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## Citizen Potawatomi Nation making progress on Iron Horse project



The bridge crossing the North Canadian River is complete.

After several years of planning and research, Iron Horse Industrial Park is getting closer to becoming a reality. The engineering is complete for phase one of construction and Arkansas-Oklahoma Railroad has completed restoration of Railroad Bridge crossing the North Canadian River. Citizen Potawatomi Nation will begin construction on the infrastructure for the industrial Park in 2013.

The project has been in consideration for several years and first saw significant progress when a 2008 independent feasibility study indicated the park was worth pursuing. The study was followed by a detailed econometric analysis by Professor Joseph Kalt of Harvard University, which revealed an industrial park would have a significant economic impact on the region.

"We did an enormous amount of very detailed analysis on this," said Dr. James Collard,

Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "We hired several economists to do an unbiased study and then we started looking for grant money."

Those studies served as the basis of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation application for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. Citizen Potawatomi Nation was awarded a \$1 million EDA grant to build infrastructure to support development of the industrial park in 2011.

"This industrial park will create more jobs for the community of Shawnee and other communities along the rail line," added Collard. "It will also provide additional revenue for the tribe, economic development for the area and further diversify our business portfolio."

The vision for the Iron Horse Industrial Park is to provide a prime industrial location for both tribally-owned businesses and private companies. The facility will attract industries who wish to lease trust land

and build their own facilities as well as those who wish to lease a building constructed by the tribe for them. This will further diversify the tribal economy by providing assembly and manufacturing jobs. The entire industrial area lies within a United States Census tract which qualifies for "New Market Tax Credits," a financing enhancement for lenders to those who are building in the park.

In addition to the econometric and feasibility studies, the industrial park has received support from many Oklahoma state lawmakers.

"We received letters of support from every Mayor of every city located along the rail line, every Oklahoma State Representative and State Senator, and Congressman Boren and then Congresswoman Fallin," said Collard. "Additionally, Seminole Nation, Choctaw Nation, and Muscogee-Creek Nation also submitted letters of support and legislative resolutions."

In addition to providing another income source and job opportunities for Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Iron Horse Industrial Park will build a stronger regional economy, enhance environmental sustainability, and improve safety of our nation's roadways.

"This project appears to bolster CPN's ongoing efforts to expand the tribe's ability to meet the socioeconomic, governmental, health, and safety needs of tribal citizens as well as the larger community," said James Lankford, United States Congress. "I commend CPN's efforts to develop an economy which is diversified and based on the economic needs of all of Southeastern Oklahoma."

The industrial park will include an on-site trans-load facility, which will allow for easier transfer from train to truck, with direct access to the Union Pacific Rail Line. The development of the industrial park is critical to the re-opening of the line, which can provide an east-west connection to four major

north-south rail corridors to significantly enhance regional commerce.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Iron Horse Industrial park is scheduled to open in 2014.



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Iron Horse Industrial Park

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation awarded \$350,000 grant from Federal Transit Administration

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Transit Program will receive \$350,000 in grant funds to enhance and increase the tribe's existing transit service.

"These funds will allow us to continue to provide critical transit services within our tribe and community," said John Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "Our transportation program is a lifeline for our tribal citizens, providing them with a ride to medical appointments, errands and work."

CPN will use the funds to increase the number of full-

time transit personnel and vehicles, continue ongoing training for all transit and other CPN staff involved in grant management and continue strategic planning within the tribe and other community partners.

"Access to reliable, affordable transportation is a high priority for Indian Country," said Ray LaHood, U.S. Transportation Secretary. "These funds will enable tribal governments first and foremost to continue providing transit services that thousands depend on every day, and in some cases to plan for future service as well."

Grant funds were awarded to 72 tribes in 18 states for projects to continue or enhance transit services, launch new public transportation or plan for future transit needs.

"I am pleased that the Federal Transportation Administration chose to award this grant to CPN for the seventh consecutive year so that we can continue to provide free transportation to our local community," said Denise Smith, director, Title IV. "With continued FTA support, CPN will continue to grow and expand our operation and services."

The CPN Transit Program provides services to elders, veterans, persons with disabilities, and others with limited transportation options so that they can meet basic needs. Transportation is provided to medical appointments, grocery shopping, jobs and adult continuing education.

Between 2006 and 2011, 172 tribal transit programs received a total of approximately \$72.7 million to enhance, launch, or plan for transit service on tribal lands under the FTA Tribal Transit Program.



The transit program takes participants to doctor appointments, errands, etc.



Robert Hannaman, driver for the transit program stand in front of one of the transit vehicles.



# Language and Culture

## From the Language Department

As we move into February, I would like to make you aware of new class opportunities. Starting February, 4th at the Cultural Heritage Center from 5:00 p.m.-6:00p.m. we will have a new beginner class. All are welcome to attend. There is no fee for participation. Even if you can't make the first class we can get you caught up. All ages are welcome. Perhaps take this new year and make a resolution to learn your language. When you learn even a little of our language it really does give you a stronger connection to the tribe and to your ancestors. Remember even if your parents didn't speak Potawatomi, or your grandparents, or even your great grandparents, then perhaps your two great grandparents did and for perhaps a 1,000 years before, so did all of your ancestors.

Our online classes are continuing. Sam Navarre is teaching our beginners lunch class on Tuesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. and he is also teaching a Tuesday evening class from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We hope this later class will make it possible for those of you who live in California and New York to be able to join us. A number of participants join in from across the United States. Also, Sam sends out our words of the week with audio files. If you would like to join the online classes or get on his words of week contact Sam at snavarre@potawatomi.org

We also are offering an intermediate class being taught by myself, Justin Neely, on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Don't feel intimidated, just give it a try. Often we find many of our students enjoy listening in on more than one class. The more

practice the easier it is for you to pick up. We are also starting back up an intermediate on site class from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Cultural Heritage Center on Thursday afternoons starting on February 8th. The classes will run into the 1st part of June. We usually curtail them around that time to devote our attention to the Annual Heritage Festival.

For those who can't make the classes, we have language resources online at www.potawatomiheritage.com and www.potawatomi.org. We have songs online with audio, a downloadable dictionary, sample conversations, entire classes videotaped and placed on YouTube, we also have a number of cultural stories in English and Potawatomi.

On February 19th we will be having our second annual winter storytelling event at the Cultural Heritage Center. We will start at 6:00 p.m.. There are a number of traditional Potawatomi stories which are only supposed to be told in the winter. Most of these stories involve Nanabozho or Wiske the trickster are of this variety. This will be an opportunity to hear many of these stories and we will also serve refreshments. This is a great opportunity to learn some of these stories which can then be passed on to the next generation.

I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.

Justin Neely

Director of Language

## Beadwork is a family activity

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center is offering classes to revive Native traditions and encourage families to learn about their culture together.

There will be several opportunities to learn a variety of different skills, including beadwork, moccasin making, basket making and regalia making at the Culture Heritage Center in 2013. Ardena and Kelly O'Neal, with a little help from their daughters, will teach the beading and moccasin classes.

"Beading is a way to relate to our culture and our ancestors," said Ardena. "Almost every tribe has some sort of beading, so it is a unifying activity for Native Americans."

It was common in Native culture to teach children skills

like beadwork when they were very young. For Ardena, the interest in beading was sparked early in life. As a child she remembers going to powwows and dances and taking an interest in the beadwork on the regalia.

"I would watch my brothers and sisters dance and notice the beads on the regalia," said Ardena. "As children we learned to bead as early as possible and learn as many styles as we can to develop our skills."

Ardena's two daughters Keena and Erin dance in powwows now and it's Ardena and her husband Kelly who create the beautiful beadwork for their daughter's regalia.

"We bead together as a family, especially when we're working on the regalia for

dancing," said Ardena. "It's a way for us to do something meaningful as a family and enjoy our culture."

Ardena's work can be purchased at FireLake Gifts and her current project is a design for well-respected dancer Coby Lehman. Coby is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member and the arena director at Family Festival. He will be head man dancer at the Seminole Nation Honor Guard Annual Powwow in February.

The beadwork class teaches running stitch, applique, loom, peyote, and choker style beading. The monthly calendar with classes and times is available on the Cultural Heritage Center website at www.potawatomiheritage.org. Visit the gift shop online at http://giftshop.potawatomi.org/.



Beadwork around the Citizen Potawatomi Nation seal done by Ardena O'Neal.

Moccasins beaded by Ardena and Kelly O'Neal.



## Winter Story—Shut Eye Dance

Wiske could understand the language of every animal. One time he arranged a dance and invited the geese, swans, ducks and cranes.

He told them that they were to dance with their eyes shut tightly and only to open them at the intermissions.

As they danced by he caught the swans and wrung their

necks. When one shrieked aloud he would say, "That's right, my littler brothers, whoop!"

Si'mu, the old squaw duck, finally became suspicious and peeped. She saw what was happening and cried, "Wiske is killing us!"

All the ducks and swans fled. As punishment Wiske caused

Si'mu's eyes to turn red.

Wiske buried the fowls in the ashes of his fire to cook. He was very hungry as he sat there, waiting.

Presently, he heard two trees squeaking where they rubbed together. It made him so nervous that he climbed up to burn the place where they met with a firebrand.

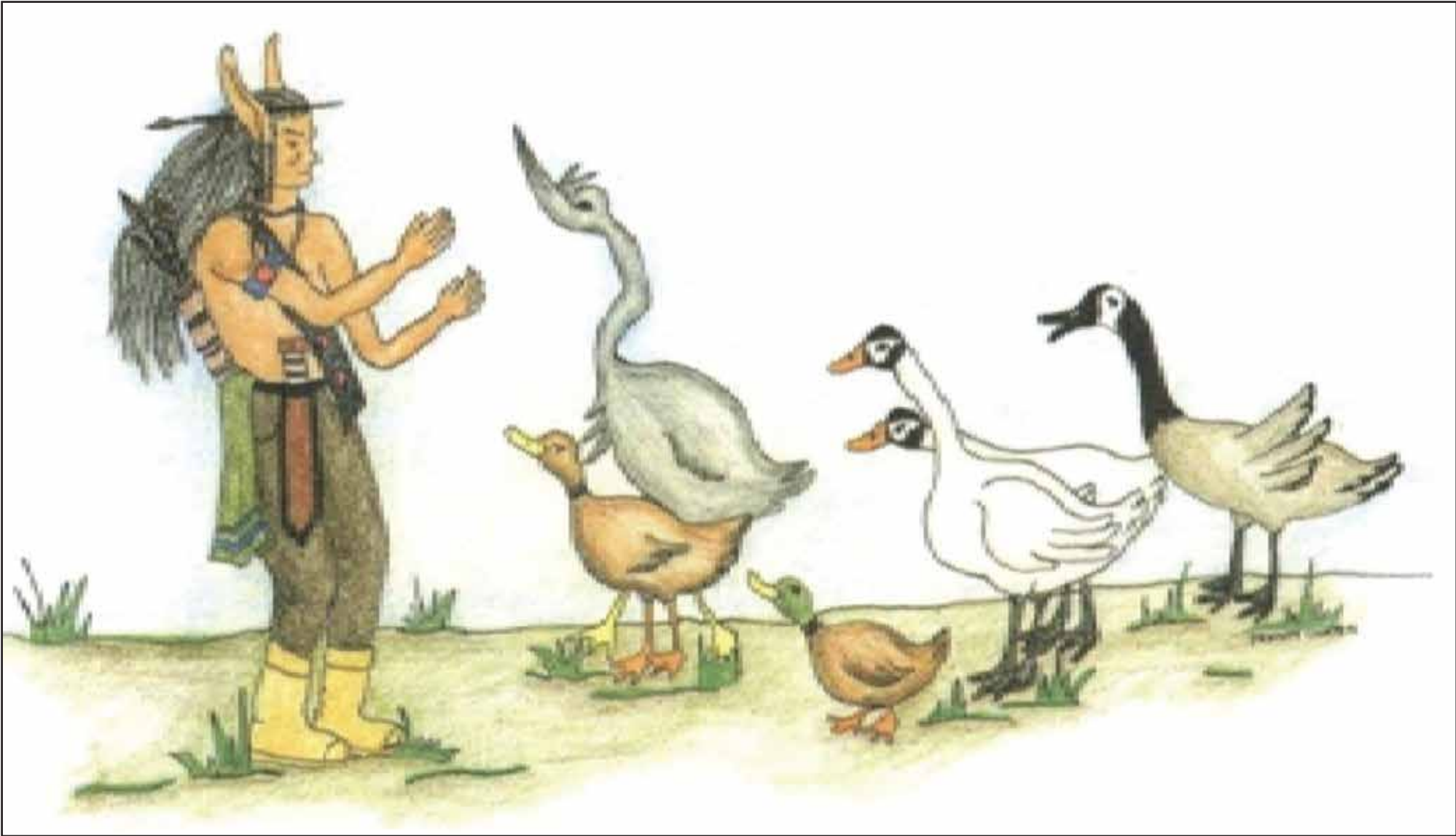
In trying to do this, his arm slipped in between them and he was stuck.

While he was prisoner, two Winnebago passing by in a canoe saw the smoke and came over to investigate.

They found the swans all nicely roasted, and sat down and ate them all.

Then they departed. When they were nearly out of sight, the trees loosed and Wiske came down.

When found that there was nothing left of his feast Wiske became angry. Shaking his fist at the Winnebago he cried, "You will be called Winnebago or Stinkers all of your lives!"





## Native American Regalia and other items in North Texas

By Robert Whistler CPN Legislator

During the holiday season, we visited Flying Eagle Trading Post in Hurst, Texas looking for a number of items. It was very rewarding in many aspects. We found that his prices for beads are much less than what we had been paying with Crazy Crow near Sherman, Texas. In addition, they also have a couple of books on beading and they said they have ordered CD's for different types of beading. One will be on peyote beading, which we taught in four classes in District 3 in 2013. This kind

of instruction should be great for anyone just beginning.

Looking around the store, we found they have caps going for about \$5.00 in all kinds of colors and with many different embroidery designs relative to our culture. I am in the cap business and can't supply them for as low a retail price as they are asking. They have the usual sage, tobacco, sweet grass, and the sought after flat leaf cedar, plus lots of other items.

Since my granddaughter plays the flute, one thing that really caught my eye is

that they have several Native American Flutes. Two are made by a "Long Hair" of the Cherokee Nation. One of them is the bamboo type and sells for under \$20, which is an inexpensive way to get started. Another flute, from a different firm, like the type used by the pros, has a teaching program that is included with the flute. This flute was used by our young men to serenade their loves to be in the past. I have included a photo of the instruction book so if you go by, you can look for it.

Flying Eagle Trading Post is just a couple of blocks away

from our District 3 office and if you give me a little notice, I will make it a point to be in our office and you can stop in for a visit. The address for Flying Eagle Trading Post is: 232 W. Bedford-Euleess Rd, Hurst, TX 76053. Their hours

of business are Mon-Sat 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM. 817-285-6383

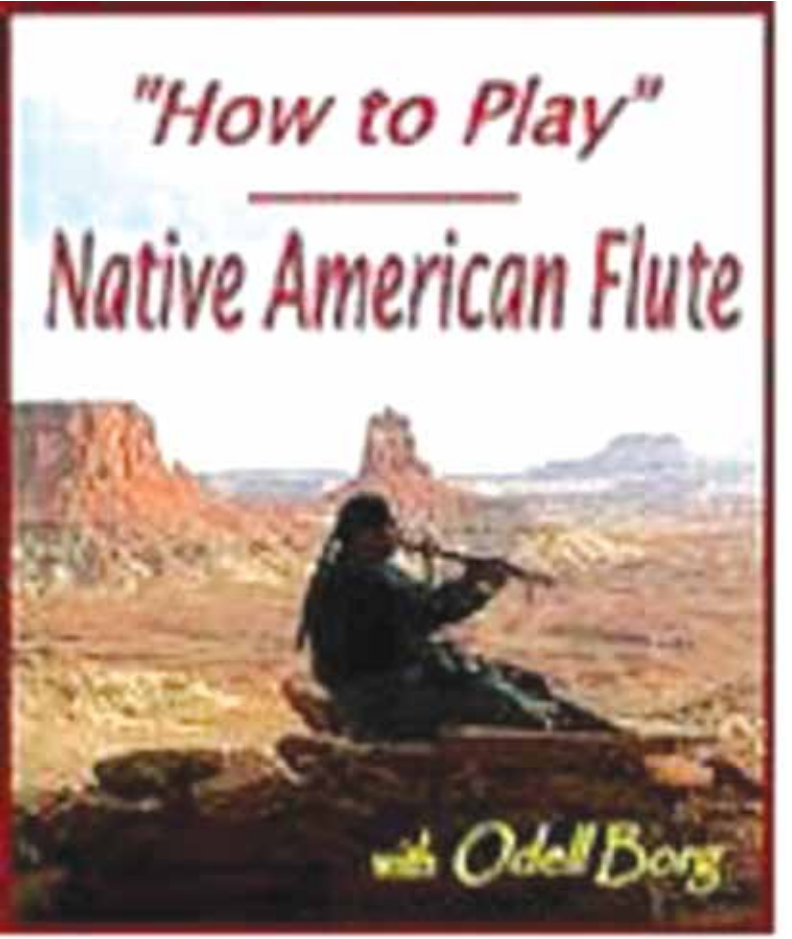
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**Nutrition Program**

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers.  
The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development.  
For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

## Ribbon-work Appliqué

Silk Appliqué or 'ribbon work' was and still is considered a fairly new but yet important aspect of Woodland Indian art forms. It is primarily practiced in the Great Lakes region, where during the onset of the fur trade years, the Potawatomi were considered the most skilled at this type of art form.

The earliest form of ribbon work was made by Woodland Indian tribes in the early 19th century when ribbon work was at its height of fashion in France and was being taught to Indian girls in the boarding schools by their European schoolmasters. This concept made for a perfect fit because Woodland people were more inspired by organic shapes like plants, vines and flowers which were patterns that mimicked nature. At the onset of the fur trade, more curvilinear and floral designs began to be incorporated into the different patterns because of the European influence.

Before, only simple geometric patterns were used because of the lack of materials needed to make more distinct and intricate designs. Geometric designs were often symbolic and highly stylized, representing clans, medicinal plants, order of births as well as other

Most patterns and colors were based upon traditional design principles of a tribal community, however ideas were often borrowed, handed down, traded and sometimes stolen during warfare. Intermarrying with other tribes also resulted in a particular pattern being used outside of that tribal community.

Certain clans in some tribes had corresponding colors that were transferred into the floral designs which, in turn, denoted what particular clan that person belonged to based on the color of the ribbon work and/or design pattern. In some instances, certain patterns distinguished tribes from one another and some colors also denoted, first from second born children and so on. For instance the color red denoted the 1st born child or odd number children in sequence of birth and blue denoted the 2nd born child or even number of children.

It was not until the early 1940's that American Indian dancing became a social aspect of American Indian culture and Pow-wow's began picking up momentum in Indian communities. Dancers wanted to stand out among the crowd or among other individuals when competing. To get the attention of the crowd and judges they incorporated bright colorful designs into their ribbon work and other types of regalia. Thus, ribbon work designs and the colors used to make the distinguishing patterns are meant to stand out and another reason why regalia is so highly decorative. Dance regalia is regarded as an extension of expressing that individuals life experiences through various design elements depicted on the regalia.



Ribbon—Appliqué patters can be applied to a variety of regalia.



Vest—This vest has a traditional Potawatomi floral patter



# Education and Leadership

## CPN member, Potawatomi Leadership Program alumni, pursuing music career

Written by CRAIG SIMCOX

Six years ago, Jade O'Connor picked up an electric guitar for the first time. Last month he received distinction in the second-highest exam at the London College of Music.

His guitar teacher, Dieter Burmester, says the Lower Hutt 19-year-old is the only person in New Zealand to sit his Licentiate of the London College of Music (LLCM) this year.

"He's extraordinary. He's got this memory that's amazing and his playing ability is just getting better and better.

"He does everything by ear and a lot of people these days forget that the ear's very important."

The exam involved a prepared performance and a technical study, plus creating a melody to go over a new piece of music. O'Connor received an overall score of 94 percent.

"It was challenging ... for a moment I thought I was going to fail it because it didn't sound as good as when I practiced," he says.

O'Connor tried playing the clarinet, but did not enjoy it. "I don't remember a single thing."

His love of electric guitar was almost instant, and he practices for hours each day.

"It's easy and more fun to play because I can do a lot more than just play melodies."

His favorite genre is metal, and he also enjoys playing country and jazz.

Next year he will sit the top exam, the Fellowship of the London College of Music, which involves a 45-minute concert.

Mr. Burmester says he has what it takes.

"According to my teacher I'm

the best in New Zealand ... That's cool. It makes me feel special," O'Connor says.

The former student of Lower Hutt's Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School is completing a carpentry apprenticeship at G&H Training in Petone and says he would like to make both building and guitar playing his career.

But first he would like to join a metal band and start performing in front of audiences.

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Jade O'Conner, Potawatomi Leadership Alumni Program

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation member hopes to use education and experience to impact Native American education



Margaret Zientek and Tesia after the 2009 University of Notre Dame commencement ceremony

Tesia Zientek grew up in Shawnee, Okla. and graduated from Bethel High School. Zientek had earned a Gates Millennium Scholarship and knew that she wanted to expand her influences and experiences to those outside of her small hometown.

"With the help of the Gates Millennium Scholarship, I was lucky enough to receive full funding for whatever institution I decided to attend," said Zientek. "I applied to a few different universities, but I ultimately decided to attend the University of Notre Dame. There, I majored in English and minored in Anthropology. I got a lot of amazing learning opportunities during my undergraduate career."

Zientek studied abroad in London for a semester and participated in the Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS) as an intern for the Department of the Interior one summer.

After graduating from Notre Dame, Zientek spent a year in Orocovis, Puerto Rico coordinating an afterschool program and teaching English and science classes to elementary school students.

"After Notre Dame, I knew that I wanted to take a break from academia and spend some time volunteering in a community," said Zientek. "I also knew that I loved to travel, so I applied and was accepted for a volunteer position at a

nonprofit in Puerto Rico."

After a second year teaching English to first through third graders in San Juan, Zientek began a Master's program at Stanford University. Zientek enrolled in Stanford University's Policy, Organization, and Leadership Studies program. In the nine month POLS program, Zientek may take classes from any department in Stanford.

"This program allows me to supplement my studies in education with approaches from the business, law, or design schools," Zientek said. "By viewing educational issues from these disparate lenses, I am always reconsidering and shifting my perspective."

In addition to the POLS program, Zientek is interning with the Stanford Native American Cultural Center. As an intern she will help with the largest student-run powwow in the nation, which is in its 42nd year.

Zientek will gather all of the institutional memory that has accumulated in all of those 42 years and compile it so that it will be accessible for future involved students. She will also make a scalable model for other Native communities.

"Already I have seen what a fantastic learning experience it is for the students who are involved in the planning process," added Zientek. "We learn financial management, leadership skills, marketing

techniques, and best of all; we get to see the fruits of our labor at the successful event in the spring. I'm looking forward to learning how this experience could translate to other Native communities."

Zientek plans to bring her education and experiences back to her Native community once she completes the program. Recently she spent some time working in the Office of Self Governance at Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

"Because part of my Master's work focuses on education policy, it is extremely interesting to see how policy, grants, and self-governance affect the Citizen Potawatomi Nation," said Zientek. "I have learned so many things that will help me to be a better informed student and tribal member. I have gotten a good glimpse into how such programs are planned and funded, which will be invaluable in my future career endeavors as well as my understanding of tribal priorities."

Zientek has already made a difference in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal community. During the summer of 2012 Zientek helped coordinate the Potawatomi Leadership Program.

"Knowing I was about to enter an education Master's program, I was particularly excited about trying out my ideas," said Zientek. "Among other activities, these ideas included: a weekly discussion group for students to reflect on their experiences, an interview with a tribal elder, and a capstone group project exploring a CPN-related topic of the students' choice that would be presented to tribal leadership at the end of the summer."

After graduation Zientek plans to apply everything she's learned in her experiences and education to a Native American community. Specifically, she plans to see how culturally relevant education in extracurricular

programs can make an impact on students' lives.

"Because I know what a difference positive role models and strong educational support made for me, I want to help provide that for other students," said Zientek. "Such a state of education requires

educators who are both optimistic and realistic, who are willing to fight for change but who realize that their fight has been one that has been ongoing since the inception of the educational system. It is difficult work, but it is important."



Tesia and friends visiting the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris while studying abroad



Demonstrating Native American regalia and dance during a school assembly for students in Puerto Rico



Do I need a mammogram?

By Ronald Shaw, MD  
Medical Director, CPN Health Services

A mammogram is an imaging test of breast tissue using low dose x-rays. The test has been used primarily to look for changes of breast cancer in women who have no outward signs of cancer. The premise is that if a breast cancer can be found early the chances are greater that this breast cancer could be cured. A breast cancer screening program utilizes scheduled mammography and according to some guidelines to include patient self-breast examination and an annual breast examination by a health care provider. Sounds like the decision to have a mammogram is a no brainer, but the use of mammography to screen for breast cancer is not without risks to some groups of patients including those who will not ever develop progressive breast cancer. Mammography has been proven to reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer and is useful but the information below should be considered by all women contemplating a mammogram.

A controversy has developed regarding the effect of screening mammography on reducing breast cancer deaths and the associated harms to the large number of patients who do not have progressive breast cancer (for which

treatment does not prolong life and therefore provides no benefit). Over diagnosis is a term used to describe the finding of breast cancers on mammography that are not progressive and would not have ever affected the patients’ health or life span. The patients with these cancers do not require diagnosis or treatment but yet will likely receive some combination of surgery, chemotherapy or radiation (overtreatment) because we do not yet have the expertise to identify which of these cancers will progress and which will resolve or remain dormant without treatment. It is estimated that 1/3 of the cancers diagnosed through screening mammography represent over diagnosis and therefore do not need to be treated. Other harms from mammography include a large number of false positive mammograms that require additional imaging or biopsy to be proven benign causing pain and anxiety from unnecessary procedures.

The following figures are offered as another way to illustrate some of the risks of dying from breast cancer and the benefits of mammography in women ages 40-49.

1904 women ages 40-49 would need to be screened with yearly mammography over 10 years in order to save one life from breast cancer.

The 10 year risk of breast cancer for a 40 year old woman is 1.9 percent ( this includes over diagnosis) and the risk of dying of breast cancer is 0.17 percent.

If 2000 women are screened regularly for 10 years, about 200 women will have a suspicious finding of possible cancer or abnormal spot that requires follow-up imaging (more mammograms) or biopsy, but will be proven to have no cancer.

After all of this, what is the bottom line? The answer is it depends on each woman’s individual values regarding the benefits of a small reduction in the risk of dying from breast cancer (age 40-49) versus their concern with the risks of over diagnosis/ overtreatment or false positive test results. Mammograms are useful tests but not at any frequency at any age. Many women are simply told “you need a mammogram” with no discussion or education as though the test is always beneficial and never harmful.

My recommendations follow that of the US Preventative Services Task Force and are based on the balance between benefits and harms. These guidelines are for patients at average risk of breast cancer.

Ages 40-49 –I do not recommend routine mammography for average risk women unless the patient



has been educated about the benefits and harms and still wishes to proceed. The purpose of such education is to allow the patient to make an informed decision as the decision is not “black and white”. If a woman wishes to defer until she is age 50 then she has made an informed choice and is not irresponsible. If she wishes to undergo mammography she chooses to base on relevant information.

Ages 50-74-mammography every other year. This schedule offers nearly the same benefits with half of the harms as yearly mammography. Following a discussion of the potential harms vs. the benefits, if a patient still wishes to have yearly mammogram then a mammogram is scheduled.

If you have family history of breast cancer or other risk factors earlier and more

frequent screening may be indicated.

Your health care provider is in the best position to provide both education and counseling with regard to the question, “Do I need a mammogram?”

These services are available at CPN clinics and I encourage all CPN tribal members to utilize your tribal clinics.

Visit  
[www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org)  
to learn more

Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013  
In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
  - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
  - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government’s records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims and the costs of administration.

For a claim form or to update your contact information:  
Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com)



## Civilian Marine takes pride in Native American heritage

Pride is an innate trait woven into the fabric of Phyllis Hurlock's life. As a civilian program analyst working for Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) at Quantico, Hurlock takes pride in her job. She is also a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a federally recognized tribe of Potawatomi people headquartered in Shawnee, Okla.

If asked, she will answer to Wabnokwe, which is Potawatomi for Eastern Light Woman. Such entreaties are more common in November during National Native American Heritage Month, a time when the nation collectively recognizes the achievements, contributions and rich culture of the First Nations.

"The Potawatomi are traditionally an Algonquian-speaking Eastern Woodlands tribe," Hurlock said. "We have 30,000 enrolled tribal members, of which one-third live in Oklahoma."

Today, the tribe has flourished in stature and has an estimated net worth of \$400 million. Yet, the path for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hasn't always been easy, Hurlock said.

An 1861 treaty with the U.S. government set up one of the earliest efforts in allotting tribal land to individual tribal members and included a path

to U.S. citizenship. The treaty marked the official separation of the Potawatomi people into the Citizen Band, who sought to own the land in severalty, and the Prairie Band, who wanted to continue to live on land held by the band in common.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi later endured a decade-long period in which the U.S. government viewed them not as an Indian tribe but as individual citizens with dual Indian and U.S. status. According to Hurlock, it was "the tribal leaders' perseverance and ability to interpret and argue the details of their treaty" which helped them regain tribal government status. Along with passage of the Dawes Act of 1887, the efforts also enhanced tribal members' allotment sizes and locations once significant numbers of Citizen Potawatomi members had moved to Indian Territory.

"My great-great-grandparents were individually granted land allotments as they were members of one of the original families," Hurlock said.

She speaks with pride about Tribal Chairman, John 'Rocky' Barrett. "He is, by trade, a cattleman and banker who brought the tribe, small gains at a time, from obscurity in the 1970s to a nation with significant enterprises and stature today. I first heard from Rocky Barrett at one of our regional meetings that the

only humans who are asked what degree of blood in a tribe they possess are Native Americans."

The "degree of blood," a measurement created by bureaucracy, is a sensitive subject for Hurlock and other Native Americans.

"We are Native Americans because we descend from Native American ancestors," she said. "The practice of 'degree of blood estimation' began with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Their aim was to weed out as many tribal members by weakening their claim of being Native Americans and thereby eliminating their tribal affiliation. Our

nation, like many other tribal nations today, does not put significance in blood degree but recognize membership by blood line – descended from a member on early Tribal rolls."

Hurlock recalled a picture of the tribal headquarters building in 1971. It was an old trailer with three vehicles parked out front: a Gremlin, Pinto and AMC Pacer. There have been many changes for the better since then, she said.


"Rocky has restored the pride tribal members have and has been instrumental in creating our governing Constitution, the national legislature and its accompanying regional representation we now enjoy,"

Hurlock said. "The Nation's District 2 Representative in Washington, D.C., provides us with valuable information about government matters affecting the tribe and conducts events and meetings to ensure we retain our sense of family."

Having worked 20 years for the Marine Corps, Hurlock feels a sense of pride knowing that what she and her MCSC colleagues do makes a difference to the Marines in the fleet. It's the same kind of pride and fondness that Hurlock, the woman known as 'Eastern Light Woman,' takes in her vast extended family and rich tribal heritage.



Phyllis Hurlock (right) of Marine Corps Systems Command's (MCSC) Programs office receives her Native American name "Wabnokwe" during a Potawatomi ceremony from Linda Capps, the tribe's Vice Chairman. MCSC is celebrating National Native American Heritage Month in November. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)



Bozho,

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization had two occasions for a revival of their Potawatomi heritage. At our Thanksgiving Dinner we were honored to have Justin Neely, Director of Language, give the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and our opening prayer in Potawatomi. It gave an extra special Native American quality to our Thanksgiving celebration.

Our second occasion to celebrate being Citizen Potawatomi Nation veterans was at our annual Christmas party. We were entertained by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's official music group the "Drum Women", or their Potawatomi name "Dewegen Kwek", directed by Kelli Mosteller of the Cultural Heritage Center. It was great to hear Native Songs and Christmas Carols sung in the Potawatomi language.

We had a great time at both functions and it prepared the CPN Veterans Organization for an even Better and Happier New Year. We invite all CPN veterans and their families to join us and be a part of our mission to recognize and honor our Potawatomi veterans. The CPN Veterans Organization meets at 6:30 pm every fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information about our organization and becoming a member, visit our website at: [www.cpnveterans.com](http://www.cpnveterans.com). Migwetch!

Daryl Talbot, Vice Commander



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Grand Casino Hotel and Resort adding nearly 100 new jobs

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort will add nearly 100 new jobs when a new 262 room hotel opens this summer and officials hope to fill those jobs at an upcoming job fair.

The job fair will be April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Embers inside Grand Casino Hotel and Resort.

"We are excited to open a

new hotel and to strengthen our workforce by adding 100 more jobs," said John Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "We look forward to providing jobs in our communities and furthering the economic development of this region."

Positions open for the new hotel include revenue manager, front desk manager,

front office manager, assistant hotel manager, housekeeping, valet, retail, and front desk clerks.

The job fair will also include positions open at all Citizen Potawatomi Nation enterprises, including grocery stores and administration. Openings for the hotel and for administration include entry level and management

positions.

Job seekers can browse open positions, complete applications forms, speak with recruiters and interview on the spot. Job seekers should come dressed for an interview and bring a resume, state issued identification and tribal card if applicable.

"We are always looking for bright and motivated people

to fill positions across all enterprises," said Mindee Duffell, human resources, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "Our jobs have competitive pay, great benefits and opportunities for advancement."

For more information on job openings or to apply for a job call human resources at 405-275-3121 or visit online at <http://www.firelakejobs.com/>.

Talking to kids about tragedy

In light of the recent national high profile acts of violence involving youth, particularly in our public schools, the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program (FTYP) is making every effort to address potential hazards or risks involving Potawatomi youth. Just weeks prior to the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Police Department called together a large number of directors and department heads to meet with administrators to discuss ongoing efforts to secure tribal facilities, staff, and patrons. The FTYP is obliged to participate in these discussions and is committed to keeping our young people safe.

Outside of the walls at Citizen Potawatomi Nation, parents and grandparents also have the responsibility of helping young people cope with these difficult and senseless acts. Youth may become confused and frightened and may feel in danger or worry that their friends or loved-ones are at risk. They will look to adults for information and guidance on how to react. As a trusted adult, you can help young people feel safe

by establishing a sense of normalcy and security by talking with them about their fears. Below are tips adapted from a National Association of School Psychologist's publication about how to effectively communicate with young adolescents regarding these matters or other violent acts they may witness or hear about through the media.

1. Reassure their safety. Emphasize that schools are very safe by helping a young person identify safety measures they recognize in their own school. Validate their feelings and explain that all feelings are okay when a tragedy occurs. Allow young people to talk about their feelings, help put them into perspective, and assist them in expressing these feelings appropriately.

2. Make time to talk. Let their questions be your guide as to how much information to provide. Be patient since youth do not always talk about their feelings readily. Watch for clues that they may want to talk, such as hovering around while you do the dishes or turning off the radio while in the car. Some young people prefer writing, reading,

playing music, or doing an art project as an outlet.

3. Keep your explanations developmentally appropriate.

Upper elementary and early middle school youth will be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need assistance separating reality from fantasy. Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to provide safe schools.

Upper middle school and high school students will have strong and varying opinions about the causes of violence in schools and society. They will share concrete suggestions about how to make school safer and how to prevent tragedies in society. Emphasize the role that students have in maintaining safe schools by following school safety guidelines (e.g. not providing building access to strangers, reporting strangers on campus, etc.), communicating any personal safety concerns to school administrators, and accessing support for emotional needs.

4. Review safety procedures. This should include procedures

and safeguards at school and at home. Help youth identify at least one adult at school and in the community to whom they go if they feel threatened or at risk.

5. Observe their emotional state. Some young people may not express their concerns verbally. Changes in behavior, appetite, and sleep patterns can indicate a youth's level of anxiety or discomfort. In most individuals, these symptoms will ease with reassurance and time. However, other may be at risk for more intense reactions. Young people who have had a past traumatic experience or personal loss, suffer from depression or other mental illness, or with special needs may be at greater risk for severe reactions than others. Seek the help of mental health professional if you are at all concerned.

6. Limit television viewing of these events. Be aware if the television is on in common areas. Developmentally inappropriate information can cause anxiety or confusion, particularly in younger children. Adults also need to be mindful of the content of conversations that they have with each other in front

of children, even teenagers, and limit their exposure to vengeful, hateful, and angry comments that might be misunderstood.

7. Maintain a normal routine. Keeping to a regular schedule can be reassuring and promote physical health. Ensure that your youth gets plenty of sleep, regular meals, and exercise. Encourage them to keep up with their schoolwork and extracurricular activities but don't push them if they seem overwhelmed.

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BDC Gun Room to open new, larger location

Shawnee business leaders, elected officials and local residents joined BDC gunroom officials for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 35,000 square foot gun range set to open in summer 2013.

The facility will be used for shooting sports and archery, and will include 18 lanes at 25 yards each, a 30 yard 3-D

archery range, a restaurant and 5,000 square feet of retail space.

Jack Barrett, owner of BDC Gun Room, began his business in Shawnee in 2007. The current location opened in Dec. 2009, and increased sales have created an opportunity to expand in size and employment.

"I have had a 100 percent increase in sales in the past year," said Barrett. "That has allowed me to go from employing myself and one part-time employee to six full-time employees already. I expect to employ 15-20 people when we open."

BDC Gun Room will continue to offer a comprehensive course schedule, with classes in gun safety, hunter education, Oklahoma hand gun licenses and advanced firearms training courses.

"If you're going to accept the great responsibility of carrying a gun you need to be safe and proficient," said Barrett. "The more you practice, the better you are and that's good for your safety and the safety of others."

Memberships will be available and members will receive special access to a member's room, early access to new merchandise and on-site gun storage. On premises gun rental will be available to the public.

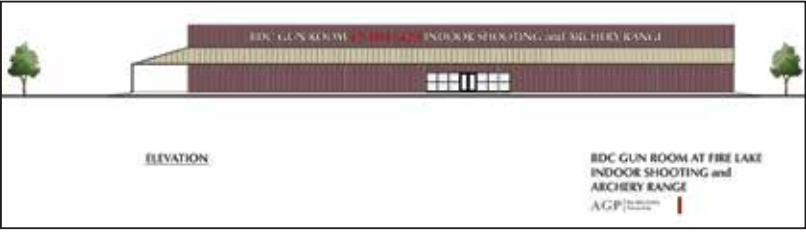
Citizen Potawatomi Nation will lease the land for BDC Gun Room to Jack Barrett. The gun room will be the first private development on Tribal land.

The new BDC Gun Room will be located on Hardesty Road between U.S. 177 and Gordon Cooper Drive.

Rural Water District 3

Rural Water District 3 has added new treatment equipment to double the size of the treatment plants, more than 20 miles of new line laid more and built a new 110,000 gallon water tower at FireLake. The tower will

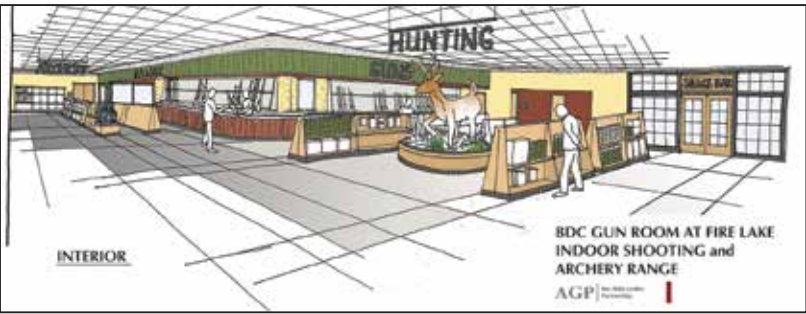
initially serve approximately 80 new customers of RWD3 along both the north and south sides of I-40 east of Hwy 177. This area includes the Willowbrook, Stafford Lakes, West Gate and Clark Circle housing additions.



Exterior view of the new BDC Gun Rom



Jack Barrett, owner of BDC Gun Room, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Chairman Rocky Barrett, Shawnee Chamber chair Marta Land and BDC Gun Room General Manager Rachel Espolt break ground on the new BDC Gun Room.



Interior view of the new BDC Gun Room



A new 11,000 gallon water tower is now complete



Embers Steakhouse: Innovative Dining



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If you simply pass through Shawnee, Oklahoma, you may not know what you’re missing out on. Shawnee has developed into a strong community, bolstered by many new businesses, and the livelihood there is “Grand.” There are even a few hidden gems, including Embers Steakhouse. This brilliant restaurant is located on the second floor of the newly renovated Grand Casino Hotel and Resort.

As you stroll through the casino, the resounding arpeggio and flashy slot machine displays create a distinctly high-energy environment, but that atmosphere is immediately suppressed when you enter the relaxing lobby of Embers Steakhouse. Cream-colored walls and ceiling blend with the mahogany detailing to give the restaurant a bold yet welcoming appeal. At the bar, you can peruse Embers fine selection of wines, all handpicked to complement the varied dishes served.

A doorway to the main seating area reveals an ornate room with an elaborately trimmed ceiling and low lighting. The casino noise is almost forgotten, and the smooth background music completes the relaxing atmosphere of the restaurant. Further back, a private conference room and a handful of VIP rooms are available for use on busy nights or for business meetings. Everything about Embers is classy and refined; even the place settings were chosen to complement the entirety of the experience, ensuring your complete relaxation.

Embers Steakhouse is teeming with creative chefs. On Fridays and Saturdays, Head Chef Nick produces ice carvings, while several other chefs have created specials like hot ice cream and pumpkin cheesecake. The serving staff is very professional and organized, and the sheer attention to detail ensures that Embers Steakhouse exceeds all your expectations. Couple this attention to detail with their collection of 53 carefully selected wines, and you are set for a satisfying meal in all spectrums of the phrase.

First served is bread and oil, drizzled over a thin slice of tomatoes and topped with small crimson beads. We were surprised when we tried it – yes, the bread was fresh and the spices went well with it, but the true shock came at the taste of the crimson beads, which erupted with a tart yet sweet flavor. Chef Nick explained that they were cranberries, condensed by a method known as “molecular gastronomy,” a technique that allows the essence of foods to be reduced to a more intense form. Molecular gastronomy is not common in Oklahoma, making this a very rare treat, and a favorite of Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett.

After the bread and oil, we sampled the Crab Cakes appetizer. Aromatic and golden, they were served with a rich and spicy chipotle tartar sauce. From the first bite, the warm, buttery boldness of the crab finished out with the snap of spicy peppers and the zing of tartar sauce. Everything was fresh and seasoned to perfection, and the cakes were thick and nicely sized for sharing.



If you’d like to start with shrimp, Embers has you covered with the Shrimp Cocktail, which includes impressively large, butterflied Gulf prawns served with a house-made cocktail sauce. Don’t want shellfish? Try the Caesar Salad, topped with a rich, house-made Caesar dressing, or the Stuffed Mushroom Caps.

Next we dove into the Spinach Dip, which was served in a house-made sourdough bread bowl with freshly grilled flat bread wedges for scooping. A blend of artichoke, spinach, bacon and Asiago cheese are topped with a layer of mozzarella, then baked until golden and bubbly. The brilliant selection of tastes starts with the buttery flavor of the mozzarella, expands into the tangy flavors of spinach and Asiago, then finishes out with the crunch of bacon. We could hardly keep ourselves out of the Spinach Dip.

Embers “Signature Farmer’s Market” Salad consisted of green beans, cherry tomatoes and Asiago cheese, tossed in Embers’ legendary house vinaigrette, and served warm. We anticipated the plain, starchy taste of green beans, but they erupted with crisp freshness and the tang of Asiago cheese, balanced out by the sweetness of the cherry tomatoes and the well-seasoned dressing. This salad covered a gamut of tastes, all of them delicious.

From the Hand Cut Steaks portion of the menu, we sampled the 10-oz. Filet Alaskan, which was topped with Alaskan King Crab and a brilliant Choron sauce (a spin on the traditional Béarnaise). A gorgeous piped stack of mashed potatoes, a fluted mushroom and spears of grilled asparagus completed the magnificent presentation of the Filet Alaskan.

When cutting into a filet at Embers, you can expect it to be cooked to your exact specifications. Each slice reminded us just how tender the filet was – so juicy and tender, we could cut it with the side of a fork – while each bite revealed the rich, deep flavor of prime beef. The Alaskan King Crab brought a light sweetness, while the delightful Choron sauce tied

each bite together with a tangy, sophisticated resolve. The Filet Alaskan was such an excellent combination of tastes, it’s no wonder Embers Steakhouse prides itself on the dish ... indeed, all their filets.

If you prefer pork to beef, you absolutely must try the Porterhouse Cut Pork Chop, which is a 12-ounce pork chop grilled to perfection and served with your choice of two sides, including mashed or baked potato, wild rice and candied carrots.

Other menu choices include the Embers Burger (lamb, topped with a fried egg), Herb Roasted Chicken and Prime Rib Melt served on a Ciabatta bun; Seafood selections include Tilapia, Ahi Tuna, Cedar Plank Salmon, Fried Shrimp, King Crab Legs and a Catch of the Day.

Although full from such an excellent meal, we absolutely had to sample dessert, starting with the Crème Brûlée. The sinfully sweet vanilla crème was capped with a glaze of torched sugar, then finished with a mound of whipped cream and a drizzle of raspberry sauce. A crisp, house-made lemon “snap” crowned the beautiful dessert. The sweet crème was perfectly balanced by the tart raspberry sauce and the tang of the lemon snap.

Lastly, we gave the strawberry cheesecake a shot. Like everything else at Embers, this was no ordinary cheesecake. Everything is made in-house, fresh and full of flavor. Unlike the gritty texture of some cheesecakes, this dessert consists of a smooth, sweet cream encased

in a crisp, nutty crust. The sliced fresh strawberries are slightly cooked and the sauce reduced, then drizzled over the wedge of cheesecake. The appearance of this dessert is surpassed only by its flavor.

Embers Steakhouse provides guests with a menu so full and flavorful that it is guaranteed to please. A sense of innovation and creativity, along with attention to detail, gives Embers a distinct appeal. So if you’re planning your next date night, business meeting, family get-together or simply meeting friends, keep Embers Steakhouse in the back of your mind. You’re bound to be impressed with the service, the atmosphere – and best of all – the food.

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# GOVERNMENT

Mkogisos (February 2013)

*People of the Fire*

## Self-governance helping programs help people

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is one of about 300 tribes in the United States practicing self-governance because of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975. This authorizes Citizen Potawatomi Nation to negotiate annual funding and assume management and control of programs, services, functions, and activities that the federal government previously managed.

“Things are happening at CPN because of self-governance,” said Rhonda Butcher, self-governance director. “We are ready to take care of ourselves, make the hard decisions and do the hard work.”

Self-governance empowers tribes to exercise their right of self-determination and to manage program funds in ways that best fit the needs of their citizens and communities. It also establishes the relationship between Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the United States Government.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation negotiated self-governance compacts with the Indian Health Services in 1998 and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1999. Self-governance is not a program, rather, it is a process that secures funding for several programs and allows those program directors the freedom to best serve Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Some of the most recognizable programs are Indian Child Welfare, Law Enforcement, Housing, Roads and Health Care.

“Previously these programs were handled by the Federal Government and developed as one size fits all,” added Butcher. “Allowing us to manage our own programs gives us the freedom to tailor them to fit the needs of our citizens and reduce administrative costs so we can serve more people.”

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation self-governance office helps secure funding from as many sources as possible, including competitive grants. The staff monitors funding notices offered by the federal government, evaluates opportunities as they arise, and provides proposal development

services, including writing and budget preparation, technical assistance and grant submission.

For fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, Citizen Potawatomi Nation was awarded about \$19 million in grant funds; that includes a first-ever Department of Commerce Award and an ANA Environmental Regulatory Enhancement grant. The grant funding is in addition to the annual self-governance negotiated funding agreement amounts, which totaled almost \$26 million in fiscal year 2011 and more than \$28 million in fiscal year 2012.

These grant funds have helped develop new programs and create new infrastructure for the tribe. Funding for the wellness center, Cultural Heritage Center new FireLodge Tribal Youth building and WIC building came from grant funds.

Self-Governance began in 1988 with just 30 American Indian tribes. Permanent self-governance authority was established in 1994 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and in 2000 for Indian Health Service. More than 50 percent of federally-recognized tribes now exercise their sovereignty through self-governance compacts with the federal government.

It is evident that self-governance has had a positive influence on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The tribe has grown from barely any material assets to thousands of acres of land, a successful portfolio of diversified businesses and proud provider of services to Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members.

“Self-governance works,” said Butcher. “We do better when we’re able to determine our own course, allocate our resources in a way that we see fit and develop our programs based on our tribal needs.”

Goals of Tribal Self Governance:

- Formalize relations between the U.S. and Indian Tribes on a government-to-government basis

- Allow Indian Tribes to determine internal priorities, redesign programs and reallocate financial resources to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of their Tribal communities
- Promote greater social, economic and political self-sufficiency among Indian Tribes
- Establish better accountability through

- expanded Tribal Council decision-making authority
- Institute administrative cost-efficiencies between Tribal governments and the U.S. through reduced paperwork burdens and streamlined decision making processes
- Change the role of the Federal agencies serving Indian Tribes by shifting their responsibilities from day-to-

- day management of Tribal affairs to advocating for Tribal interests
- Enact permanent Self-Governance authority in the Indian Health Service and promulgate regulations
- Expand Self-Governance within the Department of Health and Human Service other than in the Indian Health Service



Indian Health Services is one area where Self-Governance has improved services for tribal citizens.



Preventive care is available because of Self-Governance.



The new WIC building was funded by a grant managed by Self-Governance.

## Election Committee Takes Oath

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee was sworn in on January 9, 2013. Members of the committee include Gary Bourbonnais, Chairman; David Bourbonnais, Vice Chairman; Julie Floyd, Marshall; Carrie Kieffer, Secretary; Jenny Affeustranger, Asst. Secretary.

The Election Committee has powers to conduct elections, as delegated by the Tribal Constitution and codified within the Election Ordinance.

Election Committee members are appointed by the Business Committee, and function under a budget appropriated by the Business Committee.



From left to right: Jenny Affeustranger, Julia Floyd, Gary Bourbonnais, Carrie Kieffer and David Bourbonnais.

## Candidates file declaration of candidacy for 2013 CPN election

Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will vote for Legislators in District 2 and in District 4 on June 29, 2013. Legislative District 1 incumbent Roy Slavin, District 3 incumbent Robert Whistler and Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett are unopposed in the 2013 election.

Tribal members living in the southeast will choose between incumbent Eva Marie Carney and challenger Anthony Cole for District 2’s legislative seat. Tribal members in District 4 of Kansas will choose between incumbent Theresa Adame and Jon E. Boursaw.

The June election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest and

earnings from the Nation’s Set-Aside Funds.

A Ballot Request Period will begin on March 1, 2013 and end on June 9, 2013. There will be in-person voting from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on June 29, 2013 at the courtroom in the CPN administration building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee will mail Absentee Ballot Request Forms to all members who will be eligible to vote in the 2013 election. Additionally, to assist in CPN voters’ obtaining an absentee ballot, a Ballot Request Form will be published in future editions of the Hownikan.

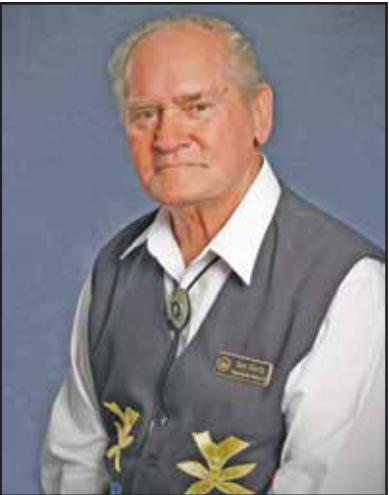


Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee takes is sworn in



# Legislative Columns

## District 1 - Roy Slavin



Bozho Nikanek, (hello Friends)

Another year has gone by and what a great year it was for our Nation. In the recent “How Ni Kan” article I wrote about touring the tribal

grounds with my wife’s sister and her husband and seeing our Nation through the eyes of the uninitiated, truly an eye opener. What I would like to say now is “you aint seen nuthin yet.” Due to a new law that went into effect Jan. 13 2013, things have suddenly got much better for Indian Nations. Without going into a lot of detail I will just say out nation is now another step closer to becoming the vacation destination Chairman Barrett envisioned so many years ago.

In December we had a craft day in our office in Kansas City where we assembled Hand drums kits. Participants included Stacy and Jerry Braiuca, Patricia Myers and her grandson and

granddaughter Grant and Grace owen, Sandy and Dan Bentsch, Chris Vanvacter and his son Drake Daughter Kristen and baby Riley and Charles Gadd. The drums turned out great as you can see in the attached pictures. Now that we have drums it follows the next logical step is write a drum song for district 1, I’m looking for volunteers. Anyone??

This is the last year of my four year term as your elected representative and I want to thank everyone for the honor and privilege of serving as your District 1 representative. My plan is to seek re-election so once again I will be asking for your help and support.

I will end this article as always

with a plea for your contact information. Due to privacy issues the nation cannot supply me with your information, it has to come from you. If you do not receive mail or e-mail from me it is because I do not have your information. I can be reached at 1-888-741-

5767 (toll free) or Rslavin@potawatomi.org or snail mail 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64151.

Migwetch Netagtege (always planting)



Grace Owen, Patricia Myers, Grant Owen and across the table Drake Van Vacter.



Chris VanVacter, Drake Vanvacter and Kristen Vanvacter



Julia Slavin and Riley VanVacter.

## District 2 - Eva Marie Carney



Bozho/Hello,

This column is a short briefing on The White House Tribal Nations Conference 2012 held in early December in Washington, D.C. that I attended as the CPN representative.

Since a representative from each of the 566 federally recognized tribes was invited to participate, along with senior cabinet officials, their advisors, and numerous senior government staff, the White House was too small for the gathering so it was hosted by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, at the Department of the Interior building in the city. This was the fourth of these conferences hosted by the White House. Here was President Obama’s “take” on hosting the event:

"Three years ago I was proud to see that this conference was the largest gathering of tribal

leaders in our history. And back then an event like this was rare. Today it's gotten routine. What I told you then is that I was committed to more than a unique nation-to-nation relationship, I was committed to getting this relationship right, so that your nations can be full partners in our economy, and your children can have a fair shot at pursuing the American dream, and that no one has to live under the cloud of fear and injustice. This is a chance for people in Indian Country to come to Washington and hear directly from the highest levels of government, including the President. People here in Washington travel to Indian reservations now and then, but not the highest levels, frequently, usually. This is a way for Indian leaders to get to speak directly to the President and Cabinet secretaries and other high officials in the government, and that really makes a difference.

[T]his conference will see the results of these discussions that are going on right now about things like economic development, development of energy resources, development of renewable energy resources in Indian Country, amendments to the Violence Against Women Act, and a clean Carciери Fix passing Congress.

And over the next four years, as long as I have the privilege of serving as your President we're

going to keep working together to make sure that the promise of America is fully realized for very Native American. Thank you very much everybody. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America."

My “take” as a participant, in contrast, was that it was an interesting, though not particularly substantive day. Certainly we, as Nation representatives, were treated with respect. During the short forum (“listening session”) I attended on the government-to-government relationship, during which we as Nation representatives could raise issues and concerns, the federal officials in attendance appeared to be listening well. However, these scheduled listening sessions (there were a number occurring simultaneously, on a variety of topics) were a small part of a longer day of ceremony, Cabinet-level speeches, security lines in advance of the President’s arrival, and the President’s address itself. I would note that from the discussions I had with two other CPN members attending from the U.S. government side as listeners/note-takers/reporters and ultimately, policy advisers, Gaye Tenoso, of the Department of Justice, and Fred Clark, of the U.S. Forest Service, topics raised in the past three White House Tribal Conferences have been considered and addressed by the administration. Gaye and Fred confirmed the

President’s “take” that the discussions would not be just words, but could be expected to result in action. I was reassured by seeing Gaye and Fred in the Tribal Conference “mix”, as they are truly good people who take Native issues very much to heart—I consider them friends as well as CPN relations. Further, I heard from other Native attendees that many of them used their visit to Washington to schedule meetings with their Congressional caucuses, and I know that our Executive Team routinely comes to Washington for meetings that matter to us. (The Chairman was in Washington a few days after the White House Conference for just such a meeting.)

(By the way, the “clean Carciери fix” to which the President referred in his remarks is about proposed legislation to “fix” the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2009 ruling in Carciери v. Salazar that rejected the Interior Secretary’s authority to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes and individuals. You can learn more about it just google “Carciери fix”).

With all this being said, it was an honor to attend on your behalf. Below are a few photos I took during the day. I wish all the best to you and your family in the coming year, treasure the opportunity to serve you and the Nation, and thank you for the honor of representing you in the Nation’s legislature.

If you are happy with my work as your representative, I am asking that you vote in the upcoming District #2 election to keep me in office. Another CPN member, Anthony Cole, has declared his candidacy, too, and therefore “we have a race.”

I am very interested in continuing my work for District #2 and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as a whole. I want to continue building our District #2 community and to share with you what I am learning from others about being a Potawatomi. For a snapshot of what I’ve been doing as your legislator, please visit my website (address below) and particularly the photos and Heritage areas of the site. Your vote for me will help make sure that I keep working for you; so, please request your absent ballot, and return the ballot with a vote for me before election day in June! (And migwetch/thank you for your attention to this political announcement.)

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Rep. Eva Marie Carney, with Gaye Tenoso, DOJ attorney and CPN member, in the Interior Library with its folk art clock.



President Obama during his afternoon address to the Conference participants.



District 3 - Robert Whistler



Bozho Nikanek (Hello friends)

In my last column, I gave you some annual college costs from a publication I received several months ago that were relative to early 2012. Since then, more up-to-date numbers were found on the internet.

The data from there shows that with the maintenance of a good grade point average, many of the more expensive colleges offer financial aid to students in need, who also have scholarships, and it reduces the expense considerably. Here is a look at some of them and how the cost may be reduced by almost two-thirds in many cases:

I know that for many of these schools they accept less than fifteen percent of the applicants. However, we do have some of our youth who either are

College	Full Annual Cost	Scholarships & aid	Net final expense
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Columbia	60298	39075	21223
Univ of Penn	57316	34655	22661
Duke	56056	36877	19179
Stanford	56008	39105	16903
Cal Inst of Tech	55995	32358	20637
Harvard	55496	42229	13267
MIT	55238	35289	19949
Princeton	54425	35665	18760
Yale	52700	38914	13786
Rice	50692	31253	19449

attending or have attended several of the institutions listed above. It is a matter of grades and writing a personal letter that makes them want to have you, to give them the diversity they seek. I mentioned the kind of things that can be included by the student to set them apart in last months' column.

For this month, I promised to give you information on where to find scholarships. So here goes. First and foremost, all you need be is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to apply for one of our own scholarships. Our tribal rolls department is the place to apply. www.Potawatomi.Org or call 1-800-888-9800 and ask for tribal rolls.

Each year, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas has two \$1,000 scholarships. I will send out the information on this when it comes up in 2013. Generally around each May.

For the rest that follow, some are very specific to planned

majors, such as engineering, science, mining, journalism, or another field please visit http://www.potawatomi.org/pubinfo/documents/Scholarships.pdf.

The pdf file above has approximately fifty (50) scholarship sites, and these are for the areas that are for scholarships primarily for minorities. Keep in mind that there are others, and many times there are thousands of dollars in scholarships that receive no applications. So keep your eyes open for other opportunities.

Before going further, I want to acknowledge Rosie Dayzie (Navajo) who is the source that complied all of these listings above. I have also received information from Cara Cowen Watts of the Cherokee Nation who has also provided information included in this column. My thanks to both of them.

Scholarships may or may not be taxable. Funds received for tuition, books and fees are

generally tax free. Funds for housing, food and transportation are normally subject to federal and possibly state income taxes for anyone living in a state that has this tax. For information on federal taxes, please refer to: IRS Publication 17 – Your Federal Income Tax and IRS Publication 970 – Tax Benefits for Education.

Over the next few months, it is time to be planning and applying for scholarships. Sometimes I need to get information out that is time critical and the next issue of the HowNiKan will be too late. I need your email address if I don't have it already. So if you are not getting emails from me right now, it means I cannot get information on District 3 and other areas out to you that could be of benefit to you or a family member. So please send me your contact.

I am here to serve you as your elected representative and I am honored that you chose to have

me serve in this capacity. So please call or write if there is something that you feel needs my involvement

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District 4 - Theresa Adame



B o z h o ,

I have been waiting long enough to share the big news with all of you. I am going to be a grandma!!! I have been reading and writing about looking to our grandmothers' for advice for so long and now I hope I am ready. I will update you when the baby arrives in March.

We gathered again in Rossville for our second annual Christmas Party. The

day began with introductions and our prayer. I had a recent sermon that the priest had spoken about how he could trace his family history and where his faith began. He visited the church in Ireland where his grandfather four generations back had been baptized. I told this story and included that fact that I also know where my religion began. I had read in the Last Black Robe that my grandfather five generations back Pierre Navarre and his wife Kishnahquah had taken in Father Petet right before he joined the Trail of Death because of his injuries when he was thrown from a horse. To know my family had a little part in making sure the priest could accompany the tribe means a lot to me. I also reminded everyone of the importance of the Potawatomi continuing to send up our prayer smoke.

We enjoyed a great pock luck lunch followed by a afternoon of bingo. There were prizes for everyone and a afternoon of great fellowship.

I was glad we could be joined by our newest residents of the Rossville housing Mary Bartlett and Paul Knox. I wanted to use this article to remind everyone of the great facility we have in Rossville. The two bedroom duplexes are a good size and the people are becoming a small community and watching out for one another. We have four openings if you have any questions please call Lyman 785-249-2915.

As always I thank you for allowing me to serve you. If you ever have questions or concerns feel free to contact me. If you want to be added to my contact list for e-mail updates and the word of the week please send me a note.

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District 5 - Gene Lambert



As we have come into the new year of 2013 we now consider, ponder, and thoughtfully contemplate what 2013 will look like for each of us. Our partner, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren all have a stake in the New Year.

Each month, as I write, I try to consider what I would like to say to those I love. What message or thought could I leave with you that might enhance your life, create a better balance, suggest hope, health, and happiness?

I searched, questioned, and discussed with friends what they would like to hear or know

about that could potentially plant a seed of thought or light that might flourish or manifest itself into a new and better place to be.

In my research I found the "spiritual message to America from Native Elders" and thought why rewrite something so perfectly stated.

As an Elder of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Legislator honoring District 05, I forward to you this message written by the Spiritual Native Elders.

Please let me know if this in some small way helps you to give deeper thought into the planning for your future.

In the meantime, I, personally wish that all your dreams come true.

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE TO AMERICA FROM NATIVE ELDERS

Spiritual Message to America from the Nation's Native Elders  
Once you have read it, you are responsible for it. These are the elders' hopes and dreams for

the world you re-create every day.

A. Spiritual Message to America

As we stand before the dawn of a new millennium, we pray for America's survival, our survival.

We pray that we will be given strength by the Creator to follow the footsteps of our forefathers to share our love, respect and compassion for one another.

There is good in everyone because the Creator has put a little of Himself in all of us.

We pray for forgiveness for the pain and suffering we have caused one another.

We pray that our children will not repeat our mistakes.

We pray that we can respect the diversity of America; all life is sacred. Every child born is a precious gift of our Creator. It is our sacred trust to embrace children from all walks of life because we are part of the same family.

We pray that children will honor and respect their elders—that is where the wisdom comes from. This respect will not allow forgotten elders.

We are all equal, with each having our own special gift to contribute.

These values allow our youth to become leaders and workers in our society.

Children, you are our future and our hope for the people. Stand and be courageous.

We pray to learn and use the wisdom of all that has come before us, to achieve personal successes and to contribute to those of others. Only when our young ones learn respect for everything can they evolve.

Earth

We pray for respect and love of Mother Earth because she is the foundation of human survival and we must keep her pollution-free for those who will travel after us.

Protect her water, air, soil, trees, forests, plants and animals. Do not just take and waste resources. Make it a priority to

conserve.

The land is given to us by the Creator to care for, not to own. If we take care of the land, the land will take care of us.

Unity

We should have respect for each other. We pray for commitment and responsible behavior in order to help those in need and to give them support and friendship.

Be an example in life that others may follow; serve people, community and country.

We should all strive to be leaders and contributors. Do not sit back and let others plan and do all the thinking.

Let us unite together so that we may have the strength to protect our future. Strength comes from working through trials and tribulations.

Health

Spiritual health is the key to holistic health. We pray to have the discipline to set healthy examples for our children to follow.



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Respecting everyone and everything in the universe starts with self-respect.

Take time to listen and take care of your body and spirit.

Family and Youth

Family is important and precious. Always let them know that they are loved. Let your children and grandchildren know you are always there to love and support them and that

they mean the world to you no matter what they do or say.

Children are of infinite value.

Live what you teach. Spiritual values, honesty, and integrity start in the home.

We pray for the youth. We must teach the youth to work together and respect all that is living on our Mother Earth.

We need to convey to our younger generations that the survival of our people lies in spirituality.

Peace

We pray to learn ways to settle differences peacefully.

Teach respect for each other's ideas.

Value honesty on all levels, from children to parents to community to governments.

We will be happy when we create peace with each other.

To the 7th Generation -

Survive -

Keep hopes and dreams -

Take care of yourself -

Remember your spirit -

Be there for each other -

Respect courage -

Share knowledge -

Always keep learning -

Remember your true values

We are but a link in the chain. Does it hold steady and keep

us safe or does it imprison us and hold us back. It is a double edged soared and your intent is its answer.

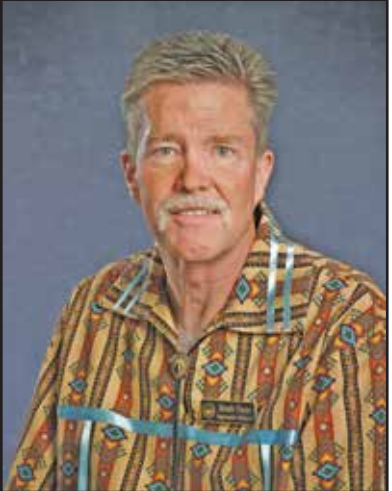
Again, thank you for the honor to serve as your legislator for District 05.

Warmest Personal Regards

Gene Lambert

Eunice Imogene Lambert

District 6 - Rande Payne



Bozho Nikan,

2013 is well under way. I do hope your Holiday season was as peaceful and enjoyable as mine. The New Year brings new opportunity and sparks new enthusiasm to hopefully accomplish a few of the things we’ve been putting off.

While I am not big on New Year’s resolutions, this year I did resolve to make time to be

still. To commit time to block out all the noise and think and dream! I think for most of us, life just gets really busy. It seems that I have crammed so much into my life that when I do get a free moment it is spent on resting and recovering so I can endure another long stint of busyness. Nothing wrong with busy, I’m a big fan of busy, I just want to be sure I’m busy on the right things! Chasing our dreams can bring great joy but first we have to dream!

One of my dreams is to become “more” Potawatomi. Whenever I tell someone I’m Native American the usual response is “you don’t look very Indian”. I usually explain that the Potawatomi encountered European’s long before Native American’s here on the west coast and in 100 years all Indians will look like me! Another common response is “how much Indian?” I usually say half. Half Indian, half European. Better than my

grand-father was full blood Cherokee right?! How many times has someone said that when you told them you were Potawatomi?

But seriously I have been wrestling with the question of how much Potawatomi am I? I’m starting to think that the measure is in the desire. How much do I desire to learn the language? How much do I desire to know my Potawatomi ancestry? How much do I desire to know Potawatomi history? How much do I desire to keep Potawatomi culture alive? How important is it for me to pass what I know to my children and grand-children? How much do I care about finding a way to get them interested in their Potawatomi heritage? If I’m being honest with myself, the answer to how much Potawatomi I am can be found in the answers to all the other questions. With deep desire comes action. Actions equal results.

In closing I would like to

I will never forget a story I heard from our Language Director Justin Neely. He was at an inter-tribal event where he was sensing that he wasn’t part of the group because he didn’t “look” very Indian. When the invitation went out for a volunteer to say the opening prayer in their native tongue, Justin stepped forward. Justin said the mood and attitude toward him was completely different after that prayer. They quickly affirmed Justin as much Native American as they were!

So now, the burning question you have to answer for yourself; “how much Potawatomi do I want to be?”

A Pastor friend of mine once said, “Our human nature makes excuses for the things we seem to never be able to accomplish but somehow we always find a way to do the things we really want to.”

offer my sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving as your Representative. It gives me great joy and I am very thankful for the opportunity. Please let me know if I can be of service to you in any way.

When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” John 5:6

Bama pi,

Rande K. Payne/Mnedo Gabo

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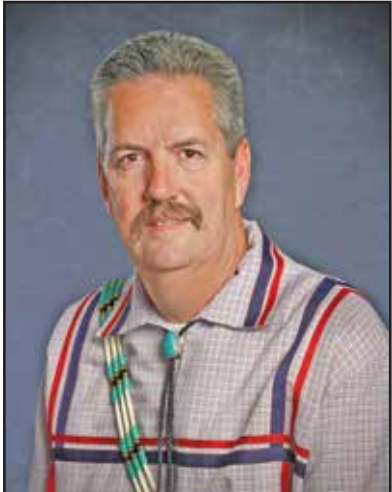
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District 7 - Mark Johnson



Bozho,

The new year is upon us, a time when personal resolutions are made and unfortunately many are also broken. Over the years, I have also done the same. The other day at my professional job in the fire service, I had the opportunity to spend some time speaking to a gentleman who had just lost all of his personal

belongings to a fire. He was devastated by the thought of just having lost what was basically his life's story in paperwork, in the moment he could not even recall who his homeowner insurance was through, all the information had been either on the family computer or in the desk drawer and both were destroyed.

If I could suggest one resolution that is never too late, I would recommend that you buy a portable fireproof box, if you don’t already have one; it should be large enough to hold files and a few valuables, but not so large that you can’t easily carry it out if you have a fire. Following are some of the items that you should keep in the box:

- List of debt obligations, due dates, and contact information
- Your family’s passports
- List of doctors and contact information
- List of medications, prescription numbers, and contact information of all pharmacies that you use.
- Copy of durable power of attorney, living wills, and healthcare proxies – Yours and all those of which you are attorney-in-fact or healthcare surrogate.
- Copy of each of your wills and all those of which you are the executor
- Safety deposit box keys
- List of investment, retirement, and bank accounts, with all contact information
- List of insurance policies, health, home and auto with contact information
- List of bank accounts and contact information

work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also visit my website for more information at [www.markjohnsoncpn.com](http://www.markjohnsoncpn.com).

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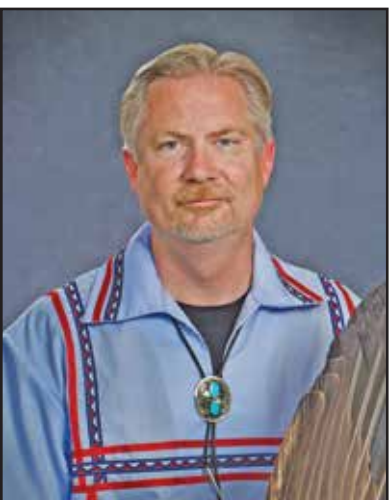
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District 8 - Dave Carney



Bozho, Nikan –

It has been said by a wise man that the definition of a Tribe is Family.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is formed by more than 40 founding families that we can all trace our ancestry back to. While I am not a genealogy person, I

find it interested to meet tribal members of various families and see family resemblances and characteristics. Navarres, Melots and Slavins seem to cross my path most often, and I enjoy meeting each of them and trying to draw the imaginary limbs on the family tree to see how people are connected.

My founding family name is Juneau. I seldom meet Juneaus at CPN events and was pleased to meet a few long lost cousins from Texas and Kansas at the 2009 Family Festival when the Juneaus were honored. Most of the time, Juneaus look to Solomon Juneau as the key person in our family tree. After all, he was the founder and first mayor of Milwaukee, WI and married Josette, a Menominee Indian. He is well known for his role in the history of the Green Bay area.

Naturally, due to the name,

others link the Juneaus with Joe Juneau (Solomon’s cousin), after whom the capital of Alaska is named. According to Wikipedia.org, the story goes like this: The town was originally called Harrisburg or Harrisburgh, and then Rockwell. Miners often called it "'Rockwell' also known as 'Harrisburg'" in their mining records. There was also a proposal to name the town Pilzburg for Pilz. It did not take up its current name until a miners' meeting on December 14, 1881. The name Juneau received 47 of the 72 votes cast while Harrisburg received 21 votes and Rockwell only 4. Joe Juneau reportedly bought drinks for fellow miners to name the city in his honor - Sounds like a smart man!

While these Juneaus are famous, it was actually Narcisse, the son of Solomon and Josette who first became part of the Potawatomi

tribe. Narcisse Matthias Juneau was the eldest son and was born at Green Bay, November 14, 1821. He received his education in Milwaukee and Detroit, and at an early age became his father's assistant in the fur trade and acted as Indian interpreter for his father. He was a successful businessman and held several elected offices.

In 1864 he was adopted into the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians and was interpreter for the tribe. He spoke seven different Indian languages, Potawatomi, Menominee, Iroquois, Oneida, Chippewa, Stockbridge and Kickapoo.

In 1869, with Indian an agent (Heubschmann) he took a band of Potawatomi Indians from Kansas to Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma), to select the land that was to be our reservation. He later became a member of the tribe’s business

committee, the predecessor for the Nation’s current 16 member Legislature. The Juneau name is found on allotment records in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Thank you for indulging me by reading about my founding family. I hope to continue to learn more about the other 40+ families in the future.

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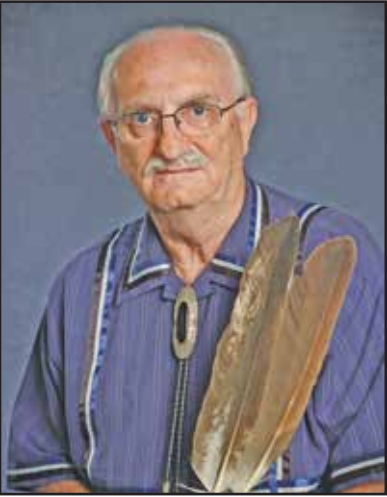
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District 9 - Paul Wesselhoft



Bozho, Nikan

Where have all the buffalo gone?" For How...

I was in Tanzania, Africa (Arusha) for two weeks. I traveled in a Land Cruiser to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Serengeti National Park, spending four days on a great pictorial safari.

I saw the following animals:

Millions of Wildebeests and Water Buffalo (a migration);

Thousands of gazelles;

Hundreds of Impalas;

Many elephants, lions, ostriches, monkeys and baboons;

Several leopards, cheetahs, elands, and giraffes;

A few vultures and eagles;

Four tortoises;

And one Black Rhinoceros.

That's correct, one rhino. What a shame it is that humans,

mostly white men, have killed so many rhinoceros! Makes one wonder if this great creature will survive. It would be a shame if our grandchildren can only see a rhino in a zoo! Seeing only one rhino and millions of wildebeests and Water Buffalo, a migration, brought to my mind how buffalo covered our land centuries ago. There were also migrations of buffalo in North America. Again, mostly white men killed the very creature, which many of our Indian tribes needed to survive.

Is it so important that white men kill rhinos now in Africa, as their ancestors killed millions of buffalo in America in the 1800's? Are trophies so important to the white man?

Migwetch,

Representative Paul Wesselhoft/ Naganit (Leader)

District 10 - David Barrett



Bozho,

Well, how about this weather of 2012 and continuing on into 2013. The weather is making history in different parts of our United States. I know this condition is affecting our economy in more ways than you can imagine. For instance the lack of moisture in the northern corn country has caused the price to soar thus causing the markets to bring imported corn at cheaper prices in from Brazil and Argentina. That's not good when we have silos full of corn.

The dry weather has caused many places to endure many

fires causing a strain on local budgets. In addition there was a shortage of hay thus causing the ranchers to sell their cattle prematurely. I was going to fence off some of my hay field for pasture; however, the ground was so hard that I couldn't drive a T-post in the ground so instead I was able to drive re-bar and put up an electric fence.

Driving thru Oklahoma you can see many ponds that have completely dried up from lack of moisture. My son lost his horse due to one of my ponds was so low that the horse got into the silt and wasn't able to get out. By the time that we

found him and got him out, he was too weak and didn't make it.

At the end of 2012 and the beginning of 2013 winter came in with a vengeance as far as I'm concerned. The temperatures have already plummeted below freezing more days than I wish to see again.

I'm probably not alone with wanting this winter to pass quickly. Those of you who have come to the festival will know that most of the time the summers are drooling hot. Realizing this, hoping for rain, I'm looking forward of getting

to visit again with more of you guys.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and honor to serve you and our great Nation.

Migwetch

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District 12 - Paul Schmidlkefer



Bozho Nikan,

Well the holiday season has come and gone. I certainly hope all of you had a fun and happy season, and that

your families are all healthy. I always enjoy Christmas so much. My grandkids are just so much fun to watch as they open their presents. It's tough but I still remember some of my Christmas's of when I was a child. The anticipation of waiting on Christmas morning and opening presents was so hard. We would often try to stay up to catch Santa. Best I can remember I don't think we ever made it past our normal bedtime. I still well remember my kids and their Christmas mornings. My wife would let them open their presents from us on Christmas Eve. Then Santa would make a visit overnight and deliver his gifts.

So in essence I got to enjoy them opening presents twice a year. Now my grandkids offer up this pleasure for us. I must admit I believe they get even more excited than my kids did

A new year brings new opportunity for our tribe. We've been blessed in recent years. I certainly hope we continue to prosper as we have. There will be a few new ventures this next year. One will be the possibility of leasing to a private business on tribal land. This will be a first for us and a first locally. We have the opportunity to expand our tax revenues without having to take on all the cost of a new business. If we are successful I

believe other outside investors will look at Firelake as a viable alternative in the near future. I believe there are many opportunities for us partnering with outside entities if we can make this work and there are several upsides to this.

Just a little reminder to all our high school seniors, as you start planning your post-secondary education, remember that the tribe has scholarships. Contact tribal rolls and request the forms. Follow the instructions and fill them out along with requested support documents and you receive the tribal scholarship. It is one of the benefits that our enterprises fund. I've always

felt that giving our members an opportunity to get a solid education is one of the best things the tribe can do.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.

Bama pi and megwetch,

Paul Schmidlkofer

District 13 - Bobbi Bowden



Bozho Nikan:

As we start the New Year if many of you are like me, we make our resolutions for the New Year vowing to take better care of ourselves, make healthier choices, and lose weight and on and on.

With this said I would like to let all of you know about the wonderful FireLake Wellness Center that is available to tribal members, as well as your spouses. The Wellness Center is staffed with trained professionals to assist you in

achieving your fitness goals. The trainers will work with you to come up with a customized program just for you!

The Wellness Center staff works in conjunction with the Diabetic Initiative Team and Nutritionists. The Diabetic Initiative Program provides testing supplies, foot care, nutrition education and diabetes education. Unfortunately Diabetes is a growing epidemic in Native American adults and children. The staff is trained

to help any of you obtain better health!

The Wellness Center is open Monday- Thursday 6:00 am to 8:00pm, Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Closed on Sundays and Holidays. You may reach them at (405)395-9304 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

Please let me know if there are any other programs you would like information on and I will

do my very best to get that information to you.

Wishing you all health and wellness in 2013!

It is an honor to serve you!

Bobbi Bowden

Legislative Representative, District 13

I AM ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE!

I am running again for the District #2 Legislative office. If you are in District #2 (the mid-Atlantic and Southern states), I am asking for your vote so I can continue working for you in the Legislature.

Your vote COULD make the difference!

Migwetch/Thank you.

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FOR DISTRICT THREE  
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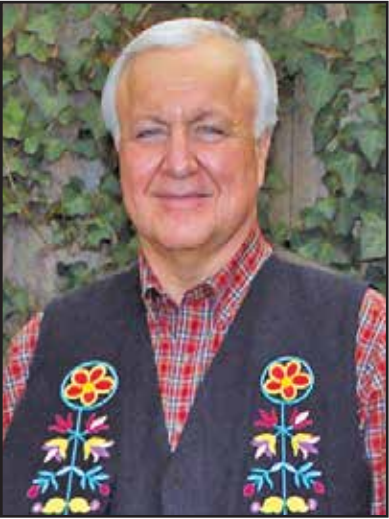
I have submitted my application to run in the 2013 election to represent our Nation's District Three CPN constituents.

It has been a great honor and privilege to have been your representative for the past six years.

If re-elected, I promise to serve you well and will continue to look for any and all opportunities to help each of you and I ask for your vote. Please vote for Bob Whistler! Migwetch!



Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett



Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend)

At the end of the filing and protest period for the 2013 Tribal Election, I had no opponent for the office of Tribal Chairman. With that closing, it appears that, God willing, I will serve another four year term as your Tribal Chairman. I am honored to have served these last 24 years. We are completing a very large and synergistic group of projects that will make our reservation a tourism destination with great variety and appeal. Parallel to that, we are investing in making the Citizen Potawatomi Nation a place of opportunity, not just in tribal jobs, but also jobs in businesses that invest in building their own facilities on tribally owned land. The Nation will employ more than 2,500 people by this time next year. The dollars we earn as a Nation will go to provide opportunity for our young people and support for our elders. I am grateful for the chance to see those projects through.

We have had the good fortune to have averaged 20 percent growth in assets each year for these 24 years, a product of many people working very hard

for our Tribe. Accompanying that growth is the need for tribal management capability and structure to grow with assets. I promise that the next four years will result in growth in our management organization that will give the next Tribal Chairman in 2017 a smooth transition into office and improve our ability to meet the challenges of these new enterprises and sources of tax revenue. In the next four years, we will try to give as many people as possible a "big picture" perspective of tribal operations and provide the Tribal Legislature with clear choices for improvement of our government and business.

We have election contests in District 2 and District 3. Incumbent Eva Marie Carney of suburban Washington D.C. will face Anthony Cole of Louisiana. Thresa Adame, incumbent, will face challenger Jon Boursaw. Every one of these candidates is qualified and I hope the election creates a great deal of interest in Tribal government. I am sure the "Grandmothers" would approve of these people.

If you are wondering what I mean by that, before my last election in 2009, I recalled being aware of a very old tradition as a young man attending the old 1970's and 80's General Council Meetings under the original constitution written in 1936. I later read about the tradition in the pre-1838 days in Indiana and Michigan and realized it was still working in the 1980's! As much as I have criticized over the years our old form of government, there were some very special things

that are worth recalling, and I believe, worth encouraging and keeping today. Think back now, did your grandmother or one of the other elder Citizen Potawatomi women ever guide you at Council? Mine sure did. And they had been doing it for as long as anyone remembers.

Some of our older women, sadly now gone, never missed the Council, even when it was long and wild and crazy. They were there as solid as a rock. This story is about them.

The Grandmothers

In the old days of Potawatomi village life, before any man was considered for selection as a Chief or Headman, they were first discussed between the elder women of the Tribe, the Grandmothers. The sewing circles, hide tannings, laundry groups, and shade tree conversations were not just about affairs of the home. If their talks determined that a man considered for election had not exhibited compassion for women, babies, and the sick, or respect for elders, that word was passed quietly from family to family. If the man also did not show wisdom in his decisions, such as saving food and resources to preserve the village equally with supplies for going to war or commerce, he was no longer considered. His name was not put up for a vote in Council and then rejected. His name simply did not come up at all.

This was an important power for elder women that gave equal weight for compassion

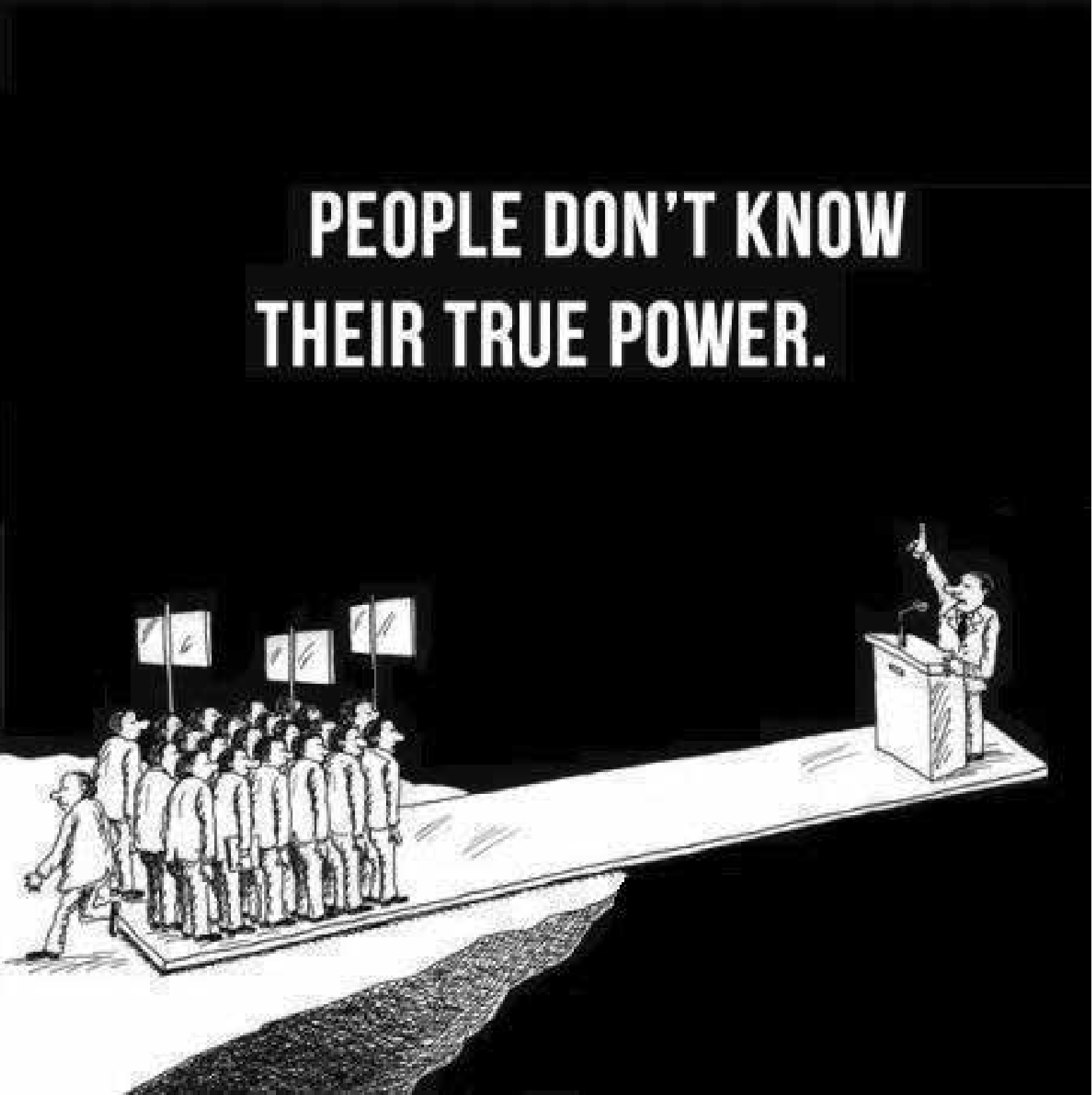
and generosity with wisdom and courage in the selection of Chiefs and Headmen. Protection of the villages and its lodges was of particular concern since all lodges, bedding, and utensils belonged to the women. Men were invited to stay in the woman's lodge when they married.

This "testing of the quality of the man" tradition remained, although in more subtle form, as late as the 1980's, when we had a very small form of government but had grown into a very big tribe. Everything was done at one or two tribal meetings per year. Having already heard who was going to run for office, or which man or woman should be encouraged to run, the "word" would get around. The Grandmothers were able to affect the vote of their children and grandchildren in General Council in several ways unique to that woman - by their silence, a quick looks into the eyes of their family, or even their posture. There were a few older women who occasionally got up and spoke about someone of whom they disapproved, but that was rare. Approval or disapproval had already been discussed between them. And no one in their right mind would want to make their Potawatomi Grandma mad at them. I clearly remember turning to look at my Grandmother, Ozetta Peltier, to read her eyes or look for some sign of her opinion in the old General Council meetings of the 1970's and 1980's. It was always a barely discernable nod or one slight shake of the head, but you knew.

The ability of the Grandmothers

of today to directly affect the vote in open meetings has been changed by the form of election we now have, the secret ballot. But the tradition remains just as important. The Grandmothers still have this power and this responsibility. Now they have telephones, cell phones, e-mail and their own cars. They are set for a comeback.

I would ask the Grandmothers of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to begin again make it their business to examine those who run for office and discuss them with your mothers, aunts, sisters, and cousins. Please then make your opinions known to the rest of your family. You wise ladies possess the experience and women's instincts to evaluate those who run for tribal office for those leadership qualities that are valuable to women. You have a powerful Grandmother in the Vice Chairman's position, Linda Capps, who wields tremendous authority and influence in the Executive Branch. Please use her as your resource. Five other women serve in the Tribal Legislature and have published contact information in the HowNiKan: Lisa Kraft, Bobbi Bowden, Eva Marie Carney, Theresa Adame, and Gene Lambert. Your opinion as a woman is important to them. Your opinion as a woman is very important to the two men who are challengers in this election: Anthony Cole and Jon Boursaw. Your opinion as a Grandmother is especially valuable because of your ability and power to influence your family. Make it simply out of the question that someone in your family does not vote.



When our government had to grow to provide equal representation for everyone our tribe, it added to the task of the Grandmothers to evaluate more men and women. Their merit as candidates requires the same kind of evaluation that those great and strong women before 1838 performed. It is still the search for the right balance between compassion, generosity, courage, and wisdom. In the old Mede' religion we had before we became Christians as a tribe, these are still the "Spirits of the Four Directions" the Creator gave all humans so they were no longer like the animals. They continue to be the qualities that are essential to tribal leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Tribal Chairman and for your support and encouragement. I welcome and respect your opinions. Please call, write, or e-mail: 405-275-3121 or rocky@potawatomi.org.

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Tribal Chairman



Vice Chairman - Linda Capps



Most of you know that a fire destroyed the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) golf club house and San Remo’s Restaurant on January 30, 2011. After the fire, a 700 square foot, double-wide foot trailer was substituted for the club house. Since the temporary club house was erected, there has been no space to sell golf goods and very limited space for snack and drink accommodations. Inside seating is limited to about eight golfers after they

finish their rounds, and the restroom space for men and women is inadequate. To add to the inconvenience, parking has been extremely limited due to the amount of dirt work underway.

Just like with many tragedies, there is a silver lining on the horizon. Since the fire took place, numerous planning sessions have occurred; various construction projects have evolved; and state-of the-art design work has been completed for the CPN golf club house. In addition, several old buildings have been razed; an attractive, functional maintenance facility built; and an abundance of dirt moved to develop the perfect setting for a new club house. The club house will be a show place; complete with a full-service restaurant, sports bar, pro shop, and an upstairs banquet room. The construction of the building is set to begin in the spring time which is “just around the corner”.

Opened in 1983, the Nation’s

golf operation has undergone constant improvements throughout the years in terms of golf paths, bridges, side walks, water features and other accommodations for the customers. A tremendous improvement was accomplished in September of 2009 when new greens were applied. The greens consist of Champion Bermuda, resistant to the Oklahoma heat, but sensitive to the winter lows of 26 degrees and below. When the temperature drops to that level, the greens must be covered by tarps, which is a huge undertaking. It takes about six strong men to accomplish that task; especially when the Oklahoma wind is in motion.

Director Chris Chesser, referred to as the golf pro, came on board as the assistant golf professional on August 7, 1991. He has been the director of the program since July 2002. His capable assistant is Jeff Kieffer who has been employed at the golf course since April 1996, and is married to tribal member Carrie Kieffer;

employed by KGFF at Firelake. Terry Williams has worked at the golf course since August 2002. Part-time employee, Bill Straughn, has been employed since the summer of 2004. You can readily calculate that the CPN golf course is in good hands in terms of years of golfing expertise.

Total employment for the golf program includes seven full-time employees with an additional need of four to ten part-time employees during seasonal golf weather. June, July, and August are especially high maintenance months for the enormous demand of irrigating, mowing, and weed eating the eighteen-hole regulation course that includes fifteen holes where water comes into play. Winter projects are underway with the near completion of a new tee box on hole eighteen. Chris’ men are also working to clear dead brush and trees on and in Squirrel Creek, and to remove any debris deposited on the public access road

near the creek. Other projects include drainage improvements for the entire golf course, and mechanical servicing for golf carts and all equipment.

The future of the CPN Golf Course is bright. Soon there will be approximately a half-mile of concrete roads, parking for five hundred, and a beautiful new club house to exceed ten thousand square feet of space. In the near future, you will recognize the concept of a “silver lining on the horizon” as you travel up the road to the new and improved golf course.

As usual, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,  
Linda Capps



The golf club house burned in 2011.

The 28-year-old building housed FireLake Golf Course clubhouse and the San Remo’s restaurant



A golfer tees off at FireLake Golf Course. The course is still open with a temporary club house.



Chris Chesser, Director of FireLake Golf Course, is shown on the front steps of the double-wide trailer that is substituting as the golf club house. Former golf professionals at FireLake Golf Course are Mike Kimmel, John Lair, and Mike Wood.



Construction is progressing on a new golf club house.



# Walking On...



Amanda Lee Ober

(June 17, 1942 - October 16, 2012)

Amanda Lee (Fairchild) Ober was born to William Ward and Evelyn Neddeau Fairchild on June 17, 1942 and she passed from this earth on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. She married Larry Coleman Ober on July 6, 1963 in St. Benedict Church in Shawnee. She was a graduate of St. Benedict High school and the Mercy school of nursing in Oklahoma City. Amanda was the 8th of eleven children born to W.W. & Evelyn Fairchild, and both preceded her in death. Four of the eleven Fairchild children also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Larry, and her four children, Kevin Ober of Portland, Oregon, Teresa Geisler of Newalla, Oklahoma and her husband Tim , and five of her eight grandchildren. The oldest of the grandchildren gave her the only great-granddaughter, Lorelai Geisler of Ada, Oklahoma. John Ober, a son of Tulsa, Oklahoma and his wife Kristin and two granddaughters. Jimmy Ober, a son of Tulsa, Oklahoma and wife Kim and their son. Her remaining siblings include Dorothy Barry of Indianapolis, and her husband Robert, Don Fairchild and his wife Ann of Leimen, Germany, Paul Fairchild and his wife Patty of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nancy Brown of Oklahoma City, Albert Fairchild of Austin, Texas, and George Fairchild and his wife Kim of Pekin, Il.

Amanda spent her working years as a nurse first at Mission Hill Hospital of Shawnee in the OB department and later moved to Midwest City Memorial Hospital where she again was a charge nurse in Obstetrics. Midwest City Hospital later opened the Women's Renaissance Center in Midwest City where she finished her career as an OB nurse.

For the past fourteen years she was cared for by her husband Larry at home and he was immensely helped by her sister Nancy Brown and her daughter Terry Geisler. These two relatives and nurses did yeoman duty helping her husband in her care. Approximately four and a half years ago she was placed under the care of Heartland Hospice of Shawnee and several nurses and aides helped with her care and provided invaluable service to Amanda and her family, in particular Julie Crawley, R.N., Trish Gavin, R.N. and aides Laurie Farris and Cindy Pickard.

Amanda was a wonderful nurse, but more importantly she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She had a kind and loving heart and was beloved by all.

Wake services will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18 at Walker Funeral Service Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 19 at St. Benedict Catholic Church with Father Don Wolf officiating. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.



Donald Joe Melot, age 80, passed away from this world to a better place on December 2, 2012, at Comanche County Medical Center, Comanche County, Texas.

He was born on April 3, 1932, near Austin, Texas, to Floyd and Regnald (Garner) Melot. He grew up in Oklahoma until joining United States Navy in 1949, and served on the aircraft carrier USS Essex CVA-9 until 1955. He married Viann Brumfield on October 12, 1954, in Lovington, New Mexico. After getting out of the Navy, he lived in Odessa, Texas, where he worked as a carpenter and then as a well-

respected welder for many years. In 1977 the family moved to Comanche County, where for twenty-two years he worked for Precinct #2 until he retired. He was a member of Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Viann Melot of Comanche; son Mike Melot and wife Niki, and daughter, Donna Grayson and husband Steve all of Comanche; five grandchildren, Mandi Melot of Tyler, Zachary Melot of College Station, Corbin Grayson and wife Sarah of Krum, and Faith and Ashlyn Grayson of Comanche; two great-grandchildren, Lila and Job Grayson of Krum; and sister, Lois Northcutt of Bangs. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.



Francis Franklin Long, Sr. 90, of Newkirk, Oklahoma, died Sunday (October 21, 2012) at his residence. Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Wednesday (October 24, 2012) at the Parker Cemetery. The family will greet friends 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

"Frank" was born May 13, 1922, in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, to Harry and Mary "Mamie" Long. He was a Native American of Potawatomi descent. He married Deloris Keith on October 11, 1941, in Pawhuska. The couple has made their home in Texas, Winfield and Wichita Kansas, they were longtime Arkansas City and later Newkirk residents. Frank served in the United States Army during WWII as a medic with the 45th Battalion in the European Theatre of Operations. Frank retired from General Electric Jet Engine Facility at Strother Field. He was a true sportsman, with a love of Coyote and Coon hunting, fishing, and horse racing. He spent his past time at casinos and bingo parlors. Frank was a member of the Sheldon Beaty Post 18, American Legion of Arkansas City. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife of 71 years, Deloris of the home; two daughters Glenna Bevenue and Tonya Ballinger all of Newkirk; three sons Frank, Jr. and his wife Paula Long of Copan, Oklahoma, Doug and his wife Hilda Long of Corpus Christi, Texas, Danny and his wife Stephanie Long of Shawnee, Oklahoma, a sister Lois Caldwell of Pearland, Texas; brother-in-law Bennie and his wife Donna Keith of Tulsa, sister-in-law Doris Watson of Glenpool, Oklahoma; and his Lakota son Edward and his wife Donna Blackcloud, 26 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, a son Morris "Butch" Long, a sister Louise Snyder and granddaughters Shannon Long and Madyn Thompson.

A memorial has been established with Hospice of North Central Oklahoma. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

Arrangements are being made through the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home of Arkansas City. Online condolences may be made at [www.rindt-erdman.com](http://www.rindt-erdman.com)



Jerry Fox, age 76 of Purcell, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at his home. Jerry was born September 19, 1936 in Purcell, OK to Haskell Fox and Reba Mae (Beaubien) Fox. He was raised in Purcell and attended

Purcell Schools and later Oklahoma State University. Jerry joined the United States Army and served his country proudly during the Korean War. Jerry married Wanda Morton and to this union, two sons, Terry and Michael were born. He worked in the oil field industry as a welder for many years and later worked as a Housing Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs before retiring. Jerry was very proud of his Native American heritage and especially proud to be Citizen Pottawatomi. He taught Heavy Equipment for many years at the Citizen Pottawatomi Tribal VO Tech in Shawnee. Jerry later married Bobbie Sanderson on September 19, 1994 in Fort Smith, AR and they made their home in Purcell. He loved the Rodeo and served as a Rodeo Announcer for many years. Jerry was a wonderful husband and father, grandfather, brother and a good friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by:

His parents,  
Haskell & Reba Fox;

Son, Jerry Thurman Bryant; 2 sisters, Frances Carter & Brenda Key Fox; His brother, Darrell Fox and Glen Fox, both in 2012; Infant Brother, James Edward Fox and Brother-in-laws, Carroll Martin & Mike Moss. Jerry leaves behind: His wife, Bobbie of the home; 2 sons, Terry Fox and wife Diane and Michael Fox and wife Kim, both of Mt. Juliet, TN; Step-Daughters, Elesa Feltham of Purcell and Tonja Kennedy and husband Lesley of Ft. Worth, TX; His brother, Butch Fox & wife Pat of Purcell 2 sisters, Dorothy Martin of Purcell & Mary Moss of Purcell; His grandson, Caleb Ray Fox; 3 step grandchildren, Athena West, Joshua West and wife Lynee and Harmony McCray and husband Grant; 4 great grandchildren, Ivy, Savana, Lily and Nathaniel; and Many other loving family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 22, 2012, at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Online condolences at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).



Jimmy Donald Bruno; age 72, died Friday, Dec. 20th at Kindred Hospital in Arlington, Texas.

He was born July 1, 1940 in Konawa, Oklahoma to Mose Jr. and Christine (Clark) Bruno.

He served in the B Company 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. Graduated in 1959 from Konawa High School. In 1975 he moved to Texas and continued to live in Texas the rest of his life. He retired from Associated Springs in Dallas, Texas. He enjoyed fishing, watching football and western movies.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Bruno of the home in Arlington, Texas, Two daughters, LaDonna Baird and Lisa Bruno both of Asher, Ok. One son, Larry Bruno of Asher, Ok. Four grandsons, Brian Bruno of Asher, Ok., Michael Baird of Ada, Ok., Eric Bruno of Asher, Ok., Ian Bruno of Shawnee. Ok., Two brothers, Billy Bruno of North Carolina, Bobby Bruno of Peyton, Colorado, Five Sisters, Francis Daniels of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Patty Jackson of Hugo, Oklahoma, Suelynn Renfrow of Gainesville, Texas, Edwina Harper of Euless, Texas and JoElla Reid of Huntsville, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother M.C. Bruno, daughter Deborah Bruno, grandson Jimmy Baird.

Services are held Monday, Dec. 31st at Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Burial follows at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Arlington, Texas under the direction of Moore Funeral Home in Arlington, Texas.



John Brice, 76, passed away December 5, 2012 surrounded by his family at Loma Linda Hospital. Born in Chicago, Illinois on April 12, 1936. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy; children, David Kimbriel (Andrea) of Illinois, Dale Kimbriel (Geanne) of Moreno Valley, Sandra Krc (Jamie) of Idaho and Bryan Brice (Wendy) of Murrieta; 12 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; 4 sisters and many nieces and nephews.



May 24, 1990 - Dec 7, 2012 ADA "She's your basic teenage girl; her hair never goes the way she wants it to, her room can't stay clean for more than a day, and there is this one guy she is absolutely crazy about ..." Kayla Jane Williams departed from this life well before her time, she will forever be missed by all her knew her. Kayla was passionate about her family, her friends, and loved all her animals. Kayla was survived by four loving parents, her Mother and Stepfather, Shawn and KC Hunter; her Father and Stepmother, Wes and Robin Williams; her brother, Cory Williams, and step-siblings, Kyle Hunter and Mattie Hunter, all of Moore, OK. Kayla is survived by her fiance, Jerry (J.P.) Wheeler, of Ada, who was her best friend; and his parents, her future in-laws, Jerry and Dorothy Wheeler, of Prague; his sisters: Rhealene Wolff, Fort Hood, TX; and Tricia Fawcett, of Prague, OK; and their families. She is also survived by Grandparents: Janie (Nanie) Duncan, of Shawnee, OK; Mike (PaPa) Bennett, of Chandler, OK; Chester Duncan, of Wellston, OK; Rick Williams and Paula McCullough, of Norman, OK; Donna Canaday, of Wannette, OK; Frankie Williams, of Norman, OK; Kay Straughn, of OKC, OK; and Paul and Mary Jane McCullough, of OKC, OK; as well as cherished multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Kayla was preceded in death by her Grandparents, Carl Williams, Garry Straughn, Jack Bennett, Beth Bennett and Betty McCullough. Services were held Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Cornerstone Church, 9900 Southeast 15th Street, Midwest City, OK. Kayla is forever at peace at Sunset Memorial Park, 2301 E. Indian Hills Road, Norman, OK. To leave condolences please visit [www.MooreFuneralCremation.com](http://www.MooreFuneralCremation.com).



Norma Jean Deshazo, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Tuesday, October 30, 2012 in a Waldron, Arkansas hospital surrounded by her loving family. Norma was born September 23, 1934 in Kiowa, Oklahoma to the late Connie E. and Ruby Mae (Housley) Rush. Norma was 78 years, 1 month, and 7 days old.

Norma leaves behind to cherish her memory, one daughter, Debra and husband Jerry Trampp; one son Howard J. Deshazo; six grandchildren, Donald Trampp, Lisa Cox, Sara Shaddon, Lori Dart, Clinton Deshazo, Gina Wilson; and sixteen great-grandchildren

Norma's life celebration service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2012 at the Heritage Memorial

Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Yeoman, officiating. Interment will follow in the Duncan Cemetery in Waldron, Arkansas. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

Norma's pallbearers will be Donald Trampp, David Dart, Sean Shaddon, Ronnie Cox, Rick Himes, Bobby Himes and Logan Trampp.



Richard Warren Anderson "Msko Jigwe"

Richard Warren Anderson, 57, of Holcomb, died November 21, 2012 at John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. He was born December 3, 1954 at Lakin, Kansas, the son of Herman Edward & Mary Edith (Smith) Anderson. Richard married Elizabeth McGrew on September 14, 1974 at Garden City.

A Holcomb resident since 1980, Mr. Anderson was a heavy equipment operator for Dean Gigot Farms. He enjoyed hunting, guns, motorcycles & camping. Richard was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

In addition to his wife, survivors include daughter, Amy Edmonds of Garden City; son, Brian Anderson of Garden City; mother, Mary Edith Anderson of Cedarville; five brothers, Ed Anderson of Whitefish, Montana, Tommy Anderson of Lakin, Kenneth Anderson of Lakin, George Anderson of Great Bend, Gordon Anderson of Cimarron; and seven grandchildren, Kailey Anderson, Carmen Edmonds, J.B. Edmonds, Kaydence Edmonds, Raven Anderson, Phoenix Anderson and Actane Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his father, five brothers and one sister.

Sharon Neddeau Pipestem

On Saturday morning at her home in Skiatook, Sharon Neddeau Pipestem left behind her failing body, entered the presence of the Lord, and celebrated a joyful reunion with her husband, Browning, her parents, and other loved ones. She passed on peacefully surrounded by family and friends. Sharon was born on August 18, 1942, in Topeka, Kansas, where mother Marjorie lived and worked for the Indian Health Service. Her father Leroy was serving in the Navy in World War II at the time of her birth. Sharon grew up in Shawnee and Tahlequah at Sequoyah Indian School where her mother was a nurse and her father was a carpenter. She graduated from Tahlequah High School in 1960 and attended the University of Oklahoma. Sharon and her husband Browning lived and worked in many communities, including Norman, where they raised their family. Sharon made Skiatook her home in 2005. A member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Sharon was passionate about American Indian rights and the preservation of tribal cultures. She worked in the law office of her husband Browning for many years, a practice that was devoted to advancing the interests of Indian people. A member of the First Baptist Church of Sperry, Sharon's faith in Christ defined her life. Sharon leaves behind a legacy of dignity, love, and laughter. Sharon was a master at crossword puzzles, making people laugh, and comforting those who were in pain. Sharon leaves behind her children, Veronica, Francis Browning Jr. ("Rock"), and Wilson ("Wolf") Pipestem; brother Donald Neddeau of Hollister, California; grandchildren Katelynn, Kingston, Kayla, Mattea, Parrish, and Truman Pipestem; numerous relatives; and many surrogate children that she loved and welcomed into the family. Family preceding her in passing include her parents, Marjorie and Leroy Neddeau, and her husband Browning. Services for her will be held at her home in Skiatook, located at 16659 Ranchland Road, on Sunday and Monday at 7 pm. Her funeral service will take place at her home on Tuesday at 10 am. Following the funeral service, she will be interred at the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Cemetery in Red Rock, Oklahoma. A meal will follow at the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Complex.