



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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

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Prairie Band Casino & Resort Celebrates 20 Years of Success



Prairie Band Casino & Resort celebrated 20 years of business success on January 12, 2018. Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation board members Denise Marshall and Jerry Tuckwin watch as Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council Chairwoman Liana Onnen cuts into the celebration cake, while Tribal Council Secretary Camilla Chouteau and member Thomas Wabnum stand by. Image: Courtesy of the Holton Recorder

Prairie Band Casino and Resort celebrated 20 years of business success on Friday, January 12, 2018 with a cake cutting ceremony and promotional event for guests. An exclusive luncheon celebration for enrolled adult Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members occurred at the casino the Saturday prior, and attendees received a grey t-shirt with the 20th Anniversary logo and a sports jacket with the casino logo as a gift.

"We would like to thank all the employees, patrons, business associates and the community for their continued partnership in celebrating the last 20 years of operating Prairie Band Casino and Resort" relayed management in a statement released by the Casino.

Opening for business in 1998, after successful negotiation with the state of Kansas, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation transformed the then-Bingo Hall into a Class III gaming facility in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act while construction for its permanent location occurred. The Nation entered into a management agreement with Harrah's Entertainment Corporation, and Harrah's Prairie Band Casino was established.

Within years of opening, the Casino experienced such high volumes of business it required an expansion. In 2002, the Casino initiated the addition of the Garden Tower: an additional 3-story hotel wing of 196 rooms, a 67-space year-round access RV park, the 12,000 ft. convention center, the grand lobby, Three Fires Steakhouse, a new administration building, a wastewater treatment plant, a 200,000-gallon water storage

tank, and 5 additional parking lots. Harrah's EC also donated a half million dollars to the tribe which was allocated to the upgrade of Prairie Peoples Park which continues to be well-utilized by the tribe and will be the host site of the 2018 Potawatomi Gathering.

In 2007, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation chose to take over management of the casino and rebranded as Prairie Band Casino & Resort. In 2016, the casino finished a \$10M expansion, which included a new bingo hall, more than 250 gaming machines, and increased handicapped parking spaces.

One week after celebrating the 20-year mark, the general membership of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation approved a \$55 million expansion proposed by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board during the January General Council Meeting. (See page 2 for an update.)

Throughout its history, the Casino has proven to be a fierce economic engine for the tribe and Northeast Kansas. At one time employing over 1,000 people, PBCR continues to be the largest employer in Jackson County directly employing over 700 people from Topeka, Holton, Mayetta, Hoyt and surrounding communities. Of the over 700 current casino employees, 33 have worked for the casino the entire 20 years of operation. Of those, seven are enrolled PBPB tribal members. They are Monique Cox - 18 years in table games and currently an HR Specialist, Lyman "Mando" Evans - Slot Performance, Kathy Knight - Players Club Supervisor, Dolly Richards - Slot Attendant/Host, Elizabeth Tye - Dealer,

Bert Vega - Slot Performance Manager, and Chuck Wahweotten - Director of Security.

Along with providing jobs as an employer, the Casino has also generated indirect employment through the use of area vendors, engineering and auditing firms, construction companies, and many other businesses in Shawnee County, Jackson County and Northeast Kansas.

With the revenue generated by the Casino as the main funding source for the tribal government operations, the PBPB relies heavily on the success of the casino with the greatest contributions of Casino revenues reflected through the quality of life of PBPB members and the infrastructure of the Nation.

Prior to the creation of the casino the tribe had a handful of buildings, a limited amount of employment opportunities, limited housing and zero paved roads. In 2006, Time magazine featured the Nation for its proactive use of casino revenues, due to the tribe channeling much of those dollars into infrastructure, job creation and education.

Today the tribal government and its other enterprises employ approximately 400 staff and the Nation is able to provide numerous programs and services to its members and the local community. Many of the services provided by the Nation benefit not only tribal members but also non-tribal citizens who reside within reservation boundaries. These services include, fire, police, emergency services, road and land maintenance,

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Chairwoman Liana Onnen: Message to the Nation



1st Quarter Travel

Washington D.C. 2/11-2/16
National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session and scheduled Meetings with Kansas Representatives Moran, Jenkins, and Roberts

Bethesda, MD 2/21-2/22
All of Us Research Program, Tribal Collaboration Working Group

Happy New Year, my friends. Whether it is the calendar year or the beginning of spring, I hope the New Year finds you in good health and spirits. The first quarter has certainly been a busy one and I found myself very active right here at the Kansas State Capital.

The Kansas Legislature kicks off its session in January and I find myself very active in state legislation and activities from mid-January to March, as legislation is introduced and the tribe prepares for Native American Legislative Day at the statehouse. The season generally kicks off with an invitation to the State of the State address by the governor. This year, I attended two State of the State addresses. One was the traditional state of the state address given by then Governor Brownback, who recognized the four tribes in Kansas and the government-to-government the state and tribes share. The other was a bit less traditional, as Governor Colyer delivered it after his inauguration to the position. Governor Colyer also acknowledged the government-to-government relationship between tribes. The tribes' continued invitation to and participation in events such as this reinforces and recognizes that relationship and the sovereignty of tribes.

Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol, recognized by law, falls on the first Wednesday of February each year. This is an opportunity for tribes and elected tribal representatives to network with legislators and the general public about who we are, what that means, and why our political status and our culture is important. I always try to take it as an opportunity to engage with legislators on specific pieces of legislation relevant to us. I often coordinate with Representative Ponka-We Victors in the Kansas House on issues that may be of importance to tribes and Native American citizens and then I engage with legislators about why the legislation is important and why we are asking for their support. The ability to do this comes from spending the last three years building relationships with Republicans and Democrats in both the Kansas House and Kansas Senate. Over the course of the past two years we have invited both House Republican and Democratic Leadership to the reservation as well as both Senate Republican and Democratic Leadership. All Kansas legislators receive an invitation to our annual powwow as well.

Two key pieces of legislation specific to Native Americans were introduced this year. HB 2147, the Native Veterans Bill, was introduced and is

moving through the legislature and although it has had some changes, it is still active and going to the Senate soon. This legislation has been the result of a lot of hard work on the part of many people and the work is not yet done. We are still lobbying for this legislation through both our lobbyist and through direct contact with members of the Senate.

Also of importance is HB 2498, which protects the wearing of tribal regalia and items of cultural significance in public buildings, etc. Representative Victors introduced the bill this year and asked me to testify on behalf of the bill, which I gladly did. The bill passed the House, and like the Veterans Bill, is on its way to the Senate, where we will continue to lobby for its passage. Both bills have garnered positive press for Native American issues and are raising awareness of the Native American population in Kansas. It is exciting and satisfying to be a part of what is happening in Kansas with regard to Native American issues right now. Stay tuned!

As always, should you have any questions or concern, please contact my office at 785-966-4008. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as you Chairwoman.

20 Years of Success, Continued

environmental and solid waste services.

“The funds the Nation receives from the Casino have helped us build up our community and our members. We fund police, fire and emergency services, housing programs, a health facility, Boys & Girls Club, road and bridge maintenance, and all of the things it takes to run a government. We also provide early childhood education, childcare, meal services to elders in our community, education opportunities from K-12 all the way to the doctoral level, and language and culture classes to our people. All of these things combined; help create a safer community in which our children, our future, and our culture can thrive,” stated Liana Onnen, PBPN Tribal Chairwoman.

In addition to providing funding for governmental services, the Nation also gives back to the community through charitable contributions. Over the past 20 years, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has donated nearly \$10 million dollars that directly affect the northeast Kansas community.

Casino Expansion - Project Update

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board of Directors (PBPECBOD; the Board) would like to thank the membership of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for its approval of the expansion and upgrade plan for the Prairie Band Casino and Resort at the January General Council Meeting. As part of our commitment to keep you updated and informed as we move through the expansion and upgrade projects, we will submit quarterly updates in the newspaper as well as at the General Council Meetings.

Since the approval in January, the Board has worked diligently making preparations for the expansion and upgrade project including reviewing and finalizing contracts with the architects, design companies and the credit agreement between the Nation (government) and the Entertainment Corporation (casino). The Board is also finalizing contracts with I-5

Design, for the interior upgrade, which is to be the first project completed. There will be a series of meetings (in-person and video/conference call) between the Board, Casino Management, and other stakeholder representation to coordinate finalizing the architectural and vision and construction plans of the expansion.

The credit agreement between the Nation and the Entertainment Corporation solidifies the terms of repayment on the loan for the expansion with the use of the Goldman Sachs' margin loan. Although intertwined, the government and the corporation are separate business entities and as such should have formalized agreements in place to protect both. The I-5 contract should be approved in the next week which will initiate the interior upgrade to the casino floor and the new social bar area in the lobby. While that portion of the

project begins to take shape the Board will work to finalize architecture/construction design. The Board has coordinated with TBE, the architecture firm who has worked with the Board to create a vision and plan for the expansion, to set up meetings to finalize the designs and plans, always keeping budget constraints and considerations in mind. As part of this process, there will be a number of planning and design meetings expected to stretch into late summer and be finalized in the fall.

As the project moves forward, the Board plans to identify and engage a project manager to protect the interests of the business and the tribal government and begin bidding processes for various aspects of the project. We are excited to be working on this new endeavor as we look to the future for our enterprise.

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FYI:

The Annual PBPN Powwow will be held in September!

Dates TBD

Native American Legislative Day



Native American Legislative Day 2018 - Back row, l to r: Dawn LeClere, Pom Hubbard, Rita Bar, Jeanette Little Sun, Arlene Shipshee Wahwasuck, Thomas "Hoppy" Wabnum, Zach Pahmahmie, Wade Pahmahmie. Front row, l to r: Vicki Wahquahboshkuk, Panosh Wabaunsee, Victoria Ramos, Junior Wahwahsuck, Ponka-We Victors, Gilreath Aitkens and Cecily Wabaunsee.

Since Native American Legislative Day's inception in 2014, the first Wednesday of February is designated for the four tribes in Kansas to represent at the Kansas State capitol building to network, educate and advocate tribal issues with members of the Kansas Legislature.

This year PBPN Tribal Council members hosted an early morning meet & greet, serving coffee and donuts, followed by a photo op with newly sworn in Governor Jeff Colyer. Afterward, Tribal Council and special guests attended the House Session.

Native language restoration received prime recognition this year. PBPN member Gilreath Aitkens opened the House Session with her delivery of the invocation while PBPN member Panosh Wabaunsee was invited to speak to the Kansas Legislature in Potawatomi, showcasing the teaching he received through attending PBPN Language classes. Also invited to speak was Junior Wahwahsuck, a member of the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.

2018 Election Calendar

The Election Board has allowed 75 working days for this election. Holidays have been taken into consideration.

:: Open Positions::

- Tribal Council Chairperson - Filing Fee \$150 | Minimum age 25
- Tribal Council Secretary - Filing Fee \$150 | Minimum age 25
- Tribal Council Person #1 - Filing Fee \$150 | Minimum age 21
- Gaming Commissioner #3 - Filing Fee \$150 | Minimum age 25
- Ethics Commission Vice-Chairperson - Filing Fee \$50 | Minimum age 25
- Ethics Commission Secretary - Filing Fee \$50 | Minimum age 25

Mailing of Election Notice | **April 4, 2018, Wednesday**

Declaration of Candidacy Filing Date | **April 16 to April 27, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Deadline to Withdraw Your Candidacy | **May 4, 2018, Friday by 4:00 p.m.**

Registration Deadline Date/18 Years and Older | **May 18, 2018, Friday by 4:00 p.m.**

Mail Ballots to Registered Voters | **June 8, 2018, Friday**

Tribal Election Date | **July 28, 2018, Saturday at 9:00 a.m.**

Run-Off Election will take place for those not winning by majority vote four (4) weeks after this election | **August 25, 2018, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

2018 Annual National Prayer Breakfast

By Camilla Chouteau, Tribal Council Secretary



2018 National Prayer Breakfast - The representatives of the five invited Native Nations pose for a photo with newly appointed Ambassador Sam Brownback, former Kansas Governor. Left to right: Camilla Chouteau, PBPN Tribal Council Secretary, Dr. Kathryn Hoffman - Oklahoma, Dr. Nigel Big Pond, Creek - Oklahoma, Amb. Sam Brownback, Mary Faus, Ojibwe Cree - New York, Donal Gentry, Klamath - Oregon, Bobby GreyEagle, Sisseton-Wahpeton - South Dakota.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — During the week of February 6-8, five American Indian Tribes/Nations were exclusively invited to the 66th Annual National Prayer Breakfast. Camilla Chouteau, Tribal Council Secretary represented the Prairie Band Potawatomi, along with the Klamath Tribe of Oregon, Sisseton-Wahpeton from South Dakota, Ojibway-Cree of New York and Creek Nation of Oklahoma. The highlight of the Prayer Breakfast was the keynote address by President Donald Trump. Attendees consisted of 3,000 individuals from the United States of America and countries around the world. Event sessions were conducted on various issues facing families of our Nation and Tribes were given recognition. Keynote speakers consisted of Congressional Wives, Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation Representative, a Ph.D. Student from Nepal, and Congressman Steve Scalise, who was severely injured at the Republican/Democrat Baseball Game this past year.

A special session was scheduled by recently appointed Ambassador Sam Brownback from the Trump Administration to discuss further action to be taken by the House Bill Resolution 46, Native American Apology after the approval by Congress during President Barack Obama Administration. Ambassador Brownback pledged to schedule a meeting with Vice President Pence along with representation from Native Americans.

House Bill 2498: Native Regalia

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation supports House Bill 2498, which seeks to affirm the right to wear tribal regalia at award and graduation ceremonies, and other public venues and would prohibit governmental entities from barring regalia at these events.

The bill moved past the House and State Affairs Committee in early February, and has been carried to the House Floor by Kansas House Representative Ponka-We Victors where it was approved by a voice vote on February 20, 2018.

The next stop for HB 2498 is before the Senate for final action, after which it would be signed into law.

The local school district, Royal Valley USD 337, has long allowed Native students to wear their tribal regalia at graduation and other events.

Charitable Contributions 4th Quarter Recipient List

Total Donated \$90,440

- American Heart Association
- Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan
- Boys & Girls Club of Topeka
- Delia Community Pride
- Hoyt Rural Fire - District # 3
- Let's Help
- March of Dimes
- Meals on Wheels
- Midland Care
- Ms. Wheelchair of Kansas, Inc.
- Rescue Mission
- Rossville High School:
- Alumni Scholarship Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- Topeka Youth Project
- USD # 335 Jackson Heights
- USD #497 Liberty Memorial Central Middle School



Hello everyone, I hope that you had an enjoyable holiday season and that the New Year is going well for you thus far. Here in the financial area for the Tribe we have made it through our year-end processing for W-2's & 1099's and have wrapped up our first round of FY2017 audits for our Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects. January is by far our busiest month of the year with the year-end processing, audits and the January General Council meeting. Now we are on to preparing for our annual governmental audit and March Per Cap is just around the corner. Following are a few items of interest that we have been working on along with a detailed look at the Per Capita process.

Will & Estate Workshop

The next Will & Estate Workshop is scheduled for March 15, 2018, at the Elders Center at 11 a.m. This will be the informational portion of the workshop. Staff from Kansas Legal Service (KLS) will discuss the services that they can provide in the way of drafting will & power of attorney documents as well as a sign up list will be available for those who wish to have documents drafted. Once signed up KLS will schedule appointments for the date of April 26, 2018, the meeting location for the appointments will be at the Old Bingo Hall.

If you are unable to attend the March 15, 2018 meeting to sign up just let me know and we can add your name to the list so KLS can get in contact with you to set up an appointment. In addition to drafting new documents, KLS can also assist in amending or updating your current documents. If you need to make an adjustment to your current will they can assist with that. The BIA will also have staff on site to assist with your questions on your trust assets. This is a really good program that we are able to provide at no cost and the only restrictions are that it is limited to our Tribal Members and their spouses.

Treasurer Wade Pahmahlmie: Message to the Nation

**Minors Trust
Discretionary Distributions**

In 2015, the Tribe switched Trustee Services on the Minors Trust from US Bank to Providence First Trust Company (PFTC). At that time there were some guidelines developed that govern when discretionary distributions can be made from the trust for items such as education, health, computers and welfare. Recently changes have been presented to the Tribal Council and we have approved the following changes to the discretionary distributions:

- 1) Vehicles – Minors will now be able to withdraw up to \$7,500 while in High School for the purchase of a vehicle.
- 2) Clothing – Minors who have turned 18 years old and who are still in High School will now be able to access up to \$500 for clothing.
- 3) Computers – Minors will now be able to withdraw up to \$1,500 for computers while they are in each of Grade School, Middle School and High School.

We are in the process of finalizing the changes with PFTC and these changes should be available for the Minors Trust Account holders within the next couple of months.

These three items were viewed as immediate beneficial changes to the guidelines. The guidelines receive review for recommended changes on an annual basis at a minimum. If there are further changes that you would like to have considered let me know and we can include them the next time we consider making edits to the guidelines.

**Margin Loan Casino Expansion
Financing**

As many of you are aware the \$55 million dollar Casino Expansion Project was approved by a majority vote of the quorum at the January 2018 General Council Meeting.

Funding for the project will come from the Tribe's Margin Loan which is basically a line of credit that has been established with our investment manager, Goldman Sachs.

One concern that has come up multiple times is how this project financing will effect the Tribal Cash Distribution (TCD) from the Casino, or more simply put how will this affect Per Cap, or our Tribal Programs. One of the beauties of the Margin Loan is that the Tribe sets the repayment terms of the loan. If we see a decrease in our TCD's we can make adjustments accordingly so the expansion financing does not have adverse effects on our Per Cap or

Tribal Programs. We are in the driver's seat so to speak when it comes to how the financing impacts us. Another beauty of the Margin Loan is that it is already established and ready to go. As soon as the initial construction contracts are ironed out we are ready to go, so no hoops to jump through and no major legal hurdles to slow our progress as we have encountered with recent projects requiring outside financing.

Per Capita

There are four primary areas of the Per Cap process that I'll discuss in the following section which include Eligibility, the Calculation, the Quarterly Distribution and the Tax Withholdings. These are the areas that we receive the most questions on as well as I don't believe have been explained in detail in the past so I'll do my best to do so here.

These four areas are all governed by our Per Capita Ordinance which was last updated in 2008 when Per Cap was increased to 48% along with IRS Tax Regulations.

Eligibility: Besides being an enrolled member of the Tribe, the Per Capita Ordinance identifies four key dates for eligibility, they are February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. Those four eligibility dates then coincide with the four quarterly distribution dates of March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15.

Eligibility and distributions play out as follows:

Eligibility Date 2/15 =
Distribution Date 3/15

Eligibility Date 5/15 =
Distribution Date 6/15

Eligibility Date 8/15 =
Distribution Date 9/15

Eligibility Date 11/15 =
Distribution Date 12/15

Per capita payments for adult Tribal Members age 18 and older are distributed by way of Direct Deposit or Check. The Minors per caps are sent by wire transfer to the Trustee to be placed into their Trust Accounts.

One common occurrence we encounter happens when a Tribal Member passes away between the eligibility date and the distribution date. The Tribal Member, because they were enrolled as of the eligibility date, is still eligible for the quarterly distribution and their Per Cap payment will be paid out to their heirs or estate according to the Per Cap Ordinance. I believe in many cases the heirs or estate are not aware of this and assume that their loved one was not eligible

for the quarterly distribution.

As part of our Unclaimed Property Program we will be working on distributing those final per caps to the heirs and estates of our passed Tribal Members.

Calculation: According to the Per Cap Ordinance, 48% of our Tribal Cash Distributions from the Casino are to be paid out to our Tribal Members in the way of a Per Capita Distribution. In an ideal situation we would receive the TCD's from the Casino and then would pay out the 48% to our Tribal Members after the fact, however it does not quite work that way based upon the distribution dates listed above.

In order to meet our distribution dates identified in the Per Cap Ordinance we must utilize estimates to meet our deadlines. Then on the following quarterly distributions, we make true-ups to ensure that we fully pay out the true 48% to our Tribal Members. Without the use of estimates and true-ups we would not be able to provide a timely or efficient distribution to our Tribal Members as both the distribution month and the preceding months TCD's are included in the Per Cap Distribution calculation. Below is a typical calculation for a March Per Cap Distribution:

**Example of a Typical March Per
Capita Distribution**

November TCD True Up +
December TCD True Up +
Actual January TCD +
February TCD Estimate +
March TCD Estimate =
Total TCD's Available for Distribution

Total TCD's Available for Distribution
X 48% / Eligible Tribal Members =
Per Cap Distribution Amount

Quarterly Distribution: Once the Distribution Amount has been calculated and then approved by Tribal Council the Per Cap Office is then notified so they can begin the processing of the quarterly distribution. Approval by Tribal Council occurs as soon as possible following the eligibility date to help ensure that our regular per caps, per caps with voluntary deductions, and per caps with garnishments are all processed for the distribution date. Addresses must be updated, Tribal Members turning age 18 must be updated in the system, voluntary tax deduction forms updated, bank info for direct deposits updated, court orders must be entered to name a few duties that must be addressed timely prior to the distribution date to ensure that the distribution is completed as seamlessly as possible.

Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie: Message to the Nation

Tax Withholding: While our Per Cap Distributions are considered taxable income and the Tribe must issue Form 1099-MISC because of this, generally our per capita distributions are below the threshold for us to require federal income tax withholdings. For 2017, the required federal income tax withholding threshold as identified in IRS Publication 15-A for quarterly distributions such as ours was \$2,600 per payment, since our quarterly distributions are roughly only about half of that amount we are

not required as the Tribe to withhold federal income tax. We do however offer voluntary tax options which are based upon the tax tables found in IRS Publication 15-A. Minors Trust distributions are also subject to the withholdings in IRS Publication 15-A. For state income tax whether or not your Per Cap is considered state taxable income depends upon your place of residence. If you live on the reservation then your per cap is not considered state taxable income, if you live in the state of Kansas then you most

likely would include your per cap as taxable income, for Tribal Members living in states other than Kansas the income may not be considered taxable but you should consult with your tax preparer to ensure that you are properly reporting your income.

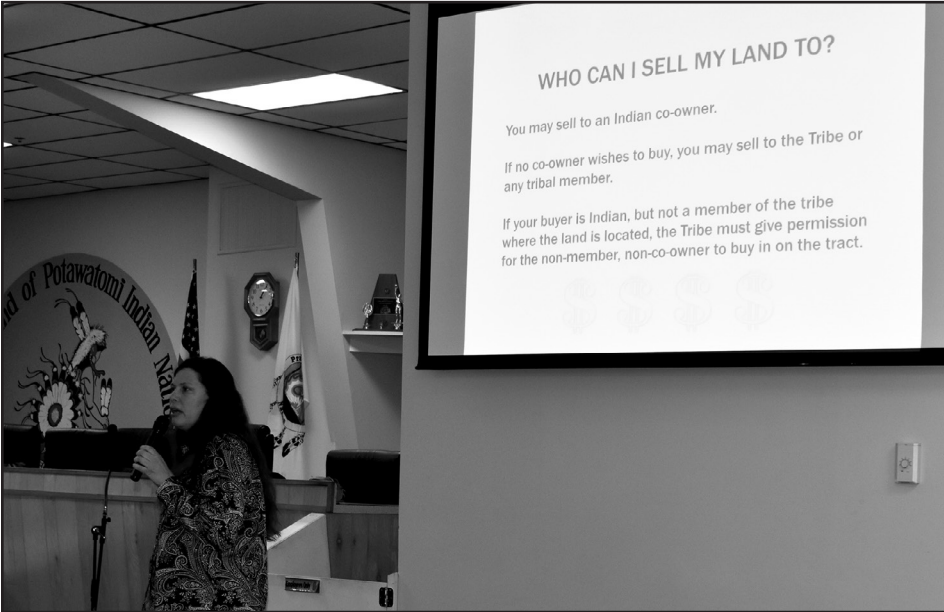
If you have any questions on any of the topics mentioned in this article or financial questions in general about the Tribe's operations my contact information is: Office: (785) 966-3905 – E-mail: [wadepahmahmie@pbpna-](mailto:wadepahmahmie@pbpna-tion.org)

[tion.org](mailto:wadepahmahmie@pbpna-tion.org), or you can always stop by my office or set up a meeting to discuss. Also if you have any specific financial topics that you would like me to write about in future articles let me know and I can incorporate those in. 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)



Peter Koehler, Ayco Company and Larry Estrada (right) of Goldman Sachs presented on the new financial counseling services that are available to Minor Trust Beneficiaries and Adult Tribal members in January 2018.



Denise Lundin, BIA - Horton Agency presented valuable information regarding Indian Trust Land at the Trust Land Education Workshop held at the Old Bingo Hall on January 31, 2018. Members of the community filled the Bingo Hall to learn more about their land asset.

Stand Back From the Yellow & Black!

The Early Childhood Education Center would like to refresh everyone on School Bus Safety:

When Getting on the Bus:

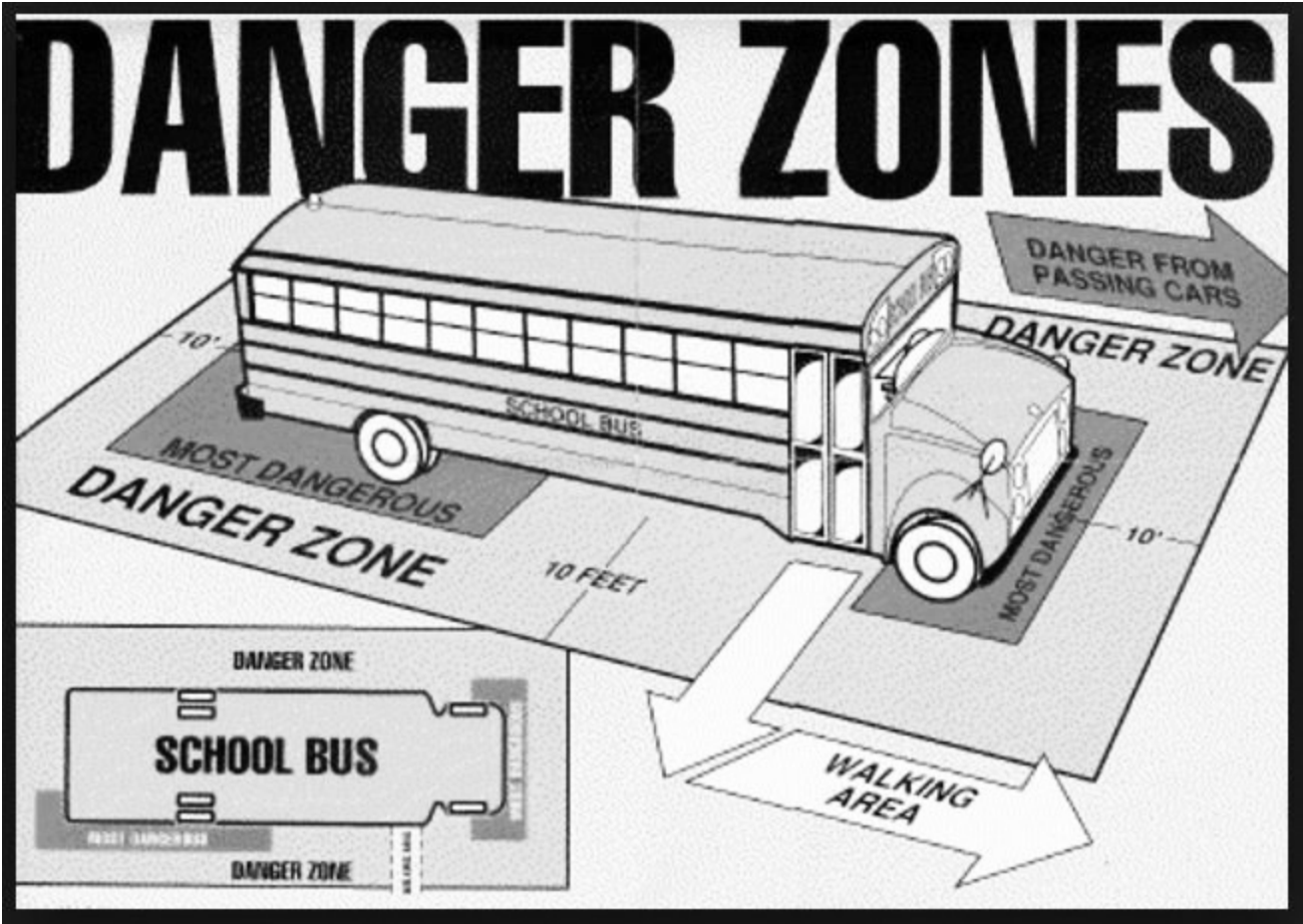
- 1) Be at the bus stop at least five minutes early
- 2) Stay well away from the curb
- 3) Stand in a single file line, don't push or shove
- 4) Wait for the bus to come to a

- complete stop
- 5) Always use the handrail
- 6) Keep the bus aisle clear
- 7) Obey the bus driver
- 8) Never talk to the driver while he or she is driving unless it is an emergency
- 9) Keep your head and hands inside the bus. Don't push or lean against the windows

When Getting Off The Bus:

- 1) Stay in your seat until the bus stops completely
- 2) Watch your step and use the handrail
- 3) Walk at least ten feet away from the bus
- 4) Make sure the bus driver can see you
- 5) Look both ways for oncoming traffic

- 6) Never cross the street behind the bus
- 7) If you drop something by the bus, tell the bus driver immediately before reaching for it
- 8) The Danger Zone is the area extending 10 feet out from the bus on all sides



**2018
General Council
Meetings**

Saturday - 4.21.18

Saturday - 7.21.18

Saturday - 10.20.18

General Council Meetings are held 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 years of age and older only. No one under the age of 18 is allowed in the meeting.

Native American Veterans’ Tax Legislation Moves Through House

By Michelle Simon



Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members attend the hearing on Kansas House Bill 2417, on January 16, 2018. Back Row, L to R: Frances Wabaunsee, Richard Adame (Veteran), Norma Cable, Mary LeClerc (Veteran), Front Row, L to R: Josie Pahmahmie, Laverne Hale, Roy Hale (Veteran) and Cable’s grandson.

House Bill 2417 has been introduced into the 2018 Kansas Legislative session with the aim to address Native American veterans’ income tax settlement claims and authorize the Kansas Department of Revenue to address this issue. Kansas House Representatives Ponka-We Victors (D) and Dennis Highberger (D) formally introduced the legislation to address the wrongful state income tax withholdings that some active duty Native American service members incurred while maintaining their permanent residence on a federally recognized

Indian reservation during the time-period of 1977 to 2001. The bill has made significant progress. On January 16, HB 2417 came before committee for discussion and possible action. It then advanced on to presentation before the House Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs on January 31, 2017. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council and tribal members attended the hearing to show support for the bill. HB 2417’s next stop was the floor of the Kansas House of Representatives for formal action on

February 19. The bill passed the House unanimously after the removal of language regarding interest on the owed sums.

At this time, it remains unclear if language regarding interest will make its way back into the bill before it goes before the Kansas Senate. If, and when it passes through the Senate, the last stop will be before Kansas Governor Colyer for signature into law.

For one tribal member, the road to right this wrong has been long. PBPB Tribal Member Richard Adame served during Operation Desert Storm. He is one of the service personnel impacted by the illegal taxation. Adame has actively advocated for this cause since 2003, and only in the last two years has it began to gain the necessary traction to become law.

“If we stand together we can make things happen for the good of the tribe, including our veterans, children and elders,” said Adame, who was quick to point out that he did not do it alone. Adame credits the assistance he received from other tribal veterans, Peter Vicaire with the Veterans Administration, Tulsa Law Professors William Rice and Rebecca Redelma, along with the PBPB Tribal Council, tribal lawyer Vivien Olsen, and the support of Kansas House Representative Ponka-We Victors.

Adame also stated, “Our young ones need to know that when challenges present themselves to us as a people, that ordinary ones among us step forward or join the effort to make things right.”

If passed, HB 2417 will allow any Native American veteran of a Kansas tribe who was domiciled within the boundaries of their tribal lands during the period of active military duty from the tax years 1977 through 2001, and who had Kansas personal income taxes withheld from their military income, to apply to receive a refund beginning on October 1, 2018. Those effected will have one and a half years to take advantage of this legislation after which the matter will be closed.

Whereabouts Unknown List - Horton Agency

OST is seeking current addresses for Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders. All Whereabouts Unknown (WAU) accounts have either interests in lands and/or funds to be disbursed to rightful owners. If you find your name on the list, please call our office, 785-486-2161.

AITKENS, MICHAEL D
ALEXANDER, VIVIAN E
ARMENDARIS-FITZSIMMONS, JODY
BAKER, DINA E
BALZER, GREGORY
BEIER, NEYL A
BENALLY, IRENE
BERRYHILL, TANYA LYNN
BODAH, AMANDA L
BRADFORD, JOSEPHINE L
BRADY, LINDA Y
BROWN, LATOSHIA M
BROWN, MELODY L RICE
BUSKIRK, GARY
CONBOY, NANCY WAHWASSUCK
CRAWFORD, JOHN DAVID
CUTSHELL, ARNETTA HALE
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JESSEPE, ELIZABETH ETEYAN
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NIOCE, PAUL A
OGDEN, DWAYNE R
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PAQUIN, MARGRETHA R
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POSTOAK, SHELLEY
RAMIREZ, DANIEL M
RODRIGUEZ, DESIREE T
ROGERS, JOSEPH E
ROSS, FLORENCE WAHWASSUCK
SHANE, VIVIAN M
SHEGONEE, WILLY (SR)
SHEPHERD, SAM
SHOPTEESE, JR, LARRY D
SHUCKAHOSEE, LEWIS P
SHUCKAHOSEE, TAMMY L
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THOMPSON, ROBERT
TITUS, SHANNON M
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WABAUNSEE, RICKY L
WABSKE WAMEGO, JAMES
WAHWASSUCK, JEWETT
WAHWEOTTEN, DENISE
WAHWEOTTEN, JOE
WAHWEOTTEN, TRACEY
WALKER, JONATHAN W
WARD, LAURA E
WHITE, DEON V
WILKINSON, CORY
YOSHIDA, MARK A
YOUNG, EDWIN L
YOUNG, KATHRYN K

PBP Health Center Recognized for Quality Laboratory Services

The PBP Health Center’s medical Laboratory has met all criteria for Laboratory Accreditation by COLA, a national healthcare accreditation organization.

Accreditation is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency

testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey.

PBP Health Center has earned COLA accreditation as a result of a long-term commitment to provide quality service to patients.

In addition to accreditation, the PBP Health Center’s Medical laboratory was also selected as a recipient of the “COLA Laboratory Excellence Award”

which is the highest honor COLA bestows!

COLA is a nonprofit, physician-directed organization promoting quality and excellence in medicine and patient care through programs of voluntary education, achievement, and accreditation.

Thank You Road & Bridge

The We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Road & Bridge department on January 19, 2018 for their assistance with moving the We-Ta-Se display cases.

The certificate went on to state, “Thank you for demonstrating your continued commitment and selfless acts dedicated to achieve excellence and success for future endeavors. With your continued service and devotion, We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 will continue to thrive in years to come!”

PBPN Awarded Gold Level for Breastfeeding Program

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe was awarded for efforts to make working and breastfeeding easier for employees.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has received the Gold Level “Breastfeeding Employees Support Award” from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition and its Business Case for Breastfeeding program.

The award is based on proven and established standards to benefit employers and employees. It recognizes businesses that provide support services to their breastfeeding employees, to include education as well as the time and space for employees to nurse and/or pump breastmilk at their workplace. The award, the top ranking of three sponsored by the Coalition, was presented by Brenda Bandy, Executive Director of the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition.

According to Bandy, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation received the award for achieving a high level of support to their employees as

outlined in the Coalition’s criteria. She said they provide a “gold level” pumping room, allow flexible time to pump, and have a written policy of breastfeeding support.

Pointing out that many breastfeeding mothers abandon breastfeeding when they return to work because they lack the support and appropriate facilities at their place of employment, Bandy said, “We want to help change that unfortunate situation”. She cited research showing that adequate support for breastfeeding employees benefits businesses through savings in health care expenses, reduced turnover rates, lower absenteeism, and increased employee loyalty. Employers that have established support services for breastfeeding employees have reported a \$3 for \$1 return on investment plus realizing a more productive working environment.

“Many Kansas employers recognize the benefits of supporting their breastfeeding employees. We want

to shine the spotlight on as many employers as we can for doing their part to make returning to work while breastfeeding easier in hopes that will encourage more businesses to follow suit,” says Martha Hagen, a Kansas WIC state breastfeeding coordinator.

Businesses that provide support services for their breastfeeding employees can be considered for a “Breastfeeding Employees Support Award” at the bronze, silver and gold levels. Applications are available at http://www.kansasbusinesscase.com/for_employers/employer_ awards.

The Business Case for Breastfeeding is a program to assist employers in developing or enhancing support services for their breastfeeding employees. The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition is a non-profit 501(c) 3 with the mission of working collaboratively to promote and protect breastfeeding in order to improve the health of Kansas families.

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Clark Graduates from KLETC Leadership Academy

Deputy Chief/Captain Terry Clark of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department was among 21 law enforcement officers graduating on November 17, 2017, from the Kansas Law Enforcement Leadership Training Academy’s fourth Command School at Yoder recently, it was noted.

Clark and his fellow graduates, who began their coursework in January 2017, represented officers from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Highway Patrol, local police and sheriff’s departments and tribal police from across the state.

“These officers demonstrated a commitment to public service by participating in the 300-hour, 11-month course. They graduated as better commanders, better supervi-

sors, better community ambassadors and all-around better leaders having gone through the course. They truly are the gold standard in law enforcement in Kansas,” said Dave Brown, principal instructor of the academy.

Clark, who has worked for the Nation for over five years, along with his fellow classmates also received their Certified Public Management credentials from the course at a graduation ceremony on December 1, 2017, at the State Capitol in Topeka. The CPM program is a nationally accredited management program and certification in which participants develop and strengthen their management skills through a competency-based curriculum.

The Leadership Training Academy is

a collaborative partnership between the University of Kansas Public Management Center and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. It was established in 2013 to support law enforcement agencies with professional development, leadership training, continuing education and networking opportunities.

The Command School program was developed to prepare law enforcement staff for senior and executive-level administrative leadership roles. The academy also offers a supervisor school and a new two-day overview course for departments to gain an insight into what the longer programs have to offer.

Courtesy of *The Holton Recorder*, with minor edits.

Deadline for Summer 2018:



May 4, 2018

Job Announcement

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is currently accepting applications for the Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative Program Manager.

To see the full listing & other openings visit:

<https://pbpnation.applicantpro.com>

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
PBPN Reservation | Rock Building
162nd & Q Road

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

24-Hour National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

24-Hour TVS Hotline

1-866-966-0173

Tribal Dispatch

Who ya gonna call? Tribal Dispatch!

The number one way to help prevent crime in your community is to stay aware and report suspicious activity.

If you see someone or something out of the ordinary or out of place, report it by calling Tribal Dispatch.

785-966-3024

Peacemakers Circle Openings

By Jean Howley

Currently the Peacemakers Circle is taking letters of interest from PBPN tribal members that would like to become a member of the Peacemakers Circle. We have three openings and hope to fill them at the next General Council meeting in April 2018. Interested parties can pick up an informational packet at the PBPN Tribal Court.

Peacemakers Circle is a voluntary organization that works through a separate branch of the Prairie Band

Potawatomi Government known as the Judicial Council. This branch then forms a unique arm that practices Indigenous Dispute Resolution (IDR) or mediation. The Peacemakers Circle is composed of 10 tribal members. They take an oath to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws, the Law and Order Codes of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Constitution of the United States.

Peacemakers may be used to resolve any dispute and/or any action

pending in the District Court for the parties that are subject to the jurisdiction of said court. Peacemakers are also available to settle disputes that are not a current matter of the court.

The purpose of the Peacemaking Circle is to resolve and mediate disputes in a non-adversarial way, voluntarily brought by the disputants, through a healing and harmonious way, by applying traditional, cultural, and restorative methods.



The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Behavioral Health Building is framed up, with construction occurring as weather permits. It is slated for completion in late summer of 2018. The new building is located to the west of the current Health Center and will use the same driveway, however it will have its own parking lot.

Domestic Violence

Provided by Tribal Victim Services

Domestic violence is a harsh reality that many families face every day.

Statistics show that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men are victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence also accounts for 15% of all violent crime. These statistics show that abuse of an intimate partners is a common occurrence and most people have a friend or family member in a domestic violence situation.

When a loved one is being abused it is normal to want to help them but it is important to know that sometimes this could put them in more danger. If

you have a friend or family member experiencing abuse by a partner, educate yourself on what you can do to help.

Support your loved one by listening to them attentively and respecting their confidentiality. If they aren't willing to discuss the situation, show your concern and let them know that you are there when they are ready.

Do not seek outside help without your loved one's permission or confront the abuser. These actions could put your loved one in more danger.

Encourage your loved one to seek help but allow them to go at their own pace. In a domestic violence situation, leaving is the most dangerous time for a victim.

Be patient and continue to support your loved one and their decisions. On average, a victim will leave an abusive relationship 7 times before leaving for good.

Encourage and help your loved one make a safety plan and find local resources. For more information, please contact Tribal Victim Services at 785-966-8330.

Tips to Help Loved Ones in Domestic Violence Situations

Provided by Tribal Victim Services

- Remember it is not your job to solve the problem. Help your loved one by supporting them with compassion and respect.
- Listen to your loved one. Be attentive and refrain from interrupting or making comments. Keep facial expressions and actions neutral and non-judgmental.
- Confidentiality is important. Do not talk to anyone else about your loved one without their permission. Talking to others or seeking help on your friend's behalf could put them in serious danger.

- Encourage and help them create a safety plan.
- Let your loved one be the expert on their situation. Use their language rather than labeling the situation.
- Be patient and allow them to go at their own pace.
- Educate yourself and your loved one. Identify and locate resources that can help, such as victim services programs.
- Encourage and empower your loved one. Let them make their own

- decisions and be supportive of those decisions.
- Be safe. If you witness a violent situation, do not intervene! Keep yourself safe and call the police. It is better to be a witness than a victim.
- Be patient and continue being supportive of your loved one and their decisions.
- For more information, please contact Tribal Victim Services at 785-966-8330.

Get Out and Go!

By Matthew Waits - DPP Lifestyle Coach



Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation regularly use the outdoor trails for maintaining their fitness. Above are participants from a DPP 5K.

It is spring in Kansas! As the weather warms up people usually feel better and have more energy. It is a great time to get up, and go outside to enjoy what spring in Kansas has to offer. Flowers and trees are in bloom, birds are singing, and kids are outside playing. Here are five benefits of getting out doors this spring!

BEING IN NATURE LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE

Spending time outside is good for the heart. A recent study estimated that nearly 10% of people with high blood pressure could get their levels under control if they spent at least 30 minutes in a park each week, partly because of the heart-related benefits of getting fresh air and lowering stress. In Japan, public health experts recommend people spend time walking outdoors, a practice called forest bathing, or shinrin-yoku. Researchers in Japan have linked forest bathing with lower levels of the blood pressure-raising stress hormone, cortisol. Check www.shinrin-yoku.org for more information.

SAVE MONEY

There are many benefits of going to a gym or fitness studio, but if you need to manage your expenses, exercising outdoors is one option to save a few dollars. While going to a gym or studio can provide extra motivation to train, if you have strong drive and motivation to reach your fitness goals, then exercising outdoors might be a good money-saving option for you.

MEET NEW PEOPLE

Using your local park, running on a nearby trail or simply walking around your neighborhood are all great ways to meet your neighbors. While exercise can enhance your physical health, being connected with your community and having a number of positive relationships can help improve your mental health as well. Put your phone down or close your laptop and go outside and move around in your community to enhance your real-life social network.

WARD OFF GERMS

Gyms are not always the meccas of health we make them out to be. A whole slew of studies has shown that gyms are breeding grounds for germs and bacteria. MRSA is the most dangerous super bug you can catch at your fitness facility—it's resistant to most antibiotics and can cause fever, rash, wounds, and chest pain. Other less harmful infections include athlete's foot, boils, herpes simplex and ringworm, according to the National Athletic Trainers' Association. You can avoid these hazards by washing your hands often, changing your socks daily, using foot powder, wiping down equipment before and after use and wearing flip-flops in the shower. Or you can simply take your training to the streets (even Rocky left the boxing ring every once in a while to run around outside). Indoor air is two to five times more polluted than outdoor air, according to a study from the Environmental Protection Agency. If you have ever walked into a stinky gym, you know exactly what's up.

GET A BURST OF VITAMIN D

Yes, going for some exercise in the sun is an excellent way to get some Vitamin D. It's one reason why people who seem to spend so much time outdoors appear to be so healthy. Every time the sun is shining and hitting exposed skin on your body, it's triggering your body to produce more Vitamin D. Vitamin D deficiency is increasingly common, especially in young children, the elderly, and people who live in the northern hemisphere. Vitamin D deficiency can lead to brittle bones, osteoporosis, and the bone disorder called rickets. Deficiency has also been linked to an increased risk of autoimmune diseases, increased cancer risk, metabolic syndrome, heart disease and depression.

Commodities Program Update

By Tracy Potts

Extended Hour For Late Pick Up

We continually strive to make it easy for our clients to pick up commodities at their convenience. With this in mind, we are excited to announce that beginning in March, the Food Distribution Program will be open until 5:30 PM every other Wednesday, starting March 7, 2018. Commodities picked up after 4:00 PM still need to be scheduled in advance.

We have a new product—White Whole Wheat Flour.

White whole wheat flour is made with a different variety of wheat. It's made with hard white spring or winter wheat — the bran, germ, and endosperm are all ground to result in 100% whole wheat flour. Yet because it's made with hard white wheat instead of hard red wheat, like whole wheat flour, it has a lighter color, softer texture, and milder taste. It's still nuttier than all-purpose flour because it includes the fibrous bran and germ of the wheat, but it's a more palatable whole wheat flour, particularly for those who don't enjoy the hearty taste of whole wheat flour.

How do you bake with White Whole Wheat Flour?

You can substitute white whole wheat flour for the flour called for in your recipe. It's that simple! Follow these

guidelines for the best results:

100% - In recipes that call for whole-wheat flour.

50% - In any recipe that calls for all-purpose flour.

25% - In light colored baked goods, like cake and bread.

Order Only What You Need

This prevents waste and storage issues if you don't have a lot of space. Store flour in an air tight container to prevent bug infestation. Large mason jars and plastic containers work well. It can be stored in the freezer up to 3 months. If your flour smells like burnt rubber or pencil erasers, it has gone bad.

'Like' us on Facebook

We now have a Facebook page! Please 'like' us on Facebook for program announcements and important information about USDA commodity food as well as food safety, food preparation, cooking and storage tips. We will also share recipes to promote healthy meals made with USDA commodity food. <https://www.facebook.com/PBPN-Food-Distribution-Program-831216787061387>

Keep Up The Great Work!



Each quarter employees of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are nominated by their peers for outstanding work performance and one individual is selected from the nominations. Then of the four selected during the year, one takes home the Employee of the Year award.

Top Left: 2017 Employee of the Year - Maggie Adame-Wood from Childcare, Top Right: Employee of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter 2017 - David Nolan from Finance, Bottom Left: Employee of the Quarter, 4th Quarter 2017 - Dennis "Festus" Eakin from Lands, Bottom Right: Employee of the Quarter, 1st Quarter 2018 - Gayle Lambrecht from Dental. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

Who We Are: 2018 Potawatomi Gathering

Update

This 25th year Potawatomi Gathering will be hosted by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and scheduled from July 29 to August 5, 2018.

The majority of Gathering activities will be scheduled @ Prairie People’s Park and the Prairie Band Casino.

Monday evening meetings are held at the Old Bingo Hall for planning and Community input purposes. Steady flows of Community Members have been attending these meetings with their suggestions and ideas.

Tribal Members are encouraged to review coming updates on the Nation’s Website. Just click the Countdown Timer!

Interested Tribal Members with inquiries may contact Camilla Chouteau, Tribal Council Secretary and Gathering Liaison at camillac@pbpnation.org or Paula Hopkins, Legislative Assistant at 785.966.4032.

Requesting Photos & Videos

The Gathering Committee is preparing a slide show of Traditional Food gathering and preparation and needs your help.

Here is a list of ideas:

- Mushroom Hunting
- Collecting Wild Onions
- Gathering Milkweeds
- Digging Wild Potatoes
- Picking Berries
- Any activities related to Indian corn: Planting, picking, drying, preparing

These can be candid photos of your-self, your family or friends collecting and preparing these food items.

The committee is also accepting any video footage of these activities as well.

The Gathering Committee is also seeking any historical photos of PBPB members or of tribal sites for a showcase at the Rock House.

In your submission try to include the names, dates, ages, location and as much information as possible.

Please send your digital media to media@pbpnation.org or bring your physical documents to the Media Department to have them scanned.

Workshops

Potawatomi Gathering Captain Jackie Mitchell has been very busy assembling a host of workshops for this year’s Gathering. Here is a preview of the classes we have in store so far:

- Hominy Preparation
- Native Foods
- Beaded Earrings
- Bias Beading
- Kakasewabo Preparation
- Skirt Making
- Cross body bags
- Applique
- Finger weaving
- Drying Pumpkin
- Drum Making
- Buffalo Tours
- Teepee Making
- Mocassins
- Drying Corn
- Beadwork
- Yoga

If you are interested in teaching a workshop contact camillac@pbpnation.org or call 785-966-4023.

Request for Giveaways

Potawatomi Gathering Captain Jeanette Little Sun has been collecting hand-made and traditional items for the Giveaway at the Gathering.

If you would like to contribute items please notify Jeannette or Camilla of

your item and the amount you will supply.

Suggestions: Jewelry items, pillows, items with applique work, beaded items, or other

“We Fought Termination”

This year’s Gathering is going to have a unique feature. Potawatomi Gathering Captain Jackie Mitchell along with members of the community are going to produce a play, “We Fought Termination,” and bring to life the pivotal time in history when the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation along with 99 other tribes faced termination by the United States government.

The play is going to focus on the delegation of Prairie Band Potawatomi traditional council members lead by Minnie Evans and their testimony in Washington, D.C. at a Congressional Hearing in 1954. It was through this testimony that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation remained in existence at the federal level.

Members of the community will be cast in the three roles of Minnie Evans, James Wahb-No-Sah and John Wahwassuck. The cast will also need 24 extras for varying scenes within the play. Auditions for the play will be held in early spring, look for more information with specific dates and times soon. This will allow plenty of time for the actors to prepare for their big debut at the 2018 Gathering.

The play will be composed of three acts. The first act will include the tribe receiving the information about the plans of the United States

government to terminate the unique status of Indian peoples, including the Prairie Band Potawatomi. It will show how the tribe determined to handle this situation, by sending three representatives straight to Washington, D.C.

The second act will be the re-enactment of the testimony provided by the three PBPB tribal members to Congress. This testimony is currently available on the Nation’s website www.pbpindiantribe.com and can be found in the About section.

The last act of the play will be the outcome of the testimony, which ultimately resulted in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation maintaining their unique status as a federally recognized Indian nation. The play will conclude with a celebration by the people.

The play is scheduled to run two times. The dress rehearsal will take place on Friday, July 20, 2018, (the night before the July General Council meeting) at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort. The live event will then occur at the 2018 Potawatomi Gathering at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018 at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort.

Prairie Peoples Park Updates

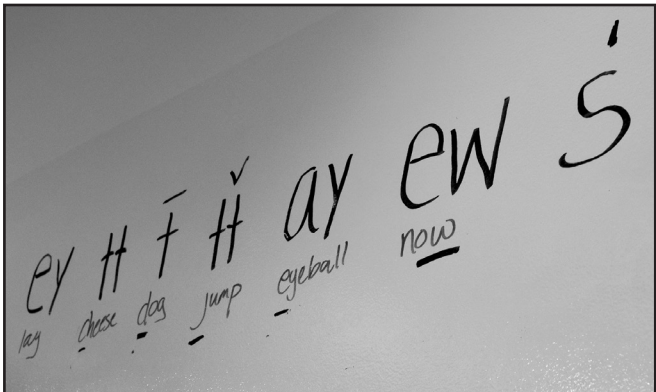


Both the Building Maintenance and Road & Bridge departments have been putting in a lot of effort to improve Prairie Peoples Park for this year’s Gathering. Above, the grassy knoll will be landscaped to include built in seating and stairs, solar lighting has been added throughout the park along with camera coverage, a new parking space is being created and the Welcome sign located at 158 Road has been landscaped. And more work will be done this spring!

Language Learning Center Open House

The Language Learning Center hosted an open house for the community on January 31, 2018 from 12 to 4 p.m. The community was able to drop in on their own schedule during those hours and receive a tour of the building from Language staff. The new building has a large classroom along with office space and a technology center. The building is also outfitted with restrooms and a patio.

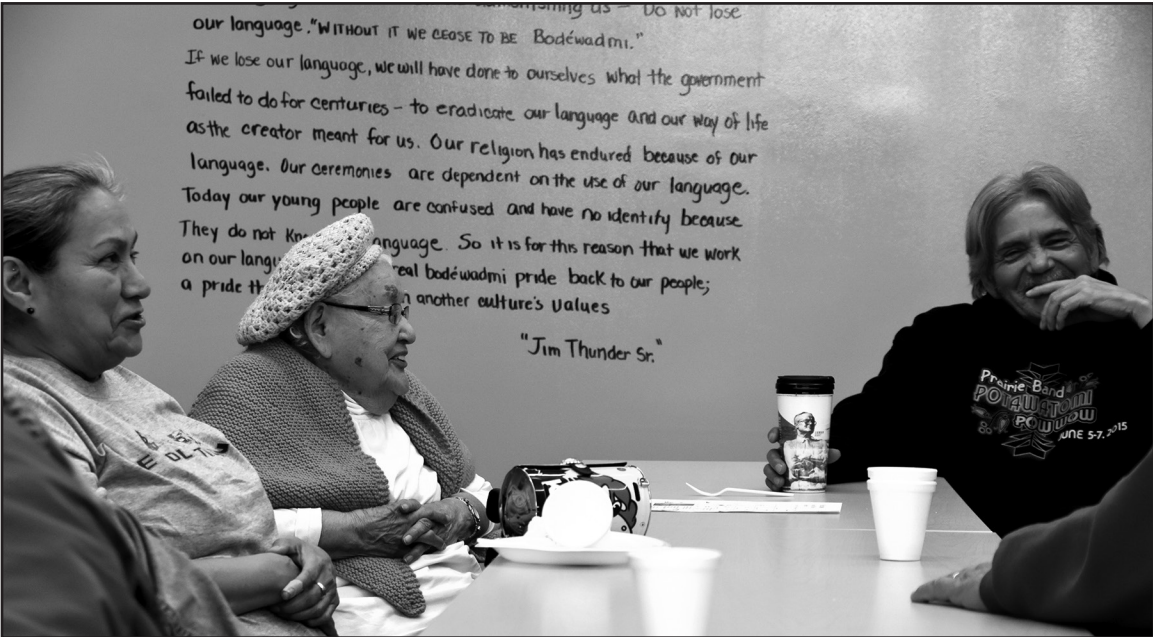
The building is situated directly in front of the Immersion House.



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 Cecelia "Mikšēkwe" Jackson



The reason that some of us work on language is that without it our ceremonies will become meaningless. Throughout our lives those of us who are fluent and lived the language, heard our elders admonishing us – "Do not lose our language." "WITHOUT IT WE CEASE TO BE Bodéwadmī."
 If we lose our language, we will have done to ourselves what the government failed to do for centuries – to eradicate our language and our way of life as the creator meant for us. Our religion has endured because of our language. Our ceremonies are dependent on the use of our language. Today our young people are confused and have no identity because they do not know our language. So it is for this reason that we work on our language – to bring real bodéwadmī pride back to our people; a pride that is not based on another culture's values
 "Jim Thunder Sr."



The walls of the classroom are a golden yellow and they are covered with a sealant which makes them able to be written on with dry erase markers. In the upper left picture is instruction on how certain Potawatomi letter groupings are pronounced. The walls also had two messages to share on this day. One message from Forest County Potawatomi Language Teacher Jim Thunder, Sr. and the other from former Prairie Band Potawatomi Language Teacher Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson. In her words, she said, "I'm praying to the creator to teach us what to do up ahead. He will continuously give us everything. Because of our language, that's what makes us nishnabe. That all of us work well together, that we all work well together to take care of what our creator gave us to use up ahead and those that will use it for the children to know in the future." The late Jackson's daughter, Jan "Pom" Hubbard is now the Language Speaker and she is shown next to Paula Moore looking at an historic photo. Above Language Teacher, Billy Matchie visits with Alvin and Sara LeClair and others. To the left is the technology center area behind the classroom.

Kambottek

*****All postings are reprinted from public obituaries or submissions from the family.*****



Zelda Martinez

TOPEKA, KS – Zelda Mitchell Martinez, 94, of Topeka, KS, passed away Friday, November 17, 2017 at The University of Kansas Health System-St. Francis Campus. She was born June 21, 1923 in Mayetta, the daughter of Joe and Angeline (Battese) Mitchell.

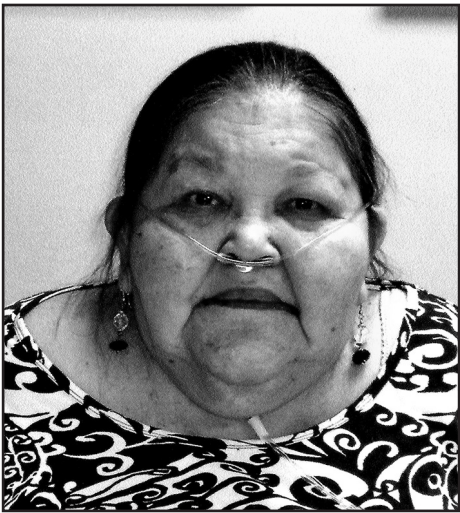
Zelda was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Zelda married Logie R. Martinez on February 8, 1948 in Topeka. He preceded her in death on August 4, 2008. She was also preceded in death by 2 sons, Ralph Joseph Martinez and Ralph A. “Sonny” Martinez; a sister, Cecelia Mitchell; a brother, Andrew Mitchell and a grandson, Michael Fitzgerald.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Laura J. Thackery and Sheila Fitzgerald both of Topeka, KS; a son, Manuel J. Martinez of Topeka, KS; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Ship-shee Cemetery. A rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton with visitation to follow until 8:00 p.m. Memorials may be given to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church or Ship-shee Cemetery 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 Homes



Rose Wahweotten

LAWRENCE, KS – Rose Marie “Kitch ko me quah” Wahweotten, 80, of Lawrence, KS passed away Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Brandon Woods at Alvamar in Lawrence. She was born May 29, 1937 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, the daughter of Joe and Naomi (Mzhichteno) Wahweotten.

Rose attended grade school in Mayetta. She lived most of her life on the reservation and also lived in Holton, Oskaloosa and Perry. Rose moved to Lawrence in 1988.

Rose was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Drum Religion. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandfather, George Allen.

Survivors include her guardian, Lois Mead of Lawrence.

Graveside Services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Shipshee Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Family will greet friends from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton before processing to the cemetery. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes

Gale Marlow, Jr.

SACRAMENTO, CA – Gale Marlow, Jr., 60 passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2018. He was born December 9, 1957. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Vernona Lewis

MAYETTA – Vernona L. “Vernie” Lewis, 76, of Mayetta, KS passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer, at her daughter’s home in Belvue, KS. She was born November 12, 1941 in Mayetta, KS the daughter of Henry and Leona (Mzhickteno) Knoxsah.

Vernie attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence. She was a homemaker, housecleaner and babysat for many families.

She was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Native American Church.

Vernie married Fred Mahkuk, they later divorced. She married Gerald F. Lewis on March 15, 1972 in Ogden, KS. Gerald preceded her in death on May 30, 2017. She was also preceded in death by 2 sons, Tony Mahkuk in 2004 and Robert Mahkuk on July 6, 2017 and 3 brothers, James, David and Virgil Knoxsah.

Survivors include 7 children, Anna Mahkuk (Paul) of Topeka, KS, Linda Mahkuk (Travis Egbert) of Belvue, KS, Rebecca DeVore (Paul) of Topeka, KS, Sherry Lewis of Topeka, KS, Sharlene Lopez of Topeka, KS, Terry Hernandez (Raphael) of Minco, OK and Melvin Lewis (Tiffany) of Robinson, KS; 2 sisters, Aurora Martin of Mayetta, KS and Deena Desjarlias of Mayetta, KS; 2 brothers, Martin Knoxsah of Hutchison, KS and Clifford Knoxsah of Topeka, KS and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Native American Services will be Friday evening, December 15, 2017 at the Native American Church on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be Saturday morning at Mahkuk Cemetery. The family will greet friends Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. 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



Berdina Marshno

MAYETTA, KS – Berdina V. “Si-be-qe” Marshno, 77, of Mayetta, KS passed away Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, KS. She was born November 17, 1940 in Mayetta, KS, the daughter of Joseph M. and Sylvina (Curley) Marshno. Berdina attended schools in Beloit, KS.

Berdina was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Drum religion. Berdina worked for over 15 years at the Skinner Nursery in Topeka, KS. She enjoyed reading and watching her favorite soap operas. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her granddaughters.

She was married to Charles Nephew. They later divorced. Berdina later married Ogden New. They later divorced.

Berdina is survived by her five children; Carol Ann Bulson, Yvonne Nephew, Galen Nephew of Buffalo, NY, Sherie Nephew of Topeka, KS and Dawn Barnes (Tim) of Topeka, KS; five step-children, Agnes, Mary, Connie, Marsha and Carlton; Fifteen grandchildren, Amber, Ora, Shari, Lisa, Josh, Jamie, Nicholas, Nanette, Nolita, Nathaniel, Shynowa, King, Tiffany, Rick and Shawn; and eleven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one son, James “Jimmy” Nephew; four sisters, Arlene Hernandez, Olivia K. Wahquaboshkuk, Mary Jo Cummings and Carol Ann Marshno; two brothers, Kurlin Marshno and Joseph M. Marshno; and one grandson, Jamie Bowers.

Wake and Dinner services will be Thursday evening, January 25, 2018 at Danceground Building. Burial will be Friday, January 26, 2018 in Danceground Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, KS 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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****All postings are reprinted from public obituaries or submissions from the family.****



Anthony Levier

MAYETTA, KS- Anthony “Bob” Lee Levier “OB-NA-SAH”, 30, of Mayetta, KS passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at his home, unexpectedly after a brief illness. He was born November 13, 1987 in Emporia, KS the son of Maria Levier-Patterson.

Anthony graduated from Royal Valley High School in 2006. He also attended Washburn University. Anthony worked for the Prairie Band Tribe in construction, building maintenance and was a housing supervisor.

He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Drum Religion. Anthony enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing pool. He played in the APA Pool League and competed in Las Vegas with his mother in 2015.

Survivors include his mother, Maria Levier-Patterson; his grandparents, Dolly and Michael Richard; his brother, Antjuan; his sisters, Amiya, Anabella and Tina Levier and Tina’s children, Andree, Alek and Aven all of Mayetta. He also leaves his beloved dog, Rocky.

Drum Services will be Friday evening, January 12, 2018 at the Danceground Building. Burial will be Saturday afternoon, January 13, 2018 in the Wah-wak-sum 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

Calvin Wishkeno

LA MESA, CA – Calvin William Wishkeno, 64, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2017. He was born September 21, 1953. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Leatrice Noriega

MAYETTA, KS - Leatrice Simone “Shau Shqua Snok” Noriega, 71, of Mayetta, KS passed away Monday, December 18, 2017 at her home on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. She was born April 13, 1946 in Topeka, KS the daughter of Eugene White Hawk and Ruby M. Wabnum Shuckahosee.

Leatrice attended school in Marty, S.D. and graduated from Delia High School. Leatrice had also attended Washburn University. She lived her earlier years on the reservation and had spent most of her adult years in Topeka. She worked for the State of Kansas in the SRS Department as a clerk and also worked as a secretary at I CARE both in Topeka.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Drum Religion.

Leatrice and Ramon A. Noriega, Sr. were married for over 58 years. He survives of the home. Other survivors include 2 sons, Ramon “Kish” Noriega, Jr. of Topeka, KS and Wilson Noriega of Hutchinson, KS; 5 sisters, Alexis Bailey of Texas, Ardegene White Hawk, Martyna White Hawk, Vevina White Hawk and Inez White Hawk all of South Dakota; 2 brothers, Leslie Shuckahosee of Mayetta, KS and Eugenio White Hawk, Jr. of South Dakota; 2 grandchildren, Simone Noriega and Santana Noriega and 1 great-grandson, Kendrick Potts.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Blanche Cook Rice and 4 brothers, Robin Shuckahosee, Terry Shuckahosee, Robert Shuckahosee and Wilson Garcia, Sr.

Drum Services will be Thursday evening, December 21, 2017 at the Danceground Building. Burial will be Friday afternoon, December 22, 2017 in the Mitchell Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 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

Peter Wahwassuck, Sr.

TAHOLAH, WA – Peter Lewis Wahwassuck, Sr., 83 years of age and a longtime Taholah, Washington area resident, died on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at Grays Harbor Community Hospital in Aberdeen, Washington. He was born on August 29, 1934, in Mayetta, Jackson County, Kansas to John Paul Wahwassuck and Josette P. (Nahgombe) Wahwassuck. He was an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He was raised and attended school in the Mayetta area. Following his high school education he serviced with the United States Army and was a Korean War Veteran. Following his military discharge he came to Washington and attended Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon.

In the early 1960’s he married Mary Ann Boome in Sedro Woolley. She died in 1983.

Following college he worked as a logger in the Mount Vernon area. The couple then came to the harbor area and resided in Queets and Taholah.

Peter had been a fire fighter and was involved with the American Indian Movement. He volunteered and worked for the Quinault Indian Nation at the Salmon River Fish Hatchery for over 20 years.

His travels had taken him to ceremonials in Kansas, Minnesota, Michigan and California.

He enjoyed black power shooting, walking on the beaches, playing the banjo, harmonica and guitar; he also liked beading and spending time with his grandkids.

Peter L. Wahwassuck, Sr. is survived by his sons, Ron Wahwassuck of Mayetta, Trilby H. Wahwassuck of Aberdeen and Pete L. Wahwassuck, Jr. of Taholah; his daughters, Jeannie R. Wahwassuck-Underwood of Taholah, Juanita Wahwassuck of Tacoma, Tambi Pauline Wahwassuck of Vancouver, WA and Evelyn Wahwassuck of Minneapolis; his brothers, James O. Wahwassuck of Mayetta and Merriell V. Wahwassuck of Mayetta; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives.

Visitation will be at the family home in Taholah on Friday, December 1, 2017. Interment in the Taholah Cemetery will precede the memorial funeral service. A memorial funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, December 2, 2017, at the Taholah Community Center with Guy Capoeman officiating. A dinner for family and friends will be held at the Taholah Community Center.

Courtesy of Coleman Mortuary

Michael Kitchkommie

GRANBURY, TX – Michael “Mike” Leroy Kitchkommie, 61, passed away Saturday, January 20, 2018 in Granbury. Service: 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints in Granbury. Interment: Squaw Creek Cemetery.

Mike was born March 22, 1956 in Austin to Jack and Evelyn Siverly Kitchkommie. He loved the outdoors, hunting trips and rock climbing. He loved history and was a chef who had worked all over the world, including Saint Thomas, Panama and Boston.

Survivors: Mother, Evelyn Dean; sisters, Carolyn Rodi and husband John and Jaqueline Dawn Watkins; nieces and nephews, John F. Rodi, Bryan Shagaf, Olivia Marie Rodi, Amy Shagaf, Jason Reed and Christopher Reed; aunts, Mary Erwin, Doris Stovall and Barbara Emrich.

Mike was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Courtesy of Wiley Funeral Home and Cremation Service

PBPN Burial Fund

The PBPN has an established Burial Fund for enrolled tribal members to help ease the financial burden of funeral expenditures during a family member’s death.

The burial benefit will pay up to \$6,000 in burial costs per eligible individual. Tribal members with funeral expenses for stillborn or premature death of infant (within the first 12 months of life) can also be reimbursed for up to \$500 to be paid to a funeral home for burial.

All burial allowance applications and statements must be filed with the Tribal Council within one year from a member’s date of death.

For assistance with this benefit, contact the Member Services Department.

Member Services

Toll Free Line 1-877-715-6789
16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509
or visit their webpage at:
www.pbpindiantribe.com/member-services/



Welcome to this World!
Jax 'Cinquieme' Coen DeBose
Born: November 18, 2018
Weight: 11 lbs, 13 oz
Height: 23 inches
From your brothers, Jaimin, Jase,
Jaren, Jahan and loving parents
Jameson and Candice DeBose



Welcome Baby!
Anthony Jason Muñoz

First son of Monica Boutwell & Juan
Muñoz. Being watched over by late
Grandparents, Lawrence & Suzanne
Boutwell and Great Grandmother,
Ramona (Kitchkume) Blackdeer



Happy Birthday to my
big babies!
Michelle - 3/20
Michael - 3/26

Love, Mom & Family

RVMS Boys Go Undefeated!



The Royal Valley Middle School Boys
Basketball team - Class of 2022, main-
tained two perfect seasons during
their time in middle school. The boys
went 32 - 0 for the combined 2017 and
2018 seasons.

Here are a few highlight shots of PBPB
tribal members, top left: Nahconbe
Wahwassuck puts in a lay up, middle:
Kyle "KJ" Miller, Jr. shoots a three,
and top right: Mason Thomas for the
dunk!

At left is the entire RVMS Boys
Basketball team. Go Panthers!



Martinez Receives Recognition



Daniel Martinez, PBPB tribal member, (pictured right)
received a Certificate of Appreciation award from the
Inter-National President of the Lions Club at the Mid-
Winter Rally for the state of Kansas held in Manhattan, Kan.
on January 27, 2018. Daniel is the first Native American to
receive the 4th highest award in the Lions Club in the state.

The award read, "In Recognition of Distinguished Achieve-
ments in fulfillment of the Mission of Lions Clubs Inter-
national to Affirm the Appreciation and Gratitude of the
Association"

Martinez belongs to the Topeka Sunflower Lions club, in the
past they provided vision screenings for the PBPB childcare
program free of charge and they provide glasses to children
and adults who needs them, the club also donated a bench
to the PBPB Tribal Police department.

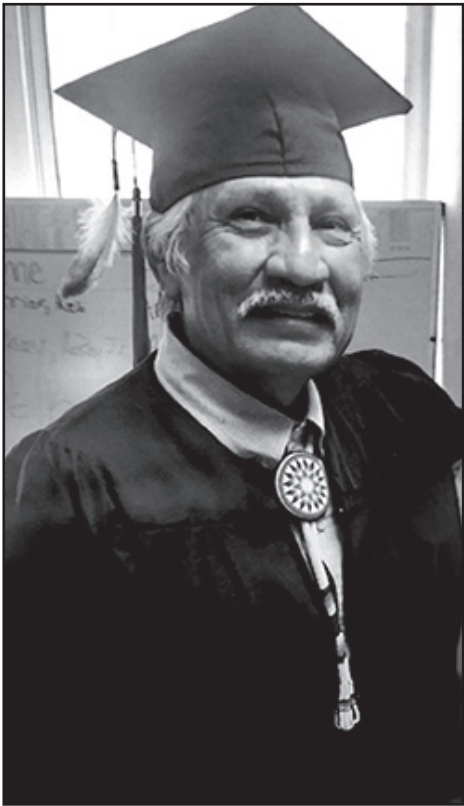
Mitchell Retires from the Bureau of Indian Affairs

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation presented PBPB
member, Mary Mitchell, with a plaque on February 12,
2018, for over 20 years of Government Service. Mary
retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Horton Agency
where she helped many tribal people, including members
of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, with the probate
process.

A colleague of Mary's stated, "People don't care what you
know until they know you care. And Mary cares."

Tribal Council Member Thomas Wabnum, and Tribal
Council Secretary Camilla Chouteau presented the
plaque to Mary (pictured center).





You Did It!

Super proud of our Papa, Father & beautiful husband, Steven Daubon Pena for earning your degree! Bachelor of Arts Indigenous & American Indian Studies Haskell University

Congratulations

PBPN member Zach Wahweotten received a “I” rating at the regional piano festival in Baldwin City, Kan. This score qualified the Royal Valley High School junior to perform at the State Piano Festival in Wichita on February 17, 2018 where he received a “II” rating.

IT TAKES A TRIBE TO RAISE A CHILD...
+ FAMILY + TEACHERS +
NEIGHBORS + MENTORS +
DOCTORS + COACHES



And sometimes a + FOSTER PARENT
Here are the basic requirements to apply:

- At least 21 years of age
- Member of a federally recognized tribe
- Able to pass a fingerprint background check
- Financially self-sufficient
- Able to complete MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) 30 hour course
- In good overall health
- Willing to nurture & protect children

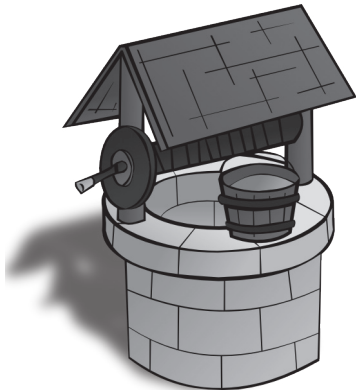
If you meet these requirements and are interested in becoming a foster parent, contact Dawn Turner, PBPN Social Services, Children & Family Services, (785)-966-8285.

Do You Remember the 1966 Tornado?

Author Bonar Menninger and colleague Doug Stone are adapting Menninger’s 2010 book “And Hell Followed With It” into a film. They are looking for Potawatomi people who encountered the Topeka tornado in 1966 and would be willing to share their story.

There is a significant amount of Potawatomi history in the book and the film, about the journey from the north, Abram Burnett and Burnett’s Mound. Stone said, “I feel strongly that the specific perspective and insights of Potawatomi people who crossed paths with the tornado in 1966 should be represented.”

Anyone interested can contact Doug Stone at 917-209-8339 or reached via email at dougmaxstone@gmail.com



Do You Have a Domestic Well?

The Division of Planning & Environmental Protection (PEP) is offering FREE sampling of your well water. The service is available to the entire community residing on the PBPN Reservation.

Contact Verna Potts at 785-966-8031 for more information!

PBPN BGC Photo Request

The PBPN Boys & Girls Club is requesting pictures of the O’Ketcheshawno Center from the 1970’s and 1980’s.

Of particular interest are any photos of community events, activities and the various roles the building has played, i.e. tribal office, elders center, bingo hall, etc.

Please email photos to: cherylhopkins@pbpnation.org or drop by the BGC and they will scan them. Thank you!

A Plea To The Nation

Bosho - My name is Brian Mahkuk and I am an enrolled PBPN tribal member doing time in the Ellsworth Correctional Facility.

During my time here I’ve tried to better myself by taking part in the different classes and programs offered. I have completed and received certificates for the Substance Abuse Program, the Thinking For A Change Program, and I have completed and graduated from the Work Ready Program.

I have also participated in the United Tribes Call-Out since I arrived in 2015. This is a spiritual call-out made up of various tribes and ethnic groups.

We practice the Native Way of life to the best of our abilities. We smudge and welcome the day, we sing and dance to honor Creator, we use the pipe to send up our prayers and we also sweat once a month. Every third month we are allowed a changing of the seasons powwow. This is all done in a good way and to honor the Native Way of life.

Our group is self-supporting, we all

donate what we can, but unfortunately we do not have jobs, nor are we allowed to do fundraising activities. We have received help from the Language Program with books and CD’s of the Potawatomi language (Migwetch!) and the Kickapoo’s have helped with sage, sweetgrass and willow for our lodge.

Today, I am asking for help from one native to another. If possible we could use any Native related books to add to our library, beads and leather for crafting, and we would appreciate any sage and sweetgrass. Any donations of wood or rocks would be a lifesaver.

I personally want to thank you on behalf of our group for any and all help we receive.

- Brian Mahkuk, Chairman of the United Tribes Group and proud member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Donation Contact:
Chaplain Joseph Vallier
Ellsworth Correctional Facility
1607 State Street
Ellsworth, KS 67439

Spring Clean Up on the Rez

Free services for PBPN Tribal members on reservation or in service area

March 19 - 23, 2018

First come, first serve - Sign up begins March 5, 2018
Contact Chago Hale - 785-966-2375 at Road & Bridge

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| - Moving/Hauling dirt | - Chimney Cleaning |
| - Tree/Brush removal | - Gutter Cleaning |
| - Brush Hog cutting | - Grading/Hauling gravel for drive-ways (Gravel must be paid for) |
| - Wood Cutting | |

Homebuyer’s Workshops

Interested in home ownership?
Here are the dates for the upcoming Homebuyers Workshops:

April 28th 9-11am
July 25th 6-8pm
October 27th 9-11am

Look for detailed flyers as dates approach or call PBPN Housing at 785-966-2756 for questions.

NOAA Storm Spotter Training

April 3, 2018
9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m
Old Bingo Hall

Spring Swap Meet

The Social Services Department is hosting a spring swap meet!

3/20 - 3/22/18
Old Bingo Hall

The goal is to provide for adults and children for the upcoming Spring and Summer seasons. We are kindly accepting:

Clothing, Shoes, Toys, Small Home Furnishing items
- Gently used or New only -
Please ensure all items are cleaned, laundered & in working condition.

Thank You Prairie Band Casino & Resort Employees!

Gilbert Vega – Slot Performance
Richey Miles – Table Games
Kathy Knight – Players Club
Teri Manuel – Human Resources
Sandra Spiker – Security
Jim Gibson – Facilities
Sharon Harding – Revenue Audit
Barbara Dallan – Casino Cashier
Joy Knudson – Marketing
Regina Hoffman – Telecommunications
Dolly Richard – Slots

Lyman “Mando” Evans – Slot Performance
Sheryl Myer – Slots
Carol Hards – Table Games
Monique Cox – Human Resources
Gerald Degand – Table Games
Dinah Moulden – Table Games
Tammi Dove – Table Games
Jeffrey Peters – Buffet
James Patterson - Buffet
Denise Kneisler – Accounting
Jacquelyn Cope – Information Technology

Paula Rogers – Table Games
Jeremy Wilson – Slot Performance
Matthew Broxterman – Table Games
Heather Lowder – Table Games
Franklin Porterfield – Facilities
Annette Wheeler – Marketing
Marie Ludlow – Buffet
Elizabeth Wabaunsee-Tye – Table Games
Jennifer Bailey – Beverage
Scott Hanna – Slots
Jared Sender – Facilities

*Pictures not available for all staff.



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JARED SENDER



SCOTT HANNA



ELIZABETH WABAUNSEE-TYE



DENISE KNEISLER



ANNETTE WHEELER



CAROL HARDS,
MATTHEW BROXTERMAN
DINAH MOULDEN



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HEATHER LOWDER, PAULA ROGERS, TAMMI DOVE



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JENNIFER BAILEY



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