



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

+++ A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation +++

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Honoring the Warriors, the We-Ta-Se, the Veterans

Written by M.Simon, story shared by Jim Potts

Many, many years ago Keo-Ko-Mo-Kwe made a decision for herself and her children. This decision has rippled out over time and has provided a special connection for members of the tribe. She chose to hold a ceremony for her sons and over the course of time the love and faith she had for her children has spread into a shared honoring with the community. It provides the people a way to honor our veterans during Memorial Day weekend.

It was during the time of World War II and all of her sons, Maynard, Garnett and Nelson Potts were called away to defend our land. Like so many mothers, then and today, she wanted her children to come back to her safely. She made a decision. She decided to honor the ways she knew to show reverence to the creator and show her faith that her sons would return home. Thus began Shanogeh.

Shanogeh is a time when the women of this family come together and prepare a feast and the

men come together and build a lodge. Together they make a space, and invite their family and friends, members of this community, to come together and take part in this tradition. Into the night, the people send up their songs of prayer and the community dances, remembering and displaying the physical act of prayer.

Keo-Ko-Mo-Kwe began it, and eventually her sons did come back from the war. She then chose to continue to hold the ceremony, to return thanks for their safe return and to continue to honor those that sacrifice for the people.

Keo-Ko-Mo-Kwe has since departed and continued her journey into the next life. Before going, she turned her ways over to her family and they have continued to carry on this tradition that is still standing strong after 71 years. As their family has grown, and as more people have taken part, the Shanogeh has grown and continues to impact the lives and loved ones of many veterans now. Instead of a feeding for three sons, they now feed for many, many people and offer their love and gratitude for their contribution.

The Shanogeh is also marked by the waving flags in the front yard of the home place of this family. The local families of our veterans bring forth the flags of their loved ones to be hung on one of the 42 flag poles standing at

attention in the front yard. Sunday morning the flags are sent up to half-staff until noon. At mid-day the flags are then raised to full mast to display their enduring message of strength, duty, courage and honor for everyone to see.

Along with this private family event, the We-Ta-Se post 410 travels to the cemeteries on the reservation to present full honors to our deceased veterans. Beginning about fifteen years ago, members of the We-Ta-Se began going to the four known cemeteries and honored the veterans with a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps. Since that time, the veterans now visit 22 family cemeteries.

If anyone would like to be included in next year's graveside salute contact



Memorial Day flags at the Potts home place, May 2017.

the American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410 at 785-966-2580 or speak with We-Ta-Se Commander Jim Potts directly.

To all the Prairie Band Potawatomi Service men and women - Igwien.

Pahmahmie Elected as Tribal Council Treasurer



Wade Pahmahmie sworn in as Tribal Council Treasurer on April 27, 2017.

Wade Pahmahmie is the newly elected Tribal Council Treasurer for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Pahmahmie won his bid for the position during the 2017 Tribal Council Treasurer Special Election that concluded on April 22, 2017 during which a total of 707 votes were counted by Automated Election Services.

Pahmahmie received 463 or 65.49% of the votes against his opponent Noah Wahquahboshkuk who received 244 or 34.51% of the votes. This is the highest margin of victory in a Treasurers race with two or more candidates. Ryan Dyer received 100% of the vote in 2008, when he ran for the Treasurer's position uncontested.

This is Pahmahmie's first term in office for the PBP Nation. Prior to his new role, Pahmahmie has dedicated the past 17 years to the PBP Finance department. He

began as a Contract Specialist overseeing the grants awarded to the Nation. Over the years he received promotions to positions with increasing duties and responsibility. The last three years Pahmahmie has served as the Finance Department director.

Pahmahmie officially took office on April 27, 2017 upon completing the Swearing In Ceremony officiated by Chairwoman Liana Onnen. Prior to this, Tribal Council Member Thomas Wabnum was the interim Treasurer, filling the duties left vacant by the resignation of Amanda Nioce Barbosa in February 2017. The Tribal Council is now fully seated with the addition of Pahmahmie.

Pahmahmie's transition to the Tribal Council has been seamless due to his long-standing ties to the Nation. Pahmahmie elaborates on his projects, current and future, in his personal message to the Nation.

Chairwoman Liana Onnen: Message to the Nation



Bozho! I hope this report finds you and your family in a good way. As I write, there are many things on my mind. I am happy to have a full Tribal Council in place. Both Juanita Jessepe and Wade Pahmahmie have been welcome additions. This new Council has already been hard at work on many projects. At the last General Council meeting, it occurred to me that we have a current Tribal Council comprised of members who have served on the Council in some way since the 1970's. That is five decades of Tribal Government experience and history currently sitting on the Council. The new dynamic excites me!

At the federal level, we continue to watch the new administration and its approach to Indian Country. The President released the 2018 budget proposal and as many had believed, there are significant cuts to already under-funded Native American programs, including a cut of just over \$300 million to the BIA. Upon releasing the information, and with less than a 24-hour notice, a hurried conference call with tribal leaders occurred. This call made clear that our tribe, and all tribes, must be hyper-vigilant as this Administration implements its approach and priorities for Indian Country. It is up to tribal leaders to be a presence in Washington D.C. and ensure that tribal sovereignty and self-determination as well as the federal trust responsibility are up-held. I will continue to hope for an Administration that will not take the age-old, paternalistic approach to “managing” Indians, rather than consulting with tribes and allowing them to manage themselves. Time-and-again tribes have shown they are more capable when setting and implementing their own priorities. We will continue to work with and educate this administration as it continues to transition and shape its federal Indian Policy.

A couple of appointments of particular interest to us, and Indian tribes in general, is the appointment and confirmation of Ryan Zinke as the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Zinke is from Montana and has experience working cooperatively with Indian tribes. I am heartened by this appointment and am hopeful that Mr. Zinke will continue that record and play a key role in helping to educate and form the Administration's Native American policy. Another key appointment is that of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Mr. Gorsuch has a positive record in the 10th Circuit with regard to decisions and determinations generally in favor of Indian tribes. His experience, knowledge and generally favorable judgments in cases where sovereignty are at stake will be a welcome addition to a Supreme Court from a tribal government perspective, which has a spotty record on Indian Country cases and a definitive lack of experience with Indian Law. We are keeping our ear to the ground on the next important (to us) appointment, which will be the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Indian Affairs (ASIA.) We will continue to monitor developments on the ASIA front and be an active voice in either supporting or dissenting the ultimate choice for

the ASIA position.

This past quarter found me traveling to Bethesda, Maryland, for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC.) This is a federal committee committed to fostering positive relationships between the NIH and tribes across the country. The purpose is to find ways to balance the need for health research information in tribal communities with the need for researchers to understand the culture and history of each individual tribal nation/community. During the meeting in February (one of two in-person meetings each year) we elected officers for the TAC. I was proud to accept the nomination as the Co-Chair of the NIH-TAC along with President L. Jace Killsback of the Northern Cheyenne Nation in Montana. I am honored that my peers would ask me to serve in this capacity. When I started on this committee, I knew very little about the importance of health research in Indian Country, but it is now something to which I find myself dedicated. To find real health solutions in our communities, we have to have real, meaningful health research and this does not exist in many tribal communities. To improve our overall health, we must find the root of our healthcare issues so we can address the root of the problem, not simply the symptoms. Tribes are often reluctant to participate in “research” due to the mistreatment of both Indian people and the data that is often collected during research. Finding ways to educate tribes and tribal leaders and also developing Tribal Institutional Review Boards (IRB) are ways tribes can strengthen their policies with regard to research and help them protect their communities and their data. The TAC is working specifically to help develop education and resources for tribal leaders and communities.

Another national level committee on which I serve is the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) as the Southern Plains Regional Vice-President, Executive Board. Our last in-person meeting was in February; however, I participate in monthly conference calls with the Board. These calls are particularly important now as the Administration continues to change leadership roles within the Federal government, as I discussed above, as well as overhauling departments such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Part of being vigilant during these times is working with partners in Indian Country such as NCAI and other national level organizations. NCAI is in regular contact with both members of the Administration as well as members of Congress and their staff. These calls as well as regular communication with our lobbyist in Washington D.C. keep us apprised of actions and appointments happening at the federal level. It is important the tribal governments and tribal members remain engaged with their congressional representation. The president presents a budget, but it is ultimately up to Congress to pass that budget. After reviewing the proposed cuts to BIA and other agencies such as Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) it is essential to impress upon Congress again and again the fact that Native American programs are underfunded and further cuts are not sustainable for Indian communities. I will be attending NCAI's Mid-Year Conference in June, where I will participate as a Tribal Leader Responder at NCAI's 12th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum titled, “A Research Response to the Federal Policy Agenda: Navigating Infrastructure, Tax, and Health Care

Reforms”. It will also be my first opportunity to meet with Secretary Zinke as an NCAI Board member. I look forward to reporting about the Mid-Year Conference in my next message.

I also attended the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Conference in April. It was a great opportunity to engage with finance professionals in Indian Country. This was my first conference and while I am familiar with most of the topics covered at NAFOA, the conference and the people afforded me an opportunity to look at these topics from a different point of view, a financial point of view. There are many opportunities for tribal governments and tribal people and one of the best ways to learn about these opportunities is through a network of knowledgeable individuals who have proven successes and failures. We learn from both. I was grateful for the opportunity to engage further with some of our existing partners and to make new acquaintances and learn a new perspective on Tribal Government and Tribal Economic Development.

At the state and local government levels, we continue to foster positive relationships with members of the Kansas Legislature. This past quarter, after the hard work of Tribal Member and Native Veteran, Richard Adame, legislation was introduced to remedy the illegal taxation of Native American service men and women while deployed and domiciled on the reservation. This has resulted in the Nation working directly with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to find a way to communicate with potentially affected veterans and to determine how many veterans may have been affected. In this time we have also had dinner engagements with Kansas House Democratic Leadership, Senate Republican Leadership, and another

dinner scheduled with House Republican Leadership. Prairie Band strives to keep up our relationship with both sides of the aisle and to take as bi-partisan of an approach as we can to government-to-government relations. Locally we also continue to meet with the Jackson County Commissioners each quarter and to continue the positive relationships and friendships we have formed. I also continue to be an engaged member of the GO Topeka Board of Directors, attending in-person meetings every two months. Finally, I attended a tribal consultation with Region 7 Health and Human Services in Kansas City. At this meeting, I explained what the Prairie Band Potawatomi and the

other three tribes in Kansas need, which is more recognition in the Southern Plains Region. As the only four tribes in Kansas, we often find ourselves at the mercy of Oklahoma area offices and Oklahoma tribes' needs over those here in Kansas. I was politely vocal about this, making it clear that our expectation is that of equal treatment and consideration when planning meetings and consultations and ensuring they are as accessible to Kansas tribes as they are to Oklahoma tribes.

Finally, here at home, there has been a lot of work going on as well. One of the top priorities I have worked on is the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporations (PBPEC) Board of Directors' plan to expand our casino. The PBPEC Board has worked on this expansion plan for nearly two years, while both the Board and Council were undergoing leadership changes. The PBPEC Board will present the expansion plan at the next General Council Meeting in July. As the Ex-Officio, I have worked to bring together the Board and Tribal Council to both understand the expansion plan as well as

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consulting with Council and the Treasurer about the best financing options for such an expansion. I have been the Ex-Officio for only a few short months, but I believe that a project of this magnitude, while daunting, is needed for our property. It is time we take a look at our main investment and ensure we, the General Council, as owners are maintaining and growing our business in a way that will help us keep up with an evolving and ever-changing casino market. Council has also continued to work to fill vacancies on the Prairie Band LLC Board and meet with the LLC Board and staff to remain apprised of the activities of the LLC. We look forward to moving the LLC forward and strengthening our Economic Development strategies for the future of the Nation.

I want to close by recognizing a few of our Tribal members who have had notable achievements in recent weeks. First, I want to recognize Tribal Member, Helen Sumner, for being selected as the Haskell Alumni of the Year at this year's commencement. I had the honor of being seated by Ms. Sumner on the dais and hearing her words of wisdom to the record-breaking Haskell graduating Class of 2017. Watching Indian people inspire other Indian people is one of the best perks of this job and watching our tribal members inspire others is perhaps the best.

Speaking of inspiring, I also have to recognize two of your young Tribal Members. Mae Joslin and Stella Rec-tor are documentary film-makers and students at Royal Valley Middle School. Their documentary film, "Native Americans Taking a Stand in History" won first place at both the regional and state level and will now compete at the national level at the National History Day Competition in Washington, DC. I am very proud of both of these young, Potawatomi women. Often, our stories and our history are glossed over in the history books and in schools at all levels. Because of this, if we want our stories to be heard, we have to tell them ourselves and these bright, innovative young Potawatomi women are doing just that. I wish them safe travels and all the luck in the world as they travel to represent their school and our tribe.

As always, I thank you for the honor of serving you. I am proud to do so and will continue to work hard for all of you and for the Nation.

Liana Onnen

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Southwood Estates Ground Breaking



Rob Lange, Building Maintenance/Construction Manager, along with Tribal Council Zach Pahmahmie, Liana Onnen, Thomas Wabnum, Wade Pahmahmie, Camilla Chouteau and Jr. Wahweotten were joined by Adam Rose of Travois and James Allen of Mar Lan Construction to break ground on the new Southwood Estates Housing Project on May 16, 2017.

The PBPN Tribal Council and partners broke ground for the Southwood Estates project on May 16, 2017. The build site sits adjacent to the housing located at the corner of 158 and L roads.

Through the leveraging of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the Nation was able to secure \$4, 359,564 of private investment from RBC Capital Markets that does not have to be repaid. Making this project the third tax credit housing site on the reservation.

In addition, the Nation has also successfully partnered with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka who provided a \$500,000 grant from their Affordable Housing Program. And lastly the PBPN General Membership voted in February 2017 to commit \$5.5M from the PBP and Tax Commission Reserve Account to complete this project.

The first five units are expected to be move in ready before the end of January 2018, with the remainder being finished in late 2018. In total, the Southwood Estate Housing Project will consist of 27 high quality, energy efficient 3 to 5 bedroom rental housing units intended for veterans, those with disabilities and low to very low income families.

Charitable Contribution 2nd Quarter Recipient List

Total Donated \$62,250

<i>Alzheimer's Association</i>	<i>Lawrence Arts Center</i>	<i>Safe Kids</i>
<i>Community Health Ministry</i>	<i>Make-A-Wish Kansas</i>	<i>Sertoma Clubs of Topeka</i>
<i>Donnelly College</i>	<i>Mayetta Community Fund</i>	<i>Sunflower State Games</i>
<i>Family Services and Guidance Center</i>	<i>Military Officers Association</i>	<i>Three Rivers, Inc.</i>
<i>Fiesta Mexicana</i>	<i>Museum of Kansas National Guard</i>	<i>Topeka Active 20/30 Club</i>
<i>Headquarters, Inc.</i>	<i>NAMI Kansas, Inc.</i>	<i>Topeka Blues Society</i>
<i>Hospice of Dickerson County</i>	<i>Onaga Historical Society</i>	<i>Topeka Shawnee Special Olympics</i>

Tribal Land Update

The Tribal Land Office is responsible for arranging the Nation's fee and trust land purchases, coordinating the purchase of undivided interests in trust lands, developing and executing the Nation's fee-to-trust applications, and maintaining the records of the Nation's land holdings including purchase documents, appraisals, reports, maps, etc.

As of the beginning of 2017, the Nation's current land mass consists of 680 tracts (34,307 acres) through tribal allotment and owned individually by the Nation. The Allotment Trust land totals 16,912 acres. The Tribal Trust land totals 14,449 acres and then 2,946 acres are Tribal Fee land.

The Nation has increased its on-Reservation land mass by 641 acres over the course of last year through the purchase of the following eight properties:

Armstrong - 79 acres,
Schnacker - 80 acres,
Fairbanks - 160 acres,
Matchie - 15 acres,
Aubert - 157 acres,
Bever - 40 acres,
Noriega - 40 acres and
Collins - 70 acres.

The Nation also increased its allotment trust holding by 178 acre-equivalents through the purchase of 58 interests.

Another function of the Nation is to work with the BIA in transferring tracts of land into trust. Recently Slattery (PT 195) - 40 acres and Hunter (PT 155) - 18 acres were accepted into U.S. Trust leaving 10 applications remaining for consideration. The information for those 10 applications is as follows:

Turnbull (PT 117) - 37 acres
Noland (PT 118) - 40 acres
Shunatona (PT 169) - 5 acres
Paletta (PT 197) - 40 acres
Sorden (PT 218) - 79 acres
Patterson (PT 219) - 80 acres
Armstrong (PT 221) - 80 acres
Schnacker (PT 222) - 80 acres
Fairbanks (PT 223) - 160 acres
Aubert (PT 225) - 157 acres

For more information regarding the Nation's land assets please contact the Potawatomi Tribal Land Office at 785-966-3928 or by fax at 785-966-3912.

Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie: Message to the Nation



Hello Everyone I hope my initial PBPB news article finds you all well. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Wade Pahmahmie and I was recently elected as your Tribal Council Treasurer through a special Tribal Council Election held on April 22nd. I was officially sworn in on April 27th and will be serving as Treasurer for the remainder of the 4 year term that expires in 2020.

Prior to being elected as Treasurer I have served the Tribe for the past 17 years working in various positions in our Finance Department. I came to work for the Tribe shortly after graduating from Washburn University with double majors in Finance and Business Management. My first position with the Tribe was working as the Contract Specialist (6 years), I was then promoted to Accountant II (5 years), from there I received a promotion to the position of Assistant Controller (3 years) and then on to the Director of Finance position (3 years).

Finance History

In my 17 years working in our Finance Department I was able to gain a full understanding of our Tribe's complex financial system dealing with our primary revenues from gaming, federal and state grants and contracts, trust funds, Tribal taxes and our multiple third party revenues and how the income from those revenue sources are all allocated to our Tribal Members and our 27 Tribal Programs and General Fund Budgets. Additionally, I have worked directly with our CPA firms on both our Internal & External Audits, monitored our bank and investment accounts, filed Federal and State

Employer Tax Returns, served on the Tribe's Budget and 401K Committees as well as having the opportunity to work with our Casino, Gaming Commission and Prairie Band LLC on various financial projects. I plan to utilize my several years of experience in Tribal Government and institutional knowledge of our financial operations to continually look for ways to improve our processes as well as to aid in planning for our future as a Tribe. One thing I really look forward to serving as Treasurer will be the opportunity to work more closely with our Tribal Members and Programs. In my new position I will be able to put a face with a name instead of being stuck crunching numbers day in and day out as is often the case in the office environment. Being able to get out and see what is going on will be super critical in making decisions for the Tribe and something I really welcome in my new position.

Projects

Over the past 6 years as the Assistant Controller and the Director of Finance I had the opportunity to work directly with our former Treasurers, as well as the Tribal Council as a whole, which has allowed me to hit the ground running as Treasurer. In the last year or so, there have been several projects that have been on hold waiting to be picked up and moved forward, as well as new projects that have come about over the past several months. A few of these projects include: an unclaimed property program, will and estate planning workshops, financial literacy workshops, further streamlining cash flows and ensuring the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act is applied to all of our qualifying programs.

Unclaimed Property

As many of you have seen here locally on television the Kansas State Treasurer's Office has an unclaimed property program where you can call in or go online and see if you have any property to make a claim on. The Tribe has a similar situation with unclaimed property including items such as outstanding accounts payable, payroll and per cap checks that were never cashed, Tribal Members whose whereabouts are unknown and other assets awaiting payment to Tribal Member estates. This has been a concern of management as well as noted by our auditors over the past few years as these balances continue to grow. Sovereignty issues prevent us from turning this property over to the State of Kansas to include in their program so the solution is for us to establish our own program to distribute the unclaimed property. This project has been in the works for nearly 3 years now and is ready for legal review before being placed into service. I will keep you all updated as we progress with our unclaimed property program.

Estate Planning

Due to vacancies in both our Treasurer position and BIA's Horton Agency, Office of the Special Trustee Officer position, our will and estate planning workshops have been inactive and I plan to get those up and going again. We are currently working with the Tribe's Elder Center, Kansas Legal Services and the BIA to get our next will and estate workshop scheduled. I hope to have the workshops scheduled for twice a year moving forward with the initial workshop scheduled as soon as possible given the length of time since the last workshop.

Financial Literacy Workshops

For financial literacy workshops, our Trustee for the Minors Trust (Providence First Trust Company) is available to come on site to provide such workshops as well as to meet with our Minors and their parents/guardians to provide educational information as part of the Trustee Services Agreement. As with our will and estate workshops our financial literacy workshops need to be reestablished and placed on a regular schedule so they are made more accessible for our Minors. The workshops are ever so more important for our youth as the distributions from the Minors Trust continue to grow as we are now in the 15th year of the Trust. It is duty of the Tribe and the Trustee to provide each Minor with ample information on how to manage their assets as they begin to receive their age based distributions upon turning age 18. This educational information is crucial for our youth and allows them to weigh their options and determine what is in their best interest when it comes time for them to utilize their funds.

Assets & Investments

For the Tribe's assets, we still have improvements we can make to our cash flows to further streamline the process. In many cases we have too much cash sitting in checking accounts which could be invested in short term vehicles until such a time as the Tribe needs to access the cash. Also I plan to further work with the Tribal Council to identify our strategic goals in order to identify and assign specific uses for our investment funds. Currently, we have endowment funds set up that are specific to our Burial and Education Programs, additional structures can be set up to help fund our future economic development projects. Identifying purposes for our funds both safeguards the Tribe's assets and also aids in planning for future projects identified in strategic plans.

Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act

The last item I will address in this article is applying the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act. In September 2014, the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act was signed into law by then President Obama as Public Law 113-168 allowing certain Tribal Programs to be

Available Financial Workshops

MINORS FINANCIAL
LITERACY WORKSHOP

FRIDAY
JULY 14, 2017 - 11 AM
PBPB BOYS & GIRLS CLUB LIBRARY

PRESENTED BY
JASON FULLER
PROVIDENCE FIRST TRUST COMPANY

Minors Trust Q & A
for Minors/Parents/Guardians

Saturday - July 15, 2017
PBPB Government Center
9 AM until Meeting Ends

Presented by Jason Fuller
Providence First Trust
Company

Will & Estate
Planning Workshop
Kansas Residents ONLY*

:: Informational Meeting ::
Thursday - July 20, 2017 | 11 AM
PBPB Fire Keepers Elder Center

:: Document Follow Up Appointment ::
Thursday - August 31, 2017
Appointment Scheduled at Informational Meeting
Old Bingo Hall
Presented by Kansas Legal Service &
BIA Office of the Special Trustee

* The partnering attorneys are only licensed in the state of KS

Treasurer Pahmahmie

exempted from Federal Income Tax. At the time the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act became law, only our Education and Burial Plans were being exempted from Federal Income Tax. Under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act we were then able to exempt our National Housing Programs from Federal Income Tax as well and were able to issue “Corrected” 1099’s for our Tribal Members who received Housing Grants for tax years 2011-2013 allowing them to file amended income tax returns and claim refunds ranging from \$500-\$1,500 in most cases. Additionally, cultural and religious programs, elder and disabled programs and qualifying assistance programs can also be excluded from Federal Income Tax under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act provided the Tribe has the proper written guidelines in place to administer these programs. I will be reviewing our current programs to ensure that we have these written guidelines in place to avoid issuing unnecessary 1099’s to our Tribal Members as well as reviewing any new programs that are created in the future.

2018 Budget

In addition to the projects listed above I will also be involved with our upcoming FY18 Budgets, FY16 Annual Audit, June Per Cap Distribution, Limited Partnership #3 Project as well as working with Tribal Council as we meet with the Casino and the Prairie Band LLC to discuss their future projects. While our annual budgeting process is spread out over most of the year, the busiest time is fast approaching as we make our preliminary projections on revenues for the upcoming year and begin distributing budget templates in late June to our Tribal Programs to complete for both their operational and capital needs. We continue to refine the budget process each year and continue to move towards more long term planning versus budgeting on a year-to-year basis.

Audits

In addition to budgets, we also have our annual audit underway currently which is completed after our Casino, Gaming Commission, Prairie Band LLC, Boys and Girls Club, and Low Income Housing Tax Credit audits are finalized. The audit includes a review of our primary government financial statements as well as an audit of our major grant programs as required by federal regulation 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F. Both a primary government audit report is issued as well as entity wide financials are provided by our auditors which concludes our annual audit season. Once the auditors are out of our office and June rolls around it is Per Cap time once again. While the June distribution may likely be complete by the time you read this article it is always important to keep your personal info up to date with the Per Cap office. Changes should be submitted to the Per

Cap office no later than the end of the month prior to Per Cap.

Southwood Estates

As approved by the General Membership at the Special General Council Meeting held in February we continue to move forward with our third Low Income Housing Tax Credit project known as the Southwood Estates Phase II (or LP3 for short), which will provide 27 new single-family homes for our Tribal Members. Construction has now begun on the project and our General Manager’s Office and Housing Department will be busy managing the programmatic functions of the project while the Finance Department will manage the financial reporting requirements. It is critical that we properly manage both the programmatic and financial aspects of the project as to not jeopardize the funding provided by the investor on this project as well as ensure that we are in good standing for future projects.

Future Economic Opportunities

I also look forward to our Tribal Council meetings with our Casino and Prairie Band LLC to discuss both our current operations and future economic development projects. It is important to involve our Tribal Council, Casino and Prairie Band LLC in our strategic planning discussions so that we are all working together for the common good of the Tribe. Our Casino by far is our largest revenue producing operation while our LLC provides diversification in other economic opportunities beyond gaming. A proper blend between gaming and non-gaming operations allows the Tribe to still continue to focus on our primary revenue source provided by the Casino while branching out and taking advantage of other economic opportunities overseen by our LLC providing additional services and job opportunities for our Tribal Members as well as the local community.

To wrap things up I hope to keep the General Membership up to date on the financial events affecting the Tribe as well as provide information on how certain processes work in more detail. If anyone has specific topics they would like for me to write about, let me know and I will incorporate those into future articles. Or as always, feel free to give me a call or stop by my office or send me your specific questions on the Tribe’s finances and I will answer them as best as possible. My contact information is: Office: (785) 966-3905 – E-mail: wadepahmahmie@pbpnation.org. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Tribal Council Treasurer and I look forward to continuing to serve our Tribal Members.

Respectfully,
Wade Pahmahmie | Wap-tti-ge

PBHS Awarded \$1M Contract

Submitted by the PB, LLC with Edits by M.Simon

In early April 2017, the Prairie Band Health Services, Inc. (PBHS), a subsidiary of Prairie Band, LLC, won a substantial contract to provide Emergency Medicine Physician services at the Navy Medical Center in Sand Diego, CA. The contract is a personnel services contract with a total potential value of \$1,209, 846.The Emergency Medicine Physician services contract is just one of many projects PBHS is managing in addition to servicing other commercial, federal and local customers.

PBHS also recently submitted its SBA 8(a) application to the United States government Small Business Administration’s Office of Government Contracting and Business Development. If approved this will grant the PBHS access to prime government contract dollars. The U.S. government is the largest single purchaser of goods and services in the world, awarding approximately \$500 billion in contracts every year, with nearly one quarter of contracts being met by small businesses according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

“It is extremely satisfying to see our team’s hard work payoff. I anticipate 2017 will be a banner year for PBHS,” stated Jacob Wamego, President and CEO of PB, LLC.

PBHS is led by John Holtz, MBA and FACHE and is supported by the Shared Services division of Prairie Band, LLC. Established in 2008, PBHS seeks to provide healthcare management services to military, government and corporate beneficiaries.

Prairie Band, LLC was formed in 2010 as an economic development company wholly owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Since inception, PB, LLC has grown into a family of five subsidiary companies.

The PB, LLC is overseen by a five member board, which currently includes Tribal Council Vice Chairman Zach Pahmahmie, Member Junior Wahweotten and tribal members Peggy Houston, Jona Rupnicki and Tracy Stanhoff.

Vendor License Now Required for All Food Sales

Beginning July 1, 2017 all persons selling food on reservation lands must:

- Obtain a PBPB Business License: contact the PBPB Tax Commission office for applications, 785-966-3998
- Show proof of completion of ANSI certified basic food handling training

ANSI certified Basic food handling training can be obtained locally by:

- Completing a free online course thru this link: <https://www.ihs.gov/foodhandler/> or by
- Completing a classroom course thru the Prairie Band Education Center, contact Kristina Matsapto at 785-966-3926 for dates, times, and availability

In pursuant of Prairie Band Potawatomi Law and Order Code 13-2-6 Classes of Licenses effective

July 1, 2017:

- (A) Temporary Business License. All persons engaged in business on the Reservation for a period of four (4) days or less shall have a temporary business license. The fee for a temporary business license is ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (B) Seasonal Business License. All persons engaged in business on the Reservation for a period of three (3) months or less shall have a seasonal business license. The fee for a seasonal business license is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- (C) Annual Business License. All persons engaged in business for a period exceeding three (3) months shall have an annual business license. The fee for an annual business license is fifty dollars (\$50.00). A licensee holding an annual business license shall apply for renewal each year on a renewal applica-

tion form provided by the Tax Commission, but the licensee shall notify the Tax Commission of any change in the licensee’s business activities. Renewal of an annual business license shall be made pursuant to the provisions in Section 13-2-2.

(D) Food Vendors. No person may produce or sell food (1) that is sold directly to the end consumer and (2) that requires time and temperature control for safety or specialized processing, as determined by the Tax Commission, unless such person has training in basic food handling principles. This training must be received at least every two (2) years and must be accredited and certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Proof that a person has received such training shall be provided with each license application and renewal and upon the request of the Nation. Training as a food protection manager may also satisfy the food handling training requirement.

Gaming Commission Election Calendar

Ballot Mailing Date	Election Day	Run Off
Ballots mailed to Registered Voters Only on June 9, 2017.	All ballots must be received at the Mayetta Post Office by 9 a.m. on July 22, 2017, to be tabulated in this election. Tabulation will commence at 9 a.m. at the Old Bingo Hall.	Run Off <i>**If needed, a Run Off election day will occur four (4) weeks after the General Election results are certified.</i>

Gaming Commission Election - Commissioner #1 Candidate Profiles



Hello, my name is Lisa Wamego, MBA and I am announcing my candidacy for Position 1 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Gaming Commission.

Brief Bio

I am the daughter of Algernon “Bozo” Wamego and Alberta Nagmo Wamego. I have lived on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation for most of my life. I have 3 sons and 7 beautiful grandchildren. It has been my life’s joy to see my children and grandchildren grow up in the community that I love.

I have been a part of the Nation’s casino gaming operation since inception. I helped open the temporary casino facility in 1996 and transition to our current property in 1998. I am an experienced financial professional having originally started in auditing and have

experience working in all areas of the Finance Department at our casino. I currently work as the Casino Controller responsible for the Cage, Vault and Count Room.

Reason I am running for Gaming Commissioner

Having over 20 years’ experience in gaming has given me the necessary tools to be an effective Gaming Commissioner. I have the experience, knowledge, integrity, and dedication that this position requires. Gaming has been a great success for the Nation. Safeguarding that success will be my priority as Gaming Commissioner.

I have the leadership experience to hold people accountable, having many years’ experience supervising and mentoring employees. I also had the pleasure of playing an instrumental role during the 2007 transition to taking over self-management from Harrah’s. I helped plan and execute our transition and our team stayed on track for our grand opening.

I have experience insuring our casino operations remain in compliance with the Title 31 regulations and reporting requirements. Our property has always been required to comply and very recently, the regulations and scrutiny under this law have heightened. My years of experience will be an asset to the Gaming Commission and casino operation as future Title 31 compliance issues arise. I also have vast experience with the Minimum Controls Standards the Gaming Commission has promulgated for our property and the internal policy and procedures the gaming operation has implemented. I work closely with the Gaming Commission and State Gaming when any issues may arise. I have knowledge of Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and Title 12 of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Law & Order Code as well as the Tribal-State Gaming Compact. As you can see, I have excellent experience in gaming operations and compliance which will be an

asset as a Tribal Gaming Commissioner.

My dedication and integrity over the years are attributes I am very proud of. I have been a loyal and dependable employee of the casino for over 20 years. I take pride in the work I do each day. It has been an honor to be part of the casino from the ground up to what it is today. I worked my way up through the trenches of the Finance Department. I am a self-starter and hold myself accountable for the departments and projects I oversee.

What you can expect from me as a Gaming Commissioner

I will be a dedicated public servant of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation by going to work every day and doing a job that our people will be proud of. I was raised with old school values of hard work and dedication. I am not afraid to get my hands dirty to get the job done. I will hold myself, Gaming Commission staff, casino management and employees, and vendors accountable to the standards required by applicable laws and regulations. I will also be objective and make reasoned decisions based on facts and applicable laws, standards, and regulations.

I have been an active leader of our casino operation and have tried my best to help develop our tribal members for leadership roles within the departments I have overseen and the operation as a whole. I will continue to support the mission of our gaming operation and will do so by bringing my experience and leadership skills to the Gaming Commission. I will actively communicate with fellow commissioners, casino management, the casino board, tribal council, and general council and seek continual improvement to our casino operations.

I commend the tribal leadership on the success of our gaming operation and look forward to an opportunity to contribute to its success in the role of Gaming Commissioner.



My name is Ann Simon DeCoteau and I am declaring my candidacy for Gaming Commission seat #1. I am the daughter of Mary Simon and the Granddaughter of William and Lenora Simon. My husband Chris and I have five beautiful children and seven wonderful

grandchildren.

I am currently attending Bryan University and will be graduating with my Bachelors’ degree in Business Administration and Management in January of 2018. While attending school this past year, I have been honored by making the Dean’s list and holding a perfect attendance record.

I have worked for the Gaming Commission for the last year and a half and have become very aware of how important this office is. During my time here at the Gaming Commission I have had the privilege of attending the 21st Annual Tribal Law & Government Conference. Before coming to the Gaming Commission, I worked for our Tribal Government for almost 15 years. Working directly in our community and seeing our reservation grow and our people succeed has been undoubtedly a rewarding feeling.

I currently hold a position on our Tribal Peacekeepers Circle. I have also held positions on several boards and committees, including the Boys

& Girls Club Board of Directors, Housing Board, USD 337 Title VII Parent Committee, Pow-Wow Committee, Land Management Committee and the Enrollment Committee.

I am running for a Gaming Commission position because I feel that I can promote transparency and accountability to the Gaming Commission. I have an extremely strong work ethic and a belief of getting the job done. I would work closely with the Casino Management team, Tribal Council and the other Gaming Commissioners to make sure that we are doing the best job we can for our people.

Being a member of this community please know that I have the Nation’s best interest at heart. I would sincerely appreciate your vote in this very important election.

A candidate that believes in Respect, Dedication, & Accountability

Vote Ann Simon DeCoteau!!!

Gaming Commission Election - Commissioner #2 Candidate Profile



Hello, my name is Edward “Joe” Mitchell, Jr. My parents are Eddie Joe and Mary Wabnum Mitchell. My wife, Jayme “Sas” Mitchell, and I reside on the reservation with our two daughters, Cecelia and Estelle. I have lived most of my life on the reservation.

Currently I am working for Prairie Band Casino in the

Table Games Department as a Dual Rate Games Supervisor. Working for the casino has been an enjoyable and valued experience, and I look to further my career by running for Gaming Commissioner #2.

My gaming experience includes working for the casino for 10+ years. I first began working for the Food and Beverage Department. From there I worked my way into the internship program while I attended Haskell and majored in Business Management. I enjoyed the opportunity I was given to work as an intern at our casino for two years. This was a great experience wherein I gained valuable knowledge working with upper management in various departments learning and performing duties that assist with the daily operations. The internship then led me to the Table Games Department where I have worked for the past seven years. During my time in Table Games, I have maintained a high level of professionalism and set a positive leadership example. Portraying a positive image while using excellent customer skills is something I demonstrate and encourage others to do the same.

I am confident through my background and knowledge I can serve the Nation as Gaming Commissioner. We are to preserve and protect the assets of the Nation by insuring that the casino is following and in compliance with all the guidelines and regulations. Along with that, the future of gaming is still evolving and I would like to make controls to help protect our assets. I am fully committed in helping the casino move forward in its expansion and to do so objectively.

Living on the reservation has made me truly grateful for all that we have as a Nation and I hope to continue progress on what we have. My intentions in life have always been to help better our community. For this reason I would like to have the opportunity to do my part to contribute to the casino and the Nation for the future generations. I am asking for your vote as Gaming Commissioner #2 in the upcoming election.

Thank you.



As a former representative of the PBP Nation, I had the honor to serve on the PBB Gaming Commission from 2004-2008 during the transitional period as a Certified National Indian Gaming Commissioner. The reward of serving in that capacity is experience, Gaming knowledge, integrity, and dedication to protect the assets of the PBP Nation. The ultimate and comprehensive goal is for the benefit of the Nation as well as generations to come. Once again, I would be proud to represent the PBP Nation in the capacity of a Gaming Commissioner.

Related Gaming Work Experience:

- PBPECE-HS/EHS Program Manager, Present
- PBPN-Tax Commissioner, 2015-Present
- PBPN-General Manager of Tribal Operations, 2015
- PBP Entertainment Board of Directors 2013-2015
- Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, HR Director, 2014-2015
- J&J's Gallery/Event Space, Owner and Operator, 2009-Present
- Golden Eagle Casino- Human Resource Manager, 2011-2013
- Sac and Fox Casino- Director of Human Resources, 2010
- PBP Gaming Commission- Gaming Commissioner, 2004-2008
- Potawatomi Bingo-Assistant Manager, 2000-2001
- Kickapoo High Stakes Bingo, Floater-(Caller/Sales, Floor worker/Sales, Paper Room Supervisor), 1995-1996
- Potawatomi Bingo-Floater-(Caller/Sales, Floor Worker/Sales, Main Cashier/Sales, Paper Room, Attendant, Inventory Clerk, Cook), 1989-1995

- Former President of PBP Entertainment Board of

Directors

- CEO J&J Gallery/Event Space & President of JRupnicki LLC
- Former Treasurer of American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Kansas
- NOTO NADA- Marketing Committee
- National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) - Certificate of Completion, All levels of The Commissioner Certification Course
- MT325 Gaming Agent Training– IGT Technical Training Class
- Certificate of Achievement, Society Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- Native American Human Resource Association (NAHRA) Certified
- Gaming License - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, KS
- Gaming License - Kickapoo Nation in Kansas - KS
- Gaming License - Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, KS

Education:

- MSM- Masters of Science in Management, Friends University
- BS- Bachelor of Science –Organizational Management & Leadership/HR, Friends University
- AA-Associate of Arts, Highland Community College

Qualifications & Accomplishments:

- 16 years of Gaming Experience and Tribal operations experience in human resources and management functions.
- 11 years of Management Experience in Recruiting, Retention, Employee Relations and Organizational Development.
- 9 years of Human Resource Management and Leadership Experience.
- 6 years of Management level experience in Talent Management, Training and Development, Compensation and Incentive Plans, Policy Development and Administration, Mergers, Restructuring, Integration and Change Efforts.
- Possess a diverse background and range of abilities.
- Embraces creativity and new ideas as innovation for positive change.
- Demonstrated ability to establish excellent client relationships and to develop and implement innovative solution to address a wide variety of administrative challenges.
- Excellent organizational abilities and decision-making skills.
- Communicated effectively with co-workers, clients, and vendors.

- Maintain complete and accurate documentation; identify and pursue opportunities to improve office efficiencies.
- Organized and analytical capabilities with strong problem-solving abilities.
- Software Skills: MS Office, Excel, Power Point, MICOS system, Great Planes (cloud for HR) and PeopleSoft.
- HR Policy Process & System Design
- Budget Administration/Reporting
- Benefits & Compensation Design
- Employee Relations
- Recruitment & Employment Management
- Development of Training Programs
- Safety Analysis
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Employment Law
- Coach and Counseled Managers

Position/Prior Responsibilities:

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission is charged with oversight of the Tribe's gaming operations, the Tribal Gaming Commission helps the Tribe meet its regulatory responsibilities under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The purpose of a Tribal Gaming Commission is regulatory, not managerial. The Gaming Commission is also given responsibility to ensure that the Prairie Band Casino is in compliance with all applicable health, safety, and environmental laws and regulations. Some of these responsibilities include licensing of the tribe's gaming enterprise, Prairie Band Casino, gaming employees, regulatory employees and various vendors for the Prairie Band Casino. Random independent audits are conducted on the Prairie Band Casino by the Internal Audit Department and an external auditor hired by the Gaming Commission. Through the Compliance and Surveillance Department the Gaming Commission ensures that investigations are performed upon alleged and actual gaming violations that may occur at Prairie Band Casino. As a gaming commissioner, you have the responsibility to ensure that gaming operations are conducted honestly and according to regulations. Most importantly protecting the assets of the PBP Nation is the overall goal. Indian Gaming was put in place for the benefit of the Tribe's and their people.

Integrity, competence and diligence are qualities that I do possess. I believe in quality and commitment! I guarantee to you that I will serve to meet the best interests of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

I am respectfully asking for your vote in this upcoming election, thank you in advance.

Jona (Potts) Rupnicki

Gaming Commission Election - Commissioner #1 Incumbent Profile



Bozho ~ Hello Everyone, I greet you with a warm heart and a hearty handshake. I am currently one of the three Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commissioners and have served in an appointed capacity completing the last two year term of the belated and dearly missed, Gaming Commission Chairman, Gary Mitchell. It has been an honor and I thank the Tribal Council for this opportunity to serve.

During my 2-year tenure I've been certified under a NIGC's Commissioner Level I, II, III, and Master Series. In addition, I have had specialized training in the areas of Gaming Forensics, Casino Criminal Activity Foreign and Abroad, Money Laundering, Money Fraud and Management, Background Checks-FBI-State-Local, Crisis Management, Homeland Security, Active Shooters, Security, Surveillance, Incident Reporting, Licensing, Conflict Resolution, Data Collections, and

Operational Procedures, known as SOPs. Along with this I have had an overall review in machine verification, performance, and installation of new Projects. Also, our team underwent training in the new cutting edge of Class II Bingo, and learned about Hollywood Bingo and the EPIC program for accountability and administration.

Being a certified Gaming Commissioner and having served a four year term on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Entertainment Board of Directors for the casino during our transition years has given me a solid foundation in serving my regulatory duties skillfully, competently and professionally. Besides working our regular office hours as your Gaming Commissioner, I am always available 24/7. I am occasionally on the casino floor after hours and on weekends. Around the clock I am taking calls, communicating with the casino's Surveillance, Compliance departments, and with our Inspectors Office. As well as ensuring compliance of our MICs Internal Controls, Tribal-State Gaming Compact, NIGC regulations, Title 12, Title 22, Title 31, PBPN Tribal Constitution, Law & Order Code, I am also the Gaming Commission Human Resource Liaison.

I work with the Gaming Commission's Compliance Office setting up on-going trainings so that our office remains on the cutting edge by using best practices in all Regulatory areas. Ensuring proper protocol and procedures occurs in the work place on a daily basis; this is an area I personally take pride in. Having served the Nation in this capacity, I earnestly uphold the honor of the oath I took, and passionately move forth in the direction that keeps the Nation's Casino in Regulatory Compliance. The Gaming Commission has had outstanding audit reviews, both internally and externally by outside firms. Continual audit reviews that are exceptional in nature are what the Gaming Commission strives for.

I look forward to the Shab-eh-nay reservation business plan in Illinois, as our team is every bit ready and willing to take on this exciting adventure.

In closing, I would like to add that I have earned two Bachelor of Arts Degrees and went on and achieved Master's Degrees from the University of South Dakota in 1991. I have been awarded the National Indian Educator of the year, SD Indian Educator of the year, as well as having received numerous awards for outstanding performance in various career areas, and I was given a "Dorothy Kiyukan" day. I was on the PBPC&R Entertainment Board of Directors, I have been a Data Coordinator for many years in a very large school district, and I have been a School Administrator, which included budgets and accountability.

It has always been my privilege to work for our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I take pride in our culture and traditional ways of life. My nishnabe'k name is Wiche Quah, a name given to me by my misho/grandfather David Paul Lewis of Soldier Creek area, whose close friend was Wiche Quah. I am a proud Thunder Clan member, granddaughter of Minnie LeClair, daughter of PBPN Elder, Julia Lewis, and my color is Blue.

My family has a long history of serving our Country in the Armed Forces. A list of our family Veterans both male and female can be seen on the Veteran Memorial Site at the Prairie People's Park. My extended family served as Treaty Delegates, and they have instilled the respect for our Tribal Sovereignty with the respect for protecting our assets and natural resources for generations to come.

I am a dancer, singer, and active participant within and outside of our community. In the Professional arena, I am known for being *Competent, *Accountable, and *Trustworthy. Keeping in mind while you vote, longevity, proficiency, and expertise is vital in this position.

With your vote, I will continue to provide professional oversight by monitoring and ensuring our Tribe's most precious assets in the Regulatory area are protected and upheld. Your vote means a lot to me, Igweini!

Gaming Commission Election - Commissioner #2 Incumbent Profile



Greetings Everyone!

I am Larry Mzhickteno and I am once again asking for your vote in the upcoming election for the Gaming Commission. I have honored to serve you as a Gaming Commissioner the last eight years. For me this has been an exciting and fulfilling time. There have been a number of changes through these years, most notably the reduction of Gaming Commissioners from five to three and the introduction of State owned casinos. Both

of these situations have created their own challenges. We also suffered the passing of longtime Gaming Commission Chairman and friend Gary Mitchell.

The purpose of the Gaming Commission is strictly regulatory in nature. It serves the Tribe by ensuring that the gaming operation follows provisions set forth by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), the Gaming Compact we have with the State of Kansas, our own gaming ordinance-Title 12, and the casino Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS). For the past several years a new concern has arisen, Title 31. The IRS has issued some serious fines to businesses and banks who failed to show due diligence satisfying Title 31 requirements. Fortunately we have a robust Title 31 program in place.

It is not the purpose of the Gaming Commission to manage the casino. We do strive to have a good working relationship with the casino Management Team, the Entertainment Board of Directors, and the Tribal Council. As the goal of the Gaming Commission is to protect Tribal assets, should something come up that is a concern to us, we will work with the necessary people to reach an amicable solution. A prime example of this was the failed attempt to switch the health insurance for both the casino and Tribal Government over to RWI Benefits. That would have been disastrous for the Tribal and only would have benefitted RWI.

The Gaming Commission was challenged by the re-introduction of Bingo. Our Class II MICS were sorely out of date, and the NIGC had greatly expanded the regulatory requirements. It was determined to be simpler for everyone involved if the Class II MICS were merged into the Class III MICS creating just one document, so that was how we proceeded. It has worked out well for everyone involved.

We still do not have anything started in Illinois; however, progress is being made in that direction. I have not seen the results of the environmental impact study but I have heard that it was of a positive nature for the Tribe. I would welcome the opportunity to have a role in starting a new gaming operation for the Tribe on our lands there. I would welcome the opportunity to have a role in starting a new gaming operation for the Tribe on our lands there.

I encourage all Tribal members to get to know your candidates, and VOTE! The best way to have your voice heard is to vote.

I thank you for your time and attention, and I would greatly appreciate your vote! I have proven to have the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective Gaming Commissioner. I would be honored to serve you again.

Gaming Commission Election Candidate



Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole is a candidate for Gaming Commissioner #2. No biography submitted.

Hale Advances at KUMC



Jason "Naseka" Hale has been promoted to a faculty position as a Research Instructor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He and his colleague Charley Lewis are the first male American Indian faculty in the Department of Family Medicine. Prior to their advancement both men served as Assistant Directors at the Center for American Indian Community Health at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Plans for the 2018 Gathering are underway, Contact the TC Secretary Office for More Information 785-966-4032

Community Planning Potluck JULY 5, 2017 6PM - Old Bingo Hall

Wahwasuck Named "Dreamstarter Teacher"

In the spring of 2017, Adriana Wahwasuck (PBP Tribal member) was selected as one of 24 talented educators in the first-ever class of Dreamstarter Teachers. Dreamstarter Teacher is a grant program that gives educators working with a majority of Native students up to \$1,000 each for a project to help their students learn. The program is funded by the Running Strong for American Indian Youth, a foundation co-founded by Native American athlete Billy Mills.

Dreamstarter Teacher provides a \$500 to \$1,000 grant to teachers serving Native students. Native or non-Native teachers or support staff (including librarians and guidance counselors) who teach and/or support Native students are eligible to apply. Grants can be used for (almost) anything teachers need for their classrooms, like educational resource materials, supplies, equipment, professional development, field trips, or stipends for bringing community liaisons into the classroom.

Wahwasuck teaches at Natchez Elementary School, which serves the Pyramid Lake Paiute community in Wadsworth, Nevada. Wahwasuck has plans to

use the grant for a community social pow-wow. According to Wahwasuck, "This would not only be a way of mending broken bridges with the community but also to pass out much needed school supplies that students here cannot afford." Wahwasuck also intends to use the venue as a means for educational speakers to talk candidly with students and the community.

A full list of Dreamstarter Teachers and their projects can be found on the Running Strong website at <http://www.indian-youth.org/Dreamstarterteacher/Spring2017>. The Dreamstarter Teacher program is a companion to the Dreamstarter program.

The Dreamstarter program, now in year three, started as a five year program to provide fifty \$10,000 grants in the support of Native youth's dreams for their communities. Youth apply in partnership with community nonprofits to implement their ideas. At the end of the grant period, Running Strong will choose five projects to be eligible for an additional \$50,000 grant. For more on this program visit www.indianyouth.org



2017 Dreamstarter Teacher recipient Adriana Wahwasuck.

Sumner, HINU Outstanding Alumni of the Year

Tribal member Helen "Kishbe" Sumner was recognized as the 2017 Haskell Indian Nations University Alumni of the Year at their Commencement Ceremony held in May 2017.

Sumner began her journey with Haskell Institute in 1955 when it was considered a high school, graduating in 1959. She is the third of four generations of her family to attend Haskell, the generational span of attendance for her family is 85 years. Her grandmother who was born in 1898, began first grade at Haskell in 1904 when it was still a boarding school. Sumner noted that Haskell has since grown into a leading university, with graduates known to be leaders within their communities.

Sumner continued her education and attended Bethany Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1962. After Haskell became a Junior College, she returned and obtained an Associate of Arts Degree in 1976. She then furthered her education with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Washburn University. In 1992, she was inducted into the Washburn University based Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. This recognition is given for scholastic achievement and clinical expertise. Helen also helped Rosemary Wood and Janice Kekahbah found the Native American Nurses Association and taught nursing

at HIJC. Sumner spent many years nursing our nation's Veterans on the oncology ward at the VA in Topeka and in the Bay Area. From there she went on to work for the Indian Health Service in the Bemidji Area office, serving three states as a Communicable Disease Specialist. Then she moved on to work at Red Lake Indian Hospital, and eventually retired from nursing.



Helen "Kishbe" Sumner receiving an elegant purple shawl as she is named the 2017 Haskell Indian Nations University Alumni of the Year.

After retiring, Sumner returned home to the PBP reservation where she currently resides. Today she continues to make time for Haskell students through her association with the Haskell Lighthouse ministry.

Sumner relayed four "Items of Success" in her address to the graduates. They are commitment, accountability, perseverance and professionalism.

Commitment requires being dedicated to a cause, and to be truly dedicated

you must personally understand what it takes to get the job done. Accountability means being responsible in regard to the quality of the work. Perseverance is the ability to never, never, ever quit despite difficulty or delay in your task and finally the last item is professionalism. Professionalism is maintaining a certain level of competence, key to quality and efficiency, and admitting what you don't know can be an opportunity to build upon your professionalism. Education is an ongoing process!

Joslin and Rector Take a Stand for History

Written by M.Simon

Last fall when eighth-graders Stella Rector and Mae Joslin enrolled in a newly created Project Class at the Royal Valley Middle School they had no idea how far their course assignment would take them and the exposure their idea would receive. Rector and Joslin are travelling to Washington, D.C. the week of June 11-15, 2017 to have their documentary project judged in the National History Day Competition, with an opportunity to take home a \$2,000 grand prize.

The primary assignment of the course was a 10-minute documentary. The two cousins, both members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, chose to focus on Native Americans taking a stand. This subject area happened to dovetail with the 2017 National History Day theme, "Taking A Stand In History." From there, the young women began to build their project by gathering sources, conducting interviews, writing drafts and creating content.

Out of their yearlong effort and dedication to this project, they produced their documentary film, "Native Americans Taking a Stand in History." The film highlights three specific instances when Native Americans have gathered together to take a stand against the injustices faced by the collective group of people. The film highlights the AIM movement, the massacre at Wounded Knee, and most recently the peaceful sit in created at Standing Rock Sioux tribe in protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline, commonly referred to as DAPL.

Joslin and Rector were able to go to Standing Rock camp and take part first hand in the making of history. While at the camp in the fall of 2016, they conducted first-hand interviews with tribal people. After returning to Kansas, the two spent hours upon hours compiling and analyzing research. Together Joslin and Rector merged their findings into a unique and profound video, accompanied with a written paper.

The first step complete, a polished project, the young women then presented it at their local middle school. From there, the girls traveled to Topeka, Kan. to compete at the 2017 District 3 History Day Competition on Saturday, February 25, 2017 held at Washburn University. Kansas District 3 is comprised of the following counties: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Lyon, Nemaha, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee. From all the entries on that day, Joslin and Rector took 1st place in the Junior Group Documentary category.

Then on April 21, 2018, again at Washburn University, their documentary took first place in its category at Kansas History Day. This qualifying win advanced them to the National History Day competition, taking place at the University of Maryland at College Park in Washington, D.C..

Prior to traveling to Washington, D.C., Joslin and Rector held a premiere screening sharing their documentary and their journey with the local community at a free-will donation fundraiser on May 18, 2017. Despite the huge thunderstorm that approached the reservation that evening, nearly



Mae Joslin and Stella Rector take home first place medals with their group documentary submission, "Native Americans Taking a Stand in History." (Photo Courtesy RVMS)

100 members of the community came to the Old Bingo Hall to support Joslin and Rector's efforts.

After the viewing, the two answered questions and took comments from the crowd. Joslin and Rector were quick to recognize all of the help and encouragement they have received from their teachers Nathan McAllister and Mrs. Hainey, along with the support of their families and friends. Their history teacher, Nathan McAlister said, "These two young ladies have experienced a tremendous amount of growth, both academically and personally . . . they have learned how to dig into history and get beyond the bias, find the sources, and make their own interpretation. They make me proud to be a

history teacher."

The resounding attitude from the community was a sense of pride. One local commented, "These are the type of people we want to see on our future tribal council," giving the young tribal members praise for their innovation and their own ability to take a stand.

The last stop for this year's assignment will be on the final stage at the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest in Washington, D.C. Established in 1974, the National History Day Contest encourages more than half a million middle and high school students around the world to conduct original research on historical topics of interest.

After having all the entries narrowed down through local and affiliate level competitions, Joslin and Rector will join with nearly 3,000 other students competing in the week-long event with qualifying winners coming from all fifty of the United States, Washington, D.C., Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico and international schools in China, Korea, South Asia and Central America.

At the national contest, awards are presented to the first, second and third place entries in each category and division. The categories are junior (middle school) and senior (high school), and then each category is split between a group or individual entry. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) sponsors first place awards and the students who win earn the designation of NEH scholar.

Regardless of the outcome of the National competition, through this assignment and the subsequent presentations, Joslin and Rector have gained research, reading and writing skills, strengthened their critical analysis, and improved their public speaking abilities. This project has also provided an opportunity for their self-esteem and confidence to increase. They have become student-historians and they are excited for what the future holds.

Joslin and Rector revealed they are already planning for the 2018 competition. It has already been arranged for the girls to have access to the video equipment they will need in order to focus on next year's theme, "Conflict and Compromise in History."

An update on the outcome will be available in the Fall 2017 Edition of the PBP News.

Social Services Advisory Board 1st Annual Conference

The PBP Social Services Advisory Board held their first annual conference, "The Spirit of Our Children," on April 24, 2017 at the PBCR. Presentation topics included Meth and Effects on the Body, Leadership, Adult Children of Alcoholics and The Boarding School Experience. Speaker Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe reminded everyone during her presentation, "You don't have to have a formal role to be a leader. There are many ways to be a leader in our communities." The Advisory Board is also currently seeking four members. Interested parties can visit the tribes website at www.pbpindiantribe.com and click "Careers" for more information.

Longest Walk Visits PBP

In the beginning of May, the PBP Nation was visited by The Longest Walk, a group of individuals raising awareness on the issues of drug abuse, domestic violence, suicide and the related traumatic effects it has on families and communities in Indian Country. The group started on the west coast with a goal of reaching the Washington, D.C. in July. During their week long stay the group connected with many people from the community and shared their message of determination. One night they served dinner at the powwow grounds and another evening a round dance/potluck took place at the Boys & Girls Club.

China Fellow Visits PBP

On May 23, 2017, Jiang Yi, or "Brooke" came to tour the PBP. and learn from our Social Services department. Brooke was on a four week tour to America and made it a point to come to the reservation. In China, her professional focus is on developing and implementing pilot programs to promote child protection and youth justice and establishing community and governmental cooperation. Brooke wanted to visit us because of our unique status and the way we have been able to navigate between two cultures using ICWA.

Side note: On the same day, a small group from Kenya stopped by to learn more about the PBP.

PBPN Earth Day Celebration

The PBPN Division of Planning and Environmental Protection set up the community with several activities to bring awareness to our Earth.

PEP hosted an open house on April 26, 2017. The department recently relocated from the We-Ta-Se building to approximately 100 yards north at the old Tribal Court building, located behind the Fire Department. However, there is nothing “old” about their new location. The building was overhauled and now provides the much needed space for the bustling department. During the open house, visitors were free to walk around the building and check out the new space. The staff also decorated the walls with photos and memorabilia from previous years’ Earth Day events.

Also on display was the art for the 2017 Earth Day t-shirt designed by PBPN member Andree Levier, a Junior at Royal Valley High School. Levier designed an iconic style logo of a fist painted like the earth over a heart. This graphic was used for the popular annual Earth Day free t-shirt.

Along with the shirts, PEP also handed out plants, trees and shrubs and provided a meal of chili dogs, frito pies, drinks and cake. Later in the evening they hosted a 3-mile environmental walk.

New to this year’s event, the Social Services and the Boys & Girls Club teamed up with PEP to provide an Easter Egg Hunt to the local children which took place at the powwow grounds. Beyond all the eggs, there were also many, many fun door prizes for those in attendance.

The PEP also took nominations for a PBPN Community Environmental Champion, however they were so impressed by the entries three people were selected. The winners were Maxine Catron, Nina Hinds and Maureen Throssell. Each champion received a healthy-sized plant for their yard.

The final event for Earth Day was the annual Roadside Clean Up, which took place on Friday May 5, after being rescheduled due to inclement weather. A record breaking 145 participants

registered for the event and a grand total of 1,652 pounds of roadside garbage was collected, including 31 pounds that was picked up by two childcare classes in the immediate vicinity of the Bennotteh Wigwam. On the day of the event, the Road and Bridge department sponsored a cook out for everyone that helped clean up the reservation.

The first place prize went to the Casino HR Team, standing victorious with 524 pounds of waste, which included a couch. They received a pizza party as their prize. Second place went to the Police Department Team #1 for their contribution of 188 pounds of waste removed from the roadside and their prize was a coffee and pie party. The casino also sponsored a consolation pizza party for one randomly selected team.

In this community every day is Earth Day! Please continue to practice proactive measures for protecting our Earth year round.



Members of the community braving the chilly weather on Earth Day in order to hunt plastic Easter eggs!



Tribal member BJ Darnall with his free plants at the Earth Day open house event.



Earth Day Logo Contest winner Andree Levier.



Roadside Clean Up Champions Casino HR Team, from L to R: Curtis Dreascher, Annette Wheeler, Joy Knudson, Dustin Haverkamp, Krystle Wahweotten, Ruth Vega Harjo, Carla Newman, Sara Meyer, Thunderchild Thomas, Tamara Pahmahmie, Lara Waits and Jodi Vetter.

Environmental Champion ++ Maxine Catron ++

“I would like to nominate Maxine Catron. She is an active member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center. Each day at the elder center she collects everyone’s little paper bags the silverware is packed in so she can take them home and recycle them. She has been doing this for at least a year now. It may not seem like a lot, but it is something that, as an elder, she can do daily to help our environment. This action has raised awareness amongst our senior citizens on the importance of recycling. She is a hero in my eyes and I have much respect for her.”

Environmental Champion ++ Nina Hinds ++

“I would like to nominate Nina Hinds, CHR at the clinic. She recycles cans, bottles, paper and plastic at work and at home. She reminds co-workers to be mindful of their carbon footprint and encourages reduce, reuse & recycle every day, not just on occasion. Her practices have rubbed off on me. I now am more mindful about how I dispose of household trash and products I purchase to clean my home.”

Environmental Champion ++ Maureen Throssell ++

“I would like to nominate Maureen Throssell as an Environment Hero. She is always walking in the evenings, I’ve seen her picking up trash as she’s walking. She is very proud of the reservation, she even sorts the trash to be recycled.”

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Patricia Powers

LAKE ANDES, SD - Patricia Powers, 73, of Lake Andes died Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner.

Funeral Services are 10 AM, Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Visitation and Wake Service will be from 5 to 8 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial is in Cedar Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Lake Andes.

Patricia Ann “Wasjewen” Young Powers was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grand-mother.

She was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin and raised in Zoar, by her parents, Frank Young and Lucille Perrote Young. She has 8 brothers and 4 sisters.

Patricia is preceded in death by her husband Keith M. Powers and her son Orlando Swan.

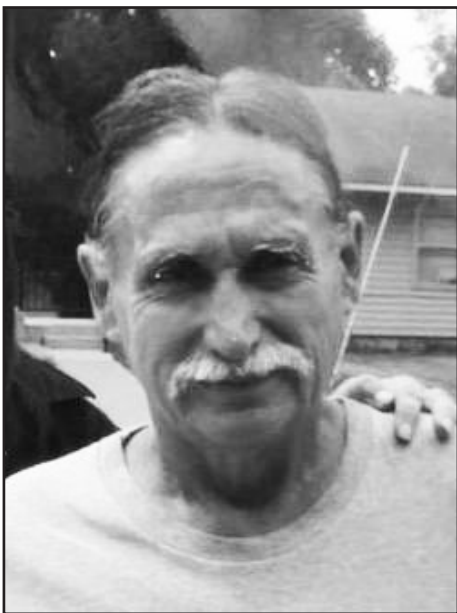
She is survived by her children, Keith Wayne, Gloria and Jason. She was a grandmother to Jose Jr., Jason Douglas, Ivette, Elisabeth, Samuel, Antonio, Alexandria and Janessa; and great grandmother to 17.

Patricia was a kind, loving person, always willing to help others. She will be dearly missed.

- Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Homes

Donald Dean

INDIO, CA - Donald Lawrence Dean, 83, died Sunday, March, 26, 2017. He was born on August 25, 1933. Donald was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Earl Chenault

TAMPA, FL - Earl Lavern "Saw-se-weh" Chenault, 70, of Tampa, FL passed away Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, FL. He was born December 6, 1946 in Richmond, VA the son of Earl Chenault and Etheleene J. (Thomas) Chenault.

Earl graduated from Topeka High School in 1964. He attended the University of Kansas and The University of Texas El Paso. He worked on oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico and later worked in building construction until he retired. Earl was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include 2 sisters, Venida Chenault of Lawrence, KS and LaVonne Goslin (Robert, Sr.) of Bayfield, WI; 2 brothers, Bruce Chenault of Lawrence, KS and John LeClair of Mayetta, KS. He will be missed by his Tampa family.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Duane Chenault, and a sister, Nadine Milne.

A Graveside Service will be held 10:00 am Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at the Danceground Cemetery in Mayetta, KS. Family will greet friends from 6:00-8:00 pm Tuesday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Memorials may be made to the Mercer Funeral Home in memory of Earl Chenault to help the family with funeral expenses, c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

- Mercer Funeral Home



Shaun LaBranch

PARKVILLE, MO - Shaun A. LaBranch, “Chief”, age 57, of Parkville, MO., passed away March 13, 2017 at his home.

Visitation held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, with the funeral at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 16 at the Alden-Harrington Funeral Home in Bonner Springs, KS. Burial to follow at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 16 at the Dance Grounds Cemetery, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation in Mayetta, KS.

Shaun was born July 19, 1959, and grew up in Topeka, KS. He graduated from high school early so that he could serve in the United States Marine Corp, proudly serving from 1976 to 1982. He was very proud to be a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Indian Tribe. Above all he loved his family and spending time with them.

He married Linda Gabaurer on February 14, 1997.

He was preceded in death by his son Daniel LaBranch in 2009.

Shaun is survived by his wife of 20 years Linda, and son Bryan LaBranch; both of the home. Five daughters; Brandy Moody (Keith) of Leawood, KS, Shauna LaBranch, Amber LaBranch, Melissa Johnson (Jeff) of Garden City, Idaho and Stephanie LaBranch. His parents Melvene and Howard Oliver of Topeka, KS. Five sisters Leah Zakar (John) of Valdosta, GA, Audrey Oliver, Debbie Oliver-Johnson, Tina Oliver, and Nancy Henry (Roger) all of Topeka, KS. As well as many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Military honors will be presented at the gravesite by We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410.

- Alden-Harrington Funeral Home



Ada Levier

MAYETTA, KS - Ada Marie “Meeks-sah-quah” Levier, 89, of Mayetta, KS passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at her home on the Potawatomi Reservation. She was born June 21, 1927 in Mayetta, KS, the daughter of Oscar and Mary (Mahkuk) Levier.

Ada attended Haskell Institute. She had worked various places in the housekeeping and linen department, including the State Hospital in Topeka. Ada was a homemaker, taking care of her 3 sons.

She was baptized at a young age as Catholic and later joined the Native American Church. Ada was also a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard J. Fogg, of the home; 2 sons, Gary Buskirk of Rossville, KS and Mike O'Dell of Montana and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ada was preceded in death by a son, Edgar Lee Levier on February 25, 2016; a sister, Phidelia Levier and a brother, Tucker Levier.

Native American Services will be Sunday evening, April 9, 2017 at Nozhackum Hall west of Mayetta. Burial will be Monday afternoon, April 10, 2017 in Mahkuk Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

- Mercer Funeral Home

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Joe Wahweotten

MAYETTA, KS - Joseph “Joe” Eugene “Pok-to” Wahweotten, 55, of Mayetta, KS passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in Mayetta. He was born February 28, 1962 in Holton, KS the son of Vernon L. and Rosemary (Masquat) Wahweotten.

Joe graduated from Royal Valley High School in 1980. He worked for many years installing dry wall for Gary Heath Drywall in Lawrence. Joe had worked the last few years for Nelson Liquor Store in Mayetta. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Joe married Mary Jo Albright, they divorced. He married Karen M. Wilks, they divorced.

Survivors include his father, Vernon Wahweotten of Holton, KS; 3 children, Virginia “Ginny” Wahweotten of Ottawa, KS, Matthew Eugene Wahweotten of Ottawa, KS and Shelby Lynn Wahweotten of Lawrence, KS; 3 step-children, Joshua Ryan Wilks of Lawrence, KS, Jessica Renee Haskell of Lawrence, KS and Kristin Nicole Haskell of Mayetta, KS; 4 sisters, Verna Wahweotten of Holton, KS, Barbara Evans of Mayetta, KS, Lisa Wahweotten of Topeka, KS and Denise Wahweotten of Kansas City, MO; a brother, Alan Wahweotten of Mayetta, KS and 7 grandchildren.

Viewing and visitation will be from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2017 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

- Mercer Funeral Home



Juell Hartman

WICHITA, KS - Juell G. Hartman, 86, died Tuesday May 9, 2017 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita, KS.. She was born May 23, 1930 in Wichita, Kansas to Charles and Lavinia (Harris) Dixon. She was married to Clyde Hartman and he preceded her in death.

She retired from the pharmacy at Newton Medical Center.

Juell was a longtime active member of the Trinity Heights United Methodist Church. Oil painting was a passion for Juell. She enjoyed sharing her talent teaching many people the joy of oil painting through the years. When the weather cooperated she could be found on the golf course with her lady friends. She also enjoyed bowling and tending the flowers in her yard. Juell was known for caring for many peoples pets when they travelled as a pet nanny. She also had her own precious cat that recently passed after many years of loving Juell. With all the activities Juell participated in her greatest joy was that of a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many.

Her memory will be carried on by her three children, Karan (Curt) Baucum of Lawrence, KS; Diana (Don) Peterson of Wichita, KS; and Kent (Annette) Hartman of Newton, KS. She is also survived by her 4 grandchildren: Emily, Titus, Casey and Travis and 2 great grandchildren Tatum and Tanner.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, twin sister June Dean and brother Jean Dixon.

Memorial service will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church with Pastor Donna VotEAU presiding. Burial will be at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery Newton.

Memorials in Juell's name are suggested to Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in care of Petersen Funeral Home.

- Petersen Family Funeral Home



Donald Fleeman

YUCCA VALLEY, CA - In loving memory of our beloved Donald Lee Fleeman, 77, who passed away Wednesday, May 10th, at his home in Yucca Valley, California. Don, born September 27th, 1939 in Oakland, California, was the son of Clyde and Lena Lundin Fleeman.

He grew up in Topeka, Kansas graduating from Seaman High School in 1957, then went on to Emporia State University where he would earn his bachelor's degree in Music Education in 1961, a Master's degree in Music in 1965, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity. Additionally, he was a proud member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Joe Lolli.

He is survived by his partner of 36 years, Richard Buchanan, his daughter Marie (Rob) VanHook, Sisters, Wanda (Jim) Treinen, Linda (Joe deceased) Lolli, Grandchildren Darren (Kaydee) Zelgewicz and David Zelgewicz (April Walmer), great grandson Matthew, nephews Craig (Ann) Treinen, Sam Treinen, Ryan (Kelly) Lolli. Nieces Angela (George) Johnson, Tracy (Shawn) Martin, Dacia (Tom) Henshaw, seven great nephews, five great nieces, and three loved fur babies.

Celebration of Life will be June 3rd, 10:00am at the Potawatomi United Methodist Church, 14413 0 Road, Mayetta, KS. Burial will take place at Mayetta Cementary following the service. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Potawatomi United Methodist Church.

- Topeka Capital Journal



Walter Delge, Jr.

TOPEKA, KS - Walter B. Delge, Jr., 69, Topeka, died Thursday, May 11, 2017, at Midland Hospice House, Topeka. He was born May 27, 1947, in Topeka, the son of Walter B. Delge, Sr. and Lucille (Mahkuk) Delge.

Junior graduated from Lecompton High School and attended Haskell Institute Vocational Department. He was a Union Laborer. He liked socializing, hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. His family was very special to him. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and his was a familiar face at Native American functions and powwows.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; a sister: Ilona Delgadillo; and a brother: Mike Delge.

Surviving are his siblings: Betty Rice of Mayetta, Margaret Mahkuk of Mayetta, Pat Mahkuk of Topeka, Eileen Delge of Lecompton, Denny Delgadillo of Mayetta, Ione Childers of Perry, Marilyn Delgadillo of Lecompton, Yvonne Tunstall of Lecompton, and Renee Merritt of Lecompton.

Walter will lie in state from 3:00 to 8:00 PM, Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence Avenue, Topeka where the family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Cremation will follow with private interment of cremains in Maple Grove Cemetery, Lecompton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Walter B. Delge, Jr. Memorial Fund, 619 Whitfield, Lot 5-B, Lecompton, KS 66050.

- Penwell Gabel Topeka

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Mildred Ward

ROSSVILLE - Mildred G. Ward, 90, formerly of Wichita, died Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the Rossville Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born September 13, 1926 the daughter of Louis and Katherine Pierson Kishko.

Mildred worked as an administrative assistant for the State of Kansas Welfare Department for many years.

She married Steve Ward, Jr. on September 4, 1959 in Falls City, Nebraska. They were divorced.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father, two brothers, Wendell Kishko and Wayne Kishko, and a half-brother, Philip Niles.

Survivors include ten nieces and nephews and one great niece, Hope Niles.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 5th at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on the Potawatomi Reservation at Mayetta. Burial will follow in the Shipshee Cemetery. There will be a visitation from 9:30 until 10:30 Monday at Sr. Therese Klepac Memorial Hall at the church.

- Chapel Oaks Funeral Home

Lenora Hotema

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA - Lenora Ann Hotema, 76, died Tuesday, May 30, 2017. She was born on July 9, 1940. Lenora was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Gerald Lewis

MAYETTA, KS - Gerald Francis "Puknina" Lewis, 79, of Mayetta, KS passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Osage City Nursing Care Home. He was born July 21, 1937 in Mayetta, KS the son of Frank and Martha (McKinney) Lewis.

Jerry graduated from Manhattan High School. He worked for A-1 Auto Parts in Manhattan for 19 years and for Santa Fe Railroad for over 20 years as a track welder.

Jerry was a member of Native American Church and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He was an avid stock car racer, known as "Ugh".

He married Vernona "Vernie" L. Knoxsah on March 15, 1972 in Ogden, KS. She survives of the home. Other survivors include his children, Sherry Lewis of Topeka, KS, Sharlene Lopez of Topeka, KS, Terry Hernandez (Raphael) of Minco, OK, Anna Mahkuk of Topeka, KS, Linda Mahkuk (Travis Egbert) of Belleview, KS, Rebecca DeVore of Topeka, KS, Robert Lewis of Mayetta, KS and Melvin Lewis (Tiffany) of Robinson, KS; 2 sisters, Delphine Knoxsah of Topeka, KS and Gale Aitkens of Horton, KS; 4 brothers, Jeff Lewis of Virginia, Roger Lewis of Mayetta, KS, Lyman Shipshee of Mayetta, KS and Kevin Aitkens of Mayetta, KS; many grandchildren and great-grand children.

Jerry was preceded in death by his son, Tony Mahkuk in 2004 and 2 brothers, Joe Lewis and Melvin Lewis.

Native American Services will be Thursday evening, June 1, 2017 at Gerald Lewis' home on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be at sun-up Friday morning, June 2, 2017 in the Danceground Cemetery. Jerry will lie in state at the Mercer Funeral Home beginning Wednesday afternoon until 3:00 p.m. Thursday.

To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.
- Mercer Funeral Homes

Information

PBPN Pharmacy Refill Requirement

Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Pharmacy has a new requirement for obtaining refills. We need more time! Continue to contact the Pharmacy as you have in the past but please allow us a minimum of 48 hours so we can obtain authorizations and process the filling of your medications.

Another current issue at the Pharmacy is a large number of medication

shortages recently requiring us to change manufacture sources, which many times causes a color/ shape/ or imprint change with your tablets or capsules. We will attempt to inform you of any changes. Please remember that the yellow part of your prescription label has the proper description of what your tablets or capsules should look like. If you ever question any changes to your medications, call your pharmacy immediately.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday - July 15, 2017
At the Old Bingo Hall

Registration begins at 8 a.m.
Light Breakfast 9-9:30 a.m.
Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

PBPN TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 AND OVER ONLY.
NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS ALLOWED IN THE MEETING.

Human Resources Taking Applications Online

Human Resources is excited to announce a new initiative that improves the electronic handling of all of the tribe's recruitment needs. Applicant-Pro, the new online applicant tracking system, is now live!

The primary objectives for this new system are:

- Deliver a system that offers a user friendly interface for both applicants and hiring managers
- Streamline the recruitment process
- Reduce the amount of manual entry
- Improve reporting accuracy by having data housed in one system

The PBPN Human Resources office has begun transitioning, and will fully transition by 6/30/17, after which paper applications will no longer be accepted. Check out the new system today by visiting, www.pbpindiantribe.com and clicking on "Careers."

24-Hour TVS Hotline

1-866-966-0173

24-Hour National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233



Community

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank You to Zach Wamego, Colton and Lance Wahquahboshkuk for donating more! mushrooms to the Elders and Thank You to Aaron, Lisa and Oliver Aitkens for donating milkweeds!
- Maggie 'Saga' Fairman | Elders Center Head Cook

Congratulations & Thank You for all that you do at our casino!

5 YEAR Anniversary!!
Jacob 'Tabosh' Kent | Slots
Martie Mitchell | Nation Station
Aaron Olney | I.T.
Cheyenne Valdez | Housekeeping

10 YEAR Anniversary!!
Paula Hopkins | Steak House
Lacey Renoso | Slots
George Nocktonick | Buffet

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Cecelia 'Miami' Mitchell turned 3 years old on May 5th!
Love, Mom & Dad



Estelle 'Kinikwe' Mitchell turned 1 year old on April 26th!
Love, Mom & Dad



Happy Birthday Miss Loretta!
2 years on July 8th
Love,
Mom, Dad & Gideon



Keirsten,
Happy 10th Anniversary!
Looking forward to
many more years of loving you!!
Love,
Gubba

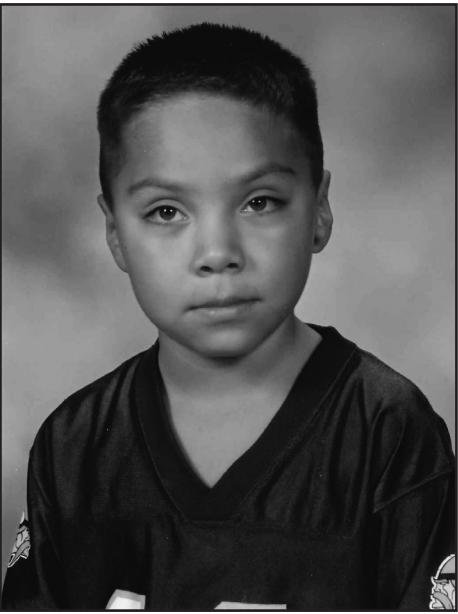
WHOLESALE FIREWORKS



:: HAPPY 30TH DANIEL ::
LOVE, MOM



:: HAPPY 40TH GABRIEL ::
LOVE, MOM



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Happy Birthday Young Man!
May God continue to bless you.
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Love,
Mom



Mno Dbeshkan | Happy Birthday!
Holly Blaine - 3/5
Eleanor Banks - 3/5
Ethan-Doc Banks - 3/12
Tatyum Banks - 5/13

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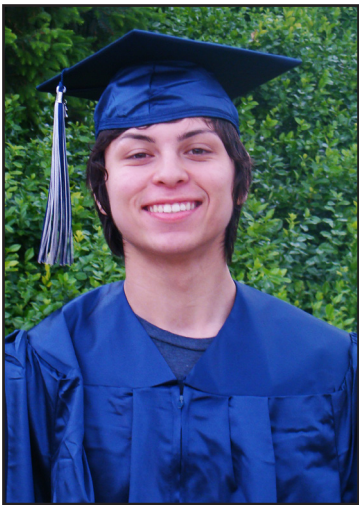
Congratulations Graduates!



Josie Matsapto
Royal Valley High School
Daughter of Kristina & Joseph Matsapto,
Sister to Kamryn Matsapto
Granddaughter of the late Frank Matsapto and Rita Wabaunsee

Attending Washburn University to study Pre-Dentistry this fall.

Congratulations Josie!!
We are proud of YOU!!



Triton V. Hill
Royal Valley High School and Washburn
Institute of Technology:
Graphic Design



Samantha Rupnick
Royal Valley High School
Daughter of Zeke & LeAnne Rupnick



Kenneth Aitkens
Royal Valley High School
Son of Maggie 'Saga' Fairman and Josh Aitkens



Jason "SogNosh" Serna
Royal Valley High School
Son of Season Dominguez

Entering the United States Marine Corps Reserves while attending Allen County Community College for prerequisites.



Christina New Holy
Fort Lewis, Durango, CO
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

We are very proud of you!
Vivian, Candace, Jr, Richard & Jamie



NomKiWash Potts
Royal Valley High School
Son of Rebekah Jones & Sam Potts



Alek Mitchell & Amiya Patterson
Royal Valley Middle School
Son of Tina Levier & Sam Mitchell

Daughter of Maria Patterson



Jenna Murphy
Castle High School
Newburgh, Indiana
Daughter of Wendy (Delg) & Steven Murphy

Attending Kelley School of Business
Indiana University



Katie Quintana
Seaman High School
Topeka, Kansas
Daughter of Sandra & Dion Quintana



Isabella New Holy
Red Cloud High School
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Gates Millenium Scholar Program 2016
Currently Attending the University of Kansas

We are very proud of you!
Vivian, Candace, Jr, Richard & Jamie



Cheri-Micol Dean, Lara Waits, Michelle Simon & Thunderchild Thomas

Friends University | Wichita, Kansas
Master of Business Administration with Specialized Emphasis



Congratulations **Ayákwkáha** and **Kechihókímáha** on your graduation from 8th grade!
We are so proud of all of your hard work and accomplishments over the past 4 years, both academic and athletic!
We have watched you both grow into such amazing individuals and we look forward to watching you grow over the next 4 years.

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
Love, Your Family



Timothy Chandler & Kimberly Brown

Highland Community College
Dean's List



Arizona "Kwis No Que" Thomas
Class of 2017
Colorado Christian University
School of Music &
Happy Birthday August 16th!!
&
Wishing you and Isaac much happiness on your upcoming wedding!

Love,
Grandma & Misho & Family