



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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

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“Where the Prairie Band Language Lives”



The PBPB Tribal Council, Language and Culture staff, Jacob Wamego, Prairie Band, LLC President and Bill Browning, H2B Architect, Inc. Designer were joined by children from the PBPB Boys & Girls Club, the Early Childhood Education Center and the community at large to celebrate the official groundbreaking of the Language and Cultural Learning Center held on June 28, 2017.

An official groundbreaking ceremony occurred on June 28, 2017, as the next step in the process of making the Prairie Band Language and Cultural Learning Center a reality. The local community showed a surge of support for the project with nearly 100 members from old to young in attendance on the warm sunny day, taking part in tribal history.

A full Tribal Council attended the event along with the Language and Culture staff, the majority donning their ribbon dresses and shirts to mark the special occasion. Other prominent guests in attendance included Jacob Wamego, Prairie Band LLC President and CEO, along with Bill Browning, of H2B Architects, Inc.

The groundwork for the 2,300 square foot Language and Cultural Learning Center began a couple weeks in advance of the official groundbreaking. Prairie Band Construction, a subsidiary of Prairie Band LLC, won the bid for the project and began work immediately. This is the first new construction project for the Nation that PB, LLC has been able to assist.

H2B Architects, Inc. based in Kansas City, Missouri provided their design expertise for the architecture of the facility. H2B has prior experience

working with the Nation including designing the Longhouse Buffet and other elements on the floor of Prairie Band Casino and Resort.

“This project shows the Nation’s commitment to the preservation of our language and our culture.”

Kristen Wamego | PBPB General Manager

The overall tone of the building is natural. To bring this flavor to the forefront, the building is a forest green shade with complementary wood and stone elements, including cedar shake siding. Along the west side of the building is a wooden pergola reaching out over a landing to create an outdoor learning space. The new building is the perfect complement to the existing Language Immersion House and the surrounding environment. The new Center’s design is also cohesive with current existing structures on the Reservation.

Due to the favorable weather this summer, construction has moved along

quickly. The majority of the exterior work is complete and the focus is now on the interior. Completion of the new center, known as “Mshkoteni Sheshmowewegmek – Where the Prairie Band Language Lives,” is slated for late winter 2017. (See photo below for correct spelling of Potawatomi words.)



Language and Culture Department director, Dawn “Sogi” LeClere displays the Prairie Band Language and Cultural Learning Center art board at the official groundbreaking. LeClere has been instrumental in every step of this project. She is wearing traditional Potawatomi clothing.

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Chairwoman Liana Onnen: Message to the Nation



Bosho Nikanek! I hope this message finds you & your family in good health & spirits. As the seasons change from summer to autumn we are busy finalizing budgets for our Tribal government, Gaming Commission, and the Casino. These budgets will see the Nation through 2018. Casino revenues continue to run flat with increased gaming competition in Kansas, so we continue to work diligently to balance the budget with the obligations the Nation has to meet.

The past quarter found me working hard in my role as Ex-Officio for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation (PBPEC) Board of Directors & focusing on finalizing expansion plans for the casino. It has been ten years since our last major upgrade/expansion at the casino and the board has been working on a long-term plan to bring the “Resort” piece to life at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort. Along with that is a plan to upgrade the interior, build a parking garage, expand the pool area, and addition of a spa - for a full run-down of the expansion stay tuned. The Board will be doing what they can to make expansion plans available to the general membership via the website, tribal members’ website and at least one town hall prior to October General Council Meeting when the board will seek General Council approval for funding the expansion project.

While maintaining a focus on our gaming enterprise, I have also continued my work for and participation with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) representing not only Prairie Band Potawatomi’s interests on a National level, but also

the interest of all Indian Country. In June, I traveled to Uncasville, CT for NCAI’s Mid-year conference. Shortly before the Conference was set to begin, a hearing with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCAI) was called to take place at the same time as the Conference on the reauthorization of the Native American Housing & Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). I was asked to testify on behalf of NCAI on this topic because of my experience as Director of Housing for PBP. To accomplish attendance at the Conference, I took a day trip to DC while at the Conference to Testify.

Upon my return to the Conference, I served as the Tribal Leader Responder at the NCAI Policy Research Center’s Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. The forum focused on tribal data collection and information. I learned a great deal from the presenters who ranged from tax-experts to Nation tribal data specialists, but the most impressive lesson is data is vital to tribes and tribal leaders when it comes to making decisions that have sovereignty implications and long lasting effects on our tribal people. It was my honor to sit with such distinguished scholars at the Conference’s main forum.

I also continue to work as the at-large representative for the National Institutes of Health Tribal Advisory Committee. We continue to build a platform of advocacy for meaningful and respectful medical research in American Indians/Alaska Native communities. We also continue to advocate for data sovereignty (rights to research data of and from our own communities/citizens) as well as education on research protocols and tribal education on research review boards that can review research projects to ensure projects respect Native American culture and the uniqueness of each of the 567 tribes. Some may not find it the most exciting or interesting topic but I have found a passion for this work and advocating for tribal citizens at the table to ensure the needs of our tribal communities are not only met by tribal communities but are also set by those same communities. It is a true exercise of sovereignty and self-determination. I will attend the second in-person meeting for the TAC this September and will serve in my new role as Co-Chair to the TAC.

Here at home, I was able to participate in the groundbreaking on the new Language and Culture Center located near the existing Language Immersion House. The groundbreaking was held on a lovely summer morning and the children from the Boys and Girls Club and Child Care Center were present. Lyman Shipshee shared good words on

that day. One of the children asked Lyman, “Why are we here? What is this for?” Lyman answered that the building was for them and we were there for them, because they are our future. I want to take a moment and thank the Language Program’s staff and students for all of the work they do to maintain our language, culture and traditions. Igwien.

I also attended the Kansas Tribal Health Summit held here on the reservation at the casino. It was a great event and I was honored to be asked to present as the keynote speaker on how we address healthcare through sovereignty. Also presenting was Alan Kelly, Vice-Chair of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. This was the first time I attended the summit but it will not be my last! I enjoyed the comradery of a conference with local and regional folks. I learned a lot about how I (and all of you) can eat smarter and healthier and become more active. I am implementing some of those ideas and am looking forward to next year’s summit.

Finally, I continue to serve on the Go Topeka Board and will be participating as a spokesperson for Topeka’s Momentum 2022 Capital Campaign. Topeka is home to many tribal members. It is our nearest and largest urban center and it is the Capital. Most of our casino market comes from Topeka and many times our employees are from the city as well. Improving the quality of life in Topeka through Economic Development will not only benefit our tribal members who reside in the city, but also potentially for tribal members everywhere. If Topeka is a thriving city, its citizen’s benefit, its businesses benefit and it stands to reason we, too, benefit. If we can find ways to partner and be a part of that change, it is a win for all of our communities through successful economic growth and partnership.

In the coming months, we will finalize budgets, I will be traveling to the DC area to meet with Congressman Jenkins and Senator Moran and attend the Fall NIH-TAC meeting. I will travel to Milwaukee for the NCAI Annual Convention and return in time for our October General Council meeting. I will also continue to work to represent us, protect our interests and advocate for tribal rights and sovereignty.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Tribal Council Chairwoman.

Liana Onnen
Tribal Chairwoman

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**Deadline for
Winter 2017:**



November 3, 2017

Prairie Band Pulse

Here are a few key measures of the PBP:

- **Enrolled Tribal Members: 4,632**
- **Full Blooded Enrolled Tribal Members: 48**
- **Fluent Potawatomi Speakers: 1**
- **Reservation Land Ownership: 42%**
The PBP owns 42% of the land within the 11 by 11 square mile boundary
- **Buffalo Stock: 250 Heads**
- **PBP Employees: 300**

Gaming Commission Election



Incumbent Dorothy Kiyukan taking the oath of office for Gaming Commissioner #1.

A Swearing In Ceremony was held for the newly elected Gaming Commissioners on Thursday, August 24, 2017. Dorothy Kiyukan took the oath of office for Gaming Commissioner #1 and Joe Mitchell was sworn in for Gaming Commissioner #2. Tribal Council Chairwoman Liana Onnen officiated the event, held at the Old Bingo Hall.

This is Kiyukan's first election win as a Gaming Commissioner. She was previously appointed by Tribal Council to fill the remainder of the term left by the passing of former Gaming Commissioner Gary Mitchell. Kiyukan narrowly won this election by a spread of 9 votes. Her opponent Lisa Wamego received 353 votes to Kiyukan's 362 votes.

This is Mitchell's first time to hold an elected posi-



Joe Mitchell is sworn into office for the position of Gaming Commissioner #2.

tion with the Nation. Mitchell received 387 votes during the run off election, surpassing incumbent Larry Mzhickteno, who received 324 votes.

After reciting the oath of office, both Kiyukan and Mitchell addressed the crowd. Each thanked the community and their supporters. Mitchell spoke humbly on his experience of living on the reservation prior to the establishment of gaming. He looks forward to this opportunity to serve and contribute to the on-going growth of the Nation.

Kiyukan reflected on her election experience and ended by inviting the community to a Potluck Social. To conclude the ceremony, attendees formed a line to personally extend their congratulations and well wishes to the new commissioners.

Casino Expansion Proposal Revealed

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board of Directors (BOD) has been working on a proposal to expand Prairie Band Casino and Resort (PBCR). Over the course of a year, the BOD worked with industry experts to perform a thorough regional market analysis to substantiate what amenities will drive visits and improve the guest experience at PBCR.

“We are excited about the initial results and are looking forward to sharing the future vision of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort with the General Tribal Membership,” Frank Tecumseh, BOD Chairman.

The BOD will formally present the expansion proposal at the General Council Meeting slated for Saturday, October 21, 2017. Along with BOD members and casino management, Thalden Boyd Emery Architects and I-5 Designs will be present to assist and answer questions on the presentation.

Prior to the formal proposal, adult tribal members 18 and over had the opportunity to attend an informational meeting on Saturday, September 30, 2017. This article is another opportunity to review the details prior to the meeting.

The proposed expansion is impressive. It is three phases divided into multiple stages over a 10-year period.

Phase 1A includes the addition of an indoor/outdoor pool, a spa, an additional tower of 80 hotel rooms similar to the Garden Tower rooms, a new loop road for the property and resurfacing the parking lot. Phase 1B consists of creating a new Back of House and expanding the Buffalo Grill. Phase 1C entails a new 500-space multi-level parking garage and improved access from the RV Park to the main facility.

The second Phase of the proposal will see the creation of a new 2,000-seat convention center with new break out meeting rooms. Phase 2B is the conversion of the old events center into gaming space and the addition of a new 200-seat restaurant.

The third Phase consists of the transformation of the hotel entrance sitting area into a lounge/social bar and the final Phase 3B will remove the current bar located on the gaming floor and allow for the expansion of the Longhouse Buffet.

There are also planned enhancements for the bridge at Highway 75 and 150th Road, and lighting for the corridor leading to the resort.

3rd Quarter General Council Meeting Saturday - 10.21.17 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.**

Charitable Contribution 2nd Quarter Recipient List

Total Donated \$75,400

American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance	Kansas Children's Service League	St. Mary Food Pantry
Arthritis Foundation	KANZA Mental Health Foundation	TARC, Inc.
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	Topeka Eagles Composite Squadron
East Central Economic Opportunity	Mayetta Pioneer Days Association	United Way of Greater Topeka
Gage Park Memorial	Meals on Wheels	Washburn University Foundation
Heart of Jackson Humane Society	Royal Valley Recreation Association	YWCA Northeast Foundation
Junior Achievement of Kansas	Shawnee County Allied Tribes	
	Sole Reason Foundation	

Dynamic Design

Consultation with I-5 Design revealed the dynamics of casino design is evolving. Long held industry wisdom prescribed a linear aesthetic for machine layout, which resulted in gaming floors feeling like mazes. The Prairie Band Casino & Resort has maintained this type of atmosphere since inception. Research now shows guests appreciate a space with flow. Guests prefer a fun, intimate atmosphere and I-5 Design can assist PBCR in evolving into the new modern design.

I-5 Design is a Seattle based design firm with extensive experience in Indian Country. The firm has worked with over 80 tribes creating unique, high-impact designs for each. The design idea for PBCR is no different. I-5 has created a new, unique design stemming from the Prairie Band's identity with fire, which will refresh the resort to provide a stronger presence in the competitive market.

Without implementing any major structural changes to the casino floor, I-5 has supplied a plan to transform it. By incorporating a layered façade, the use of chandeliers, additional lighting and other overhead elements,

finishes and trims the gaming floor will morph into a new and interesting experience.

Different from other companies, I-5 is a one-stop shop with access to designers, architects, manufacturing and construction. All of the necessary design elements are created off-site to the specifications of the property. This control of the design elements increases the quality of products and insures expedient timeframes because everything is pre-made prior to arrival. This also eliminates the bulk of disruption and upheaval consistent with previous upgrades. In fact, the company turns the process into a performance. Guests enjoy seeing the property transform before their eyes.

I-5 Design will attend the General Council Meeting on October 21, 2017 when the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board of Directors (BOD) formally presents the casino expansion proposal. To view other projects that I-5 designed please visit www.i5design.com.

Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie: Message to the Nation



Good day to everyone, time has flown by since my last article! Since that time, I have been working on several projects ranging from re-establishing our Financial Literacy and Will & Estate Planning Workshops to working with our investment manager to establish lines of credit to enhance our ability to finance economic development projects. In addition to specific projects, Tribal Council, General Council, Tax Commission and Budget Meetings consume a great deal of my time as Treasurer when it comes to preparing for, attending and following up on action taken at the meetings. There is never a shortage of things to do as Treasurer which keeps me on the go week in and week out. I have also had the opportunity to work with a few Tribal Members individually and assist them with resolving their financial issues with the Tribe, which is one of the most rewarding experiences of being Treasurer. In the following paragraphs, I will

talk briefly about the major highlights over the past few months as well as talk on the specific topic of Kansas Sales Tax.

Financial Literacy Workshop

Shortly after my last article we held our first Financial Literacy workshop since I took office in April. Jason Fuller from Providence First Trust Company (PFTC) held a class for the Summer Youth Workers at our Boys and Girls Club on July 15th, the topic for the workshop was “Debt and Major Purchases”. The workshop was attended by 23 youth workers and was a good gauge for future workshops to be held here in the upcoming months. In addition to PFTC’s presentation I would like to thank our Boys & Girls Club, Education Department and Administrative staff for assisting with the workshop. My hopes are to ultimately make our financial resources more available to our youth as well as to our adults, this will be something I’ll be working on throughout the remainder of my term. Right now our financial literacy is confined to workshops and presentations with the hope of financial resources becoming more personalized and readily available for when our Tribal Members need these resources. One example would be if you have questions on “Leasing vs Buying” then you would have a resource available to run your ideas by and assist in making the best decision for your particular situation. It will take some time to establish these resources but will be to your advantage once available.

Will & Estate Planning Workshop

We also held our first Will & Estate Planning informational meeting on July 20, from which about 25 Tribal Members scheduled appointments to attend the Will & Estate Workshop held at the Old Bingo Hall on August 31. At the workshop on August 31st attorneys from Kansas Legal Services (KLS) assisted Tribal Members in drafting official estate documents including Wills and Power of Attorney

documents. In addition to drafting new documents, existing documents can also be updated by the KLS attorneys. The workshops are of no charge for Tribal Members and their spouses and there are no age restrictions for the workshops. Initially, I had hoped to hold another workshop later this year but due to weather concerns and scheduling conflicts, we will likely be looking at late February/early March 2018. In addition to KLS’s assistance I would like to also thank the BIA Horton Agency, Elder Center and Administrative staff that helped to put on the workshop.

FY2018 Budgets

Our FY2018 Budget process continues to move forward as our Tribal Programs have now submitted their initial budget proposals to the Budget Committee (Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Assistant GMs & Financial Performance Analyst) as of August 11th. Additionally each of the Tribal Programs met with the Budget Committee the week of August 28th to discuss the budget proposals which includes their annual departmental operating budgets along with capital project requests, travel requests and additional employee requests. The Tribal Programs will also have the opportunity to discuss their budget proposals with the Tribal Council the week of September 25th. The Gaming Commission has completed their budget by their annual deadline of August 15th and the Casino is scheduled to present their budget to the Tribal Council on September 29th. From there the Tribal Council will meet with the Budget Committee the first week of October to make final edits to the Tribal Program Budgets. All budgets; including the Tribal Programs, Gaming Commission and Casino, will be officially approved by Tribal Council in mid-October. A budget review meeting will be held in early December for the General Council to review the annual operating budget in compliance with our Constitution.



Above left: Jason Fuller of Providence First Trust Company, hands Stella Rector a gift card for answering a financial literacy question correctly.

Above right: Summer Youth workers listen intently during the financial literacy course provided in the Boys & Girls Club library.

At left: The financial literacy course attendees gather together. The students received a booklet of financial information, were fed pizza and received a hoodie for attending.

Treasurer’s Message Continued

Margin Loans

In July, Tribal Council approved the opening of two Margin Loans, which are basically lines of credit that can be borrowed against utilizing our Main Long Term and Tax Commission Investment Portfolios as collateral to guarantee any outstanding balances drawn on the lines of credit. The Margin Loans were established as an option to finance future economic development projects such as Casino Expansions, Prairie Band LLC projects, construction projects, etc. The only cost associated with utilizing the Margin Loans are the monthly interest charges on the outstanding balances. The interest rate on the Margin Loans is calculated as 1.25% plus the 30 day LIBOR rate (currently about 1.00%), the current interest rate would be approximately 2.25%. Pros for the Margin Loan include reduced paperwork over a conventional loan, the funds are available to be accessed at any time so no delays in project startup and our investments remain intact earning at higher rates than the interest rate on the outstanding balance. The Cons to the Margin Loan are it is a loan requiring repayment plus interest and if not properly monitored could be over extended, the second item is monitored by the investment manager to prevent this from occurring. Currently there are no outstanding balances on either of the Margin Loans.

Casino Expansion

Our Casino Board of Directors have been diligently working on plans to expand in order to re-invest in our gaming operation here on the Reservation. Some initial information has been provided at recent General Council meetings as well as presented to Tribal Council in recent weeks. We continue to review the information as this is a major decision for our Tribe and its future financially to say the least. I think we all agree that

we need to re-invest in the property but the question is what to do and how much to invest. Without re-investment in the property we see our Tribal Cash Distributions continually decline which results in fewer dollars for our Tribal Programs as well as our Per Capita distributions. The Casino Board of Directors have been looking at what they determine to be the best options which is what will be presented to the General Council in our upcoming General Council meetings.

Prairie Band LLC Dividends

For the Prairie Band LLC the Tribal Council has voted to defer the Year 6 (2016) and Year 7 (2017) dividends for re-investment back into the operation. This was due in part to the delay in the final two 1 million dollar investments that were transferred to the Prairie Band LLC earlier this year as well as to help assist the Prairie Band LLC as it expands its operations beyond its existing subsidiaries. Tribal Council has been very supportive of the Prairie Band LLC and looks forward to continuing to help in any way possible to assist the operation to grow as it is still in its early years of operation. In addition to the deferral of the dividends the Tribe continues to utilize the Prairie Band LLC subsidiaries as often as possible which ultimately keeps our money within the Tribe and provides economic opportunities and services for our Tribal Members.

Sales Tax Exemption

In my previous article I had mentioned writing about specific topics in future articles. For this quarter’s article I have selected State Sales Tax (Kansas) and how it applies to our Tribal Members living here on the Reservation. Under Kansas Revenue Ruling 19-2002-1 items that are delivered to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Members are exempt from Kansas Sales Tax.

This applies to just about everything from building supplies to utilities, but does not include vehicles purchased from Kansas dealerships (vehicles bought from individuals and out of state dealerships are Kansas Sales Tax Exempt). So for example, if you as a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Member buy some lumber from a local home improvement store in Topeka and it is delivered to your home on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation then the lumber is Kansas Sales Tax Exempt. If you choose to go to the home improvement store in Topeka and pick up the lumber at the store location then you are subject to Kansas Sales Tax, the same as any other customer. The catch is items delivered to the Reservation are often times assessed with a delivery fee. Then you must determine if it is cost effective to pay the delivery fee or to pay the Kansas Sales Tax and pick up the items. To take advantage of the Kansas Sales Tax Exemption, most retailers will require you to complete Kansas Department of Revenue Form ST-28 as well as provide proof of your residence on the Reservation as well as your proof of Tribal Enrollment.

If you have any questions on any of the topics mentioned in this article or financial questions in general about the Tribe’s operations my contact information is listed below. You can always stop by my office or set up a meeting. If you have any specific financial topics that you would like me to write about in future articles let me know. I can incorporate those topics. 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)

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Employee Recognition



Above: Amber Walker, Payroll, Employee of the Quarter - 3rd Qtr. 2016

Top Center: Michael Carpenter, Lead Pharmacist, Employee of the Quarter - 4th Qtr. 2016

Top Right: Thedi Uhl, Lead Cook, Early Childhood Education Center, Employee of the Year - 2016

Right: Natalie McClane, Education Specialist, ECEC, Employee of the Quarter - 1st Qtr. 2017

Far Right: Maggie Adame-Wood, Early Headstart Teacher, ECEC, Employee of the Quarter - 2nd Qtr. 2017



2017 Potawatomi Gathering

Submitted by : Kristen Wamego

The 2017 Potawatomi Gathering was hosted by the Walpole Island First Nation in Walpole Island Canada. Each year PBPB hosts a bus for elders to attend The Gathering and 2017 was no different. Elders boarded the bus on Monday, July 31st to begin the fourteen-hour drive to Walpole Island. Accommodations are always made for our elders to stop and rest on such long drives, the first stop was at Isle Hotel Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa. Elders played games on the bus and enjoyed movies to pass the time as they journeyed north. Arriving in Sarnia, Ontario on Tuesday, August 1st the elders had an opportunity to rest for the evening before the start of the Gathering.

This year's gathering kicked off on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 with a lighting of the Sacred Fire and Sunrise Ceremony. Wednesday consisted of the Language and History Conference, Golf Tournament and Evening Drum Social. Prairie Band Language Department presented that afternoon.

Youth were able to attend a Youth Conference on

Thursday with several workshops including: Fire Teachings, Potawatomi Designs and Anishnaabe Lacrosse. Being held on the beach meant lots of swimming and canoeing. The weather was cooler and less humid than the Kansas heat PBPB's are accustomed too, but the kids still enjoyed the cool water.

Participants were afforded an opportunity to attend daily workshops, peruse the numerous vendors, or sit and visit family and friends. A wide range of workshops included: Moccasin Making, Drop-in Corn Making, Elders Chair Yoga, Birch Bark Canoe Naming, Tug-o-war, Storytelling, Drum Making and Woodland Painting. Pontoon rides were given and the lines were long for a cool ride on the water!

Evening Activities always included a meal and entertainment. Friday also saw PBPB Elders giving line dancing lessons. While this wasn't a scheduled activity, the crowd loved it. Friday night was Karaoke night and several Prairie Band Youth sang their hearts out!

Saturday was a day to enjoy the cool weather as the activities came to a close. The Gathering Pow Wow started at noon and participants danced the day and evening away.

The hospitality of our gathering hosts saw another evening meal to be enjoyed by all. Several Dance specials were held, hand drum contest and of course a new Miss Potawatomi was crowned. The evening ended with the passing of the Ashes and giveaway. While the host sponsored a large gathering, the PBPB Elders went thru the crowd handing out gifts from PBPB members.

The 2018 Gathering will be hosted by The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Gathering meetings are in full swing as our community comes together to plan the activities, workshops, meals and every detail. While Kansas weather is not as cooperative as the cool Canadian weather we enjoyed in 2017, the community looks forward to an eventful 2018 Gathering! Details will be forthcoming and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Photos & Reflections on the Walpole Island Gathering

I love to travel, but this trip was by far the most enjoyable. Thanks to the Tribal Administration for letting the Elders travel to these Gatherings. Thank you to the Trip Coordinator, Buffalo Crew and the EMTs for their patience with such a large group. They were always present to assist us with our luggage, chairs, keeping us hydrated and performing numerous errands. Now that it's our turn for 2018, let's get to work, as we all seen the enormous amount of cooperation and teamwork the Walpole Island put together. We have a lot to look up to after what they put together for 2017. – Mary



Thank you Laverne and Tribal Council for allowing us to go on the is most memorable trip. We had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people from Walpole Island and the other Bands. Seeing old friends and making new ones was great. The meals were outstanding, especially the Veterans Feast. Laverne took good care of our Elders, she has a great personality and makes us laugh. My husband and I are looking forward to attending our Gathering for 2018 and hope we can help!



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The corn makers were my favorite activity as they really made us feel welcome. I like the show and tell type of day they shared with us. The fresh cooked corn and homemade bread was delicious! I only wished I had taken a picture of the bread. They were knowledgeable and patient with us and answered all of our questions. They even sounded truly interested in coming to our Gathering next year. I hope they are invited to attend. I thought the Plant specialist was my second favorite activity. He was informative and well spoken. I only wish he had some salve so that we could see the product he described to us. They really enjoyed our line dancers. The dancers did a great job of filling in some down time and livening up the place. Hoppy would have been proud of his dancers as he indirectly had a part by teaching them and getting them involved with dancing and feeling confident enough to get in front of a crowd to do it. The Walpole Island was beautiful and picturesque. It was a Kodak moment filled place to have in the background of our many photographs. The people were friendly, knowledgeable, and they had a lot of good cooks. They did a superb job as hosts of this Gathering. However, it is my first to attend out of state and the only other one I attended was ours a few years ago and then it was a partial day for me. I had no idea so much planning, cost, and time went into these Gatherings. It is a monumental task. Kudos to all who are involved. Thank you LaVerne for taking the helm for the Seniors and for doing a superb job of it! - DeeDee Robinson



2017 Potawatomi Gathering: Elders Trip

Submitted by : Laverne Hale

The Walpole Island First Nation hosted the 2017 Potawatomi Gathering. In Walpole Island, Ontario Canada. We ended up with 37 Prairie Band Potawatomi elders riding the bus. We also had our six helpers traveling with us.

We had a happy, fun bunch of Elders riding the bus. We watched some movies and played Bingo. On our trip home, I believe everyone had good feelings and was happy about what they had just experienced at this year's Gathering. It was truly wonderful. They got pretty silly on the bus. We even had open mic and they started telling jokes. We even did some trivia about the Gathering.

I want to say a big thank you to the Child Care, Child and Family Services, the Casino and Administration departments for donating items for us to take. We used some of them for Bingo prizes and give away gifts. Also thanks for the water from the Casino.

Once we got to the Gathering Site, of course our chair area was all set up. We had a nice spot where we could see just about everything and we were in the shade. Everyone registered and proceeded to go off to the many different events. Some of the events included shuttle rides to different activities and a tour on a nice air-conditioned bus. The best part was the pickup point was right by our chair area. All we had to do was sit in our chair and wait for the busses to come along. It was great. They had school

busses continuously going to different events. If you were not ready to leave an activity, you could catch the next bus. It was a good setup. We learned a lot from these people. One thing we learned is their corn soup is what we call hominy. Which in truth hominy is corn. Some of us went to the corn making class. It was the best one for me. The teaching was at this family's home and they fed us too. Corn soup and bread, it was delicious.

One of the teachings was supposed to be Salve making. A healing Salve, but the teacher informed us that the Gathering Committee did not get him the correct ingredients he asked for. So instead, he took us around the Island and showed us some medicines. He gave the name of each plant and explained to us how to prepare it for medicine. Everyone enjoyed that teaching.

Others went to Sweetgrass tying, and gourd making. The Elders attended the Language & History Conference and another favorite was the Pontoon Boat ride.

At the Gathering one afternoon these two Indian DJ's were making announcements and playing music. So a bunch of us went up to listen. All of a sudden our Line Dancers were up there dancing. They really got the party going. The rest of the weekend the DJ's would comment on the Prairie Band Party People. The Line Dancers. That was a lot of fun!

Some of our guys played in the golf tournament. The tournament ended early though because of the rain and lightning. There was not any sporting events for the adults except a tug-o-war. All of a sudden an announcement was made that the Prairie Band put out a challenge of tug-o-war. So it was on. We lost though mostly because there were so many on the other team and they were all younger. But our guys did a good job.

This Gathering was wonderful. The whole trip was great. We were all thankful that we were able to attend. I ask the Elder travelers to write their comments about the trip and they all were thankful and had a good time.

I want to thank all of them. They were a good, fun bunch to travel with. I want to thank all that helped make our trip possible and all those that helped with the planning. A special thank you to Chago Hale, Boney Pahmahmie, Billy Jim, Jr. and Evan Evans for their thoughtfulness and kindness for all of us that made this trip. A special thank you to our EMTs Lance Wishkeno and Cecil Mercer for their special care for all of us. It was fun fun fun!

And when the Gathering came to an end, our Weta-se made us proud once again. When it was time to pass the ashes and eagle staff on to the Prairie Band they were there to accept that gift with Zach Pahmahmie, our Vice Chairman.

Photos & Reflections on the Walpole Island Gathering

Another great experience! Atta Boy and Atta Girl for everybody. The Gatherings always seem to highlight the PBP membership participation. We always seem to be recognized for our efforts and contributions throughout. This year was no different. We instigated a tug-of-war challenge. We got beat but everyone had fun. We took advantage of the rain delay and broke out into line dancing. Everyone really enjoyed that. We line dancers were gifted with a stone pipe bowl and wooden stem. It's very nice, made by a vendor who enjoyed the line dancing entertainment.

This acknowledgement by all our relatives is very nice but it is almost expected. The PBP people are special. How special?

My wife suffers from Alzheimers. This is her last Gathering trip. She is on the decline. I had Veteran Duties and other things I had to attend to, and not once did I ask for help with Norma. I didn't need to. The kind and generous PBP Elder community saw when help was needed and they stepped in. If Norma got lost, they would guide her to her chair, or even just hold her hand. This is how special the PBP people really are. It's nice to go in front of others and show our skills and crafts, but it's even better when no one is looking how we step up and step in to help others in need. Kche Megwech Nikanek/Big Thank You my Friends. – Richard Adame

This is my first time going and I really enjoyed it! Laverne did an awesome job. The host tribe was very gracious. I am sure I will be going again! – Donita



The Gathering was enjoyable from the beginning! All arrived and departed as scheduled. The first leg of the trip was entertaining and everyone had a good time. The hotel was ready for us as planned. We went through Immigration without a glitch. The time at the Gathering was one of the better times I've been at. I believe everyone enjoyed the Language Conference and other activities. Laverne, Boney, Chago and Lance and their crews did an excellent job of assuring everyone was taken care of. There were a couple individual requests and Laverne made sure they were accommodated. I believe the Prairie Band definitely made an impression with the Walpole Island Band. I personally spoke with others that were aware that we had a strong presence there. Many more were impressed that we came as far as we did. I saw many from our group find their old friends. I was able to catch up with someone myself.



I enjoyed the trip, the bus ride and the accommodations were comfortable. The Walpole were friendly and welcoming. The only disappointment was the workshops were already full when we got there. I would have loved to learn more about moccasin making and embroidery. The pontoon ride was enjoyable and relaxing. Thank you for an enjoyable week! – Arlene W.



PBPN Police Department Youth Day Camp

Submitted by: Chief Wade Schneider

The week of June 19th was a crazy, hectic, yet a fun, and exiting week for us at the Police Department. We played host to nineteen area youth in our first ever day camp. The ages of these young men and women were ten to fifteen.

The week consisted of law enforcement activities, such as latent print detection, evidence collection and packaging, and dangers of alcohol, drugs, and distracted driving.



The youth got to visit the PBPN Fire Department. Here they play in the spray from the water hose.

The young men and women also attended a Royals game free of charge, and also went fishing. At the conclusion of the fishing derby we gave these young adults a free fishing pole.



Gishgo Hale catches a small fish during the camp fishing derby. Autumn Wabaunsee fishes in the background.

We were visited by Jackson County Sheriff's Deputy Calvert for social media awareness education. Which included anti-bullying, how to conduct yourself on a social media platform, and also consequences of misbehaving on social media.



Kids at the camp pose in baby blue PBPN police camp t-shirts.

We were also visited by Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper Clark, and his K9 Companion Chase for a K9 deployment demonstration.

“Prairie Band
Potawatomi Youth
Camp a successful
and fun week for
Community Youth”

Josh Peters | PBPN CRO

The camp was a zero cost camp for the campers, because of a generous donation by Prairie Band Casino and Resort. The PBCR Bingo routinely donates funds to the community and this time we were the recipient!

We hope these young men and young women learned something valuable during the camp and also are able to have life long memories.

I would like to thank everyone who participated and assisted in making this camp successful.

We as a department would also like to thank the Parents/Guardians of these young men and women, for letting us play host for their child.

We look forward to hosting this event next summer for the community and hope to have even more fun in the future.



Angel Wahwassuck and a PBPN officer fish off the bank of Banner Creek Reservoir.

For information on future camps and activities we will be hosting in the near future, please visit the Police Department's Facebook page, or be on the lookout for flyers posted around the community.



PBPN Tribal Police Department Youth Day Camp at Banner Creek, Holton, Kansas for a Fishing Derby.

PBPN is a First File Community

Submitted by: Chief Wade Schneider

First File is designed to be of assistance to individuals, caregivers, and emergency personnel in an emergency situation. Information is collected and placed in a First File folder, which is then attached on the refrigerator magnetically so that when emergency responders arrive on the scene, they and those with the individual in need are not hindered in the process of saving a life (due to the time required to seek information) or perform assistance that might put the individual in greater jeopardy.

Within the file the individual's medical (including medication list), emergency contact (as well as a photo of the individual), advance directive information (DNR, Living Will, etc...) and more, are gathered to assist the responders. It is estimated that in an emergency situation up to 10 minutes of valuable time is lost while searches are made for these types of information.

Over 200 First Files were distributed to the community during the Tribal Police Department's Annual Open House on August 25, 2017. Materials are still available at the Police Department, drop by any time!

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UNITY

Submitted by: Joanna “Dumps” Mitchell

Eleven High school Boys and Girls club students attended the 2017 UNITY conference in Denver Colorado on July 6-10, 2017, and were a part of the record setting number of the over 2,000 registered attendees at this year’s conference.

The theme for this year’s conference was “Finding Wellness and Healing Within Our Cultures,” and the agenda featured an impressive lineup of speakers including top-ranked Iroquois National lacrosse players, the Thompson Brothers (Jeremy, Miles, Lyle and Hiana), Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman David Archambault II, artist Steven Paul Judd (Choctaw), former Vice Chairwoman Deborah Parker (Tulalip Tribes), documentary filmmaker Myron Dewey (Paiute/Shoshone), and the City of Denver Mayor Michael Hancock.

To symbolically mark the beginning of the conference, the UNITY Fire was lit, and it burned throughout the five-day conference. The Fire is a sacred and safe place for cultural sharing and healing for all ages.

A Parade of Nations was also held at the beginning of the conference, where Native American youth proudly represented their tribal nations, Keesis Potts and Knowee Potts carried the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribal Flag in during the parade.

Each day was filled with keynote speakers in a general assembly and the ballroom filled with

hundreds of youth representing nations across the USA including an Aboriginal youth group delegation from the island of Taiwan Republic of China who provided a fun and interactive cultural exchange presentation, teaching the Native youth new dance moves.

The youth attended the area caucus meetings of

Culture (Careers in Cultural and Historical Preservation), Customer Service in Indian Country, Human Trafficking Awareness Among Native American Youth, Savings and Investing: Risks, Rewards and The Value of Saving, Wellness Warriors of Native Stand (Students Together Against Negative Decisions) and Sex Trafficking of the Indigenous.

This was a great way to bring awareness and attention to our youth from Kansas who live in a rural area and may not be aware of the problems other nations face, as well as setting goals for themselves for continuing their education and financial investments.

In the evening the youth attended the Talent show watching, listening to many talented Native youth and we ended the conference by attending the Banquet, during the banquet Tatanka Means was a keynote presenter and the announcement of Awards and scholarships, followed by a dance for the youth.

The youth enjoyed the conference and hope to attend again next year, they enjoyed making new friends, listening to the speakers, seeing all the Native youth come together and experience what UNITY is!

This was another great conference and so thankful our youth had the opportunity to experience another UNITY Conference.

If you are interested in joining BGC UNITY or Chaperoning future activities and conferences please contact Nathan Hale or Joanna Mitchell at the PBPB Boys and Girls Club 785-966-3031.



The PBPB youth attending the UNITY Conference were able to visit the local attractions in Colorado. From left to right: Bem Hubbard, Wabiwa Wabaunsee, Mikal Kitchkommie, Bella Wamego, Dominic Wabaunsee, Sedrick Arteaga, Patko Mitchell, Knowee Potts and Keesis Potts.

the Southern Plains, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, where they listened to candidate speeches to try and get their vote to represent their region, Our youth do not get to vote until we are a chartered UNITY Youth Council, which we plan on working on with the upcoming High School Native American Club/ BGC UNITY.

Youth Attended workshops on mental development day. They included Native youth Multimedia Workshop, Applying to College Made Easy, Preserve

Women’s Auxiliary is Revitalized

Submitted by: The Women’s Auxiliary



Above: Members of the Auxiliary assist at the We-Ta-Se flag retirement at Prairie Peoples Park.

Top Right: Members of the Auxiliary stand in front of the We-Ta-Se stand at Prairie Peoples Park.

Lower Right: Members that placed flags on graves on Memorial Day weekend.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 410 has been revitalized. The committee held their first meeting on May 1, 2017 to elect officers. The Auxiliary hit the ground running by participating in the AIHERA Pow-Wow, Childcare Pow-Wow, assisted We-Te-Sa on Memorial Day, Flag retirement, and the Independence Day celebration at Prairie People’s Park.

The Auxiliary also held events for fund raising: a stand at the Shawnee County Allied Tribes Pow-Wow on September 1-2, 2017 and at the Veterans Pow-Wow on September 22-24, 2017.

We currently have over 30 junior and adult members. Our meetings are held every second Tuesday of every month. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 410 welcomes any perspective eligible members. For more information feel free to contact Lorrie Melchior @ 785-966-2580.

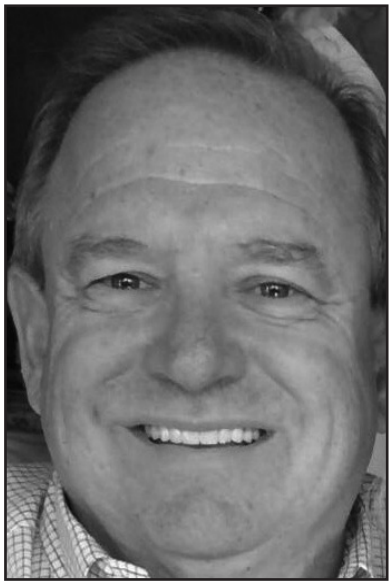
The officers of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 410:

- Kate Adame – President
- Lisa Wamego – Vice-President
- Maria Fairman – Secretary
- Richele Potts – Treasurer
- Laura Thackery – Chaplain
- Kassie James – Historian
- Anna Boswell – Sgt of Arms



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James Harrington

PLEASANTON, CA - James Nelson Harrington, loved father and friend, was taken so abruptly from our lives on April 9th, 2017. He was born July 3, 1950. Jim was a proud father of his three kids (Spencer 27, Jonathan 33 and Emily 37) and spent many hours bragging about them to his friends. We are very proud of him as well.

Jim came from a modest upbringing in Wichita, Kan-

sas and his father Harry Harrington was born on the Potawatomi Reservation in Mayetta, Kansas. Jim was very proud of his Native American ancestry and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe like his father.

Jim's father went to Haskell Indian Nations University and started his own engineering company. Jim worked for his dad's business during high school then attended Wichita State.

Our mom Helen and Jim were high school sweethearts and got married after graduating college. They moved to Olathe, Kansas to start a family and later to Overland Park. Jim was an active member of DeMolay and St Thomas Episcopal Church.

He moved to California in 1997 for a job at Lawrence Livermore labs and settled in Pleasanton. He loved Pleasanton and made many close friends during his twenty years in California. He worked for various engineering companies in the Bay Area.

He enjoyed many activities including scuba diving, gardening, wineries, Nascar, Kansas City professional sports, politics, spending time with his cats, eating good food and cooking fried chicken for friends and family.

Jim had just gone through the emotional turmoil of being diagnosed and surviving melanoma in 2015. His

health however rapidly deteriorated over the course of his last weeks, unknown to his family and friends. To our relief he was found before he died at home, and we were able to spend time with him before he died.

We would like to remember Jim during this sad time by showing our love for him in ways he would have appreciated and enjoyed. Please join us for a memorial reception in his honor in Pleasanton at The Cellar Door on Sunday May 7th 2-5pm. Jim's ashes will be buried in June in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson, Kansas next to his mother Rosa Lee Beardsley.

We have started a memorial fund in his honor to donate to several causes that were important to Jim. Parks and nature with a donation and bench plaque with Jim's name through the East Bay Regional Parks Foundation and donation to his friend Richard Fitzmaurice's organization that Jim was very proud of, The Arc of Alameda County for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you would like to honor Jim in this way, you can to donate to his memorial fund at <https://www.go-fundme.com/jamesnharrington> or make a tax-deductible donation directly to The Arc of Alameda County at <https://arcalameda.org/donate-arc-alameda-county-invest-in-success/>

We love you dad.

- Courtesy of Pleasanton Weekly



Shirley Munoz

SUN CITY, AZ - Shirley A. Munoz (Shopteese), 87, of Sun City, AZ formerly of Mayetta, KS passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, on June 14, 2017.

She is survived by her sons, Dana Munoz and Perry Munoz; daughter, Kateri Ware; grandchildren, Ricky, Kyler, Dane, Kelly, Arianna, Teresa, Enrique, Kevin, Hayden and Ethan; great grandchildren, Jordan and Xavier; brother, Robert Shopteese; many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, Henry H. Munoz; her brother, John T. Shopteese; her parents, Mary J. and King P. Shopteese; her

maternal grandparents, Jane (Wahquahboshkuk) Wahweotten and McKinley (step grandfather). Paternal grandparents were Mary Ann Tomey and Longhair Shopteese.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church in Mayetta. Burial will follow at the Shipshee Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes



Robert Mahkuk

MAYETTA- Robert Joseph "Na-Naw-We" Mahkuk, 50, of Mayetta, KS passed away Thursday, July 6, 2017 at Stormont Vail Hospital. He was born October 8, 1966 in Holton, KS the son of Fred Mahkuk and Vernona L. "Vernie" Knoxsah Lewis.

Bob graduated from Two Eagle River School in 1984 in Dixon, MT. He had spent most of his life on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation and had also lived in Montana and Washington.

Bob was a Forest Fire Fighter in Montana; mostly working in the mountain forests. He also worked construction, building bridges for Midwest Construction in Holton.

He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Native American Church and the Carpenters Union.

Survivors include his mother, Vernie Lewis of Mayetta, KS; father, Fred Mahkuk of Wisconsin; 6 children, Brandy Mahkuk of Pablo, MT, Shovonne Mahkuk of Wolfpoint, MT, Isaac Mahkuk of Polson, MT, Ivan Mahkuk of Polson, MT, Battice "Batman"

Mahkuk of Delia, KS and Mariah Mahkuk of Delia, KS; 9 sisters, Anna Mahkuk of Topeka, KS, Linda Mahkuk of Belvue, KS, Rebecca DeVore of Topeka, KS, Mary Mahkuk of Ronan, MT, Marissa Mahkuk of Missoula, MT, Shannon Hurd of Wichita, KS, Jeanette Mahkuk-Scott of Topeka, KS, Vicky Mahkuk-Malatare of Ronan, MT and Terry Hernandez of Minco, OK; 4 brothers, J.C. Mahkuk of Montana, Matthew Mahkuk of Montana, Melvin Lewis of Robinson, KS and Daniel Adler of Moise, MT and 14 grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his step-father, Gerald F. "Pukinia" Lewis on May 30, 2017 and a brother, Tony "Nack-Twa-Tuck" Mahkuk in 2004.

Native American Services will be Sunday evening, July 9, 2017 at the Native American Church. Burial will be Monday morning, July 10, 2017 in Mahkuk Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes

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Ethel Gerrard

Ethel (Boots) Gerrard, 83, of Sparks NV, was welcomed into God's kingdom on the morning of July 10, 2017 surrounded by family.

Boots was born to John Rice and Edith Nah qua be April 5, 1934 in Gove County, Kansas. Boots was the baby of 4 sisters and 2 brothers all preceding her in death. Boots was raised as a proud member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation learning of the important traditions of her tribe and getting into mischief and fun with her sister Mary.

Boots' passion to help take care of others started when she attended nursing school right out of high school at St. Margaret's Hospital School of Nursing in Kansas City, Kansas class of 1955.

Boots was a lover of adventure and spontaneous road trips in her younger years, which led to her move to Reno, NV. Here she worked for The Southwest Blood Bank. It was at the blood bank she met the father of her only child, Jack Gerrard, while he was donating blood. Jack and Boots were married June 28, 1958. December 6, 1958 they welcomed their son Jon C. Gerrard. Boots was a proud mother and took joy in watching and helping Jon participate in all of his sports and activities.

Boots later moved on from her nursing career to dedicate 30 years of service to the Nevada State Health Lab.

Boots' memory is not limited to only being a loving mother, nurse, good friend, or state employee; but, her life is highlighted in her contributions as a volunteer to the Nevada Humane Society, hours spent taking care of the legendary "Spot" the dog, helping her granddaughters achieve their life goals,

and never failing to help a friend in need.

Boots blessed this world with a fiery spirit, straight shooting attitude, and comical personality that will always be remembered. She never met an animal she didn't love or a lost soul she didn't mind guiding.

Boots is survived by her loyal son Jon C. Gerrard his wife Kathy Gerrard. Jon's father Jack Gerrard. Her two granddaughters Alyda Larson and Nicole Herndon and their respective husbands; Clint Larson and Jason Herndon. Her great grandchildren who loved getting to know their GGB, Grant and Easton Larson. Along with many many friends she helped along the way.

Boots will be honored in a private burial and celebration of life ceremony with family and close friends preceded by a funeral fire burned in her honor back in Kansas per Potawatomi tradition. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to honor Boots' dedication to saving animals by donating to your local humane society, SPCA, and/or favorite animal charity.

- Courtesy of Reno Gazette-Journal



Verna Wahweotten

MAYETTA-Verna Jean "Wen-be-quah" Wahweotten, 56, of Mayetta, KS passed away Saturday, July 22, 2017 with her family. She was born December 14, 1960 in Holton, the daughter of Vernon and

Rosemary (Masquat) Wahweotten.

Verna was a lifetime member of the Jackson County community; most of her life was on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. She was a homemaker and free spirit.

Verna was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She was a member of the Drum Religion and sat on the Marshno Drum.

She married William Dwight Wilbur in Mayetta; they later divorced.

Survivors include her father, Vernon Wahweotten of Mayetta, KS; 3 daughters, Nis Wilbur of Topeka KS, Keeg Toledo (Ricardo) of Mayetta, KS and Meex Wilbur (Patrick) of Topeka, KS; 3 sisters, 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 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Rosemary (Masquat) Wahweotten, and her brother, Joe Wahweotten.

Drum Services will be Tuesday evening, July 25, 2017 at the Danceground Building. Burial will be Wednesday afternoon, July 26, 2017 at the Masquat Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneral-homes.com.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home



Ricky Phinney

Ricky Lee Phinney, 56, of Topeka passed away on Friday, August 4, 2017. He was born August 11, 1960 at Topeka the son of Donald Phinney, Sr. and Genevive Pappan Phinney.

He lived all his life in Topeka. Ricky was a very simple person. Ricky worked several jobs during his working career.

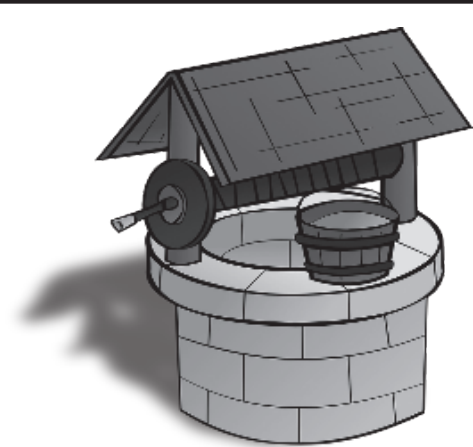
He is best remembered for several things. Helping out his family and friends in their time of need, fixing cars, towing their car when it was broken down, you name it. Just being available to help or

being there. He was his parent's caregiver late in their lives. He cooked Sunday dinner for his father after his mother had to go to the nursing home, just like she would have done for Don before she wasn't able to anymore. His grandchildren where very important to him, often the first thing he discussed during many a phone conversation. He was a big race fan, and a huge Dale Earnhardt fan, #3 not #88. He will be remembered for ending most conversations whether in person or over the phone by simply saying "Later".

He is survived by his daughter, Robin Welker of Topeka; grandchildren, Mason and Addysen; siblings, Jeanine Kaberline, Don Phinney, Jr., Teresa Phinney and Mike Phinney and wife Cheryl all of Topeka and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Davidson Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 11:00 am. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ricky Phinney Memorial Fund.

- Courtesy of Davidson Funeral Home

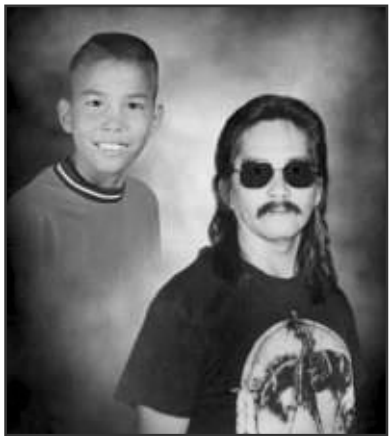


Do You Have a Domestic Well?

The Division of Planning & Environmental Protection Dept. is offering FREE sampling of well water. Service is available to entire community residing on the PBPB reservation. Contact Verna Potts- 785-966-8031 for more information.

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Paul Cruz

BOSSIER CITY, LA - A Graveside Service Celebrating the Life of Paul Edward Cruz, 62, of Bossier City will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 12th, 2017 at Hill Crest Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 11th, 2017 from 6:00

p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home.

Paul was born April 25, 1955 in Holton, Kansas to Richard and Christine Wahquaboshkuk Cruz and passed away August 6, 2017 in Bossier City after a short, but brave and courageous fight.

He was a very hard worker and a great teacher. Paul was a loving, caring, devoted family leader and trusted friend.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Christine Cruz; two brothers, Gerald and Felix Cruz; and one sister Katherine Kelly.

Paul is survived by his son, Jonathan Taylor; brother, Robert Cruz; two sisters, Donna Landry and husband Frank and Wanda Devors. Paul is also survived by his two grandchildren, many nieces

and nephews, along with his great nieces and great nephews. He will be truly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Pallbearers will be Sean Cruz, Bobby Kelly, Elliott Cruz, John Devors, Wayne Cadenhead, Brandon Cruz, Samuel Devors, Matt Bosworth, and Ronny Moreno.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Willis Knighton Bossier and Willis Knighton Shreveport Cancer Center for all the love and care given to Paul during his time of illness.

You may offer condolences and sign the online guest book by visiting www.hillcrestmemorialfh.com.

- Courtesy of Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home



Rosezan Toledo

MAYETTA, KS - Rosezan Toledo, 91, of Mayetta, KS passed away Sunday, August 13, 2017 at her home. She was born on February 25, 1926 in Mayetta, the daughter of Oliver and Mary (Shoughnesse) LeClere.

Rosezan attended Marty Indian School in Marty, S.D. and graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Chilocco, Oklahoma. She retired from St. Francis Hospital in 1991 where she worked as a ward clerk for 15 years.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

She married Paul Williams, he preceded her in death. She later married Leonard Toledo, he also preceded her in death.

Rosezan was also preceded by a daughter, Mary Ann Mitchell; 5 sisters, Mary LeClere, Cecilia Madrid, Julia Sanchez, Evelyn Davis and Clairicie Jenson and 3 brothers, Leonard LeClere, Edward LeClair and John LeClere.

Survivors include 4 sons, Michael Toledo, Gary Williams, Marcus Gutierrez (Connie) all of Mayetta, and Ronald Gutierrez of Topeka. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 1 great- great-grandchild.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church with burial to follow at the Danceground Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton with visitation to follow until 7:30 p.m.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home

Nancy Llamas

ROSSVILLE- Nancy Bea "Nezat" Wishkeno Llamas, 64, of Topeka, KS passed away Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Rossville Nursing Home. She was born June 2, 1953 in Holton, KS, the daughter of Wesley and Nettie Keesis Wishkeno.

Nancy graduated from Rossville High School and attended Haskell Indian Junior College. She lived most of her life in the Topeka Community and

retired from the State of Kansas.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and volunteered at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.

Nancy married Henry Llamas; he preceded her in death in December of 1992.

Survivors include a brother, Lance Wishkeno (Lucy) of Rossville, KS; 4 sisters, Camilla Chouteau and Audrey Simon of Topeka, KS, Gloria Keesis of Moore, OK and Bernadine Wishkeno of Albuquerque,

NM; a son, Wesley Llamas of McKinney, TX and 7 grandchildren.

Graveside Services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 21, 2017 at the Wishkeno Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home



James Eteeyan

TOPEKA, KS – James Lee Eteeyan, 58, of Topeka, KS passed away Monday, September 11, 2017 at St. Francis Hospital. He was born January 18, 1959 in Topeka, the son of Pauline Mzhickteno.

Jimmy worked for 501 School District as a painter for 14 1/2 years. He also worked for Fleenor Plumbing in Topeka. He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Jimmy married Esther Maie Bailey Bateson on March 15, 2006. She survives of the home. Other survivors include 2 daughters, Nicole Eteeyan and Christina Barth both of Topeka, KS; step-son, Donald Bateson of Topeka, KS; step-daughter, Kathy Bateson of Topeka, KS; sister, Carol DeWitt of Mayetta, KS; 3 brothers, Harold Persinger, Jr. and Marshall Persinger both of Mayetta, KS and Harold

Roberts of Lawrence, KS and 5 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Archie and Laura (Moore) Eteeyan and a step-daughter, Linda Maie McFarland.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in the Shipshee Cemetery. Family will greet friends one hour prior to service time. Memorials may be given to the James Eteeyan Memorial Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home

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Rozella Knight

STILWELL, OK - Rozella Rema Mzhickteno Knight, 90, went to her heavenly home on August 26, 2017. She was born to William Mzhickteno and Ona Jane (Seely) Mzhickteno on December 2, 1926 in Mayetta, Kansas. She entered her heavenly home from Stilwell, Oklahoma.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation of Kansas. Her Potawatomi name is Shoush-kose. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends. Sewing and music, especially singing at church were also her joys. She was a member of Oklahoma Indian Nations, Southwest Vietnam

Veterans, and Northwest Honor Color Guards. In her late teens she made the decision to become a Christian. This decision became a guiding force late in her life.

Rozella attended Chilocco Indian School in Newkirk, Oklahoma, living in Home 3. Food preparation was the emphasis of her studies which she used in many different ways serving her family and church families. While attending Chilocco she met and married Willis W. Knight. They married on December 10, 1946.

After marrying they began a journey that started with attending Southwestern Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. Seeing a need for an Indian church in Dallas, they moved and began the first Indian mission in Dallas. It became the first Indian church. The Southern Baptist Home Mission board asked them to help with encouragement and leadership in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. After serving in South Dakota their journey continued with serving churches in not only Texas and South Dakota but also Kansas and Oklahoma. Rozella was a member of Mulberry Tree Baptist Church.

Rozella worked at Southwestern Bell which is now AT&T. She retired from there before moving to Stilwell. She worked outside the home as well as alongside her husband in ministering to churches.

Rozella is preceded in death by her late husband, Willis W. Knight, parents, William Mzhickteno and Ona Jane (Seely) Mzhickteno, sons, Eldon "Beau" and Alfred "Butch" Knight, a sister, Leona Knoxsah, and brothers, Leroy, Virgil, and William Mzhickteno.

Her surviving family are, daughters, Joy Knight, of the home, Sue Perdue and husband John Mark Perdue of Greeley, Colorado, daughter-in-law, Judith Hunter of Anadarko, sister-in-law, Ramona Mason and husband Archie Mason of Tulsa, her grandchildren, Justin Barber of Oklahoma City, Clarissa Knight of Anadarko, Tamara Mitchell of Stilwell, Rachel Behrends of Greeley, Colorado, Latisha Knight of Tulsa, Suzanna Perdue and Jonathan Perdue of Greeley, Colorado and Sunny Black of Anadarko. She also leaves 22 great-grandchildren.

A wake service will be held 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at Mulberry Tree Baptist Church with funeral services at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at the Montesoma Baptist Church in Okemah. Services are entrusted to the care of Hart Funeral Home of Stilwell. Online guest book and obituaries available at: www.hartfuneralhome.net.

- Courtesy of Hart Funeral Home



Loretta Rosenthal

CHEROKEE, IA- Loretta (Nioce) Rosenthal, 93, of Cherokee died August 24, 2017, of complications due to pneumonia and COPD.

Loretta was born on December 5, 1923, on the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Reservation. She was the daughter of Charles and Alice Nioce and graduated from Holton High School.

She married the love of her life Robert "Rosie" Rosenthal on June 17, 1948. Together they lived in Cedar Falls and Waterloo before moving to Cherokee where they remained and raised their three children.

In addition to being a loving and devoted wife and mother, Loretta also worked as a telegraph operator for the railroad in Remsen, IA and as a secretary for Olsen Transfer in Cherokee, IA.

Over the years she was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee and the American Legion Auxiliary of Aurelia. Loretta was also a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. Loretta loved to attend pow-wows, church, and family gatherings in Kansas and never missed the chance to spend a little time in the casino as well!

Loretta remained astoundingly independent and tenacious throughout her entire life and could rarely be found sitting down for any length of time. She held Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at

her house for her family every year and loved having company over. She was involved in numerous quilt clubs and other groups in the Cherokee area. Loretta qualified as a master seamstress and everyone in the family received quilts and other special creations that are treasured. Loretta cared deeply about her friends and family and was always there to help them in whatever way needed.

Loretta is survived by three children: Charles Rosenthal of Cherokee; Shirley (Kenn) Kirby of Calmar, Iowa; and Judy Rosenthal of Minneapolis, Minn.; four grandchildren, Jennifer Peterson of Alta; Jon (Monica) Rosenthal of Sioux City; Kelly Kirby (Carrie Sharp) of Winona, Minn.; and Thomas (Elisabeth) Kirby of Mason City; and six great-grandchildren, Chris, Melinda, Samantha, Kara, Jude, and James. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her parents; and five siblings, Vestina, Edgar, Isabelle, Inez and Jeanette.

- Family Submission

Antibiotics & You

Submitted By: Michael Carpenter RPH & Sara Shea, Pharm D candidate from Creighton University School of Pharmacy

Did you know that your body contains more bacteria cells than human cells? Bacteria perform important functions for us, especially in the gut. Of course you also know that some kinds of bacteria can cause infections, and so scientists have developed medications called antibiotics to stop the dangerous bacteria from growing. Unfortunately, antibiotics will mess with both "good" and "bad" bacteria, which can have negative consequences. In addition, if antibiotics are used incorrectly then the bad bacteria can develop resistance to the drugs. We call bacteria that are resistant to different antibiotics "super bugs." According to the Center for Disease Control, at least

23,000 people are dying each year from infections that are resistant to all of the antibiotics currently available, and this number continues to grow.

To combat antibiotic resistance, hospitals and clinics are being required to develop protocols for the proper use of antibiotics. We call this antibiotic stewardship. The goal is to make sure that each patient who truly needs an antibiotic gets the correct drug at the correct dose for the right number of days, while also making sure that patients who do NOT need an antibiotic are not given one. The fact is that many common infections will resolve on their own, and viral

infections will not be helped at all by antibiotics. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center is required to have our antibiotic stewardship program fully implemented by the end of this year. We are committed to making sure you are getting the right treatment, based on the most current scientific evidence available. Please let your provider make the proper treatment decision for you.

If you have any questions about the appropriate use of antibiotics, please don't hesitate to ask one of our providers or pharmacists.

Notices

September kicks off PBPB Climate Change Communication Workshops!!

Climate Science Is Indigenous Science

What exactly is 'climate change'? How is it affecting you? What are the potential impacts for the PBPB Reservation?

These questions and others will be the focus of the upcoming PBPB Climate Change Communication workshop series. The series will consist of 4 workshops, each with a different subject area regarding climate change.

The goal of these workshops is to increase overall community knowledge regarding local climate change impacts.

The first workshop was held at the 2017 Potawatomi Pow Wow. The Planning and Environmental Protection Department set up an educational booth to complete with climate scientists, ready to answer questions, and participate with the community in some fun hands-on science.

Be on the lookout for the upcoming workshops!



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For more information call Micki Martinez at 785.966.6673

*** REMINDER ***

If you are a tribal member, with tribal plates on your vehicle and you move within the reservation boundary - Please contact the Motor Vehicle Department at 966-6673 and UPDATE your address!

<<<<<<<<< OFFICIAL BUSINESS >>>>>>>>

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Per Cap office is responsible for maintaining the Nation's official mailing list. In order to receive all official business including per capita payments, election documents, the tribal newspaper and other pertinent information it is your responsibility to keep your address updated. If you have moved, **CALL 1-866-277-3722 TODAY!**

STOP for the school bus—Keep Everyone SAFE

1
TWO-LANE ROAD
Both directions of travel must stop

2
TWO-LANE ROAD W/ CENTER TURN LANE
All traffic from both directions of travel must stop

3
MULTI-LANE ROAD
All traffic from both directions of travel must stop

4
DIVIDED HIGHWAY
Traffic on bus side must stop. Lanes separated by Median or Physical Barrier are not required to stop

5
INTERSECTION
All vehicles must stop for bus at intersection

Failure to STOP is against Tribal & State Law

Tribe: 17-4-21 Failure to Stop for School Bus Flashing Lights.

- (A) Every driver shall stop before reaching a school bus receiving or discharging school children, when flashing lights are in operation, and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, or signaled by the bus driver to proceed.
- (B) Any driver failing to stop and wait at such signal will be charged with an infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be penalized with a fine not to exceed one hundred twenty dollars (\$120).

State: 8-1556. Overtaking and passing school bus; actuation of visual signals by driver of bus, when; required school bus markings.

- (a) The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped on the highway shall stop before reaching such school bus when there is in operation on the school bus the flashing red lights specified in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-1730, and amendments thereto, and the driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion or the flashing red lights and the stop signal arm are no longer actuated.
- (b) Every school bus shall be equipped with red visual signals meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-1730, and amendments thereto, which may be actuated by the driver of the school bus whenever but only whenever such vehicle is stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children. A school bus driver shall not actuate the special visual signals:
- (1) At intersections or other places where traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals or police officers; or
- (2) in designated school bus loading areas where the bus is entirely off the roadway.
- (c) Every school bus shall bear upon the front and rear thereof plainly visible signs containing the words "school bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height.
- When a school bus is being operated upon a highway for purposes other than the actual transportation of children either to or from school or to or from interschool or intraschool functions or activities, or for maintenance, repair or storage purposes all markings thereon indicating "school bus" shall be covered or concealed.
- (d) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or when upon a controlled-access highway and the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions contained in K.S.A. 8-2009a, and amendments thereto.

Notices



Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department Open House
Saturday, October 7, 2017
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station.
Free hotdog lunch & fun for the entire family!

Come have fun with our Inflatable Kids Bounce House, TVS Face Painting, U.S. Army Climbing Wall, Highway Patrol Vehicle Roll-Over Simulator, the Westar Safety Trailer, Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations, Lifestar Helicopter, fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars on display from around the county, a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear, and fire safety games!

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department invites everyone to have fun while learning about fire safety at our annual Open House held during National Fire Prevention Week that runs from October 8th to the 14th.

This year's theme is **Every Second Counts!** Residents are encouraged to have a home escape plan with two ways out.

Test your smoke alarms regularly. Replace the batteries once a year or when you hear the low-battery chirp. Smoke alarms expire after 10 years; they don't last forever!

Fire Prevention Week is a great time to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, practice your home escape plan, and check your fire extinguishers. If you would like a free home safety inspection, please contact the fire department to schedule one in your home.

For information about Fire Prevention Week, Fire Extinguisher Training, our Open House, or Home Safety Inspections please contact the fire department at 966-2164.

The Fire Station is located at 15482 K Road just south of 158th & K Road.



Special Election Notice for Ethics Commission

Ballot Mailing Date: October 6, 2017 - Ballots mailed to registered voters.

Election Date: November 4, 2017 - Last day for ballot to be received at the Mayetta Post Office by 9 a.m. Election tally begins promptly at 9 a.m.

Run-Off Election (If Required): Four weeks from initial election.

Ethics Commission Chairperson Candidates:

- Arlene Wahwassuck
- Lorrie Melchior

24-Hour TVS Hotline
1-866-966-0173

24-Hour National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233



OCTOBER 11, 2017 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB COMMUNITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration at 11am
Shotgun Starts at Noon

To register please email topash@pbpnation.org or call the Boys & Girls Club. When registering provide the names of players on your team.



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4 players per team

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Prize Raffle

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of the tournament at
registration

Lunch will be
provided

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF
THE PRAIRIE BAND
POTAWATOMI NATION
15424 K rd, Mayetta, KS
66509
Phone: (785) 966-3031



Tribal Housing Information

- September 26, 2017: Annual tribal housing inspections begin. Contact the office at 785-966-2756 if you would like to be present during your inspection.
- October 13, 2017: Open House from 1-4 p.m. Come visit the renovated Housing office, meet the staff and learn about available programs!
- TBD: Look for information this fall on a Community Clean Up activity!
- November 1, 2017: Deadline to update your information on the Tribal Housing Waiting List. Failure to update information will result in removal from list.

Visit PBPINDIANTRIBE.COM for
more information!

Tribal Athletes



Prairie Band member, Jaiden Lan, is thankful for the tribe's Student Services program which he has utilized to his advantage for his athletic career.

Thank You!

I wanted to let you know how your tribal organization is helping my son succeed:

My son, Jaiden Lan is 15 now, but has been playing baseball since he was four. He is a very talented player who has played at a very competitive level especially here in Georgia, where a lot of the top athletes in baseball and football are commonly drafted from. One thing that helps Jaiden continue to focus and succeed is the support received from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation which he, my wife, and my daughter are members.

Baseball is a great sport but is also one of the most expensive sports too. Travel baseball costs are easily in the thousands of dollars and not to mention he does High School ball as well, so there is that added cost, plus equipment.

I am a fond believer if we receive any type of support then it is put to good use as it is from the blood, sweat, and tears from others' which contribute to helping other members succeed.

With the Tribe's support, Jaiden can focus on what matters which is academics and his career in baseball. I feel we all need to cultivate our youth to be successful and remove any-and-all obstacles from their path so that they can succeed and contribute to society. Unfortunately, not everyone has the financial means to do so, which is why I wanted to reach out to the tribe and say thank you for what you do for him and others in the tribe.

Thank You Again!
Jim Lan



Prairie Band member, Rose Tecumseh, is well known for her ball handling skills and three point shots. She is currently a senior at Royal Valley High school in Hoyt, Kan.

Thomas in Top 10

This summer PBPB tribal member, Tamo Thomas, was named one of the ten best Native prospects for college level basketball.

In June, Thomas attended the Native American Top 50 Basketball Combine and Camp held at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. Global Elite Sports Association, a RezBall affiliate, hosted the event with athlete evaluations performed by Max Ivany.

Ivany has personally coached over 120 Division I players and publishes the website www.d1nation.com. As stated on the site, D1 Nation provides exclusive insider info on high school players to college coaches...through a state of the art recruiting database to college coaches at no charge to them. Being ranked is a beneficial tool for student athletes trying to reach the college level.

Ivany based his top ten assessment of Thomas on her three point shots and zero turnovers. No small feat considering Thomas attended camp while battling a serious case of allergies. Ivany also provided feedback for growth, which included more production when not handling the ball.

Thomas is a 5'8" senior at Royal Valley High School for the 2017-18 school year. She began playing competitive basketball at age 6. She has played on many AAU teams during her career, and most notably has been a foundational member of the Rez Ballerz since 2005.

Beyond the recognition received at this camp, Thomas has received other honors, including: All-State Class 3A Honorable Mention, All League Unanimous Selection, All County Selection, four All-Star Selections, MVP and Player of the Game.

"I want to inspire kids to play sports. I want to be a good role model for my community and I want my community to be healthy and have fun while working out," said Thomas on her commitment to athletics.



Prairie Band member, Rose Tecumseh, signed with Kellogg Community College for a volleyball scholarship. Alongside her are her parents, Melissa and Frank Tecumseh, with her new volleyball coach.

Tecumseh Signs

PBPB Tribal member, Rose Tecumseh signed with Kellogg Community College for 2 years to play volleyball.

Her area of focus at Kellogg CC will be Graphic Communication at this time. Her future goal is to find a school to compete in a track program.

- Tecumseh received numerous awards during her high school career:
- All City for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Volleyball season.
 - All-State honorable mention for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 season with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.
 - Qualified for state in Track this past Spring season in High Jump and placed 9th in Class A. She was quite possibly the only Native American competing this year.
 - League champion in 100 meters Hurdles and High Jump for the 2016-2017 Track season.
 - Athlete of the week in June 2017 for Track for lead Point leader for Lakeview women's team.

Kitchkommie Coaches



This summer, Mario Kitchkommie coached Jackson/ Jefferson County 2nd-3rd grade League softball. The girls played hard and took 2nd in the end of season tournament. We are proud of them all, and especially our Potawatomi team members.

Pictured above from left to right are Alyssa Thompson, Soonway Wahwassuck, Kibo Throssell and Meeks Mahkuk.

The Kern Group in Top 20

THE KERN GROUP OF LAWRENCE KANSAS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE

Lawrence Kansas, June 14, 2017: The Kern Group has been recognized as one of the best advertising agencies in the Kansas City Area for 2017 by Expertise.com. One hundred and twenty-three advertising agencies were considered by Expertise.com. The Kern Group was named one of the Top 20 best advertising agencies based on specific criteria using in-house software by Expertise.com.

The criteria used for choosing the best Kansas City area advertising agencies is as listed:

REPUTATION: A history of delighted customers as a signal of outstanding service.

CREDIBILITY: Building customer confidence with licensing, industry accreditations, and awards.

EXPERIENCE: Masters of their craft, based on years of practical experience and education.

AVAILABILITY: Consistently approachable and responsive, so customers never feel ignored.

PROFESSIONALISM: Providing customers, a seamless experience both online and off.

“It’s an honor to be listed among such great agencies. We have gone through many changes over the years to keep up with the ever-changing marketing landscape. Our talented staff is what has made this possible.” stated Mark Kern, President and CEO of the Kern Marketing Group Inc.

Expertise.com: Our goal is to connect people with the best local experts. We scored advertising agencies on more than 25 variables across five categories, and analyzed the results to give you a hand-picked list of the best advertising agencies in Kansas City, MO. Our goal is to connect people with the best local experts. <https://www.expertise.com/mo/kansas-city/advertising-agencies>

KERN GROUP is a full-service creative marketing and advertising company in Lawrence that caters to the promotional needs of start-ups, multinational corporations, government entities, non-profits, and academic institutions. The agency provides a host of services that include branding and corporate identity design, web development and content management, media planning and buying, and public relations. KERN’s past and present clients include the Bioscience & Technology Business Center at the University of Kansas, Prairie Band Casino, City of Lawrence, Power Prefab USA and the State of Kansas government.

Mark has over 25 years in strategic marketing, advertising and media planning. He has worked at all levels of media.

He started his media career in 1992 with radio management, television, print, online strategies, multi-media marketing campaigns and media sales.

His work experience consist of Market Director of Sales for Cumulus Broadcasting, Director of Sales for Sunflower Broadband, KTKA TV and the World Company, as well as Vice President of FryeAllen Advertising Agency. He also has an extensive background in real estate management and investments.

Throughout his career, he’s worked with national, regional and local clients. His experience has provided him the insight to create successful marketing strategies that directly address the clients’ needs externally for the consumer and internally with staff and shareholders to achieve the company’s goals. In the past 3 years, the KernGroup has excelled in online marketing strategies and website design and development.

Mark has also founded several successful companies. One being Kern Management Company. Kern Management is a real investment company that consist of student housing, multi dwelling units, commercial office buildings, commercial land development and farm land. Mark and his wife, Michelle, started this company in 2003 and have grown it to over \$24 million in real estate assets.

Mark has also created the Lawrence Business Magazine in 2012 and launched Local News Source – Douglas County in 2017. Mark and Michelle have 3 kids, Emilee, a senior at KSU, Haylee, a Sophomore at FreeState and Brady, a 7th grader at Southwest Middle School.

To connect with Mark visit, www.KernGroupInc.com




2018 Gathering Information

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2018
POTAWATOMI
GATHERING
JULY 29 - AUGUST 5

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Plans for the 2018 Potawatomi Gathering are in full swing. Members of the community gather together each month at the Old Bingo Hall to share a potluck meal and plan this momentous event. It’s not too late for you to come take part! Here are the dates of the next meetings, start time is 6 p.m. each month.

• October 16 • November 2 • December 4 • January 4 • February 1 •

The Gathering planning is broken down into several areas, and each area is overseen by a captain. Here is the current list of areas and captains. If you would like to be involved in a specific area please reach out to the captain or come to a potluck meeting and get involved!

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| • Cultural Activities - Jackie Mitchell | • Communication - Michelle Simon |
| • Giveaway Gifts - Jeanette Little Sun | • Grounds - Robbie Lange |
| • Powwow & Princess Contest - Coleen Thomas | • Logistics - Open |
| • Elders - Laverne Hale | • Food & Entertainment - Camilla Chouteau & Charles Nez |
| • Youth - Cheryl Hopkins | • Recreation - Paula Hopkins & Stephanie Jim |
| • Veterans - Lorrie Melchior | |

Questions or ideas to share? Contact PBP Tribal Council Secretary Camilla Chouteau at 785-966-4022 or her Assistant, Paula Hopkins at 785-966-4032. Or, email Media@pbpnation.org.

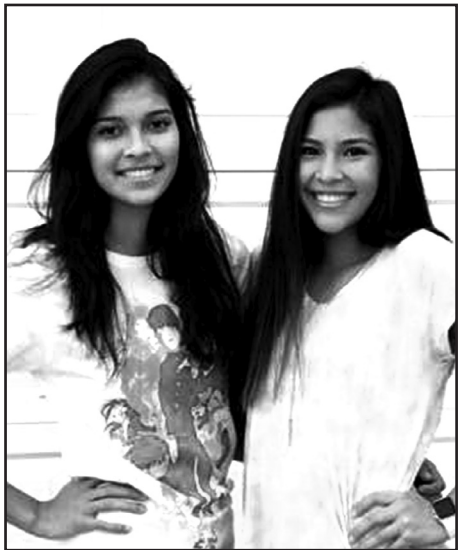
Community Announcements



Kyra Ann Wahquahboshkuk

We are wishing our adorable little girl a HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY! August, 10th!!

Love, Dad, Mom, Carter, Myron, Koya Kate, Grandma Paula, and the many more family members!



Happy 18th Birthday Rosie!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sister & Brother



PBPN members Jimmy Hopkins (left) and Mike Tsotaddle (right) are from Shawnee, Oklahoma. They work for a major gas company which covers Kansas and Texas. Mike would like to recognize his co-worker Jimmy, for volunteering to drive supplies down to Austin, Texas in the wake of the recent hurricane! Good One Jimmy!



Happy 1st Birthday Gideon!
September 3rd

Love, Mom, Dad, and Loretta!



Happy 12th birthday
Najz-Win-No-Quah!! August 22nd.

We are proud of the wonderful lady you are becoming!

Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Sisters, Brother, and Nephew



Happiest Birthday to YOU!
We Love You Chago/Dad/Son/
Brother/Shishe/Cousin
October 17th

Love, Your Whole Family!



Announcing! Trace Michael Goslin
May 28, 2017 - 8 lbs 1 oz & 20" long
Proud Parents Dax Goslin and Allison Catron and Happiest Sister Harper



Happy 14th Autumn! September 30th
and
Happy 9th Shanehse! November 21st

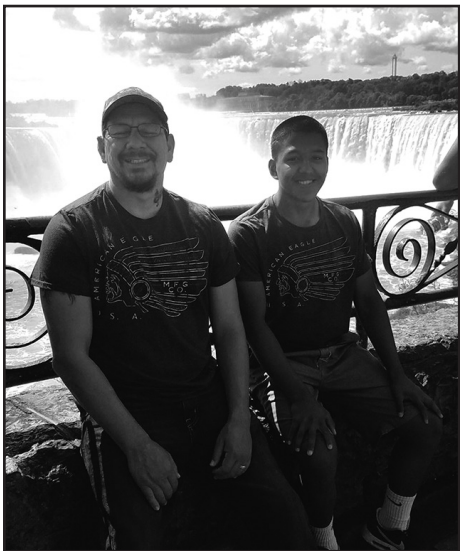
Love You! Mom, Dad, Talisha, Tyesha, Tyus, and Jasmyne



Happy 10th Birthday to Meeks!!
October 26th

You are such an awesome girl and we all love you lots. Wishing you many more happy birthdays to come!

Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Sisters, Brother, and Nephew



Happy 37th to Pum Wadum (8/2) and
Happy 15th to Jose! (7/28)

We love you very much!
Your Family



HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY VINCIL JR!
September 21st

Love, Mom, Dad & the Family

... To All Our Relatives, Friends & Neighbors ...
The Nancy B. Llamas Family says Thank You for prayers, flowers, food and support during this difficult time with the loss of our Sister.

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The Prairie Band Potawatomi Powwow Committee would like to extend a sincere Thank You to We-Ta-Se Post 410.

This year the PBPW Powwow committee asked the Wetese Post 410 to join them for one big celebration and it was a success!

On Saturday, the 23rd the focus of the powwow was on our Veterans. Honor songs were sung for the different conflicts that our veterans served in and the We-Ta-Se Post 410 honored selected veterans as usual. Post 410 also sponsored a Mens Woodlands Special.



:: 2017 POWWOW SUMMARY ::

3000+ ATTENDEES
270 REGISTERED DANCERS
13 REGISTERED DRUMS
95 REGISTERED VETERANS
44 TOTAL VENDORS
24 CRAFT VENDORS
13 FOOD VENDORS
7 EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS

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