddaughter of David "Babe" Logan and the mother of three children and grandmother to one granddaughter. I am a Clan Mother for the Tribal Efforts Against Lead Program, former Foster Parent, Advocate and on the Advisory Board regarding Domestic Violence Against Indian Women. I have been the Title IV Director for an elderly food program for the past ten years. I was elected to the Business Committee for the Tribe in June of 2004. I have been involved with the business of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe for 20+ years.

Since being elected to the BC, I have learned much regarding the Tribe's businesses and what areas are in need of change or improvement. I believe the New York Land Claim/Casino Project is important for the future of the Tribe, BUT at the same time I feel the tribal members and the Tribe's enterprises here must take precedents. I believe financial accountability must be a priority when it comes to the Tribe's resources.

I believe the Tribe needs to venture into new business projects here at home. That can do two very important things; provide jobs for tribal members and their families **and** create more profit for the Tribe as a whole. More profit would insure better social service programs, such as the supplement to Social Security for elders. Expanding and protecting our enterprises, to enable the Tribe to provide better social service programs, would be a priority for me if I were elected Chief.

When elected, I plan to have regular office hours AND be accessible to all tribal members. Good, constant, open communication is a must for a good

chief.

A tribal employment office, a community center, a monthly newsletter, expanding our tribal businesses, a monthly supplement to Social Security for our elders, fostering our ways, traditions and customs, financial accountability, minutes and financial statements provided at BC meetings and honoring General Council resolutions are all things I have talked about or mentioned in my previous letters. These are some of the things that would take precedents if I were elected Chief.

It's time for a good Chief. Your vote would not only be appreciated, your vote would be an investment in a tribe that serves ALL tribal members, not just a few tribal members.

### **LeRoy Howard** Candidate for Chief

I was born July 14, 1945 to tribal member Geraldine Bearskin Howard Stovall. Roy Stovall, also a tribal member, was my stepfather. I grew up in the local area and have always been involved in the Tribal Traditional Ceremonies. I have always lived in the Tribe's reservation area and have lived in the same house for the past 32 years and will live there the rest of my years. I have been married to my wife for 39 years. We have 3 children, 5 grandchildren with one on the way and 2 step grandchildren.

I am a veteran of the United States Army with service in Vietnam. I was discharged in 1967. I attended Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College in Miami, Oklahoma, and then attended Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri, majoring in Business Administration with emphasis in marketing, management, and economics.

I served as Business Manager of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe from 1977 through

mid 1990. During this period I wrote nearly a dozen grants and contracts every year and was responsible for the administration of those programs. The Tribe had unprecedented progress in providing services for Tribal members and in the construction of several tribal buildings. I was also very involved in the establishment of the Health Clinic and the Housing Authority.

I previously served two terms as Councilman on the Tribal Business Committee and as Chief for the past four years. We have been able to provide services mainly for tribal members residing within the service area, as that is the nature of the federal funding process. To be able to provide for our members living outside of the service area means that the Tribe will have to fund those. This is being done now on a limited basis, but I would like to and have been working toward expanding these efforts.

This will be very expensive and require the Tribe to have several and diversified businesses located here at home and in the other states. The New York Casino project should provide the bulk of the needed revenue and we have approved a Business Development Act that will foster new business and employment opportunities in addition to what we currently have.

During these past years I have developed a working relationship with many Tribal leaders across Indian country, with political and governmental leaders of different levels, and have also made many business contacts throughout the country.

I would like to see our Police and Fire Departments established as well as a Public Works Department. These would better protect our facilities and assets and our ever-expanding infrastructure. These efforts are in the works and will be a reality within a year.

I would also like to see our Tribe make great efforts to not only retain our culture and language, but to expand these tribal treasures to the extent that we will have numerous speakers, singers and teachers to



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perpetuate the learning process.

Once re-elected I will, with the aid of the Business Committee, continue to encourage the atmosphere of business development, tribal governmental processes and functions, and traditional and cultural practices to where it will benefit all tribal members.

**Paul Spicer**  
Candidate for Chief

I was born August 1, 1947 in Miami, Oklahoma. Tribal member Chris "Dee" Spicer is my father and my grandfather is Reo Spicer. I graduated in 1965 from Commerce High School in Commerce, Oklahoma. I earned sixty plus credit hours in Aircraft Maintenance Management at Community College of the Air Force.

In 1966 I entered the Air Force and retired in 1988 with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E-8).

I was employed by the Royal Saudi Air Force (VIA Lockheed-Arabia, with the approval of the United States Embassy) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War, as an advisor and liaison with the United States Forces.

I founded and operated "Load Planners", a flatbed and over dimensional freight brokerage company, having contracts with over 1,200 trucks and numerous shippers. I sold the business in 1999. Currently, I am the major stake holder and managing partner of "Houston Tobacco, LLC", an Oklahoma chartered corporation.

When Jerry Dilliner was elected Chief of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, I was elected to serve as Second Chief for the remainder of his term and one subsequent full term thereafter, for a total of three years. During this time, with the concurrence of the Business Committee, as Sec-

ond Chief, I planned and implemented our tribal license tag program. This has proven to be a very profitable venture for the Tribe. Also, I brought the idea of producing cigarettes to the Business Committee and it was taken to General Council for approval. Not only has the Tribe profited from this venture, but it has also created much needed jobs for our Tribal members and if I am elected Chief, I will see that the policy of hiring Tribal members is adhered to. That was my full intention when I introduced the idea of a tobacco factory and I strongly believe it now. My idea for a smoke shop came later and it too has been very successful.

I am married to Mary Ellen Couch Spicer (same woman since 1966) and have two children, Chris and Melanie. I have seven grandchildren (at last count).

If elected Chief, I pledge equal treatment and opportunity to all Tribal Members. I will make all Tribal business and financial information available to all Tribal Members, regularly publish a Tribal newsletter, and will get the Tribe back on the successful track we were on when I was Second Chief.

**Terry L. Whitetree**  
Candidate for Chief

I have recently retired from McDonnell Douglas and Boeing Aircraft Company, which will enable me to be a full-time Chief for the Tribe. I was elected and served as Chief of the Tribe from 1991 to 1997.

I believe to serve, and maintain a positive relationship with all Tribal members, regarding our Tribal affairs, and our Tribal governmental responsibilities, requires a full-time Chief.

The lack of information and misinformation, an age old problem for our Tribe, could be corrected by open communica-

tion to create a positive relationship between Tribal members and all elected officials, whether it is through a newsletter or through the monthly Business Committee meetings or both.

I believe Tribal members deserve accountability from their elected officials, also, the elected officials carry out their responsibilities to the Tribal members.

With the lack of information and misinformation, accountability, and responsibilities corrected and carried out, we as a Tribe will have control of our own affairs, and a Tribe that will be able to determine its own destiny, not just for the present or near future but, for our future generations.

**Dolly Perry Pewitt**  
Candidate for Business Committee,  
1st Council Person

Dear Tribal Members:

My name is Dolly Pewitt. I am the daughter of Joyce Whitecrow Perry and the late Bill Perry. I am married to Doug Pewitt. Together we are the parents of five children; Zeb, Ally, Sarah, Elosia and Sophia. I attended Northeastern State University and am the Office Manager at my husband's law office. I am also on the Tribe's Claims Committee.

I am running for the 1<sup>st</sup> Council position on the Business Committee. Through my work experience, I am very familiar with grant writing, the reading of financial reports, minutes, board meetings and other skills that are required of a BC member.

I am proud to be a member of our Tribe but at the same time I do believe there is much work to be done. While New York is a major focus, we must take care of business here at home also. Our tribal members should be first in line when we have job openings. We should go the extra mile to assist with filling out applications and making members aware of what is avail-



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able and what they might qualify for under our federal programs.

Expanding into new business ventures should also be a priority. The more successful our Tribe is, the more that can be provided to Tribal members. A bigger profit would open the door to a monthly supplement to Social Security for our elders and possible per capita payments for all tribal members. New Tribal businesses would also create more job opportunities. Better paying jobs that could also provide benefits such as health insurance and retirement opportunities, enabling our people to have a better life and provide for their families.

I also believe the BC should provide monthly financials and minutes, following General Council Resolution. I believe in holding the BC accountable for all General Council Resolutions. Depositing funds from tribal enterprises within 72 hours of receipt *AND* dividing them according to General Council Resolution; 60% per cap, 15% social services, 15% education and 10% tribal operations, is something I would work to ensure happens every month.

***Your vote on June 4, 2005, would be very much appreciated.*** Thank you for your consideration.

**Samuel D. Wadsworth**

Candidate for Business Committee,  
1st Council Person

Hello, my name is Samuel D. Wadsworth and I go by my nickname, Deano. I'm the great-grandson of Jacob and Lou Smith. I'm 46 years old and I live in a small town called Nelagoney, located near Pawhuska in Osage County, Oklahoma.

My wife Monica and I have been together for 26 years this June and we have two daughters and four grandchildren together and I also have a son and daugh-

ter and two grandchildren from my first marriage.

At this time I would like to let the General Council know that I, Samuel D. (Deano) Wadsworth will be running for the office of first council person.

The supreme governing body of the tribe shall be the Seneca-Cayuga General Council. I believe the Constitution to be the supreme governing law of the Tribe. This Tribe belongs to the Tribal members and all members should have a say as to how it will be run.

In the past I have seen a lot of resolution's passed by the General Council and not acted on by the Business Committee. I would like to see this change. As first council person, I would push to have the resolution's put in place in a timely manner. I will work to see that the General Council be kept informed as to what the Business Committee is working on at all times. One way to do this is to make sure that the news letter goes out monthly to all members that we have an address on. One more way is to set up a Tribal web site for members only.

I would be open to ideas and opinions from all Tribal members wishing to speak with me. I would hope that all Tribal members would feel free to call me or come to the meetings and talk about ways we can make this Tribe prosper in all ways. I will support Tribal language, cultural and history classes and do every thing I can to help the Tribal members and others that wish to take part in this. I will show respect to other Tribes and work with them so that we can have a united front to deal with the issues that affect all Tribes. I will work with all Committee members and business management to ensure that we are fair, open and honest in the way's we run our Tribe and Tribal business.

**Patrick Young**

Candidate for Business Committee,  
1st Council Person

Born to Norman and Esther Young and raised in Turkey Ford, Oklahoma. My Great-grand parents were Star Young and Mary Choteau Young.

I attended area schools and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma. I served three years of military service as a Nuclear Weapons Specialist at various classified bases in the Far East and United States. I retired from Boeing Company in 2000 with 38 years of service. I have worked on various aerospace programs as Primary Test Quality Control including: Apollo Command & Service Modules, B-1 Bomber Program, International Space Station and Smart Weapons Guidance Systems. In the late seventies, I was employed by the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe as Tribal Health Director. While there, I was responsible for the formulation and implementation of a Tribal Health Plan in conjunction with other area Tribes.

My primary goal as a Councilperson is to help ensure the continuity of the Tribe by retaining our Native Culture and improving the socio-economic status of each and every tribal member. My immediate objective to achieve this goal is to aggressively pursue those avenues of economic opportunities that are available.

**Kay Ellison**

Candidate for Business Committee,  
3rd Council Person

My name is Kay Ellison, I am the daughter of Vernon Crow, former Chief of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe. I reside in Miami, OK and employed at the Peoria Housing Authority. I have two daughters, Crystal Vickrey and Wendy Nichols. I also have four granddaughters.

I am running for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Person. I would like to see the



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tribe move forward with more businesses for the tribal members. We need to think of the needs of our tribal elders and for the future members of our tribe. We need to diversify with new enterprises and not have to depend on only one or two businesses to be the only revenue for us.

I believe that we need to improve our communication to all tribal members. All tribal members need to be notified of changes in our programs, social services available, emergency fund, college funding and clothing allowances for tribal children.

I would appreciate your vote on June 4, 2005.

**Jim Spicer**

Candidate for Business Committee,  
3rd Council Person

I am a lifelong resident of the Council House Church area. I went to school at Turkeyford Grade School, then graduated from Grove High School.

My father was Levi (deceased) my mother is Doris, still lives on old home place.

I have been employed at Machine Shop in Grove for the past 5 years.

I feel the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe needs strong Leadership, Accountability, and Visibility, (all information available to all tribal members). I believe I can help establish this.

**Jason Lee WhiteEagle**

Candidate for Business Committee,  
3rd Council Person

Hello, my name is Jason WhiteEagle. I probably know most of you, but for those of you that I don't, allow me to introduce myself. Sonny WhiteEagle is my father, and my family was raised around this area. My wife is Lois WhiteEagle, I have

3 daughters and 3 grandchildren, all of which attend Stomp Ground ceremonies each year. I am an active supporter of the Seneca-Cayuga nation.

A couple of weeks ago I was asked to run for council as a business advocate. My first reaction was, I was joyous and I felt rather honored. I wondered why you would choose me. But someone told me that it makes sense. I attend many meetings, and stomp-ground activities, I began taking language classes a while back with Paul Barton, which is something that we all should be doing. I also commend Paul for taking the time and effort from his busy schedule to teach those of us who want to learn. This sort of dedication to preserving our heritage is very important to us all.

I know that there is much more that we can do, but it takes more than just a few of us, it will take all of us to get the job done. Thank you for your support. \_

**Allen Perry**

Candidate for Grievance Committee,  
1st Committee Member

I am running for the Grievance Committee of the Seneca -Cayuga Tribe. My Great Grandparents were Alfred and Mary V. (Spicer) Whitecrow, and my Grandparents were Mayo and Lucille Whitecrow. I am the oldest son of Joyce Whitecrow Perry and the late Bill Perry.

I currently live in the Miami area and have two sons, Matthew, who resides in Tulsa and teaches at Tulsa University and Michael, an electrician and lives in Miami and one Granddaughter Matilyn.

If I am elected I promise to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Seneca - Cayuga Tribe to the best of my abilities.

**Linda Turner Smith**

Candidate for Grievance Committee,  
1st Committee Member

My grandmother was Florence Hubbard and Mother was Patricia Wabaunsee. My father was Edward Logan, Jr., known as Junior Logan. My step-father was Dave Charloe and I attended Wyandotte School under the name of Linda Charloe. I am a member of the Deer Clan and regularly attend the traditional ceremonies and Tribal meetings.

I attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, Oklahoma where I received an Associate of Arts degree in Mathematics. I then went to Pittsburg State University where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Mathematics. I attended the University of Tulsa where I received 32 graduate hours in Clinical and Industrial Psychology before attending Oklahoma City University and receiving a Paralegal Certificate.

My experience in working with the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe is three years as the Child Protection specialist where I investigated allegations of child abuse and neglect and prepared documentation and briefs and attended the Court hearings in the Tribes behalf. I am currently working at the Smoke Shop for the Seneca-Cayuga Tobacco Company.

My objectives and goals are to continue working with Members of my Tribe to make us the number one Tribe in all business ventures to insure that all future members reap the benefits and can be proud of what we started and can have something better to build on forever.

**Brenda Enyart Chancellor**

Candidate for Grievance Committee,  
3rd Committee Member

My name is Brenda Enyart Chancellor, daughter of the late Euculed & Elnora Pea-



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cock Enyart. Granddaughter of the late Thomas & Lizzie Peacock. I graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1968 and from Northeastern A&M Jr. College in 1970 with an Associate of Arts Degree.

I am on the North side and of the Turtle Clan. I have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. I like reading, hiking and spending quality time with my family. I am also a foster parent. I am a concerned tribal member who attends mostly all BC meetings.

If elected for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grievance Committee Member, I will do my best to follow the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe *AND* be fair and honest. I will work for the tribal people, *NOT* against them. I will do this job to the best of my ability.

Your vote on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> would be appreciated.

**Barb Gonzalez**

Candidate for Grievance Committee,  
3rd Committee Member

My name's Barb Gonzalez. My parents are Delmer and Helen Smith and my Grandparents are Rufus H. Smith and Esther (Winnie) Smith. I have four children and eight grandchildren. I attended school in Wichita, Kansas and returned to the Council House area to raise my family. I have been a resident now for more than 35 years.

As a member of the Grievance Committee I will look at each side fairly using

our Tribal constitution as my guide.

I would appreciate your vote on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Jeffrey J. Niblack**

Candidate for Grievance Committee,  
3rd Committee Member

I have been married to my wife Pat since 1990. I graduated in 1986 from Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I have lived in Osage County since 1986. I am the son of Jesse and Madelyn "Sissy" Fortney Niblack and the grandson of Jim and Irene Fortney. Jacob and Lou Smith were my great-grandparents. I have been a member of The Assembly of God Church for seven years.

I have been interested in our tribe's affairs and progress for a number of years, and feel at this time I can best contribute to the tribe as a member of the Grievance Committee.

I like to feel that I can work with all political factions and individual tribal members without bias or preconceived notions and positions.

My sole reference for my decisions will be our Constitution and Resolutions from the Business Committee. I pledge to be fair with everyone and am able to make impartial judgments without prejudice for, to or against anyone, before bringing a grievance to General Council. I pledge to give each grievance brought before the committee careful and fair consideration before acting.

I feel on some occasions, that in the past,

some Grievance Committee Members have shown bias in favor of and against individuals. I am stepping forward to get the Grievance Committee back to the compassionate and logical entity it was originally intended to be.

Thank you for your consideration and make sure you vote.

**Ginger Perry Keyes**

Candidate for Grievance Committee,  
5th Committee Member

I am one of ten children of Joyce Ann Whitecrow-Perry and the late Billy Clayton Perry. I have two daughters; Seneca and Desbah, my son-in-law, Randy and three grandchildren; Kyra, Ravyn and Gunner. I have lived in North Miami for fourteen years.

I am presently employed at the Seneca - Cayuga Tobacco Company. In my free time I enjoy cooking, gardening and spending time with my grandchildren. I believe in fair, firm and consistent treatment for all Seneca-Cayuga Tribal members.

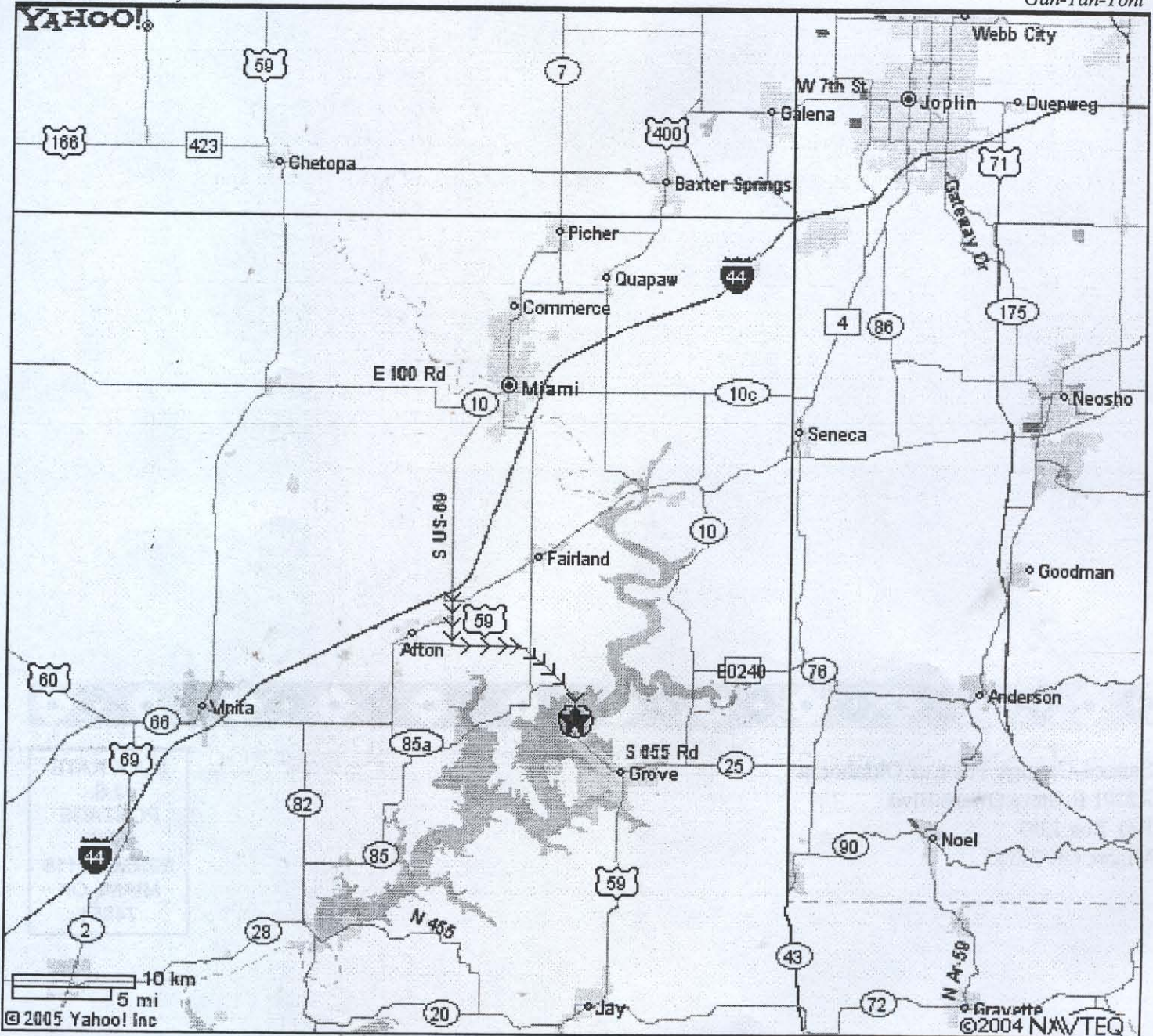
Your vote would be appreciated.

**Lora Nuckolls**

Candidate for Grievance Committee,  
5th Committee Member

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### Directions to Royal Bay Marina

From I-44 East/West: Take I-44 - to Afton, Okla. **Exit 302**  
 Take ramp onto **US-60 CONN** - go 1 mi  
 Take ramp onto **HISTORIC ROUTE 66[US-59]** - go 1 mi  
 Bear left to follow **US-59** - go 10 mi. to Sailboat Bridge.  
 Royal Bay Marina Theater is on the eastern approach to Sailboat Bridge on the right (south) side of **US-59**.

From Pawhuska: Take US-60 west - go 73 mi to Vinita, Okla.  
 Take I-44 East - go 13 mi to Afton, Okla. **Exit 302**  
 Take ramp onto **US-60 CONN** - go 1 mi  
 Take ramp onto **HISTORIC ROUTE 66[US-59]** - go 1 mi  
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