



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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

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## 2018 Election Results



The newly elected Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation officials were sworn in to office on August 30, 2018. At left, Tribal Council Chairman Zeke Rupnick, Tribal Council Member Raphael Wahwassuck, outgoing Chair Liana Onnen officiates, Tribal Council member Bill Evans, Gaming Commissioner Rey Kitchkumme and Tribal Council Secretary Camilla Chouteau take the Oath of Office together.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 2018 Election cycle has concluded, resulting in three new members to tribal council, one new member to the ethics commission, and two incumbents maintaining their positions.

The Election opened in May 2018 with 24 candidates casting their bid to fill four positions on the Tribal Council, three positions on the Ethics Commission and one position on the Gaming Commission. The normal election cycle for tribal council included the Chairperson, Secretary and Tribal Council member #1. Tribal Council member #3 was also included in this election to fill the vacancy created by the relinquishment of the seat by Juanita Jessepe in April 2018.

The normal election cycle for the Ethics Commission included the Vice-Chairperson and Secretary positions. The Ethics Commissioner #2 position was also included due to a vacancy before the

completion of the term. The Gaming Commission had one position open for Gaming Commissioner #3.

The initial ballot count held on July 28, 2018, revealed only one winner. Jean Howley won the position of Ethics Commission Vice-Chairperson with a tally of 704 votes. She ran uncontested. This is Howley’s first time to serve as an elected official for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. A swearing in ceremony took place on August 2, 2018 at the Rock Building for Howley.

The results of the initial ballot count also revealed the top two contenders for the remaining races. The Tribal Council Chairperson position was a very tight race with very slim margins between the candidates. Incumbent Liana Onnen received 289 votes (29.86%) and Joseph “Zeke” Rupnick received 235 votes (24.28%) to advance to the run off. Rupnick narrowly advanced to the run

off, receiving only 10 more votes than candidate Stephen Ortiz “Monwah” who received 225 votes (23.24%) and 16 more votes over candidate Dorothy Kiyukan who received 219 votes (22.62%).

For the position of Tribal Council Secretary, incumbent Camilla Wishkeno Chouteau secured her slot in the run off with 310 votes (31.93%) with the second contender also advancing by narrow margins. Warren Wahweotten “Junior”, a three term tribal council member, progressed to the run off with 251 votes (25.85%), while fellow candidates Michelle Simon garnered 225 votes (23.17%) and Anna Wahwasuck Boswell received 185 votes (19.05%).

For the position of Tribal Council Member #1, the top two candidates each cleared 20% in the category. Tony Wahweotten acquired 220 votes (22.63%) and William “Bill” Evans received 202 votes (20.78%) to advance

to the run off. The four other candidates vote breakdown was as follows, Chago Hale – 178 votes (18.31%), Marlana Jessepe Jordan – 145 votes (14.92%), Peggy Nioce Houston – 142 votes (14.61%) and Theresa Jessepe Murray – 85 Votes (8.74%).

For the position of Tribal Council Member #3, Raphael J. Wahwassuck brought in the largest number of votes in the category at 328 votes (34.67%). And again, a slim win for the second contender. Joyce Guerrero, former Tribal Council Vice-Chairperson, pulled in 262 votes (27.70%) narrowly edging past Jona Potts Rupnicki by only 14 votes. J. Rupnicki received 248 votes (26.22%). Tamara Lewis McClammy received 108 votes (11.42%).

In the final race, for Gaming Commissioner #3, incumbent Rey Kitchkumme moved in to the run off with 450 votes (47.32%) followed by

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# Chairman Zeke Rupnick: Message to the Nation



Now that the elections are over, it is an honor for me to address the nation as the newly elected Tribal Chairman. I would like to thank all of the members that participated during this election cycle. The number of candidates running for office demonstrated that there is a great interest in

helping the Tribe continue to move forward.

Candidates discussed many good ideas that can be implemented to help drive that forward progress. The large number of votes that were recorded in both the primary and run-off elections showed that Tribal members are very interested in exercising their right to choose individuals to lead the Tribe as we move forward as a nation. Again, thank you for taking part in this very important process.

I would like to acknowledge all of the previous Council members for the work they have done to get us to this point in time. Now it is up to the new Tribal Council to carry us further, facing new challenges both locally and nationally, keeping in mind that we must ultimately provide a better place for our children and care for our

elders. We must remember that we serve the people. In order to serve the people, however, some changes must be made.

Change is hard for some people, but with the selection of a new Tribal Council, everyone must prepare for change. Yes, we will focus on the best strategic and tactical plans for the Tribe, but we must understand the human side as well. We need to align the Tribal Council with the Nation's culture, values, and behaviors in order to achieve the desired results. Plans alone do not enhance values. Plans alone do not guarantee that the desired results will be attained. Those outcomes are only achieved through sustained actions and by modeling the values we desire. We as leaders must embrace change and live by the example we want others to follow.

One change I would like to implement








immediately is improved communication. I feel that we, the Tribal Council, can and should communicate better with General Council. With a well-informed General Council, we can have a single voice when challenging issues that come up against the Nation. I ask the members to continue to ask the tough questions and challenge us. Doing so will make us a more effective Tribal Council and a better Tribe.

I am looking forward to serving on the Tribal Council, representing the people as your new Chairman. I know it will not be an easy task but with hard work, open communication, and input from all members, it is a task that I wholeheartedly accept.

Migwetch,

Joseph P. Rupnick "Zeke"

## Swearing In Ceremony Photos

						
Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick	Camilla Wishkeno Chouteau	William "Bill" Evans	Raphael J. Wahwassuck	Rey Kitchkumme	Liana Onnen	Warren "Junior" Wahweotten
Tribal Council Chairman 2018 - 2022	Tribal Council Secretary 2018 - 2022	Tribal Council Member 2018 - 2022	Tribal Council Member 2018 - 2022	Gaming Commission Commissioner #3 2018 - 2022	Outgoing Tribal Chairperson	Outgoing Tribal Council Member
• First Term	• Third Term • 1st Term served in the 1970s	• First Term	• First Term	• GC Second Term • Served on Tribal Council 1998 - 2008	• Served one term 2014 - 2018	• Served three terms 2006 - 2018

**2018 Election Results Continued..**

Raymond Wahweotten with 231 votes (24.29%). Candidate Larry Mzhickteno, former Gaming Commissioner, received 162 votes (17.03%), Chaumin Wahweotten received 68 votes (7.15%) and Ramzey Ingels received 40 votes (4.21%).

One month later, the people of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation made their final selections and the ultimate outcomes of the 2018 Election were announced at the Run Off election held on August 25, 2018. The newly elected officials of the Tribal Council include Zeke Rupnick as Tribal Council Chairman, Camilla Chouteau as Tribal Council Secretary, Bill Evans as Tribal Council Member #1, Raphael Wahwassuck as Tribal Council Member #3 and Rey Kitchkumme as Gaming Commissioner #3. This is Rupnick, Evans and Wahwas-

suck's first time to serve as elected officials of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

The vote breakdown in the Run off ballot count was as follows: Zeke Rupnick received a total of 511 votes (56.54%) over Liana Onnen who received 394 votes (43.54%). Camilla Chouteau received a total of 485 votes (53.77%) over Warren "Junior" Wahweotten who received 417 votes (46.23%). Bill Evans received a total of 550 votes (61.04%) over Tony Wahweotten who received 351 votes (38.96%). Raphael Wahwassuck received a total of 483 votes (53.43%) over Joyce Guerrero who received 421 votes (46.57%). Rey Kitchkumme received a total of 563 votes (62.00%) over Raymond Wahweotten who received 345 votes (38.00%). A swearing in ceremony took place on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at the Old Bingo Hall for the newly elected officials. Foot-

age of the ceremony can be found on Facebook.

The Ethics Commission Secretary and Commissioner #2 positions remain open as no one ran for these positions. Until filled, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Ethics Commission is unable to conduct hearings. According to the Ethics Commission Ordinance, a quorum of five members must be present. It is uncertain at this time when the remaining two positions will be filled.

For the course of this election cycle, 2,627 enrolled tribal members were eligible to vote. In the initial election, 976 ballots were received or 37.15% participation. In the run-off election, 911 ballots were received or 34.67% participation. In each election, the number of ballots received does not necessarily match the total number of votes tallied in any given category.

This is due to individuals not voting in every race, and some ballots being removed from the process for not following the voting protocol i.e. not using the secrecy envelope or voter signature not matching.

In the initial election, a majority of ballots were hand counted. The ballots were printed on the front and back. It was realized during the ballot counting process, that the ballots were not printed with accurate alignment on the backside. This resulted in the tabulator machine not being able to read them well. All ballots were ran through the machine with only 189 processed by the tabulator. The remaining ballots were hand counted by the tribal election workers under the supervision of the Election Board.

During the course of the election cycle, no formal protests were filed.



# Prairie Band Casino & Resort Welcomes New General Manager



Prairie Band Casino and Resort welcomes Bill Marsh as the new General Manager.

Bill Marsh, a member of Michigan's Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, has more than 18 years of experience in Indian Gaming, with 14 years at the executive level. Bill has served in the general manager and executive officer capacities since 2014. In his career, he

has been responsible for casino operations, strategic planning, business plan development, and all facets of casino marketing, including strategy development, branding, advertising, media, promotions, player development, database management, public relations, group tours and entertainment.

Marsh's experience comes from working at five gaming properties in Michigan and two in Minnesota. Bill has a Master's in Business Administration with a specialization in Marketing from Capella University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Lake Superior State University.

Marsh has been a part of numerous gaming and resort renovation projects including opening new casinos. His gaming expertise comes at an exciting time for the property. With a multi-million dollar expansion currently underway there has been a lot of positive discussion about the future of the company.

The expansion will make Prairie Band Casino and Resort the destination of choice in Kansas by improving the facility and adding amenities such as an expanded hotel, pool and spa to make the property a true resort-style casino.

Marsh spoke to his excitement in joining the Prairie Band team:

"The company has many opportunities to grow revenue in our markets that we will take advantage of over the next couple of years. There is a lot of potential here and we will work hard to strive for exponential success. I look forward to working with everyone here to make us a better place to work and play."

Marsh was ultimately selected from a pool of 75 candidates, which speaks to the diligence of the Casino Entertainment Board of Directors to ensure the right fit for the continued success of Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

Marsh is also the first Native American General Manager of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

## Charitable Contributions 2nd Quarter Recipient List

- Total Donated \$75,950*
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  - Annual Sporting Clays for Kids
  - Arthritis Foundation
  - ECKAN
  - Friends of the Topeka Zoo
  - Kansas Children's Service League
  - Kickapoo Head Start
  - Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
  - Meadows Elementary School
  - Meals On Wheels
  - Morning Star Inc.
  - Paxico Blues Fest
  - Pioneer Days of Mayetta
  - St. Mary's Food Pantry
  - Stormont Vail Foundation
  - Topeka Active 20/30 Club
  - Topeka Blues Society
  - United Way of Greater Topeka

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## Casino Renovation/Expansion Update



**Breaking ground for the new administration building at Prairie Band Casino & Resort:** Frank Tecumseh-Board of Directors President, Kelly Chavez-BOD member, Denise Marshall-BOD Secretary, Thomas Wabnum -PBPN Tribal Council member, Liana Onnen-PBPN Chairwoman, Bill Marsh-PBCR General Manager, Wade Pahmahmie-PBPN Treasurer, Zach Pahmahmie-PBPN Vice Chairman, Rey Kitchkumme-PBPN Gaming Commissioner, Camilla Chouteau-PBPN Secretary, Jerry Tuckwin-BOD Vice President, and Corey Mzhickteno-BOD Treasurer.

Progress on the Casino Renovation is coming along as scheduled. Our Players Club and Cashier Cage areas are now open and fully operational. The Hotel Front Desk renovation is complete. The new Hotel Lobby Bar is open and offers full bar service and a small bites menu. The new Kapi Coffee Shop is open and offers a full-service expresso bar serving frozen coffees, smoothies, fresh orange juice, pastries and sandwiches.

The floor renovation which includes new wall treatments, upgraded lighting, enhanced ceiling décor, carpet and floor design is slated to be complete by the second week in October. The final phase of our gaming floor renovation will be to update the Buffalo Grill to the Sweet Grass Bar and Grill which will offer expanded seating, increased menu options and will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our expanded gaming area and administrative office relocation will start this fall. This will include expanded space for the Finance Department as well as Surveillance and IT.

We are excited to begin the Expansion Project in early 2019 that includes a covered parking garage, 75-room hotel tower which will offer additional suites, meeting, hospitality, conference rooms, indoor/outdoor pool areas and spa.

Please see expansion updates on [Prairieband.com](http://Prairieband.com) and follow us on [Facebook.com/prairieband/](https://Facebook.com/prairieband/)

<b>Upcoming General Council Meetings</b>	<b>Saturday - 10.20.18</b>	General Council Meetings are held at the Old Bingo Hall. Registration begins at 8 a.m, light breakfast at 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.
	<b>Saturday - 1.19.19</b>	
	<b>Saturday - 4.20.19</b>	





Good day to everyone, I hope you all have had an enjoyable summer as we wrap up the season with the Labor Day holiday and begin to look forward to some cooler temperatures with hopes of also seeing some much needed moisture. This has been an exceptionally tough season for our crops, gardens, yards, wildlife or in other words just about anything dependent upon moisture. In the Finance world we are also winding down our audit season with our last few reports wrapping up and also moving into the home stretch for the FY2019 budget process. Below are a few updates on items that are currently in progress and a few items that are coming up in the next few weeks.

**FY2019 Budget Process Update**  
As mentioned in the opening paragraph we are progressing along with our FY2019 budget process. The Tribal Programs submitted their operating budgets, capital requests, personnel requests and travel details to the Budget Committee as of Friday August 10th. The Gaming Commission also submitted their budget to Tribal Council by August 15th as required by Title 12 and the Casino is slated to present their budget to Tribal Council on September 21st well ahead of their October 1st deadline as outlined in the Entertainment Corporation Charter. The Budget Committee will meet with the Tribal Programs to review their submissions as well as the Tribal Programs will also have the opportunity to meet with the Tribal Council to present their budget submissions during the month of September. From there Tribal Council will meet with the Budget Committee to review and finalize the Tribal Program budgets the first week of October. Tribal Programs, Gaming Commission and Casino Budgets will ultimately be approved by Tribal Council in mid to late October once all requested revisions have been entered and budgets balanced. From there the General Council Budget Review meeting will most likely be held the first part of

# Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie: Message to the Nation

December.

While the overall budget process is running on schedule we do plan to utilize a fairly flat budget year over year from FY18 to FY19 based upon historical trends and the anticipation of the impact of construction for the Casino Expansion. While using this conservative approach is not ideal for operations and capital needs we are hopeful that it will be short term in nature. Our Tribal Programs, Gaming Commission and Casino have all shared in managing their budgets during this period which has helped us to continue to weather the storm while we see expenses continue to increase while we have the same amount of revenue to utilize year over year.

**House Bill 2147 Update**  
In my article last quarter I had talked about House Bill 2147 which was signed into law earlier this year which provides the opportunity for Native American Veterans who were illegally taxed by the State of Kansas between the years of 1977-2001 to file for a refund of those Kansas State Income Taxes plus Interest. The refund period will begin on October 1, 2018 and will run 21 months until June 30, 2020. The Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) continues to draft the application process for Native American Veterans and presented at the 4-Tribes Meeting in White Cloud on August 10th. What we learned at the 4-Tribes Meeting was that KDOR is working on the application form to make available by October 1st, the application will cover all years affected so multiple applications will not be necessary for each refund year. In addition to the application, other items needed for the refund will be 1. Enrollment Verification 2. Signature from an Authorized Tribal Designee 3. Form DD 214 4. Form W-2. KDOR is also currently working with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) to provide a secure portal for Native American Veterans to retrieve their W-2's for the years effected.

In addition to the 4-Tribes Meeting, KDOR will also meet with the Tribal Council in early September to discuss the refund process. At this meeting we will more specifically discuss how the refund process affects our Tribal Member Veterans as we plan to engage our CPA firm to assist our Tribal Member Veterans with their refunds. This will allow us to provide input before the refund process is finalized as well as iron out the details on the services our CPAs will provide for our Tribal Member Veterans. In addition to the CPAs, the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will also be a resource to assist with the refund process. Additionally once we

have the final details we will provide information through our website, newspaper and will plan to hold a public meeting. If you have any questions on the refund process let me know and I can assist in getting your questions answered as well as any Tribal Member Veterans that may qualify can contact me and I can keep them posted as the refund process continues to develop.

**Per Capita Information Updates**  
Just a reminder that any changes to your Per Capita information should be submitted to the Per Capita Office 14 days prior to the quarterly distribution. Quarterly Per Capita Distributions of course occur on the 15th of March, June, September and December. A good rule of thumb would be to place a reminder on your calendar to update your Per Capita Information at the time of eligibility which would be the 15th of February, May, August and November, this would help ensure that your information is updated timely for the upcoming quarterly distribution. If you should encounter unexpected changes we can still update your information after the 14 days up to the point when we process the distribution but the sooner we have your updated information the better. We did experience some difficulties in processing the June Per Capita distribution and have made changes internally to help remedy those issues but also timely submission of Per Capita Information changes will help ensure a smooth process for the Quarterly Per Capita Distribution.

**PBPN Tribal Taxes**  
For this quarter's article I'd like to write a little about the taxes that the Tribe collects on sales and services on the Reservation under Law and Order Code Title 10. For most of the recent years the Tribe has collected a 5.0% Sales Tax and a Tobacco Tax of \$0.17 per pack of cigarettes. Effective January 1, 2018 we have also implemented a 5.0% Transient Guest Tax or more commonly referred to as a Hotel Occupancy Tax. The majority of the taxes collected and remitted to the Tax Department are generated by our Tribal businesses including the Casino and Prairie Band LLC. Taxes for Sales, Tobacco and Hotels are remitted monthly to the Tax Department.

So why is it important for the Tribe to Tax sales and services on the Reservation you may ask? Two key reasons are the main force behind taxation and those are to exercise our Sovereignty and to also provide funding for our essential government programs and economic development projects. As a Sovereign Nation the Tribe has the right and authority to levy and collect taxes within its jurisdiction.

This strengthens the Tribe's stance as a government and further blocks any other jurisdiction from attempting to exercise its taxing authority within the Tribe's jurisdiction. In the case of our Tobacco Taxes the Tribe was able to successfully negotiate a Tobacco Compact with the State of Kansas in 2016 to prevent disputes between the Tribe and State in regards to sales, possession, taxes etc. of Tobacco Products.

From the funding standpoint, in years prior to the advent of state gaming we were able to pool our Tax Revenues and reserve them for future Economic Development Projects. These pooled Tax Funds were then invested in a short-term portfolio and accessed as needed. The most recent project these funds were utilized for was our Southwood Estates Phase II housing project which is currently still in progress and set to wrap later this year. As mentioned the Tax Funds put into reserve were placed there prior to state gaming. In 2012 state gaming came into competition with our Casino our Tribal Cash Distributions seen a significant decline making our operations ever so more reliant on Grant Funding and Third Party Revenues of which Taxes are a key portion of our Third Party Revenues. Since that time we've moved towards funding the operations of our Road Maintenance Program in addition to the Tax Department. While Tax Revenues only make up about 2% of our total budget for our Tribal Programs, this 2% is ultimately significant when it comes to maintaining levels of operations within the Tribal Government.

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@pbpnation.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)



## New Housing Director



Ann DeCoteau, PBPB Housing Director.

Ann DeCoteau began her role as the PBPB Housing Director on August 13, 2018. DeCoteau has 17 years of experience working for the Nation in various capacities.

“I’m excited for this opportunity. I look forward to working with our current and future residents,” stated DeCoteau.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Housing department maintains 200 units of housing stock, including the newest addition of Southwood Estates, which is scheduled for full completion Fall 2018.

## New Exclusive Partnership



The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Health Center is proud to announce Lifetime Eye Care as the exclusive eye care clinic to provide all diabetic eye care (by referral) to all Purchase Referred Care (PRC) eligible patients.

A first for the PRC program - establishing this relationship allows the tribe to better allocate PRC

dollars while providing the highest quality care to our patients.

Commemorating this partnership with Drs. Nicole Meerpohl and Leslie Coffee-Gallagher are Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Business Office Manager Ashley Foster and PRC Coordinator Michelle Torres . Photo taken July 23, 2018.

## New JOM Committee Members



The Johnson O'Malley Indian Education Committee held elections on August 13, 2018. The JOM Committee is composed of Tina Levier, Josie Pahmahmie, Adele Wahwassuck, Shawwna Wabaunsee, and Chago Hale (not pictured). The JOM Coordinator, Kristina Matsapto is pictured at center.

## 2018 Tribal Health Summit



The 2018 Health Summit provided information on various aspects of health. Dr. Monica Tsethlikai, enrolled member of the Zuni Nation, presented information on Adverse Childhood Experiences and their effects.

As Native peoples, our worldviews tend to instruct us that everything is interconnected. Our health is no different. Whether you look at health from an individual's perspective, a family's perspective or a tribe's, multiple platforms contribute to one's total health.

Keynote speaker Dr. Monica Tsethlikai, Zuni, opened the 2018 Kansas Tribal Health Summit by reminding the attendees that our health as individuals and Indian Nations are directly connected to quality public health policies, early intervention, economic stability and access to resources. Tsethlikai is currently involved in her third study. She hopes her findings will show how cultural engagement buffers Native children from the stress they face.

In her breakout session, “Community and Family Strategies for Overcoming ACEs,” Dr. Tsethlikai relayed how tribal culture and tribal communities can have a positive impact on overcoming Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which are known to have long lasting consequences. Some research has shown that the increased number of ACEs a child experiences can shorten the lifespan by up to 20 years. ACEs are stressful or traumatic events, including abuse and neglect. They may also include household dysfunction such as witnessing domestic violence or growing up with family members who have substance use disorders. ACEs are strongly related to the development and prevalence of a wide range of health problems throughout a person's lifespan, including those associated with substance use according to SAMHSA, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

According to Dr. Tsethlikai engaging in prosocial behaviors, or actions intended to help others, can create the positive impact needed to bolster resiliency and improve health outcomes. Many tribes' cultures have prosocial behaviors. The overall outlook of interconnectedness is essential, as that informs how a community relates to one another. Promoting positive parenting through enculturation is another way to engage

healthy behavior. Parents are meant to be a buffer for their children's stress because children are not equipped mentally and emotionally to handle all situations they encounter. Dr. Tsethlikai stressed that everyone needs to be involved because every little bit of intervention and prosocial behavior help in the long run.

The Kansas Tribal Health Summit, now in its fourth year, brings health and wellness issues to the Northeast Kansas tribal communities and partners in Indian Country. The 2018 Health Summit kicked off with a Color Run on Sunday, September 26, 2018. Over 60 participants came out to Prairie People's Park, located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reservation to engage in a healthy 5k run/walk.

The 2018 Kansas Tribal Health Summit then convened on Monday, August 27, 2018 and concluded on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, and was held at Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Topics covered on day one of this year's event included: family violence, resources to address sexual assault and domestic violence, addictions and Native people, and coping with an addict. Day two focused on healthy food access, water, and actions to advocate for positive change at the local, state and federal levels.

## New Enrollment Committee Member



Enrolled PBPB member Coleen Thomas was sworn in to the Enrollment Committee on July 2, 2018.

Thomas joins Lorrie Melchior, Benny Potts, Michelle Simon and Jacob Wamego on the Enrollment Committee. Each month the committee meets to review applications and requests.



# What is Cultural Abuse?

Submitted by Stronghearts Native Helpline/Lori Jump, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Intimate partner violence, in all forms, is destructive at its heart. Most people can identify the more common forms of abuse, which include physical, emotional, sexual and financial. One of the lesser known forms, cultural or spiritual abuse, is one of the most devastating, yet it is rarely spoken of.

For Native peoples, spirituality is often the core of who we are and our way of life. Our culture and spirituality are intertwined and provide the foundation of our lives – how we live, our family roles and how we interact with others, the meaning we find in our lives, and our sense of wellbeing. To have our spirit attacked is as personal as an attack can get.

Spiritual abuse can be used to control how a person interacts with the world. Some of these types of abusive behaviors can include when your partner:

- Prevents you from participating in spiritual or cultural traditions
- Forces you to participate in practices (not your own)
- Misstates or misuses spiritual practices against you
- Practices bad medicine against you

For our tribal communities, spiritual or cultural abuse can look like this:

- Telling you that you're not "Native enough," or if your partner is non-Native, that you're "too Indian"



Spiritual abuse can be used to control how a person interacts with the world. It can include a partner preventing you from participating in cultural traditions.

- Uses hurtful stereotypes to put you down ("Indians are drunks, lazy," etc.)
- Prevents you from participating in ceremonies, powwows and feasts
- Uses tribal membership against you ("My tribe won't let you...")
- Tells you that you're not allowed to drum, dance, sing, fast or otherwise participate in traditions because of your gender

Each of these behaviors can deeply wound and often isolates you from your community. If your partner is behaving this way toward you, you may feel removed from your family and support system.

You may be embarrassed, not know where to turn or who to ask for help. In some cases, you may even feel that

the abuse is the direct result of your culture — that you are being abused because you are Indigenous. This form of abuse is directly related to the root causes of violence in our communities: colonization and genocide.

If your partner or loved one is demonstrating any of these behaviors or any type of abuse against you, please know that you have the inherent right to be safe, to lead a life free of abuse and to participate in your cultural practices and traditions.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE | 1-844-762-8483) is a culturally appropriate, confidential and anonymous service to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are experiencing abuse or know someone who is being impacted by domestic violence. Advocates are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST and are trained with an understanding of intimate partner violence, including spiritual or cultural abuse. Our advocates can provide support and validation, safety planning and access to resources in your community. For more information, visit [www.strongheartshelpline.org](http://www.strongheartshelpline.org).

When you're ready to talk, we are here.

*Lori Jump is the Assistant Director for the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a confidential and anonymous helpline for Native Americans affected by domestic violence. If you or a loved one is in an abusive relationship, support is available at 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483), open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Advocates offer peer-to-peer support and referrals to culturally-appropriate resources for domestic violence. After hours calls may choose to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and all calls remain anonymous and confidential.*

## PBPN Social Services

Submitted by Michelle Gray

Each one of us struggles at different points in our lives. There are many mountains to climb, dark valleys we must voyage through, treacherous rivers to cross, and sometimes, seemingly endless obstacles we must swerve around in order to complete our journey. Maybe we've lost a job or found out that someone we trusted is hurting someone we love. During these times, we may feel helpless, lonely, and defeated. It's as if no one could possibly understand what we are going through. This couldn't be furthest from the truth.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation cares about you and your family's well-being. In June of 1999, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation created the Social Services Department. Designed to protect, serve and enhance the well-being of Tribal members within the community that are facing these types of obstacles.

The Social Services Department's mission is "to improve the overall wellness and stability of our people, while utilizing cultural traditions to educate, support and empower our families."

If you have a disability and need help searching for a job or need assistance writing a resume, Social Services can help.

If you need help with becoming a foster parent, Social Services can help.

If you need to get yourself or someone to a safe place and need to file a protection order, Social Services can help.

- Social Services offers eight distinct but interrelated programs:
- Adult Protective Services
  - Children and Family Services
  - Child Support Services
  - Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI)
  - 3 Rivers, Inc.
  - Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Tribal Victim Services
  - Vocational Rehabilitation

We all come together with one voice to support encourage, and empower you as you journey and maneuver through those mountains and valleys, rivers and obstacles. Through our families, our traditions and the many Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation departments, we will succeed.

For more information about the PBPN Social Services and its programs, please call: (785) 966-8330 or visit us in person at 11400 158th Road, Mayetta, KS 66509.

## Native Nations & Violence Against Women Conference



Sarah Deer, J.D. is a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation and law professor at the University of Kansas presenting at the Native Nations and Violence Against Women forum.

More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence, and more than 1 in 2 have experienced sexual violence (Indian Law Resource Center, 2018).

With such daunting statistics, it is evident that Native women are in need of assistance. One way that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Social Service department is standing up for Native women is through collabora-

tion and education. On July 30 and 31, 2018, the Native Nations and Violence Against Women Conference was held at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Boys & Girls Club.

Sarah Deer, J.D., was featured as the keynote speaker, covering topics including history of violence against native people, Federal Indian Law 101, state and tribal victim service providers and Native/Non-native collaboration. Deer has worked for over 25 years throughout Indian Country and the national scene as an advocate and activist for Native women with the goal of ending violence against women. Her scholarship focuses on the intersection of federal law and victims' rights. Her latest book is 'The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America.'

The conference hosted over 100 people from various organizations and communities that are dealing with violence against women in varying degrees. The Conference was co-sponsored by the PBPN, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.



# The Anishnabek - The “Original People”

The following story was originally published in the PBP News some time ago, as a submission by Ma Dos/Doris A. Potts-Zyganiuk. She received this teaching from two Anishnabek. The following is a re-print of the original publication:

*I am submitting this creation story to the newspaper in the hopes that our children will take the time to read it, or that parents will read it to their children. Another reason for submitting it to our newspaper is in the hopes that all PBP members can deeply understand our roots and respect our traditional teachings and ways. As a member of the drum ways, I can see all aspects of this creation story incorporated into our ceremonial practices. Very soon, we will be gathering for our spring ceremonies for a time to pay our respect and prayers to all of these powers and gifts of Cos non. Here in Canada, the teachings are basically the same as can be witnessed through this teaching.*

Anishnabek (singular, Anishnabe) means “original people,” or literally, “first man to be standing.” Some translate it as “people of the Earth.” In Anishnabek culture, a respect for the natural world is grounded in the belief that humans are simply another form of animal, on equal ground with all of the other animals and plants of the Earth. It is also believed that the animals and plants know everything about humans and that without

them, humans would die.

Traditional teachings emphasize than an understanding of the connection between the Anishnabek and the land requires an understanding of the people themselves, because everything is connected. One must understand what the people are about, and know that without the land, they would die. In Anishnabek tradition, there are three or four creation stories that tell of the origin of humans and the Earth. For Anishnabek, it is accepted that everything is connected through the Creator. The story of the creation of humans began with the Creator.

Originally, before everything was created there was only water, air and the sun. The colors were created, and then the fish people and the air people. But the air people got tired and wanted a place to rest, so the land was created. Once the land was created, the Creator could not contain himself, and he went on creating all kinds of animals and trees and grasses. Eventually he ran out of energy, and when he only had enough energy to create one more thing, he created human animals.

Then the Creator called a meeting of all creation. All of the plants and animals were there, even the rocks. The Creator said a being would be coming to the Earth. And it was going

to be a called a human being, and it was going to be pitiful. It would not know its own language, nor have any clothes. It would not know what to eat. That is when the animals and plants, and all living and non-living things came forward and offered themselves to the Creator to be used by humans.

The trees were the first to come forward, saying the beings would need a place to live, so they could use the bark from the trees to make lodges for shelter, and the wood for fires. They were also to be used for weapons, poles for the lodges, pipe stems, arrow shafts and bows, and wood for the sweat lodges.

The animals offered themselves and said the humans could eat their flesh as food, and use their bones for tools, and their skins to stay warm. The moose, deer, elk, and caribou came forward and said the beings could use their hides for clothing. The rabbit offered itself as food, and made a special request to be clubbed on the head, that is how it wanted to be killed by the hunters.

The plants said that if people did not know how to survive, they would probably get sick, and they offered themselves as medicine. Sweetgrass was given to the Anishnabek by the Creator for cleansing.

Then the birds offered to carry the human’s prayers and words to the Creator because they flew close to him. A spotted eagle said it would carry people’s prayers to the Creator because he could fly closest to the sun without being burned, and he demanded respect. He is considered a sacred animal. The eagle’s feathers are now used in ceremonies and in smudging; they are also used in dances.

Then the fish and whales and seals came forward and offered themselves and said humans could eat their flesh as food, and use their bones, and their hides for clothes to stay warm.

Finally, the rocks came forward and said people could use them in their sweat lodges for cleansing themselves. The solid rock offered itself for flint for arrows and tools. The red rock – considered by some to be grandfather of all rocks – offered itself for pipes.

To this day the plant and animals have kept their promise, they are still providing for the people. That is why the people leave tobacco as thanks to the plants and animals that give themselves so the people can survive. It is through these initial sacrifices that the Anishnabek survive and remain connected to all beings on Earth and the Creator.

## The Potawatomi Trail of Death Caravan to Travel 9/17 to 9/22/18

Submitted by the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association

Since 1988, the Potawatomi Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan has been organized and traveled once every five years by a group of Potawatomi and historians and interested persons the third week of September. The 660 mile journey from Indiana to Kansas begins immediately following the annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival, Sept. 15-16, 2018, at Fulton County Historical Society grounds, four miles north of Rochester, Indiana, on US 31 and Tippecanoe River.

The Trail of Courage portrays frontier Indiana with historic camps, canoe rides, foods cooked over wood fires, two stages with period music and dance, Indian dances, traditional crafts, and much more. All vendors are pre-1840 style.

Potawatomi who had ancestors on the 1838 Trail of Death are honored at this festival, a different family each year. In 2018, it will be Gary Wiskigeamatyuk, enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi, who does hoop dancing at Knott’s Berry Farm in California.

The caravan begins at Chief Menominee monument at Twin Lakes south of Plymouth, Indiana. Chief Menominee refused to sell his land so his band was rounded up by Indiana militia and forci-

bly marched to Kansas in the fall of 1838. They were marched at gunpoint down Rochester’s Main Street Sept. 5, 1838. Over 40 died on the way – thus it is called the Trail of Death.

The Trail of Death Caravan ends at St. Philippine Duchesne Memorial Park, south of Mound City, Kansas. This year is the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Philippine Duchesne, a nun who was a missionary to the Potawatomi at Sugar Creek in 1841. She was canonized in 1988, the first female saint west of the Mississippi River. The Potawatomi named her “She Who Prays Always.”

The 7th Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan will be Sept. 17-22, 2018. Participants will meet, register and get instructions at 7:30 a.m. at the Fulton County Museum, Rochester, Indiana, on Monday, Sept. 17, the day after the Trail of Courage Living History Festival. They will then drive to Chief Menominee monument for a beginning ceremony at 9 a.m. There they will begin the drive of 660 miles from Indiana to Kansas on the original 1838 route taken by the Potawatomi on the forced removal known as the Trail of Death. The caravan members will stop at historical markers, give programs at schools and museums, stay in motels and eat together. Individuals pay their own

motels and meals. Some are planning to camp out.

Interested persons can sign up to go on the Trail of Death caravan by printing out the registration form at [www.potawatomi-tda.org](http://www.potawatomi-tda.org) and mailing to PTDA (Potawatomi Trail of Death Association), Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975. There will be a \$30 fee per person to cover expenses of organization, postage, and the PTDA newsletter.

People along the Trail of Death route can meet the caravan as it makes stops at various places. The itinerary will be posted on [www.potawatomi-tda.org](http://www.potawatomi-tda.org). They will be crossing Indiana from Plymouth to Lafayette Sept. 17; from Lafayette to Decatur, Illinois Sept. 18; from Decatur to Quincy, Illinois Sept. 19; from West Quincy to Moberly, Missouri Sept. 20; from Moberly to Independence, Missouri Sept. 21; from Independence to Olathe, Kansas, to Sugar Creek in rural Linn County, Kansas, Sept. 22.

The caravan welcomes drop-in followers who wish to travel along for a day or two, or across their county.

For more information, contact Shirley Willard, Rochester Indiana, phone 574-223-2352 or [swillard@rtcol.com](mailto:swillard@rtcol.com).



Gary Wiskigeamatyuk, Jr. dancing during the 2018 Potawatomi Gathering at Prairie People’s Park Arena. Gary is a descendant of James Wabnosah, whose mother was Rosan “Keo-ko-mo-quah” Potts.



# 25th Annual Potawatomi Gathering

Submitted by Camilla Chouteau

On July 29, through August 4, 2018, the host tribe of the 25th Annual Potawatomi Gathering was the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The Gathering began with the Language Conference and 300 Tribal Members and presenters registered. Excitement was in the air at Prairie Band Casino & Resort for Tribal Elder Jim Thunder’s presentation for the Language Conference. Conference Participants were given a purple blanket and sash bag to make a worthy Language Experience.

Gathering activities then moved to Prairie People’s Park site on M Road. Registration began on Wednesday of the week and the final count of participants was 2,600. The weather cooperated with the event.

The memorable Play production “We fought Termination” was presented at Prairie Band Casino & Resort event center. Jackie Mitchell, PBPB Tribal Member was Director of the play along with Olivia Pewamo, Assistant Director and tribal member collaborated on all the tasks for the production. The play’s main theme consisted of three tribal elders named Minnie Evans, John Wahwassuck and James Wabnosah to testify at a Hearing in Washington, D.C. to not terminate the Prairie Band Potawatomi as a federally recognized tribe.

Cast Members were as follows: Ma Ko Quah Abigail Jones as Minnie Evans, Zeke Rupnick as John Wahwassuck, Joe Mitchell as James Wabnosah, Joh Kreipe as Senator Watkins, William Evans as William Evans, Michelle Simon as Josette Wahwassuck, Evan Evans as Grandson #1, Sacto Evans as Grandson #2, Shawnot Evans as Granddaughter #1, Thomas Wabnum as Narrator, Liana Onnen, PBPB Tribal Chairwoman did the introduction, Chago Hale as the singer. Extras included: Kate Adame, Camilla Chouteau, Rose Hale, Nikki Jackson, Rey Kitchkumme, Daniel Martinez, Leland Matchie, Mary Mitchell, Judy Wabaunsee and Stage Hands: Mando and Rebuen Tinajero and Isabella Wamego.

Play Attendance for August 1, numbered 600 and August 4, 2018 numbered 500. It was a successful play.

Next day, Mae Joslin, Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal was selected as

the new 2018 Potawatomi Gathering Princess. Mae will serve one year. She attends Royal Valley High School, Hoyt, Kansas and received an award for her Prairie Band Potawatomi documentary. Mae’s mother is Dawn Sogi LeClere and Director of the Prairie Band Language Program. The Princess Contest was followed by Round Dances at Prairie People’s Park.

Fifteen Cultural Classes were scheduled Thursday and Friday along with Elder Activities consisting of 160 participants. Give Away’s session were throughout the Pow Wow and consisted of 600 gifts to Visiting Potawatomi Tribes and the biggest hit was the Baby Stuffed Bison (200).

Recreation/Sports were as follows: Pool Tournament (37 Players), Golf Tournament (20 Teams), Horseshoe Tournament (22 Singles, 17 Doubles), Softball Tourney (3 Teams), and Volleyball Tourney (3 Teams).

Youth Conference consisted of (160) and sponsored National Speaker along with Youth Activities located at the Boys and Girls Club.

A two day Traditional Pow Wow was located at the Park and 240 Dancers were register and four Drum Groups provided Northern Style Singing. Head Staff was selected each session.

Meals numbered approximately 6,450 and were provided on site or catered from Prairie Band Casino. To handle the large number of participants, food coupons were also provided. Veterans Meal on August 3, consisted of (150). Potawatomi Color Guards numbered (6).

Captains for the Potawatomi Gathering were: Michelle Simon, Communications/Registration, Jackie Mitchell Play/Cultural Classes, Laverne Hale, Elder Activities, Anna Boswell, Equipment Rental, Liana Onnen & Cosette Wahwassuck, Lodging, Camilla Chouteau, Meals, Jeannette Little Sun, Give Aways, Recreation, Paula Hopkins, Veterans, Jim Potts, Veterans, Liana Onnen & Zach Pahlmhammie, Tribal Leaders, Coleen Thomas, Pow Wow, Sogi LeClere, Language Conference, Joanna Mitchell, Youth Conference, Robbie Lange, Maintenance, Virginia LeClere, Water/Recycling. Great Job!

## See You In Wasauksing!

The 2019 Potawatomi Gathering is being hosted by the Wasauksing First Nation located in Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada.

Please visit [www.wasauksing.ca](http://www.wasauksing.ca) for more information as it becomes available.



The 2018 Language Conference was a success. Here a panel, including Jim Thunder, Forest County Potawatomi Language teacher (far right) discuss the Potawatomi language. (Photo credit: Halina Williamson).



The 2018 Gathering held several workshops across the reservation. Here tribal members are learning how to play Indian dice.



Alan “Boney” Pahlmhammie took first place in the singles division of the Horseshoe tournament.



In the background, Lawrence “Pi” Pahlmhammie and partner Daylan Mzhickteno took first place in pairs, Mux Wahweotten took 3rd in singles in Horseshoes.



Cecily Wabaunsee plays in the Pool Tournament held at the Old Bingo Hall during the Gathering.



# We Fought Termination - Thank You

Submitted by Jackie Mitchell, Writer and Director



The cast and crew of the play, “We Fought Termination”: Chago Hale, Zeke Rupnick, Rey Kitchkumme, Leland Matchie, Kate Adame, Rose Hale, John Kreipe, Judy Wabaunsee, Mary Mitchell, Nikki Jackson, Joe Mitchell, Ma’Ko’Quah Jones, Mando Tinajero, Isabella Wamego, Shawnot Evans, Michelle Simon, Nue Tinajero, Bill Evans, Sacto Evans, Camilla Chouteau, Daniel Martinez, Jackie Mitchell, Evan Evans, Olivia Pewamo, Liana Onnen and Thomas Wabnum.

The play “We Fought Termination” was a huge success and I would like to thank the following for their contribution in making it.

Thank you to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council for their support and foresight in approving the making of this play.

The Actors and Extras made this play come alive not only in performing but their continued input into making the play the best that it could be by offering suggestions and ideas. It especially was amazing to have direct descendants of Minnie Evans, William Evans, John Wahwassuck, and Ed Rice play roles in the play. The direct descen-

dants, Calvin and Mando Evans were very helpful in giving insight into their grandmother Minnie Evans. Judy Wabaunsee, Rose Hale and Camilla Choteau helped in the portrayal of Minnie Evans by giving our lead actress insight in how Minnie Evans was as they remembered her. Micki Martinez, the daughter of Ed Rice was also helpful in supplying his picture for his part in this play.

Thank you to the young people that served as stage hands. They were able to be part of history and learned the value of our history by assisting in helping with this play.

Thank you to Assistant Director,

Olivia Pewamo, who stepped up and volunteered to assist in the making of this play.

Special thank you to Eddie Joe Mitchell who suggested the name “We Fought Termination”.

Thank you to Sandy Mitchell, Wahs Knoxsah, Angie Wahquahboshkuk and the Oklahoma Cousins who gave their input in making of this play.

Carrie Cornelius was very helpful in assisting in doing the initial research.

Jamie Masquat was an inspiration and great help when he suggested that I read a book about making

plays and even purchasing a book on the subject. The play was enhanced by the suggestion of having anchor points at the end of the 1st and 2nd acts, that is Grandma Minnie explaining to her Grandchild, Shawnot, what the termination attempt was and Joe Mitchell doing his prayer in the Potawatomi Language. Both helped make this play very special and meaningful.

Thank you to everyone that helped make this play “We Fought Termination” a success and helped make a moment in history come alive. This play made memories for a lifetime and provided each of us with knowledge of who we are.



Some of the winners from the Art Show with their trophies.



A special Thank You goes out to ALL of the individuals that volunteered during the 2018 Gathering. From the tribal employees, the local community, and the visitors that also extended their service. The time and care you invested in this event was greatly appreciated!



The Best of Show Entry: A medicine bandolier bag.

There were 85 plus entries at the Art Show, 9 Categories and 1 Best Of Show:

**Beadwork-** Jackie Mitchell, PBP  
**Jewelry-** Tara Mitchell,PBP  
**Mixed Medium-** Laura Schrwiber, CPN  
**Carving-** Laura Schrwiber, CPN  
**Sculpting-** Eric Williams, NHBP  
**Painting-** M Alloway Sr., Forest Band  
**Weaving-** Candi Wesaw, Pokagon  
**Appliqué-** TJ Kitchkumme, PBP  
**Photography-** Jonathan Moulds, Nottawaseppi Huron  
**Best of Show-**Laura Hewuse, CPN “Over 100,000 beads”

Selected from a group of six contestants, Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal member Mae Wapashekwe Joslin was selected to represent all 9 bands of Potawatomi, as the 2018-19 Miss Potawatomi Princess.

Mae is the daughter of Dawn LeClere and Ben Joslin, and grand daughter of Cindy and John DonDon LeClere. She attends Royal Valley High School. For her talent she shared her documentary film about the Potawatomi.

The first runner up in the contest was Cecelia Shobwas Hubbard, BPBN tribal member.

MORE PHOTOS OF THE 2018 POTAWATOMI GATHERING CAN BE SEEN ONLINE ON FACEBOOK: “PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION”



# 2018 Summer Youth Work Program

Submitted by Kristina Matsapto

The 2018 Summer Youth Work Program just completed another successful year!

The 40 youth employees went through the process of obtaining a position with the Nation, which included filling out an application, an interview and a full orientation, which included filling out State and Federal tax forms.



Summer Youth Worker Josh Kent assists the Commodities department with their pumpkin patch.

The first session employees worked from June 4 through June 29 while the second session employees worked were from July 2 through July 27.

With the departmental help we were able to place all 40 workers in various positions throughout the nation which included: PBPB Administration, Language, Media, Boys & Girls Club and Title VI, Transportation, Tribal Police, Social Services, Planning and Environmental Protection,



Summer Youth Workers Sahbi Potts and Trent Wilbur haul a stuffed buffalo head into storage.

Early Childhood Education Center, Building Maintenance, Housing, PBPB Family Health Center, Food Distribution Program, Diabetes Prevention Program, and the Elder Center.

The youth workers were able to learn various skills and gain knowledge over different aspects of the department they were assigned. We also hosted one Financial Literacy workshop with the help of Providence First Trust



Summer Youth Workers Quo-Jon Tye and Alek Mitchell attend the Southwood Estates Open House Celebration while working with the PBPB Housing department this summer.

Company and the Tribal Treasurer's office.

We enjoyed seeing all of the youth who worked this summer and we hope they enjoyed the gained knowledge and experience they have acquired. Also a huge thank you to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation employees who were able to supervise and guide these young workers. Without your help this program would not be a success!



Summer Youth Workers Stella Rector and Justin Torres help prepare food under the instruction of Joan Pahmahmie at the PBPB Boys & Girls Club.

# First Annual Teen Language & Culture Camp a Success

Submitted by Ayakwikaha Halina Williamson

Bosho, Ayakwikaha Williamson n̄tēshnēkas, Bodewadmi and Sac and Fox ndaw, Hoyt, KS n̄tēfa.

This summer I participated in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Language and Cultural Department's first summer camp called Wařtēmno-gishgowat, "Where they will learn to grow". The camp was for teens, ages 13-18 and it provided a place that teens could come and learn the Bodewadmi language throughout the summer. But it wasn't only just for language learning, it was also a way for us to take part and learn about some of our many Nishnabe ways.

**"We need our language and having a language camp makes it all the better, because without our language we cease to be a tribe."**  
- Stella Rector, PBPB member and camp participant.

Over the 2 month long camp, there were many activities taught by the language staff. During the first month, the staff took the teens to look for wild strawberries out on the rez. They brought the berries back and learned to clean them and make delicious strawberry pie.



Language camp participants Mae Joslin and Wyatt Boswell picked wild strawberries found on the reservation and took them back to the Language House to clean off the stems.

Over the next week the boys were learning how to make their own stickball sticks, which I think is a fun and great time to spend together with their friends. Later on some of the teens went out and harvested seeds used as counters for Indian dice.

One of the fun activities that the teen girls enjoyed most, throughout the summer, was learning to sew and make their own traditional dresses and making purses. I participated in this activity and I thought it was a great and fun way to learn about how

to make a dress, so someday you are able to pass this skill down to the next generation.

During the first month the teens had a "know your house" activity where the students learned Potawatomi words for the home. After the students learned them, they made tags with the words and labeled the language house. All summer they were encouraged to use the Potawatomi words while they were in the home. Each student made their own tags to take home and label things in their house.

Some other fun activities during this month, were learning how to work and take care of the language garden and also going out and picking blackberries. After the blackberry picking, they went back to the house and made tons of blackberry jam, ice cream and even some blackberry cobbler! Yum Yum!

While taking pictures, learning, and having fun participating in this amazing camp, I realized how important it is to learn, listen and remember these things we are taught. The stories and teachings are so important because when we get older



Language camp participant Halina Williamson irons her traditional blouse.

it becomes our responsibility to pass them onto our children and keeping our traditions and language alive.

***This article is written by Summer Youth worker Halina Williamson. This was her first year as a summer youth worker and first time working with the Media department. One of her work assignments was to cover an event, including writing an article and providing photos.***

Strawberry

Te'mèn




Blackberry

Mkedemèn



House

Wigwam



Potawatomi Dress

Settkèn





# UNITY 2018

Submitted by Trent Wilbur



**UNITY 2018 PBPN youth attendees:** Back row: Bem Hubbard, Mikal Kitchkommie, Nonopah Masquat, Mando Tinajero, Patch Potts, and Keesis Potts. Middle row: Dominique Wabaunsee, Maria Jessepe, Maylee Wahquahboshkuk, Isabella Wamego-Martinez, Nue Tinajero, Trenton Wilbur, Wahbiwah Wabaunsee, Sedrick Pah-mahmie-Arteaga, Kenny Aitkens, Caleb Kent and Joshua Kent.

This year’s annual UNITY conference was held in San Diego, California. The theme was, “Answering the Call of our Ancestors.” The conference lasted for three days, from July 5 to July 8, 2018. The conference was about bringing together youth from different tribes to interact with each other and have fun.

On the first day of the conference, Native American rapper and fancy dancer Supaman, came and performed. Then we had our choice of various workshops to attend. Once the first day’s activities were over, we went to Belmont Park and spent the rest of the day there.

On the second day at the conference, members were split based on the color of their lanyard and sent to different workshops. One workshop was about a group of people selling an acorn snack based off their tribe’s cultural food. Another was a short

obstacle course built by a contestant from the show: American Ninja Warrior. After the workshops were finished, our group went to the beach.

The last day of the conference, there was a banquet where attendees were required to dress formally and were served food. After the banquet, everyone was sent back to their apartments to get ready for the dance that would happen within a few hours. The dance lasted for three hours, those who didn’t want to go to the dance went to Knott’s Berry Farm, then the beach. The next morning, we started our drive back to Kansas.

*This article is written by Summer Youth worker Trent Wilbur. He is a third year summer youth worker. This was his first time working with the Media department. One of his work assignments was to cover an event, including writing an article and providing photos.*

# P.E.P. Partners with B.G.C.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi division of Planning and Environmental Protection has partnered with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Boys & Girls Club on a new Air Quality Flag Program.

The Flag program flies a colored pennant representing the quality of air that day. The flag is located in front of the Boys and Girls Club and is easily visible from K Road.



**GOOD**  
It’s a great day to be active outside.



**MODERATE**  
It’s a good day to be active outside. Take it easier if you are unusually sensitive to air pollution.



**UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS**  
Older adults, children and teens, people with certain health conditions, and people who are active outdoors should take it easier.



**UNHEALTHY**  
Everyone should take it easier.



**VERY UNHEALTHY**  
Sensitive groups, avoid outdoor exertion. Everyone else, avoid long or intense outdoor exertion.

## Go for 150!

The CDC recommends 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity or 75 minutes of high intensity activity every week for adults.

## Watch for symptoms

Coughing or shortness of breath are signs to take it easier. Air pollution can also make asthma symptoms worse and trigger attacks.

## Take it easier

Take breaks. Be active for a shorter amount of time. Do less intense activities, like walking instead of running. Stay hydrated. Relax in shaded areas.

# Car Seats Available at PBPN PD

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department has car seats available for distribution to federally recognized tribal members within the Potawatomi community that are in need.

The car seats will be distributed by appointment only. Contact Officer John Hurla at 785-966-6657 or by email at [jhurla@pbpnation.org](mailto:jhurla@pbpnation.org) to set up an appointment.

# 2nd Annual PBPN PD Youth Camp

By Michelle Simon

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department hosted their 2nd Annual Tribal Youth Camp from July 23, to July 27, 2018. Initiated by CRO Josh Peters, the tribal youth camp has been a big hit with the local youth. This year approximately 18 youth ranging in age from 10 to 15 participated in this event.

The week long camp is a combination of educational and instructional activities coupled with fun. The camp participants learned about investigations, the finger printing process and met with KBI forensics lab staff. The students also participated in a mock crime scene activity to put their skills to work.

Other topics covered at camp include social media and anti-bullying awareness, along with seatbelt

safety, the dangers of impaired/distracted driving and learning firearm safety. The kids were able to use a firearms training simulator.

Not only do the camp-goers get familiar with the Tribal PD, they also spent an afternoon at the PBPN Tribal Fire Department learning about their processes and experiencing a fire/EMS demonstration.

The highlight of the kids camp is two fieldtrip activities. Mid-week the camp loaded up the children and they had a day at The K. The group watched the Kansas City Royals play at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri. Then to close out camp, the kids participate in a fishing derby at nearby Banner Creek, in Holton, Kansas and finish with a lunch cook out.



**PBPN Tribal Police Department CRO Josh Peters watches as camp participant Hannah Price operates the firearms training simulator.**



# Lamont Frazier: Living A Legacy

Submitted by Sam HorseChief and Serina Shemayme, edited by Michelle Simon



Lamont Frazier, circa 1980, in a track and field event in Oklahoma. Frazier built a family legacy around running, and it continues today at Sequoyah High School, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma with the Annual Lamont Frazier Cross Country Invitational.

Through his love of running, Lamont Frazier, enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal member has built a legacy. This year marks the 21st Annual Sequoyah “Lamont Frazier” Cross Country Invitational, to be held at Sequoyah High School, Tahlequah, OK on Saturday, September 29, 2018. (See side bar for details).

Frazier had a passion for running and started his track and cross-country career for Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma as a freshman in 1977. His coach, Knotchie McCrary knew Lamont was a naturally gifted runner and he trained and mentored Frazier throughout his running – all the way to two state titles.

In 1979, Frazier became the State Champion for Cross Country, running 3 miles in 15:54. He followed that up with another state title in 1980, at the 2A State Track Meet, running 2 miles in 9:44, a record that remains 38 years later.

After high school, Frazier ran in college at UCO-Edmond, OK on a full tack scholarship. During his time there, he went to Nationals. The UCO – All Indian Track & Cross Country Team consisted of Lamont Frazier, Sam HorseChief, James Hells, John Begay, Rick Baker, Scott Tsoodle, Nelson Begay, Willie Curlychief and Carlton Albert.

Frazier did not own a car when he started college. He would run home the weekends he was not in a meet, which was about 23 miles. Extended family would ask about Lamont’s whereabouts and his immediate family would say, “He’s running home.” Frazier’s family would be worried until he came through the door. Upon his arrival he would say, “That’s nothing, I’m Lamont Frazier, that’s what I do, I run!” It was all about the training to him. He was a highly disciplined runner throughout his running career.

Lamont and his family also founded the Oklahoma Indian Running Club. It was a successful running club for many years. Frazier has also donated all of his medals and state letter jacket to the Sequoyah High School where it hangs today.

Today, Lamont resides in Oklahoma with his beautiful wife of 34 years, Jeanne. They have two sons, Lamont and Samuel and two granddaughters, Hena and Nola Frazier. When his sons were growing up and running on the track team for Abel City High School, they participated in their dad’s annual run. Both of his sons went to college with full running scholarships. One attended Oklahoma City University, and the other Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The Frazier family and extended family and friends are so very proud of Lamont and his legacy of running.

21st Annual Sequoyah “Lamont Frazier” XC Invitational - September 29, 2018 - Sequoyah High School Track - Info packets available at 7:30 a.m.			
<b>Entry Fees:</b> (No Pre-Registration required) •Varsity Team \$50 Individual \$10 •JV Team - Free if varsity runs •6th & under/7th & 8th teams \$25 w/5 or more runners •8th & under individuals \$5 •No limit of JV runners and younger	<b>Race Schedule:</b> • 8:30 a.m. (1600 meters) 6th & under girls • 8:45 a.m. (1600 meters) 6th & under boys • 9:00 a.m. (2400 meters) 7th & 8th grade girls • 9:25 a.m. (3200 meters) 7th & 8th grade boys	<b>Race Schedule:</b> • 9:45 a.m. (3200 meters) Varsity girls • 10:05 a.m. (3200 meters) JV girls • 10:30 a.m. (5000 meters) Varsity boys • 10:55 a.m. (5000 meters) JV boys	<b>Awards:</b> Varsity - Top 25 medals JV - Top 15 medals 7th & 8th - Top 20 medals 6th and under - Top 20 medals Trophies - 1st & 2nd Varsity ONLY



Congratulations Becky!  
From your family



Sage Baumgarten, PBPB member, graduated from Arizona State University in May 2017, in the field of Air Traffic Control. He recently completed the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control Academy in Oklahoma City in May 2018. Currently he is assigned and employed with Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) in Memphis, Tennessee. He is the son of Lori Baumgarten, Memphis, TN and PBPB member Terry Cross Bear.



PBPB member Denessa “Nawnee” LittleAxe, daughter of Dennis and Quannah LittleAxe and grand daughter of Troy LittleAxe, Sr. and Joanne Kitchkommie LittleAxe, graduated with her Bachelor’s of Arts in Native American Studies from the University of Oklahoma. Pictured with her son, Elias Cable, and companion, Geramey Cable.



Happy 18th Birthday  
Mëskawsikwe on Aug 7th  
and Good Luck in the Navy!  
Love, Mom and Family

**STAY CONNECTED!**

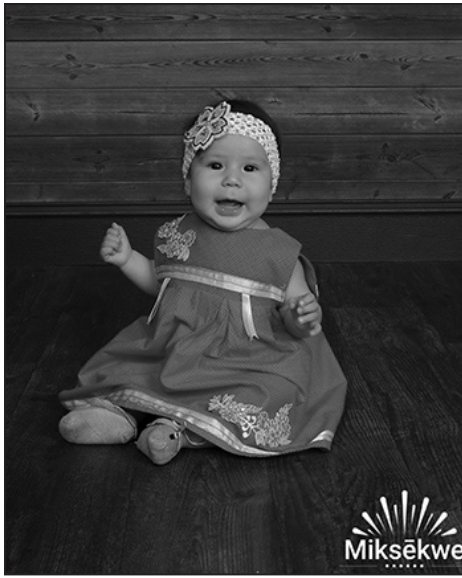
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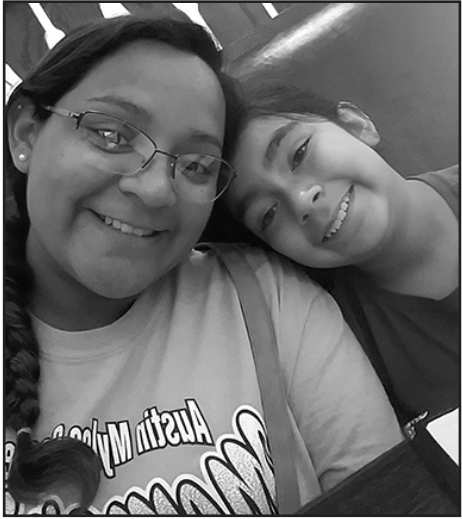
Welcome Carly Elizabeth  
07.05.18 5lbs 6oz 18.5in  
Proud Parents:  
Kara Throssell & William Hasenkamp  
Proud Grandparents:  
Maureen & Kevin Throssell



Happy 1st Birthday  
Miksēkwe Jackson  
on July 19th!  
Love, Nene and Dadda



Happy Birthday to our little girl!  
First year on Grandmother earth  
(10/9/18) and we're thankful for you  
every day!  
With Love, Mom and Dad



Happy 11th Birthday Monica!  
You are growing into a beautiful  
young lady and you have a heart of  
gold, I love you very much and hope  
your birthday is as special as you are.  
  
Love, Sissy



Happy Birthday Shuggy & KKG!



Happy 5th Birthday  
Nagmo Jackson on Oct 16th!  
Love, Momma & Daddy



Happy 7 candles Pētannokwe!  
Love, Your Family



Happy 30th Birthday  
Tara!  
Love, Your Family



Happy 32nd birthday to  
Ray Wahwasuck, Jr.  
on 8/22/18!  
Love, yo fam!!



Happy Anniversary to Misho & Noko:  
Raymond & Christina Wahwasuck on  
12/31/18!  
Love, Dutch & Ashtyn Keo



Happy 18th Birthday  
Pat-Ko-Shuk!  
Love, Your Fam



Happy 1st Birthday  
Poniswen!  
Love, Your Family

### *In Loving Memory*

In a quiet country graveyard where  
the gentle breezes blow;  
sleeps the ones we love so dearly  
whom we lost years ago.

Love, Mom, Alan, Anna, Daylan, Ella  
& Crystal

Kevin L. Mzhickteno  
11.27.1965  
11.23.1989

Duane D. Mzhickteno  
11.17.1957  
6.2.2002

Cecil R. Mzhickteno  
8.5.1959  
1.12.2017

**HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY**

**KENDRICK GUNNER POTTS**

**- AUGUST 17TH -**



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



Juanita Jessepe

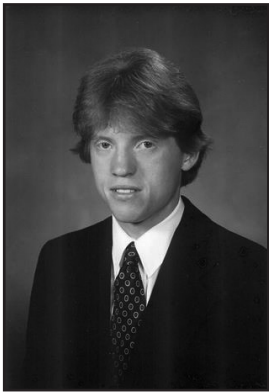
ROSSVILLE – Juanita Ann “Wash-ke-she” Jessepe, 72 of Rossville, KS passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the Rossville Healthcare & Rehab in Rossville, KS. She was born February 10, 1946 on the Prairie Band Reservation, the daughter of Wesley Alex and Mary Jo (Magnauck) Jessepe. She graduated high school in 1964 from Marty, South Dakota. Juanita lived most of her life on the Prairie Band Reservation.

Juanita was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Drum religion and Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church. She also worked as a social worker for several Native American tribes and a former tribal council member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Juanita is survived by her 2 sons, Michael Allen of Lincoln, NE and Mark Allen of Mayetta, KS and 5 daughters, Laura Abeyeta of Delia, KS, Wenona Wahweotten of Mayetta, KS, Cindy LeClere of Mayetta, KS, Karen Thomas of Horton, KS and Julie Masquat of Mayetta, KS; 4 sisters, Jennifer Kelly of Ada, OK, Linda Flores of Dallas, TX, Debra Jessepe of Red Lake, MN and Carol Jessepe of Dallas, TX; 1 brother Ronald Jessepe of Mayetta, KS; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and 1 sister, Mary Jo Jessepe.

Rosary will be recited 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2018 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. A wake and dinner will be at the Danceground Building on Friday evening. Burial will be Saturday morning, July 14, 2018 at the 14 | FALL 2018 **PBP News**



James Todd

LAWRENCE, KS – James Douglas Todd, 50, passed away on June 1, 2018, at his home in Lawrence, KS. He was born on November 27, 1967, in Lawrence, KS to Jack and Delores (Rutledge) Todd. Jamie grew up in Lawrence, KS. He graduated from Lawrence High School in Lawrence, KS in 1986.

After high school, he attended Haskell University.

He worked at various restaurants as a cook for many years. He was involved in North Lawrence Christian Church. Jamie enjoyed building cars and walking his dog Blaze.

He is survived by his parents Jack and Delores Todd of Lawrence, KS; brother Kevin Todd, wife Dee and nephews Darryll, Matthew and Nicholas, all of Edgerton, KS; sister Rebecca Todd, nieces Rylee Roberts and Maddie Miles, all of Lawrence, KS.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. A visitation will be held at North Lawrence Christian Chur, 7th and Elm, on June 10th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations are made to Jamie’s Camaro for the restoration of his 1969 Camaro.

Go rest high on that mountain.

- *Courtesy of Lawrence Journal-World, 6.10.18*

***Jessepe Continued..***

Danceground Cemetery. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

- *Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes*



James Douthitt

JANESVILLE, WI – James T. Douthitt, 57, of Janesville passed away at University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. James was born on July 2, 1961 to James and Philomine (Cadieux) Douthitt in Illinois.

James loved fishing and the outdoors. He enjoyed music and worked as a chef when he was still physically able to do so.

James is survived by his daughters; Elizabeth Wirth of Janesville, Mariah Wirth of Dundee, Illinois, and Savannah Wirth of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and his stepson, Alex Wirth of Marengo, Illinois. He is further survived by his sister, Joyce Hall, as well as his grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Martha.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, August 12, at 3:00 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home in Janesville, WI. A visitation will be held from 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 12th until the time of the service at the funeral home.

- *Courtesy of All Faiths Funeral & Cremation Services*

Susano Marquez

CHICAGO, IL – Susano Marquez, 51, passed away on June 13, 2018. He was born on July 4, 1966. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Richard Ford

TOPEKA, KS – Richard D. Ford, 49, of Topeka, passed away on Monday, June 25, 2018, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. He was born July 17, 1968, in Junction City, Kansas, the son of Ralph and Juanita (Steward) Nelson and adopted by Rex E. and Scarlett A. (Wing) Ford.

Richard attended Shawnee Heights High School. He was a self-employed tile setter. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include his companion, Cara Wade, children, Dylan, Sydney and Kayla Ford all of Topeka, his parents, Rex and Scarlett Ford of Tecumseh, siblings, Scott (Mechele) Ford of Topeka, Laurie Ford of Denver, Colorado, Stuart (Lisa) Ford of Topeka, Ralph (Cindy) Nelson of Topeka, Anita New of Garnett, Kansas, Ed (Christina) Nelson of Topeka, Les Nelson of Topeka, Vinita Regnier of Concordia, Kansas, Gary (Karen) Nelson of Topeka and Larry (Valerie) Nelson of Topeka and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2018 at Fellowship Bible Church. Private inurnment will take place in Marion Hill Lutheran Cemetery in Dwight, Kansas at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Midland Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, Kansas 66606.

- *Courtesy of www.DoveTopeka.com.*

Tammy Appleton

BLANCHARD, OK – Tammy Michelle Appleton, 41, of Blanchard, OK passed away, Sunday, July 1, 2018. She was born on November 29, 1975.

Services were held for her on Friday, July 13, 2018.

Tammy was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Roberta “Audra” Wahwassuck

MAYETTA- Roberta Audra “Meek-tah” Wahwassuck, 48, of Holton, KS, formerly of Mayetta, passed away Monday, August 6, 2018 at The Pines in Holton. She was born December 18, 1969, in Topeka, KS the daughter of Johnnie P. and Roberta (Lucei) Wahwassuck.

Roberta attended Royal Valley and Kickapoo Nation schools. After she earned her GED, she attended Haskell University, earning her degree in Business Administration.

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

Survivors include her mother, Roberta Wahwassuck of Mayetta, KS; 5 sisters, Sandra Lee Moroyoqui of Lincoln City, OR, Pam Simon of Horton, KS, Theresa Hutchinson of Canterbury, NH, Lorrie Melchior of Mayetta, KS and Ahnah Wahwassuck of Mayetta, KS; 4 brothers, Ronnie Thomas of Warm Springs, OR, Layton Abbott of Bellcourt, ND, Larry Picard of Mayetta, KS and John P. Wahwassuck of Mayetta, KS and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Johnnie Wahwassuck, Jr.; a sister, Debbie Lucei and a brother, Edwin Thomas.

Drum Service will be Wednesday evening, August 8, 2018, at the Danceground Building on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be Thursday afternoon at Prairie Peoples Cemetery. Roberta will lie in state at Mercer Funeral Home beginning Tuesday afternoon.

To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

- *Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes*



Mailing Addresses Needed for These People:

Below is a list of tribal members whose mailing addresses are either not up to date or missing from the PBPB member services files. An attempt was made to send them a check by mail for their portion of the Salazar Land Trust Settlement, but they were returned to Member Services. If you know any of these people, please contact them and ask them to send in their mailing address to Member Services, 16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS, 66509 or fax the change of address to 785-966-3950. For questions, call 785-966-3910.

Aguilar-Vazquez, Gabriella Rosalie  
Alexander, Matilda M.  
Appleton, Tammy  
Baker, Robert Fredrick  
Battese, Ashley William  
Beier, Neyl Alexander  
Brace, Wendy Michelle  
Brown, Melody Lynn  
Burke, Judith Kay  
Burnett, Orlando Juan  
Campos, John Anthony  
Cantu, Lara Marie Rader  
Cartner, Amanda Marie  
Chapman, Jr., Clyde Kenneth  
Chapman, Wayne  
Charles, Joel M  
Charles, Zachariah Ashley  
Conboy, Nancy June  
Corbine, Elaina Rose  
Courchene, Elizabeth Marie  
Craft, David Alexander  
Cummings, Jeanette Maxine  
Cunningham, Tara Lorene  
Danielson, Johnathan Douglas

Danielson, Mackenzie Mae  
Darnall, Alisha Nicole  
ElizaHockert, Bernadette  
Evans, Paul James  
Farrell, Jayleen Ann  
Faulk, Leonidas Storm Kitchkommie  
Fitzherbert, Keaton Izaiah  
Fuentes, Donna Mary Luna De La  
Harrington, Harold Thomas  
Harrison, Josie Kara  
Henry, Darren Logan  
Hinsa, Krystal D  
Hockert, Cameron Dalton  
Holder, Gloria June  
Holtz, Michael J  
Hopkinson, Irene Renee  
Jackson, Hannah Nicole  
Jessepe, Boyce Elfonso  
Johnson, Jeff F  
Jr, Michael F Jim  
Keesis, Eric Randolph Paxico  
Kelly, Ashley Joy  
Kelly, Joyce A  
Kelly, Paul David Wabaunsee

Keltner, Curtis James  
Ketcheshawno, Brenna  
Kitchens, Michael Wayne  
Kreipe, Thomas Ivan  
Laclair, Caroline Alvina  
Laclair, Victor  
Latka, Allyson K  
Latka, Samantha D  
Lawton, Quentin Kirk  
Lepp, Donald A  
Llamas, Wesley Joseph  
Magnauck, Michael B  
Maruska, Amy Louise  
Mattwaohshe, Brian K  
McVea, Carie Louise  
Miller, Kennedy Rayne  
Paniagua, Jennifer Ray  
Rader, Mandy Haden  
Ramirez, Gregory Allan  
Reyes, Hector Paul  
Rice, Dominic L  
Ritchie, Rachel Ann  
Rodriguez, Antonio Raymond  
Rosenthal, Judith M

Schimmer, Gail Lav  
Sheppard, Jenny L  
Sheppard, Sharika L'Vonne  
Sprague, Charles R  
Springer, Kimberly Kay  
Sr, William Cody Jackson  
Thomas, Tamara Michelle  
Todd, Delores  
Violett, Angelyssa L  
Wadley, Delvin Wade  
Wahwassuck, Julia Lyn  
Wahweotten, Mark Ellsworth  
Wamego, Gabriel Angel  
Wamego, Nathaniel Zeke  
Wamego, Zuley Marie  
Watchous, Angelo Luis Kabance  
Muniz  
Watkins, Jacqueline Dawn  
Wells, Neil Russell  
Williams, Christopher Scott  
Winkler, Kelly Christine  
Woodell, Erin Eileen  
Yoshida, Mark Anson  
Zimmerman, Kayla Ann



2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly

— **PRIVATE MATINEE BINGO SESSION** —

FOR PRAIRIE BAND  
POTAWATOMI NATION MEMBERS

18 Years & Older



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

**DOORS OPEN 12 PM | SESSION STARTS 1 PM**

- \$20 Buy-In For 20 Games — \$100 Prize Per Game
- Paper ONLY — All You Can Daub
- Optional \$5 Blackout 4-On With \$250 Prize
- Pull Tabs and Event Ticket Games Based on Headcount
- This Session Will **NOT** Be Open To The Public
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Members Must Present Their Tribal ID For Entry & Each Member May Also Bring 1 Guest
- Please have your Prairie Band Casino & Resort player's card with you to receive points for your buy-in

**BUILDING  
MORE WAYS TO  
PLAY**

Please join us for the Tribal Grand Re-Opening Celebration of the Kapi Coffee Bar, Lobby Bar and Casino Renovation project. The Event will be held at the Hotel Lobby bar area beginning at 4:00 PM on October 19, 2018. Please come and sample one of our new Signature Coffee Drinks and then over to the Lobby bar to sample items from the new menu. All Tribal Members 21 years and older are invited to attend.





**Who ya gonna call?  
Tribal Dispatch!**

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

Also contact Dispatch to report power outages, wild fires or tornados.

**785-966-3024**

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.

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**1-800-273-8255**

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METHODIST CHURCH  
CELEBRATES 115 YEARS**

October 20, 2018  
5 p.m.  
- 14413 O Road -  
Supper to be served  
and a performance by  
Leon Daughtery's band

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 30, 2018 - STARTS AT 6 P.M. SHARP!**

**- COSTUME CONTEST - TRUNK CONTEST - PUMPKIN CONTEST**





# 2018 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Powwow - Labor Day Weekend



Potawatomi Princesses: Victoria Brossett & Mae Joslin



We-Ta-Se Post 410 Posting the Colors



Tribal Council Chairman Zeke Rupnick welcoming our visitors



World famous singer and Head Drum Judge Harvey Dreaver



Sidda Evans



Taylen LeClere



Monica DayChild and Mary Shopteese



Arena Director Dana Warrington and Head Lady Dancer Jancita Warrington



Host Drum: The renowned Northern Cree singers



Pewamo Kitchkommie



Gaynell Jessepe & Gilreath Aithens



Kiwe Miller



Pannoquah Wahwassuck



Gishgo Hale

The Prairie Band Powwow Committee hosted a spectacular event! Over 3,000 people attended, with over 200 registered dancers, a host of contests and several amazing Specials to showcase all of the talent that was present. The world famous drum group Northern Cree was the host drum and the world famous singer Harvey Dreaver was the head judge for the Drum Contest.

People from all across the United States and Canada joined in this once in a lifetime event. For more photos visit [Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on Facebook!](#)

"Everything is so beautiful, everyone is so nice!" - R. McKelvey

"Beautiful grounds, wonderful people, incredible crafts." - K. Daniels

"Great food, great dancing, awesome drums - everything about the powwow was awesome!!" - J. Purdum