



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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

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PBPN Behavioral Health Center Opens



The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation opened their newest resource to the community on November 15, 2018, following a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured from left, Jay Mooney, Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Administrator, Walter “Tony” Siebert, Behavioral Health Manager, PBPN Tribal Council William Evans, Raphael Wahwassuck, Camilla Chouteau, Zach Pahmahmie and Joseph Rupnick.

Serving as a leader and champion for mental health, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is the first tribe in Kansas to build a facility dedicated to mental health needs of Native Americans in the community.

Through providing a stand-alone center, the PBP Nation hopes to encourage removing the stigma around seeking mental health care while allowing patients to maintain a certain level of privacy. The new Behavioral Health

Center is a component of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Health Center.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house took place on Thursday, *Continued on page 2*

Prairie Band Casino & Resort Reveals Refresh



Prairie Band Casino & Resort General Manager Bill Marsh, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman Joseph Rupnick and Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board of Directors’ Chairman Frank Tecumseh, share the honor of cutting through the ceremonial ribbon marking the completion of the first phase of renovations at Prairie Band Casino and Resort, located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation.

Prairie Band Casino & Resort unveiled its completed refresh to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal members at a special Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 4

p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2018. The two main features of the first expansion phase are a vibrant new gaming floor and a fully renovated hotel lobby, which

includes a brand new lobby bar and coffee shop.

In the first phase of the expansion, the casino floor was updated from floor to ceiling with vibrant wall treatments, dramatic ceiling décor, prominent lighting and new carpet and flooring. Using the Prairie Band Fire Eagle logo as a source of inspiration, much of the design through the gaming floor uses the red and yellow colors in the lighting, signage, carpet and other significant details. Judy Hartley, PBCR Chief Financial Officer stated, “The wall treatments, new colors and even the ceiling elements give the large casino space depth and warmth.”

“This first phase is just the start,” said Bill Marsh, Prairie Band Casino and Resort General Manager, “2018 marks our 20th anniversary and we’re thrilled to celebrate our special birthday with a refresh of our look for our guests.” Marsh, along with Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board of Directors’ President Frank Tecumseh, and John Tuckwin, PBCR Marketing Director *Continued on page 3*

Chairman Joseph “Zeke” Rupnick: Report to the Nation



These first few months in office have been an enlightening and enjoyable experience for me. It's encouraging to find the goals of the current Council members and mine are very closely aligned. Working together, we should be able to accomplish a great deal.

Since this Tribal Council has convened, we have been working to develop the budget for the next year. Going through the budgeting process has allowed me to assess the services the Tribe provides and the state of the Tribe's infrastructure (roads, buildings, parking lots, etc.). First, with a limited number of resources, continuous evaluation throughout the year will help in prioritizing programs to make the best decisions for optimal allocation of those resources. We are in the process of developing departmental reporting, which will be used to establish goals. Performance will then be measured against those goals. This will not be an easy process; however, I feel by the next budget cycle, departmental goals and plans will be in place to effectively monitor and maximize benefits to members while fulfilling our fiscal responsibilities. Second, our infrastructure is aging. Roads, parking lots, and build-

ings are showing signs of wear that must be addressed. We are working on a plan identifying areas requiring immediate attention, and will develop a maintenance schedule to protect the remaining Tribal assets.

Boards and Meetings

On September 5th, I was appointed as the Tribal Council Representative to the Entertainment Corporation. I was present for the first meeting, which was conducted via conference call. The next meeting was held at the casino, where members met in person to address items on the agenda. Terms for board members were discussed and issues involving expired and expiring positions were referred to Tribal Council. Interviews were held for one expired position with the chosen candidate to be notified soon. The positions expiring in December 2018 will soon be posted to bring the board back to the correct rotation.

The Casino Budget was presented to Tribal Council members. From the look of the plan developed by Casino Management, it finally appears we will be heading in the right direction.

The PBP LLC Board met with the Council in September to provide an overview of the company. Current plans were discussed, and ideas were shared regarding possible revenue opportunities.

Council members attended the "Keeping Legends Alive" event at Haskell University in September, honoring Native American Veterans with the dedication of the World War I Memorial Archway.

At one of our first meetings, I was selected as the Primary Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians. In October most of Tribal

Council and I attended the 75th Annual Convention and Marketplace in Denver, Colorado. We attended many breakout sessions covering many different areas affecting our tribe but one of our main objectives was to meet with the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Tara MacLean Sweeney, to discuss the Shab-eh-nay land into trust issue. I feel the meeting went well and am hoping the discussion we had will help us move one step closer to having that land put into trust.

Tribal Council members hosted the Four Tribes/BIA meeting on October 17th and 18th. We met James Schock, the BIA Director of the Southern Plains Region, and his staff. Items discussed during this meeting included information about available services, points of contact, and the BIA budget. I requested an opportunity to attend the BIA budget meeting, to be held early in 2019, to voice our priorities for the upcoming budget.

Also in October, the Gaming Commission presented their budget proposal to Tribal Council. The casino expansion was included in the discussion, to ensure that the Gaming Commission budget encompasses current and future needs.

National

In September, we were notified by the Assistant Secretary of the Indian Affairs' Office that the notice for approving the Nation's Business Site Leasing Ordinance (per HEARTH Act) was signed. This business site leasing ordinance allows the Tribe to manage and regulate the leasing options without the Secretary's direct involvement. With the business leasing ordinance approved, our next task is to work on the agriculture

ordinance, which will allow the Tribe to manage and regulate our own leases.

In October, a U.S. Federal judge in the Northern District of Texas ruled that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is unconstitutional. This ruling, if allowed to stand, may have far reaching consequences beyond ICWA. It could set a precedent by which many favorable actions Congress has enacted could be ruled unconstitutional. We will monitor and offer our opposition as needed.

We have received word that our application to place the Shab-eh-nay land into trust continues to go through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, and may be heard the end of October or early November. We have letters of support from three members of Congress, Senator Dick Durbin (D - Ill.), Senator Tammy Duckworth (D - Ill.), and Representative Adam Kinzinger (R - Ill.). Oct. 4th, Camilla, Thomas and I attended the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDE) annual dinner to show our continued support with the local government and to continue our efforts in Illinois.

I acknowledge that my first report is relatively brief. However, my efforts these couple of months in office were concentrated on reacquainting myself with the codes and increasing my understanding of how the Tribe operates. Clearly understanding operations and our current situation will provide a solid foundation upon which to build future successes.

Migwetch,

Joseph P. Rupnick "Zeke"

Open House

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November 15, 2018. The event allowed the PBP Nation community and local health agencies, an opportunity to learn more about the services provided and explore the new 4,800 square foot state-of-the-art facility composed of a waiting room, eight offices, a group therapy room and a sensory room, along with a private patio.

The ceremony commenced with an invocation delivered by PBPN tribal member and veteran, Jim Potts. Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman Joseph Rupnick greeted the crowd of about 80 individuals and delivered a short speech detailing the planning and delivery of the new resource. Chairman Rupnick then thanked key partners in the effort

which included Sabatini Architects, Mar Lan Construction, former PBP Health Center Director Bill Thorne who championed the project and the PBP Nation general council who voted to approve the funding for the \$1.8 million facility.

Following, Walter A. "Tony" Siebert, LCSW, LCAC, PBPN Behavioral Health Manager, provided a brief overview of the history of the program. It began as a humble Alcohol & Drug Recovery program in 1989, at the IHS Holton Service Unit. Over the course of three decades, it has evolved to include Mental Health Counseling and evaluations, Dual Diagnosis Treatment, Continuing Care, Individual, Family & Couples Counseling, Group Therapy, Anger Management, Crisis Intervention, Alcohol & Drug Information School and referrals.

In addition to Siebert, the program has three more Behavioral Health Counselors. The Behavioral Health Center is available for any federally recognized Native Americans age 14 and older within the service area.

Closing out the ceremony, attending Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council then cut the ceremonial ribbon. Afterward, attendees were invited into the Behavioral Health Center where staff provided tours and answered questions. Light refreshments were provided in the Group Meeting Room.

The idea for a Behavioral Health Center began in 2014, motivated by a lack of space for Behavioral Health Staff and by patients having to travel through other departments in order to receive care. Along with establishing the building, the

Behavioral Health Program has also increased their commitment to care over the past few years by focusing on acquiring certification, increasing staff positions, updating the records system and receiving accreditation. In the near future, the program plans to incorporate a psychiatric practitioner and in the long term would like to add more staff in order to serve those under the age of 14.

To seek services at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Behavioral Health Center call 785-966-8355. The facility is located at 11386 158 Road, Mayetta, Kansas.

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August 2, 2019
November 1, 2019

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Total Donated \$75,550

- Casa of Shawnee County
- Coats for Kids
- Community Health Care System
- Doorstep, Inc.
- East Topeka Council on Aging
- GraceMed Health Clinic
- Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
- JCMA Christmas Bureau
- Junior Achievement of Kansas
- KVC Health Care System
- Midland Care Connections
- Rossville Grade School
- Royal Valley Schools
- SLI
- Sole Reason
- TARC
- Topeka Civic Theatre
- We-Ta-Se American Legion

PBPN Greenlighted for Business Leases



10.1.18 - Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council and PBP Nation lawyer, Vivien Olsen, met with Jennifer Hughes, of Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, legal advocates of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to discuss the newly approved business site leasing ordinance. Through the approval the Nation can now manage and regulate business leasing options without direct involvement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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each spoke briefly about their unique roles in the process of the expansion and provided the crowd with an over-view of what the entire expansion will entail. Afterward, Marsh, Tecumseh and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman Joseph Rupnick sliced the red ribbon marking the special occasion.

Tribal members aged 21 and older at the ceremony were able to sample the new coffee drink offerings served at the Kapi Coffee Bar. Kapi is the Prairie Band Potawatomi word for coffee. The new coffee shop has a full-service espresso bar, iced coffee, smoothies, fresh-squeezed juices and assorted bottled beverages. Food samples of sweet and spicy bacon, Mediterranean salmon skewers and steak sandwich sliders were available as a

small sampling of the menu available at the bar. The bar and lounge area are located within the hotel lobby and have flat screen TVs, a comfortable lounge along with a 20-seat bar that serves local craft beers, cocktails and bar bites. Both the lobby bar and coffee shop feature design accents and textures of stone, wood and metal that complement the lobby's overall design.

The full expansion project is set to be fully complete in the summer of 2020. Improvements will include a new 75- room hotel tower, meeting space, pool and 500-space parking garage. This second phase will begin in early 2019, starting with the renovation of the existing 24-hour Buffalo Grill. It will be an expanded and renovated restaurant scheduled to open within about three months. The new 24-hour restaurant named, Sweet Grass Bar & Grill, will be more than double in

size of the current space and feature a greater selection of food and specialty drinks.

Other features of the expansion include:

- A hotel spa complete with body and face treatments and traditional massage and spa packages operated by spa professionals in a brand new luxurious spa facility.
- Fitness facility and state-of-the-art exercise room.
- Indoor/outdoor pool and hot tubs.
- A virtual golf, sports gaming experience.
- Administrative offices and additional multi-function meeting rooms adjacent and overlooking the new pool.

PBPN & PBCR Recognized for Philanthropy

TOPEKA, KS - The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Prairie Band Casino and Resort received recognition from the Association of Fund-raising Professionals – The Topeka Chapter of Philanthropy (AFP KS, Topeka Chapter).

The Nation and Casino were nominated by Tina Long, of the Stormont Vail Foundation. Here is the entry submission:

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Prairie Band Casino and Resort are generous supporters of northeast Kansas communities, schools and not-for-profit organizations.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation distributed \$301,710 in charitable support to 74 organizations in 2017. Among the recipients TARC, Midland Care Connection, East Topeka Senior Center and Holton Community

Hospital.

Over the years, the Stormont Vail Foundation has received numerous Prairie Band Potawatomi Grants including funding for the Care Line patient assistance program, equipment for diabetes management at the Cotton O'Neil Endocrinology Center, and books, toys and games to fill the newly remodeled playroom in Stormont Vail's pediatric department.

Recently, the Foundation received \$7,500 for the purchase of an inflatable colon to aid in outreach efforts to encourage enrollment in recommended screening methods for colorectal cancer and provide information on prevention measures. Through these efforts we hope to increase the number of screenings in order to catch colorectal cancers in early stages when it is most treatable and encourage the adoption of healthy habits to better prevent these

cancers.

In addition to the support it has received from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Prairie Band Casino and Resort has been an 11 year sponsor of the Foundation's BIG HEARTS Golf Tournament, contributing some \$19,000. With their support, the Foundation has been able to raise more than \$2 million for Stormont Vail Health programs.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Prairie Band Casino and Resort were recognized as the Outstanding Corporate Donor for 2018, by the AFP KS, Topeka Chapter on National Philanthropy Day, Thursday, November 8, 2018, at a ceremony held in Topeka, Kansas.

Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie: Message to the Nation



Good day to everyone, 2018 is nearing the end and seems to have flown by as we move into another holiday season. As goes with the Tribe's Fiscal Year running on a calendar year we have wrapped up all of our audits with the last ones finished up in the third quarter and are nearing completion of the annual budget process once again. Before we know it, January will be here and it will be time for year-end processing of our W-2's for our Employees and 1099's for our Vendors, Pow Wow Contest Winners, and Per Caps. The W-2 and 1099 distribution is in mid-January so they will hit mailboxes towards the latter part of the month. On a separate note we have also filled our Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position as of October 15th. With the assistance of the Prairie Band LLC we were able to recruit for the CFO position and Richard Meckes was selected for the position. Richard comes to us from Temecula, California and has over 20 years of experience serving as the CFO for multiple organizations with over 10 of those years serving as the CFO for two Tribes in California. Meckes' several years of experience and familiarity with serving tribes has made him a great addition to the Nation. I look forward to working with Richard on several projects that have been on hold in previous months as well as improving upon our current processes and controls for the Tribe's finances. Here are a few additional items that are going on in the Tribe's financial area.

FY2019 General Council Budget Review

At our Tribal Council Meeting on October 31, we approved the Tribe's FY2019 Budget as well as the Casino and Gaming Commission FY2019 Budgets. In accordance with Tribe's Constitution a budget review meeting will be held for the General Council on December 11, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Tribe's Old Bingo Hall. This will be similar to the meeting that we held last December but this time the handout report for the meeting will be posted prior to the meeting on the Tribal Members Only website. A postcard will also be mailed out with details for the meeting. As always if you have any questions or are unable to attend the budget review meeting in December give me a call or shoot me an e-mail and I will answer your question as best as possible on the budgets.

House Bill 2147 Refunds

In my previous articles I have written about House Bill 2147 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 is now here and we are underway on applying for refunds. We had hoped to receive information from the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) prior to the 21-month refund period that runs from October 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020, but as things played out we received the final application paperwork on day 1 of the 21 month refund period, October 1. Although we would have liked to have had a little more notice on distributing information on the refunds the KDOR staff as well as our CPA firm have been very helpful in working together to get our initial refund applications submitted. Items that are needed to file for a refund include your Tribal ID, DD 214, W-2's and the refund application (form K-NAVR). The application and a Q&A document can be accessed on the Tribe's website. A benefit that we have provided for our PBPB Tribal Members is for our CPA firm to assist

with the filing of the refund application so the simplest thing to do for filing a refund is to contact my office and we can coordinate the paperwork so the application process is the least burdensome as possible.

Year End Processing

As in prior years our two most common tax forms, Form W-2 and Form 1099-MISC must be issued to recipients by January 31st. Form W-2 is issued to our employees for their wages, Form 1099-MISC is issued to our Vendors, Pow Wow Contest Winners and our Tribal Member's for their Per Caps. In addition to these two forms we also issue Form 1042-S to Foreign Persons/non-US Citizens primarily for Per Caps and Pow Wow winnings, Form 1099-S for land purchases and Form 1095-C for Health Insurance Reporting. Form 1099-MISC for Minors Trust Distributions, both age-based and discretionary, are issued by our Trustee, Providence First Trust Company. While the forms are not technically due to be issued until January 31st, we hope to have the forms in the mail no later than the week of January 21st.

Revenue Allocation Plan

For this quarter's article I would like to talk a little about the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan or sometimes referred to as the "RAP" which is found in the Tribe's Per Capita Ordinance. Let's start out with defining the RAP and its purpose. The RAP applies to how the Nation allocates our Casino Distributions to be expended within specific cost areas within the Tribal Government. Within our RAP we have five cost areas: Tribal Programs, Economic Development, General Welfare, Charitable Contributions and Per Capita Distributions. Each cost area has a specific percentage associated with it and the Casino Distributions are budgeted and expended accordingly. The RAP does not apply to how we expend funds from other income sources such as third party revenues, special revenue funds such as our grants and 638 contracts, BIA Trust Funds nor does it apply to how we spend our Tribal Tax

Dollars.

So why do we have to have a Revenue Allocation Plan? According to 25 CFR Part 290, because the Tribe makes Per Capita Distributions from our Casino Distributions we are required to have a RAP approved by the Department of Interior to be in compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). For Tribe's that do not have Per Capita Distributions a RAP is not required for how Casino Distributions are expended.

A question that comes up from time to time on the RAP is how is it monitored? One instance is the RAP expenditures are presented quarterly in the Financial Report at General Council, these are unaudited expenditures. A second monitoring is done in our annual audit of the Tribal Government financials where the CPA firm conducting the audit reviews the Casino Distributions subject to the RAP including our Per Capita Expenditures, both the RAP and Per Capita comments are found in the notes to the Primary Government Basic Financial Statements section of the audit report. In the event there is a dispute over the RAP expenditures the first course of action would be to appeal to the Tribal Council, from there any appeals not resolved would go to Tribal Court in which the court's decision would be final.

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 Finance Director



Richard Meckes has joined the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation staff, as the Chief Financial Officer effective October 15, 2018. He comes with over 25 years of experience as a financial officer, with over 11 years in Indian Country. Meckes is excited to be working for the PBPB Nation and thinks that the PBPB Nation has really "got its stuff together."

He is in the process of relocating to the area from Temecula, CA with his wife of 38 years, Patricia. Richard has four grown children, one grandchild with one grandchild on the way.

Per Cap Update By: The Finance Department

All changes for Per Capita are due by the 1st of the month of Per Capita Distribution (March, June, September & December). This includes:

- Change of Address
- Tax Withholding Amount
- Payment Option (Check or Direct Deposit)

Per Capita checks being held in the Per Capita Office for pickup on "PerCap Day" must also be Requested in Advance (See Option 3 on the Per Capita Payment Option Form).

All forms are available in Finance at the Per Capita Office located in the Government Center or can be located online at www.pbpcapital.com/per-capita/. These forms can also be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to you by calling 785-966-3993.

Authorizations to give permission for someone else to pick up your Per Capita Check on your behalf will no longer be accepted on "PerCap Day". You must make arrangements with the Per Capita Office prior to the pick up date. There are no exceptions.

Prairie Band Casino & Resort - 2018 Year in Review

Submitted by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation - Board of Directors

In the January 20, 2018, General Council meeting the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation (PBPEC) presented 3 options for upgrading the gaming facility in Mayetta, KS. A \$55M expansion option was selected & voted on by the General Council. The expansion includes changes to both revenue generating segments of the casino as well as administrative support areas and the addition of non-gaming amenities. Approximately half of the funds covering expansion costs are being used from available Tribal Government assets and the other half is being financed through a loan agreement with the Nation.

The PBPEC is committed to ensuring the success of the gaming operation, creating jobs in the local area, as well as building trust and lasting relationships between organizations within our Tribe to ensure economic success. There are 3 major accomplishments of note in 2018. First, this expansion marks several historic milestones for our tribe. Cooperative efforts between tribal businesses and gov-

ernment are at an all-time high. In addition to the improved relationship between the Nation and the PBPEC, the Board of Directors selected Prairie Band LLC as the owners' representative for the expansion project. In this role Prairie Band LLC will be actively involved with architects, construction companies, bidding, quality control, etc throughout the main portion of the construction project. Additionally this partnership effort will give Prairie Band LLC critical experience working on the scope & scale of projects which will enable them to better assist our tribe and the casino operation for years to come.

The second major accomplishment for 2018 was the hiring of our Nation's first Casino General Manager who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe. Mr. William Marsh is an enrolled member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and is currently serving our Nation's interests in the capacity of General Manager at the Casino. This decision has moved the organization further away from ideas and values held by

traditional Corporate Casinos such as Harrah's and will advance the development of tribal member employment at the Casino. The new General Manager has a significant amount of past experience in marketing, tribal gaming operations and construction projects. Mr. Marsh has been on the job for a little over 6 months and is performing at a very high level influencing critical changes to the future of casino operations.

The third major accomplishment of note in 2018 is the early completion of the interior remodel project of the gaming areas. I-5 Designs completed the interior remodel approximately 60 days early allowing the gaming operation to get back to 100% operation earlier in the calendar year for 2018. This early completion allowed the casino to capture more holidays and key weekends ensuring maximum profitability and minimizing business interruption.

In addition to these 3 major accomplishments listed above the PBPEC has fulfilled the requirements of a

2011 loan agreement with the Nation. Tribal Council Resolution 2011-221A was fully paid off and satisfied on November 30, 2018. The Board of Directors also completed revisions to the Federal Charter of Incorporation and Memorandum of Agreement (between the PBPEC and the Tribal Government) which has been in the works for over a year. Both documents which regulate the Entertainment Corporation and Casino Operations have not been updated since 2011 and 2007 respectively. The proposed revisions are currently being reviewed by the Tribal Council and discussed with the PBPEC. Once completed they will be posted on the Nation's website for ease of access to tribal membership.

The gaming operation at Prairie Band Casino and Resort continues to be the most profitable business venture available to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation supplying over 70% of the Nation's annual revenue and supporting 100% of the cash flow used for Per Capita payments to the people.

Introducing Tribal Police Chief Clark

Terry Clark is the new Chief of Police for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Law Enforcement Department. Chief Clark has worked in the department for three years as Captain prior to beginning his new role on October 12, 2018.

Clark has over 20 years of law enforcement experience. He served in the US Army and Kansas National Guard for over 20 years as a Military Police Officer and Military Intelligence Operations. He was deployed in several missions which included Desert Storm-Desert Shield, State-wide Force Protection Mission, Bosnia (SFOR), Kosovo (KFOR) and Iraqi Freedom. He also deployed to several State Active Duty Missions in the states of Kansas and Louisiana.



Most recently, Clark graduated from the Certified Public Manager Program at the University of Kansas. The program is a nationally recognized emblem of management excellence.

On a more personal note, Chief Clark is a member of the local community. He is married and has five children and one granddaughter.



10.13.18 - "Higher Ed Ced" Cedrick Sunray, Southwestern College representative presented "The Indigenous College Hustle" to local youth at the 2018 College & Career Fair sponsored by the PBPB Education Department.

Native Vote Update

By: M. Simon

Mid-term elections have historically been a humdrum affair, this year all of that changed. The 2018 Mid-term elections cost more than \$5 billion, making it the most expensive non-presidential contest in American history based on information provided by the Federal Election Commission. Regardless of which political parties people affiliated themselves, there was one message that made it to the top of the din: VOTE!

"Get out and vote" was the message the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Native Vote Committee brought to the residents of the PBPB community. The committee assisted about 30 community members with registering to vote prior to Election Day. The group also worked with the Jackson County Elections Office to bring an Advanced Voting Station to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. It was held on K Road at the Fire Keepers Elder Center and about 80 voters turned out to cast their ballots early. The Advanced Voting Station yielded similar results in 2016.

The Committee held a Watch Party on Election night, November 6, 2018 at the Old Bingo Hall with about 50 members of the community turning out to watch the national races

unfold. The Native Vote Committee also distributed a survey with plans to incorporate the feedback into future outreach. Here are a few key take-aways:

- Although there were plenty of campaign ads, many voters felt it was hard to find solid information about where candidates stood on specific issues.

- Some voters did not understand technical aspects such as townships, provisional ballots, whether they had to vote with their party or fill out the entire ballot.

- Some respondents would like to see more education about voting geared toward the youth/younger members of the community.

The PBPB Native Vote Committee is currently composed of Rey Kitchkumme, Jayme Mitchell, Michelle Simon and Verna Simon. The Native Vote Committee is a non-partisan initiative. All activities are conducted in a nonpartisan manner in compliance with IRS rules and regulations and do not constitute prohibited political activity. The Native Vote Committee does not endorse any candidate for office or support any partisan statements or endorsements.

Prairie Band, LLC Update

An insightful look at the underpinnings of the Prairie Band, LLC

It has been a busy time at Prairie Band, LLC as the team continues to grow our business enterprises. The company has seen tremendous revenue growth in 2018. Prairie Band, LLC and its family of companies will nearly double the revenue earned from 2017 by the end of the year. The government contracting division continues to grow and provide opportunities for Prairie Band, LLC. Over the past year, the board and company management have focused their efforts on increasing performance and obtaining more contracts. The overall performance of Prairie Band, LLC's companies is healthy and is a direct result of the board and management's hard work.

Anchored by Mill Creek, the government contracting division is our fastest growing division and has increased its revenue nearly 300% through the first 9 months of 2018 from the same period in 2017. 2018 is Mill Creek's best award season since its inception. Mill Creek completed 7 projects in 2018 and currently has 11 projects, including new and ongoing work. The government contracting division is working throughout the United States and is performing at a high level. Our newest award locations include Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital (Wyoming), Warren Air Force Base (Wyoming), MacDill Air Force Base (Florida), Eglin Air Force Base (Florida), Travis Air Force Base (California), Peterson Air Force Base (Colorado), Bannister Mall (Missouri), and Fort Riley Military Base (Kansas).

Some may wonder why we focus on government contracting. Annually, the U.S. government shells out \$500 billion in contract spending. We want a piece of that action. Although the U.S. government contracting process is lengthy and complicated, the government has a solid history of paying its bills. For small businesses and startups, this is a big benefit because it provides certainty and reliable cash flow. There are a few challenges in government contracting. While the government is a reliable customer, they can be slow to pay. Additionally, the rules and regulations governing contracting are very precise and sometimes cumbersome to navigate. However, the benefits and sheer volume of opportunities outweigh these difficulties.

We are taking full advantage of Prairie Band and its subsidiaries' special designations, which qualify us for preferred consideration when applying for government work. These designations include the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Program, HUBZone, and being Tribally Owned. We are just scratching the surface of the opportunities in this area. It will take several years for us to fully realize all the benefits of having a robust government contracting division. Work remains to increase our capacity to compete and continue to win additional awards.

Closer to home, our local divisions' revenue continues to increase as well. Most of the employees working at Prairie Band One Stop, Prairie Band Propane, and Prairie Band Distribution are tribal preference employees. Prairie Band Construction includes six tribal preference workers who are working on a variety of projects, including the Casino expansion. Soon they will also be working in Kansas City, performing on a subcontract with a large general contractor. We continue to move Prairie Band, LLC forward, and we are constantly finding ways to improve our procedures and gain efficiencies.

The signs of success are evident. We have increased our revenue and successfully obtained SBA 8(a) certification for three companies. Prairie Band and its family of companies are gaining recognition for the high-quality work we provide our clients. Next year we will continue to focus our energy on the government contracting divisions recent awards, gain additional awards from agencies outside the Department of Defense, grow our existing businesses, and maintain the great reputation Prairie Band has built over the past several years. Tribal members can find out more about what the company is doing by going to www.prairiebandllc.com. Additionally, we provide quarterly financial and operating reports at the General Council Meetings and an Annual Report at the July meeting. Finally, please do not hesitate to stop by our offices at 19035 US HWY 75, Holton, KS to ask questions or just visit. We wish all of you happy holidays and a great new year!

- Jacob "Tug" Wamego
Prairie Band, LLC CEO & President

Wamego: Native American 40 Under 40 Award Recipient

Award recognizes young Native American and Alaska Native leaders across the United States



Prairie Band, LLC, CEO and President, Jacob Wamego - a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation - is recognized with a 40 Under 40 Award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development at a ceremony held in Tulsa, Okla.

9.20.18 – Prairie Band, LLC CEO Jacob "Tug" Wamego has been recognized as a 2018 winner of the Native American 40 under 40 award. This award is bestowed by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (the National Center) and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication in business and their communities. This year the National Center is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the 40 under 40 awards.

"It is an honor to be recognized for this award among many people making great contributions to their communities. I am grateful for the work I get to do with Prairie Band, LLC and for the dedicated staff, management, and Board whose work continues to result in real change and growth in economic opportunities for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation," said Wamego. "Thank you to the National Center for your commitment to developing and supporting the American Indian business community."

Award winners will be honored at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, Oklahoma on October 29-30. The event – "Impacting Generations: Honoring a Decade of Exceptional Service and Leadership" – will be held in conjunction with the National Center's next Native Edge Institute (NEI), a one-day training session focused specifically on procurement. Past and present 40 under 40 awardees will have the opportunity to participate in programming with the goal of providing additional professional development, networking, leadership, and mentorship opportunities.

"We are thrilled to recognize the impressive achievements of Jacob Wamego," said Chris James, President and CEO of the National Center.

James continued with, "Wamego joins a diverse group of young women and men cultivated from across American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Each of these individuals has devoted their skills and resources to enhance their communities. From business, academia, healthcare, tribal government, politics, non-profits, journalism, the law, finance, and marketing, 40 under 40 winners are shining examples for all of us to follow. For the 10th year in a row, it is an honor to recognize these individuals and leaders who will continue to define success for the future of Native American business."

Those interested in attending the 40 under 40 event can register through the site; 40 under 40 attendees have the option of attending the Native Edge Institute programming. Please visit the National Center's website at www.ncaied.org to learn more.

Prairie Band, LLC was formed in 2010 as an economic development company wholly owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Since inception, Prairie Band, LLC has grown into a family of seven subsidiary companies with commercial, federal, and local customers. Prairie Band, LLC is part of the economic development plan established by tribal leadership with the purpose of providing opportunity and prosperity to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The company is headquartered on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in northeast Kansas.

Prairie Band Health Service Wins Again

Army Corps of Engineers Contract Utilizing 8(a) Program

8.31.18 – Prairie Band Health Services, Inc. (PBHS) has been awarded an estimated \$3.5M sole source contract to perform services for the Air Force Medical Support Agency (AFMSA) at MacDill AFB Satellite Clinic in Brandon, Florida. The project is anticipated to take place over a period of 270 days. Mill Creek, sister-company to PBHS, will provide invaluable subcontracting support to the effort.

PBHS CEO John Holtz said: “This is yet another exciting opportunity for the PBHS team. The Small Business Administration’s (SBA) 8(a) program is a valuable tool in providing opportunities to qualified businesses and we are pleased that we continue to be able to provide needed services to our country’s warfighters and their families.”

Prairie Band, LLC CEO Jacob Wamego said: “This is the first of what will be many contracts to be awarded to PBHS through the 8(a) program. As we continue to plant seeds of change within our community, we will harvest every opportunity to grow our businesses and provide world class service to clients near and far.”

Prairie Band Health Services, Inc. has been certified as a participant in the SBA 8(a) program. Owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation’s economic development company, Prairie Band, LLC, PBHS is a health-care services company that provides solutions to the federal government, tribal governments, and corporate clients throughout the United States.

PBHS is headquartered on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta, Kansas.



Prairie Band Construction Awarded SBA 8(a) Certification

Third Company in Prairie Band LLC Portfolio to Gain Certification

11.13.18 – Prairie Band Construction, Inc. (PBC) has been certified as a participant in the SBA’s 8(a) Program. Owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation’s economic development company, Prairie Band, LLC, PBC is a performance-driven contractor that manages and delivers projects on time and within budget. PBC serves the federal government, tribal governments, and corporate clients throughout the United States. PBC is headquartered on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta, KS.

Greg Sharp, PBC Construction Manager, said: “Earning 8(a) certification is very exciting news for PBC. It will allow PBC to compete for set-aside and sole source contracts within the SBA 8(a) Program. The 8(a) designation, in addition to the company’s SBA HUBZone designation, creates an extremely powerful entity that will drive PBC’s revenue and profit growth for years to come.”

The President and CEO of Prairie Band, LLC, Jacob Wamego, said: “This is the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation’s third company to be awarded SBA 8(a) certification.

Prairie Band Construction’s sister companies have already taken advantage of the opportunities the certification allows. Prairie Band Construction’s team is hitting the ground running in efforts to obtain more work and create additional revenue streams for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.”

The 8(a) Business Development Program is a business assistance program for small disadvantaged businesses. The 8(a) Program offers a broad scope of assistance to firms that are owned and controlled at least 51% by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and is an essential instrument for helping socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs gain access to the economic mainstream of American society.

PBC is a leader in the construction industry, providing general contracting, construction management, environmental consulting, and remediation services. PBC is a subsidiary of Prairie Band, LLC; the economic development arm of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Why Close a Hazardous, Open Abandoned Well, Cistern or Cesspool?

By: Verna Potts, Planning & Environmental Protection



Abandoned wells, such as the one shown here, can pose a physical hazard to animals and people, and particularly children.

Proper maintenance of a wellhead is necessary to avoid contamination of ground water. What is a wellhead? A wellhead is typically the structure over the well such as pump or cover. When the wellhead is not properly maintained or abandoned, it provides an open conduit to groundwater. Chemicals, feces, and other unknown contaminants have access through a failed wellhead. The groundwater will become contaminated over time. When it rains and water travels over the landscape, it picks up feces, chemicals, oils, waste, and other unknown contaminants. And if the well is not properly covered and maintained, the water will become foul, contaminated, and unfit for human consumption.

The above photo shows a well that is partially covered by rusty galvanized tin and is flush with the ground. The diameter is large enough for a grown man to fall into. Many unused and abandoned wells are located throughout the reservation in fields and farmsteads. Not only are wells sources for potential contamination of groundwater, many are a **physical hazard to**

animals and people, particularly children. When features such as hazardous wells, cisterns, and cesspools are no longer in use, they can pose serious threats to the safety of human health and the environment. For instance, if a rat or other animal dies and begins to decompose in this well, it is no longer fit for human consumption.

The PBPB Planning and Environmental Protection department recognizes the fact that some people on the reservation do not have access to a public water supply, such as a Rural Water District. But, with the proper guidance, technical assistance, and licensed well driller, our current technologies can install a safe and reliable well for current and future use. We recognize that our future may rely upon groundwater located throughout our reservation, but we need to make sure to close wells that are open and hazardous, as they pose serious threats to safety and health. When we close a contaminated well, we are helping to make our groundwater clean once again.

Mill Creek Awarded SBA 8(a) Certification

Second Company in Prairie Band LLC Portfolio to Gain Certification

9.12.18 – Mill Creek has been certified as a participant in the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) 8(a) program.

Owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation’s economic development company, Prairie Band, LLC, Mill Creek is a leading provider of medical facility initial outfitting and transition services (IOT) with offices in Denver, Holton, and Kansas City that provides comprehensive solutions to clients in the federal, tribal, and private sectors throughout the country.

“This is yet another exciting event for the Mill Creek family. Certifications such as this provide avenues of opportunity that would otherwise be unattainable,” said Tyler Levier, CEO of Mill Creek, “Expect to hear much more from Mill Creek as we continue this extraordinary progress.”

Prairie Band, LLC CEO Jacob Wamego said, “I could not be more pleased with Mill Creek’s performance and look forward to continued success through utilization of the 8(a) program. As a leader in the industry, Mill Creek works tirelessly to continuously raise the bar of expectations within the IOT sector.”

Domestic Violence Awareness

It can occur in anyone’s life but abusive behavior is never acceptable.
By: Kent Miller, Tribal Victim Services

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One of the Vision Statements from the Tribal Victim Services Policy and Procedure Manual states:

“As a sovereign Nation, we shall strive to provide an environment of improved well-being for our people including education, health, safety, and welfare while valuing our culture, traditions, and all resources.”

Everyone has the right to feel valued, respected, and to be safe. It is up to all of us to make sure that this happens. I write this article, not only to raise awareness about this devastating social problem that exists in many Tribal communities, but to give everyone something to think about as they go through their day-to-day lives.

It is important to take a brief look at our collective history and to be aware of what has occurred in Native communities and to Native people. This topic is meant to provide some food for thought, it is not meant to be used as an excuse or as a way to lay blame on anyone in particular.

Within most (not all) Tribal Communities Domestic Violence was traditionally not an acceptable behavior. Women’s roles were historically ones where an equal balance existed with the men. Women possessed the capability of bringing forth life and were honored and revered in most tribal communities.

In historical documents from early European explorers, there are written accounts of the European shock and dismay at the level of power and decision-making capabilities given to Native women by their male counterparts. In some instances, women were the leaders sent to council with their European visitors.

Colonization did much to change the role of women within the tribal community. The idea of women being in control of anything was a totally foreign concept and unacceptable to those who had invaded the land. Both Native men and women’s roles would change drastically during those times.

Domestic Violence can occur in anyone’s life. Both men and women can be victims. There are no boundaries specific to race, social or economic class, religion, age, or a person’s sexual orientation or education level. It can occur whether you are dating, living together, or married.

The very existence of Domestic Violence is commonly hidden, overlooked and denied by society. It is also common for people to overlook the fact that Domestic Violence goes beyond the actual physical injuries that one can receive at the hands of a loved one. Emotional and psychological abuse can be just as damaging within a relationship.

When one person in a relationship attempts to control or exert power over another, uses words to destroy self-worth, as put downs or to induce shame or guilt, or uses intimidation or fear to control you; chances are that you are in an unhealthy and abusive relationship.

By acknowledging this behavior exists, we can take our first steps towards preventing and eventually stopping it. The acts and behaviors listed in the side bar are included as a means of raising awareness.

In most historic Tribal communities, the actions described in the sidebar would be unacceptable and perpetrators would face some method of punishment particular to that Tribe. People who would commit these acts could face ostracism and banishment by their people. In some communities, much worse fates were delivered to the purveyors and perpetrators of these acts.

The contents of this article are not meant to be used as a scorecard by the article’s readers, but to raise awareness of these issues and let people know that these kinds of behaviors are not “traditional” or a part of our Native customs and that these behaviors are not anything that our great-great-grandfathers and great-great-grandmothers would have subscribed to during their lifetimes.

The bottom line is that abusive behavior is not acceptable, ever. It does not matter if it is committed by a husband, or a wife, or by an uncle, or an auntie, or by a grandmother or grandfather, or a boyfriend or girlfriend. Abusive behavior is not acceptable, period.

If you or someone you know needs help immediately, contact the **PBPN Tribal Victim Services 24 hour Crisis Hotline at 866-966-0173** or Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 785-966-8330. Help is available.



The Tribal Victim Services Program hosts a series of events each October to raise awareness around domestic violence and to provide positive interactions for community families.

Above, members of the PBPN community attend Splatters That Matter, an art and craft extravaganza held at the Old Bingo Hall. The TVS program supplies easels and paints, along with crafting items to make bracelets and pins.



The Power and Control Wheel illustrates the various ways that abusers exert power and control over their partners and is not just limited to physical abuse.

Signs of an abusive relationship include a partner who:

- Tells you that you can never do anything right
- Shows extreme jealousy of your friends and time spent away
- Keeps you or discourages you from seeing friends or family members
- Insults, demeans or shames you with put-downs
- Controls every penny spent in the household
- Takes your money or refuses to give you money for necessary expenses
- Looks at you or acts in ways that scare you
- Controls who you see, where you go, or what you do
- Prevents you from making your own decisions
- Tells you that you are a bad parent or threatens to harm or take away your children
- Prevents you from working or attending school
- Destroys your property or threatens to hurt or kill your pets
- Intimidates you with guns, knives or other weapons
- Pressures you to have sex when you don’t want to or do things sexually you are not comfortable with
- Pressures you to use drugs or alcohol

You may be experiencing physical abuse if your partner/relative has done or repeatedly does any of the following tactics of abuse:

- Pulling your hair, punching, slapping, kicking, biting or choking you
- Forbidding you from eating or sleeping
- Hurting you with weapons
- Preventing you from calling the police or seeking medical attention
- Harming your children
- Abandoning you in unfamiliar places
- Driving recklessly or dangerously when you are in the car with them
- Forcing you to use drugs or alcohol (especially if you’ve had a substance abuse problem in the past)

6 Reasons Why Our Relatives Stay in Abusive Relationships

Most people assume leaving is easy, but escaping abuse is more complicated than it seems

By: Mallory Black, Diné with the StrongHearts Native Helpline

“Why don’t you just leave?”

When it comes to domestic violence and dating violence, we tend to focus on why anyone would willingly stay in an abusive relationship. After all, no one would stay with someone who hurts them, right?

The truth is, on average, it takes a victim seven attempts at leaving an abusive relationship before they leave for good. It takes a lot of courage to leave, yet most people don’t realize that the decision to leave is one of the most dangerous times for a victim of abuse.

For Native Americans, the impacts of domestic violence and dating violence are severe, affecting one in two women and one in three men, according to the National Institute of Justice. Most Native people have experienced violence in their lifetime, and one-third of the population has faced violence in the past year.

No matter the reason for the abuse, domestic violence and dating violence are not our traditional ways. Like colonization, domestic violence and dating violence are about power and control, where one partner uses repeated abusive actions to maintain power over their loved one. So, why not leave?

Here are some reasons why our friends or relatives might stay:

Fear

Fear of what could happen keeps may keep a relative in an abusive relationship. Fears for family, children or pets often plays a role, especially if an abuser has threatened loved ones in the past. Unfortunately, being a ‘victim’ also carries an unfair stigma, instilling fears of being identified or retaliated against for speaking out.

Many survivors of domestic violence or dating violence don’t report abuse out of fear or distrust of local authorities, or because they don’t think reporting will do anything to help or change the situation. In many cases, silence can feel like the safest option.

Love

Many survivors who stay in abusive relationships love their partner and may feel like if they just “stick it out,” their partner will change. They may hope that the relationship will return to happier times and decide to stay, rather than end the relationship completely.

Family and Community

When children are involved, some survivors may try to maintain harmony within the family by staying in an abusive relationship. They may feel pressure to raise their children with both parents together or fear losing their children if their partner threatens to take or harm the children if they were to leave.

Leaving could also mean standing up to an abuser with power in the



There are many reasons it is complicated for a victim of abuse to leave the relationship. You can be a good relative by supporting them to in various ways. (Photo credit: Pickpik).

community or a prominent family, stoking fears that everyone will take the abuser’s side. Some people might fear leaving their tribal community—one’s family and culture—in order to escape the abuse, which may be too much to bear.

Denial or Shame

It’s not always easy to admit that you’re being abused, and your friend or relative may worry that their loved ones will judge them. Victim-blaming and shaming—where survivors of violence are blamed for the crimes committed against them—is another issue. Asking questions like “Were you drinking?” or “Did you talk back?” are unfair and critical, making it difficult for people to reach out.

No Money or Resources

Not having money or resources in order to leave often keeps victims in abusive relationships. Even if they were to leave, a survivor may think they have nowhere to go or anyone to turn to for help. While shelters provide support for escaping abuse, access to Native-centered or tribal resources aren’t always available.

Low Self-Esteem

Being in abusive relationship often leads to doubts of self-worth. Abusive partners often manipulate and criticize their partner to shake their confidence or destroy connections

to those who support and love them. Your friend or relative may blame themselves for the abuse or believe that they somehow deserve it.

Tips for Supporting A Loved One

It can be hard to watch a friend or relative suffer at the hands of someone they love. Now that we know some reasons why victims stay in abusive relationships, we can better understand why leaving is not as easy as it seems. It is critical to stand by

your loved one, no matter what.

Remember, your loved one—the person experiencing the abuse—is the expert when it comes to their safety and survival, despite your best intentions. So, how can you help?

- Believe their experience. If a friend or relative confides in you that they are being abused, listen and take the situation seriously. Be patient and take time to listen. Avoid judgments. Allow them to tell you as much or as little as they want to share. Storytelling plays an important role in Native communities, so allow time for this process.

- Understand that your loved one did not intend to love someone who hurts them. It’s not always easy to tell if a relationship will become abusive. While there are red flags to watch for, abusive behavior can appear at any time in a relationship. No matter if you think they should have known better, your loved one is not to blame for the abuse.

- Trust in their resilience. Remember—it may take several attempts for your friend or relative to leave if they choose to do so. What you can do is show that you love, care and stand by them, no matter what. Whichever way they choose to seek help, the next steps are always their choice, which is critical to rebuilding their self-esteem

and personal sovereignty.

- Offer helpful resources. It’s okay to offer helpful resources, but always allow your loved one to decide what they need. Some tribes have domestic violence programs and advocates that support survivors in various ways including assistance with navigating the legal system, transportation or safe housing options, or with filing a protection order.

- Find healing for yourself. It can be hard to know what to say or do when a loved one is being abused. In this case, it may be helpful to speak with someone to help you cope. The StrongHearts Native Helpline – 1-844-7NATIVE – can assist in finding resources and help you navigate difficult conversations together. Traditional healing such as smudging, talking circles or ceremonies can also help clear the mind, body and spirit.

There are many reasons why your friend or relative might stay with an abusive partner. You can be a good relative by supporting them in making their own decisions and acknowledging that leaving is not an easy decision to make.

Where to Get Help

Concerned a loved one might be in an abusive relationship? Support and resources are available through the **StrongHearts Native Helpline – 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) – open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST.** After hours callers have the option of connecting with the National Domestic Violence Hotline or to call back the next business day. All calls remain anonymous and confidential. Domestic violence and dating violence are not our traditional ways, and neither is ever okay.

Mallory Black (Diné) is the Communications Manager 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.

Healthy Cooking Is A Hit!

By: M.Simon



Chef Jason Champagne, founder of Native Chef, LLC shows PBPB community members how to sautee vegetables during a live healthy foods demonstration provided by the Tribal Health Summit partnership.

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi community took part in a free healthy cooking class. In the course of the evening, Community members received health information and watched a live cooking demonstration. While eating the resulting healthy meal, participants then discussed health issues specific to the PBPB community.

The evening kicked off with a discussion of current health statistics nationally and specific to the state of Kansas with information presented by Tandy Rundus, Northeast Regional Specialist of the K-State Research and Extension office. Rundus said this style of information outreach and sharing is occurring in each county across the state of Kansas, and tribal partners including Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Council member Raphael Wahwassuck, thought it would be a welcome idea in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Community as another avenue to creating a healthy community.

The health of all Americans remains at the forefront of issues across the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report, “We live in a time when we no longer expect that American children will live a longer life than their parents.” Food sovereignty is one of the many components that contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Learning ways to incorporate better health practices, including food selections and preparation, are simple yet effective practices that can lead to meaningful health results and benefits.

Jason Champagne of Native Chef, LLC presented a live food demonstration to about 30 members of the PBPB Community. Chef Champagne taught participants how to prepare Mediterranean Chicken accompanied with a summer vegetable sautee using herbs and limes to add flavor. The meal was simple, healthy and financially accessible. For the base of the meal, Champagne procured the vegetables from the PBPB Food Distribution

Program (commonly referred to as Commodities). The chicken breasts were purchased at a local store providing the protein portion of the meal. Chef Champagne relayed his processes, cooking pointers and other health related information throughout his demonstration. While preparing the meal, Chef Champagne revealed that he personally understood the challenge of making smart food choices and that by changing his own food selections he has recently lost 50 pounds.

After the food was cooked and served, participants experienced the flavor of a healthy meal without added sodium. As the group enjoyed their dinner, they re-grouped to explore the unique health issues of the community along with available and needed resources. Chef Champagne reminded the group more than once that food can be very healing and Rundus stated that culture can be protective of health also.

The evening activity sponsored by the Tribal Health Summit partnership, which includes all of the tribes in Kansas, along with other health-focused organizations, is one of four activities planned over the course of the coming year. The outreach took place on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the PBPB Old Bingo Hall. The Tribal Health Summit partnership plans to hold three more activities before they host their annual Tribal Health Summit in the summer of 2019.

Chef Jason Champagne is the founder of Native Chef, LLC and member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa. Chef Champagne provides his cooking and health expertise to local communities and during the summer of 2018 worked with Prairie Band Potawatomi and Kickapoo youth. Chef Champagne also provided each participant with a copy of the recipe prepared, for more information on Native Chef, LLC visit jasonthenativechef.com.

We-Ta-Se Post 410 Activity & Announcements

By M.Simon

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation We-Ta-Se Post 410 were very busy this fall with several engagements to post colors, along with selecting their new princess and hosting a special dinner for veterans and their families.

We-Ta-Se Post 410 was invited to post colors two nights in a row at the Topeka Pilots Hockey games, on November 2, and November 3, 2018. This was a first for the Color Guard.

The group also provided their service at a private event held at Prairie Band Casino & Resort on November 7, 2018.

A few days later Post 410 participated in the Topeka Veterans Day Parade on November 10, 2018. It was a very cold day and the men donned their parkas, and remained committed to the parade. On Veterans Day, the We-Ta-Se were the only color guard invited to the Mount Hope Cemetery, also located in Topeka, Kansas.

On Saturday, November 17, 2018, the

Post hosted a dinner for their membership and their families at the Old Bingo Hall with about 150 attendees. The post also invited Kickapoo Post 415 and their Womens Auxiliary unit, along with the Mayetta & Hoyt Post 423. Post 423 was initiated by We-Ta-Se Commander Jim Potts, about five years ago.

At the luncheon the post had door prizes available, information booths and a few family games set up. Members were served two meal options, one a mexican buffet and the other a traditional country-style buffet.

During the event attendees were given a Challenge Coin. On one side of the 2” coin was the American flag, with the seals of the five branches and the words, “We honor and thank you for your service and commitment.” On the other side of the coin was the We-Ta-Se Post 410 warrior logo, with the Post’s information. Each recipient was met with the challenge to remember all who have served and all who are currently serving the country.

The new 2018 - 2019 We-Ta-Se princess was also crowned during the luncheon. Victoria Brossett, the 2017-18 princess was selected to serve a second term. She was honored with a new crown and sash made by PBPB tribal member Joanna “Dumps” Mitchell.

Up next, Post 410 will travel to Long Beach, California and participate in the U.S. Coast Guard Base LA/LB ceremony in recognition of Native American Heritage month. The event will occur on November 29, 2018. They are the post traveling the farthest, coming from the east. This is another first time event for We-Ta-Se, Post 410.

In February 2019, the Post has plans to attend the 73rd Annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising ceremony held in Sacaton, Arizona.

The We-Ta-Se post 410 would also like to inform any member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation that is currently serving in the armed forces or who has been honorably

discharged to contact the office in order to have your name inscribed on the PBP Nation Veterans Memorial Wall located in Prairie People’s Park. Interested parties will need to submit a copy of your tribal ID along with the DD214 Form.

The We-Ta-Se post 410 is composed of approximately 100 members. Membership is open to any federally recognized tribal member. New members will need to provide a copy of their CDIB card and if discharged, a copy of the DD214 Form.

We-Ta-Se Post 410 is located at 15434 K Road, Mayetta, Kansas and staff can be reached at 785-966-2580.

2018 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Honored Elders

This year's Honored Elders, selected by their peers at the Fire Keepers Elder Center, are Jeannette Little Sun and Linda Tecumseh. A ceremony was held at the center, November 13, 2018. A dinner was served, each received a gift bag, and their nomination letters were read to attendees. After which, individuals were allowed to speak a few good words and share a memory honoring these women and their contributions to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Community.

Little Sun was nominated by Helen Sumner, and said, "I nominate Jeannette Little Sun, who is the daughter of Orlando and Julia Green. Her given Indian Name is Mkit Ko Kwe. She is known to many of us at the Fire Keeper's Elder Center and the Prairie Band community.

Jeanette graduated from Chilocco high school, Haskell Indian Junior College and completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wichita State University.

Jeanette worked as a registered nurse for 37 years. She was employed by the Indian Health Service and served communities in Kansas and Oklahoma for 30 years. The remaining years she worked for other private health care agencies. Her last position before retiring was to serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's members for 7 years as a community health nurse.

I first became acquainted with Jeanette when we worked as registered nurses at the Haskell Health Center during the early 1980's. Jeanette would go about quietly and assuredly until she got the job done.

Her children, Lester and Laverne were about the same age as my children. Now we are both retired and Jeanette is my neighbor.



PBPN elders Linda Tecumseh and Jeanette Little Sun were selected by their peers as this year's Honored Elders. A dinner and ceremony were held at the Fire Keepers Elder Center to recognize their contributions to the community.

Jeanette is very deserving of this award for two reasons. She serves her family well. They are very important to her. She enjoys being a part of her grown children, grandchildren and now her great-grandchildren's lives. One of the things that really warmed my heart is that she shares her great grandchild, Mazee and Ship-to-quah with me and lets them call me "grandma" too.

Jeanette has a strong sense of community. Even after retiring she has come forth to volunteer to serve on Tribal Health Committees, and in this way shows how much she cares for this community.

This past summer she volunteered to serve as the 2018 Potawatomi Gathering Giveaway Captain. She carried out this duty over many months,

sewing and teaching others to sew to provide giveaway items to our visitors. Even during the Gathering, she took time to show other members from out

of state how to sew.

Jeanette continues to share her sewing talents in our community on an ongoing basis. It is a treat to visit her because she has shared what she has sewn. Her list includes beautiful jingle dresses and settken tops, skirts, men's ribbon shirts and other neat items.

Jeanette we thank you for the way that you have served as an Elder for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Community and we appreciate this and would say "job well done!"

Tecumseh was nominated by Laverne Hale, and said, "Linda is a one of a kind woman. I have known Linda since I was a little girl. I always remember her as being a kind hearted woman.

She always has been someone to me that you see enjoying life every day. Even though I know there are hard times, like in everyone's life, she always had good things to say and a smile on her face.

Linda worked for the tribe for many, many years. And during those times she dedicated her time to working with the education and sports with our youth. Back then, there weren't departments and money to do a lot of things with our youth and Linda was one that volunteered.

She served on many different committees; JOM, Education, and Youth program before it was the Boys & Girls Club. She always did above and beyond the call.

She raised her children and was a wonderful mother. She was a wonderful wife to ole Ralph.

She has always been a volunteer in many things that went on here on the reservation. She was always so creative in the things she did. She volunteered for all the Gatherings.

And now she has gone through some health issues and is so determined to not let it keep her down. She has been so strong through it all. I believe that one day she will walk in here in her Elvis costume and sing and dance once again.

She deserves some recognition and honor for the life she has shared with all of us."

2018 Harvest Feast



Richele Pahmahmie-Potts, Rose Potts, Tamara Pahmahmie and BJ Darnall prepared the traditional foods served at the Harvest Feast held at Nozhackum Hall in November.

"The Harvest Feast is the culmination of all the hard work that we, as a community, have invested into harvesting, foraging and hunting for this past season," stated Robbie Lange, Diabetes Prevention Program Manager. He continued with, "We utilize this

platform to celebrate the successes of not only the Diabetes Program and gardener Mahne Wahweotten, but also the investment the Prairie Band Potawatomi community has made to returning to a healthy lifestyle through gardening and eating a diet

of traditional foods."

The annual Harvest Feast took place on November 5, 2018, at Nozhackum Hall located on the PBPN reservation. Over 100 members of the community turned out to enjoy the free traditional meal.

A portion of the meal was provided by the DPP gardens. Over 1,000 pounds of vegetables were cultivated during the summer with main crops consisting of beans, cantaloupe, corn, cucumber, eggplant, okra, peppers, pumpkins, varieties of squash, watermelon and zucchinis. The meat for the meal and other traditional foods like milkweeds are donated by community members.

This year's head cook, PBPN member Richele Potts, said, "It was an honor to be the head cook. Putting on a community meal of locally grown and harvested food is a lot of work and

takes a whole year of preparation. Each season brings its own opportunities to harvest off the land in some way. Just for one dish alone, there may be many hands involved, and that is why it is special to have a Harvest Feast, to enjoy the fruits of our labor together as a community."

The Diabetes Prevention Program is preparing for their next activities including a Holiday Weight Loss Challenge beginning December 5, 2018, along with One-on-One Coaching sessions with DPP Lifestyle Coach Matthew Waits.

The Diabetes Prevention Program is located at the Prairie Band Health Center. The staff are available to help address health concerns related to diabetes and living a healthy lifestyle. They can also be reached by phone at 785-966-8272.

Gracia Receives Purple Heart

By: M.Simon



Sergeant Manuel Gracia receiving the Purple Heart Medal for injuries sustained in combat, as wife Mayree watches. (Photo credit: 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team)

Enrolled PBPB tribal member, Sergeant Manuel Gracia, Alpha Company, 1-38IN received a Purple Heart medal and Combat Infantry Badge in October 2018, for his service in the war on terror. During an attack in August 2018, in Ghazni, Afghanistan, Sgt. Gracia was hit with shrapnel, which lead to the loss of one eye. Sgt. Gracia was serving as team leader in Operation Freedom Sentinel when his vehicle came under fire from Taliban forces.

The entire episode of this battle was described in detail in the article, "Witness to the Afghan War: Inside the U.S.

counterassault to a shocking Taliban attack," by W.J. Hennigan published in the September 3 – 10, 2018 edition of TIME magazine. In total nine Americans were evacuated from the battlefield by helicopter, and two including Sgt. Gracia, received Purple Heart medals.

Sgt. Gracia is the son of PBPB tribal member Edith Wamego. Sgt. Gracia, or "Buvy" as he is known within the PBPB community, is now state-side and enjoying time with his wife Mayree, and their daughters Emma and Lily.

Wahquahboshkuk - 25 Years of Service



After 25 years of dedicated service, Ms. Vicki Wahquahboshkuk is retiring from her duties as teacher for the Toddler II room at the PBPB Early Childhood Education Center.

Vicki has served countless members of the community, and she will be missed greatly!

Trull Inducted Into Bowling Hall of Fame



Shirley Trull, was inducted into the Greater Kansas City Missouri USBC Association Bowling Hall of Fame on October 7, 2018. She is the first Native American female inductee. Trull has had an extraordinary bowling career. In 1993, she was the first female to obtain an ABC Sanction card. She has 6 sanctioned 300's and 3 sanctioned 800's, along with winning a host of tournament championships across the United States.

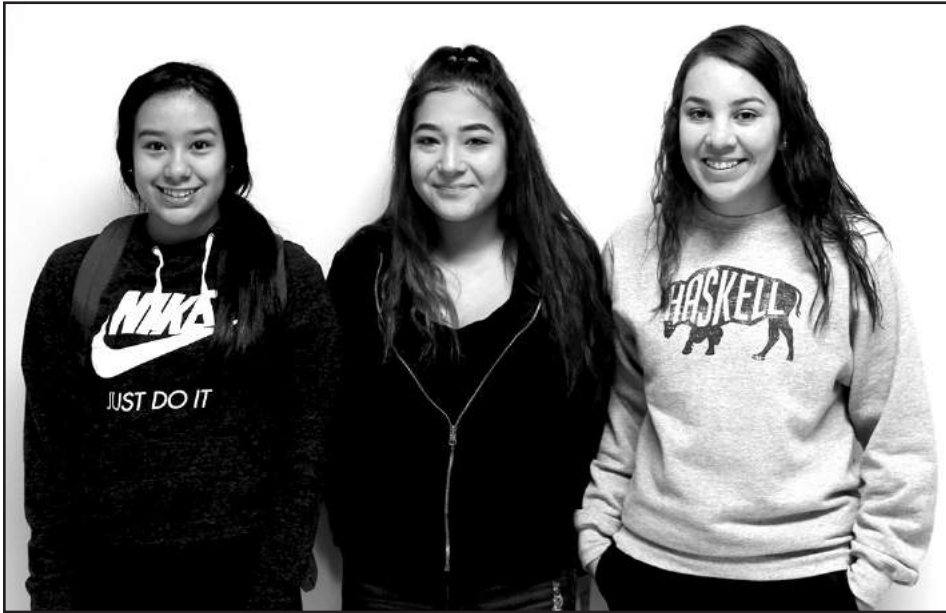
McClammy Made It Home



The McClammy family is very proud to welcome home TSgt Courtney McClammy. She is assigned to the 190th ARW located out of Topeka, Kansas. We welcome her home from

her tour in the Middle East. She has been an honored female Veteran for PBPB. Thank you for your support for our PBPB Veterans.
- The McClammy family

Three Write Their Way to Vegas



Royal Valley High School Students and PBPB tribal members, Keanu Shopteese, Maria Jessepe and Mae Joslin each wrote winning essays regarding how the Native American Agriculture Fund and Farm Bill can be utilized. The students will travel to Las Vegas, Nevada in December 2018.

10/31/18 - Three Royal Valley High School students entered an essay contest for the Intertribal Agriculture Council for Youth Conference this fall. Keanu Shopteese, Maria Jessepe, and Mae Joslin each wrote an essay that was selected in the top 75 of those entered in the contest. By winning, they will receive a free trip to the conference for themselves and a sponsor. This conference will take place December 9-13 in Las Vegas, NV.

This essay contest, open to Native American, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native youth, is part of an ongoing partnership between the National FFA Organization and the Intertribal Ag Council in an effort to grow participation, resources, and access to ag education and FFA in Indian Country.

"I am really excited to see what knowledge the students glean at the 2018 IAC Youth Conference in Las Vegas," commented Ms. Clark, RVHS FFA sponsor. "It will be a great opportunity for them to learn more about what they can do to guarantee that future generations can feed themselves utilizing the Native American Agriculture Fund and the Farm Bill. These girls came up with some really great ideas that they outlined in their essays, and I know they will bring back so many great ideas."

The question they addressed in their essays was "What can be done today in preparation for the future generation's ability to feed themselves utilizing the Native American Agriculture Fund and the new Farm Bill?" Visit www.rv337.org to read each essay.

Queens Incredible Season



Topeka Queens team members Karis “Kiwe” Miller and Eva Wamego hold the Monster Bash Championship trophy. Their team is ranked #1 in Kansas.

PBPN tribal members Karis “Kiwe” Miller and Eva Wamego, both 8 years old, have had a hugely successful softball season in 2018. The two play for the Topeka Queens, which are ranked #1 in Kansas in the 8 & Under B Division (USSSA Fast-pitch) and ranked #3 nationally, going undefeated in their last 10 games. They ended their 2018 League Season with Shawnee County Girls Softball Association as tournament champions, Bats & Bones Fast-pitch tournament champions and Wichita Monster Bash tournament champions.

The two began playing fast-pitch softball together at the age of four. In the past year, the two have increased their skill sets tremendously. Wamego plays third base, left and right field positions, and Miller plays second base, third base, and the shortstop position. Their consistent hitting and fielding contributed to their winning season!

Miller is the daughter of Kyle Miller and Josie Pahmahmie. Wamego is the daughter of Jacob “Tug” and Kristen Wamego. Their families continue to support and work with these girls to continue developing their skills. As teammates, classmates and best friends, their families look forward to watching their fast-pitch journey.



Ellie Wamego - August 5th



Sasmo Otero - October 22nd



Mikey Wamego - October 13th



Eric Otero - December 8th

Happy Birthday, I love youuu! - Grandma Boo Boo/Mom

Shopteese Participates in PATHSTAR Program



PBPN Tribal member Carol Shopteese in the San Francisco Bay in October 2018 participating in the PATHSTAR program.

Carol Shopteese (Ishnoquah) was accepted into the Preservation of Authentic Traditions and Healing (PATHSTAR) 2018 Alcatraz Swim Program and participated in October 2018. Shopteese and her teammate, Michelle Deason (United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee/OK), were selected for their “drive, courage, and self determination to change their lives.” Shopteese spent nine days in San Francisco, Cali. at PATHSTAR learning to sustain a healthy lifestyle through healthy cooking, exercise, mindfulness and

connection with her group mates. Shopteese reported she has struggled with food addiction since she was 25 years old.

The program culminated with a group swim across the San Francisco Bay, leaving from Alcatraz Island and swimming back to the mainland. Shopteese believed that if she could swim 1.25 miles in frigid waters, and get past her fears of being bit by a shark or sea lion or pulled under by a giant squid or octopus, then she would have the strength

and resolve to overcome her food addiction.

On swim day, Carol received support by her immediate family who were in attendance and through prayer to her grandmother’s spirit. “I came, I conquered my fears and I experienced true peace and serenity in the San Francisco Bay,” said Shopteese.

For more information about the PATHSTAR program, visit <http://www.pathstar.org/>.



November 15th,
Happy 22nd Birthday
to our beautiful daughter
Kayla Briët Wiskigeamatyuk.
We love you so much.
You’re little brother Sen says “happy
birthday Eee yah!!”



Happy Birthday Boys!
Carsie Scates June 30, 2018
Sobie Scates October 12,
2018
Love you! Mom



Happy 96th Birthday
Alvina LaClair!
With Love,
Your Friends & Family



February 14th,
Happy 7th Birthday to my
sweetheart Kaliyah!
Love you always, Mommy



Happy Birthday Meems and
Numz! November 7th & 20th
We love you!
Mom, Kevin, Adria, Kobe, Mar-
lissa, Ethan, Shipshekwe and
Nayotennah

Happy Birthday to
MeemzDaddy turning 28!
We love you and are thankful
for everything you do for us!
Have a greatday/month/year
because you deserve it!
– Wife and Family

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Robert Cruz, Sr

WALDO, AR- Robert Lawrence Cruz Sr. age 64 of Waldo, AR, formerly of Bossier City, LA passed away Friday, August 24, 2018 at Magnolia Regional Medical Center in Magnolia, AR. Robert was born on March 25, 1954 in Topeka, KS to the late Richard and Christine Cruz. Robert was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian Nation, was an Electrician by trade and was well known thru ought the south. He loved his Indian Heritage and his Electrical profession and always proud to talk about both.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nancy Virginia Cruz; three brothers, Jerry Cruz, Paul Cruz and Felix Cruz; one sister, Kathy Kelley and one stepson, Jackie Massey.

Survivors include; one daughter, Melissa Aden and husband Scott of Waldo; four Sons, Shone Dowling of Rogers, AR, Robert Dowling of Waldo, Tommy Dowling of Chicago, IL and Robert Cruz Jr. of Kentucky; fifteen Grandchildren; Seventeen Great Grandchildren; two sisters, Donna Landry and husband Frank of Fort Neches, TX and Wanda Devors of Bossier City, LA also, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2018 at the Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Magnolia with Bro. Gary Becton officiating. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. prior to the funeral service at the church. Burial will follow at Liberty Cemetery in Louann, AR under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of El Dorado.

- Courtesy of Bailey Funeral Home of El Dorado

Gail Kabance

ESCONDIDO, CA - Gail Kathy Kabance, 62, passed away on September 9, 2018. She was born on September 24, 1955. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Mary Ippolito-Alcuran

LANCASTER, CA – Mary Rachell Ippolito-Alcuran, age 49, passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of Sunday, September 23, 2018 with her children and her dog by her side after a long, hard battle with cancer.

Mary was born on October 17, 1968, in Omaha, Nebraska to Francisco “Frank” and Georgiana Alcuran. She is a 1986 graduate and student athlete of Paraclete High School and also a graduate of Antelope Valley Community College.

Mary started working at McDonalds, and worked at Enterprise Car Sales as a Finance Manager and then began working for the Palmdale School District in 2002 changing the lives of special needs students. Mary had a zest for life like none other and possessed a never ending energy that enabled her to maintain a job, coach her children’s sports teams, referee basketball, volleyball, and umpire softball for elementary school all the way up to the collegiate level.

She had an uncanny ability to teach people how to appreciate the little things in life like spending time with family and friends, and traveling with loved ones just to make new memories with her favorite people. Mary came into this world a ray of light and always put her family, friends, and students first no matter what. She loved big and truly lived her life with no regrets.

She is survived by her children Sarah and David; her granddaughter Charlotte; her siblings Sonny, Matthew, Leticia, and Jeffrey; her best friend and roommate Janet; her sisters in law, brothers-in-law, and daughter-in-law; nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many other family members and friends. The family would also like to express gratitude to ProCare hospice for their wonderful help and care.

Please join us in celebrating Mary’s life: The viewing will be this Friday September 28 from 4pm to 8pm at *(continued)*



Warren Wahweotten, Sr

MAYETTA, KS – Warren A. Wahweotten, Sr, “Nayaksi” 74, of Mayetta, Kansas, died peacefully in his home on October 22, 2018, with his wife Nona at his side.

Mr. Wahweotten was born on February 3, 1944, in Holton, Kansas, the son of Albert “Wylie” Wahweotten and Isabelle Nioce. Warren married Wynona L. Harrison on January 10, 1964, in Holton. She survives, of the home.

Warren was employed by Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence for 26 years before retiring in 1993. After that, he was employed by the Fire Keepers Elder Center on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation for 23 years.

Warren was an avid golfer and a fan of the Kansas Jayhawks basketball team. He was a member of the tribal drum religion, and a noted and respected figure among residents of the Prairie Band Potawatomi community.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tamara L. Wahweotten and a grandson, Timothy Warren Wahweotten.

Other survivors include a brother, Vernon Wahweotten, of Holton, a sister, Linda Wahweotten, of Mayetta, two sons, Michael A. Wahweotten, of Lawrence and Warren “Junior” Wahweotten (Gina) of Mayetta, nine grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Indian drum services for Mr. Wahweotten will be held Friday evening at the Danceground Building on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be Saturday in the Shipshee Cemetery. Warren will lie in state Thursday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt where family and friends will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Online condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com.

- Courtesy of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home



Carmen Levier

TOPEKA, KS – Carmen Rose Levier, Quah-She, 42, died Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

She was born September 30, 1976 in Reno, Nevada, the daughter of Arthur Marcellus Levier, Jr. and Ruth Elaine Conway.

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

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, Arthur Levier, Sr. and Julia McKinney Levier and Ernest and Ruby McCloud Conway, and two brothers, Jay Levier and Clinton Marcellus Levier.

Survivors include her companion, Jeffrey Erickson, Topeka, four daughters, Brandy Sims, Miranda Levier-Sims, Jaimie Sims and Leilani Sims, all of Holton, a sister, Cherise Levier, Yerington, Nevada and two grandchildren, Clinton Levier and Larenz Banks, Jr.

Wake and drum services will be Sunday evening, November 4th at the Dance Ground Building on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be Monday in the Shipshee Cemetery. Carmen will lie in state from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com.

- Courtesy of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home

Mary Ippolito-Alcuran Continued
Joshua Memorial Park and Mortuary 808 E. Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster. Church services will take place Wednesday, October 17 at 11am at St. Mary’s Catholic Church 1600 E Ave R-4 in Palmdale.

- Courtesy of dignitymemorial.com

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Charles Lewis

KANSAS CITY, MO- Charles A. Magnauck “Kinwano” Lewis, 72, of Kansas City, MO, passed away September 7, 2018 at his home. He was born July 10, 1946 in Topeka, KS, the son of Joseph L. and Constance (Magnauck) Lewis.

Charles graduated from Marty Indian High School in 1965, and from Haskell Indian Nations University with an Associate’s Degree in accounting. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1965- 1969; during the Vietnam War.

Charles had lived in Kansas City, MO for 40 years. He worked for Social Security Administration in Kansas City; retiring after 24 years.

He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Kansas City, MO, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Prayer Warrior Society.

Charles married Christine Doris Bobtail Bear on May 17, 1966 in Chula Vista, CA and later renewed their vows in June 1991 in Kansas City, MO. She preceded him in death on June 9, 2006; after 40 years of marriage. He was also preceded in death by 2 brothers, Joseph and LeRoy Jessepe.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Tami McClammy of Topeka, KS and Charlene Butler of Lawrence, KS; a son, James Lewis of Kansas City, MO; 2 sisters, Theresa Murray of Poplar, MT and Imelda Jessepe of Mayetta, KS; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church (166th and H. Rd., Mayetta, KS). Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Shipshee Cemetery. Rosary will be recited 5:00 p.m. Monday evening with wake to follow at Sister Therese Klepac Hall. 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

Thresa Camper

UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA – Thresa Marie Camper, 50, passed away on October 19, 2018. She was born on July 22, 1968. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Julia Masquat

MAYETTA, KS – Julia Kaye Masquat, 64 of Mayetta, died Friday, November 9, 2018, at her home on the Potawatomi Reservation.

She was born November 16, 1953 in Topeka, the daughter of Charles Harrison and Mayme Mattwaoshshe.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Bobby Willoughby.

Survivors include her best friend, Vern Wabaunsee, four daughters, Naomi Masquat, Angela Masquat, Josie Masquat and Janelle Masquat, all of Mayetta, a son, Elliot Masquat, Mayetta, one brother, Dennis Harrison, Omaha, NE, four sisters, Wynona Wahwoetten, Mayetta, Laura Abeyta, Delia, Karen Thomas, Horton and Cindy LeClere, Mayetta, eighteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Wake service and dinner will be Sunday evening at the Nozhackum Hall, west of Mayetta. Burial will be Monday morning in the Dance Ground Cemetery. Julia will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

- Courtesy of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home

Upcoming General Council Meetings

- Saturday - 1.19.19
- Saturday - 4.20.19
- Saturday - 7.20.19

General Council Meetings are held at the Old Bingo Hall, 16277 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas.

- Registration begins at 8 a.m.
- Light breakfast at 9 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.

Notices

BIG BEAR MOON TRADITIONAL POWWOW
"STRENGTHENING OUR FAMILIES THROUGH TOGETHERNESS"
NEW YEAR’S EVE, DECEMBER 31 - PBPN OLD BINGO HALL
GRAND ENTRY 7 P.M.



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16344 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509
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Money Order, Cashier's Check, Personal Checks
Make checks payable to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

For more information call Micki Martinez at 785.966.6673

Prune Belly Syndrome - Can You Help?

Greetings! My name is Tim Tracy, enrolled member of the PBP Nation. My mom was Potawatomi, her name was Debbie Kirkendahl at the time of her passing, but her maiden name was Kinley. Her mom, my Grandma Irene Henninger, is an Ogden by maiden name.

I am wanting to know if anyone can help me find out if any other tribal member, besides myself, has ever been known to have been born with Prune Belly Syndrome. It is a very rare kidney disease that also affects the bladder, muscular, skeletal, and other major organs. I was born with it in 1971.

I'm very interested in this information. I am trying to find out if I am the only one in the tribe to be born with Prune Belly Syndrome a.k.a Eagle Barrett Syndrome.

I look forward to hearing from you and maybe educating other members of the tribe about this rare disease, and kidney disease in general.

THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN SHARE WITH ME!

- Tim Tracy

Phone: 785-850-1946
EMAIL: titr42017@gmail.com.
Address: 703 Main St., White Cloud, KS, 66094

PBPN Boys & Girls Club members enjoyed several activities this fall! From the littles to the bigs, the BGC keeps our kids engaged! The UNITY teen group attended haunted houses, worlds of fun and K-State University for Native American Career Day, along with hosting a concession stand at Haskell Indian Nations University. Younger club members took a trip to Gary's Berries Pumpkin farm which included a tractor trailer ride through the grounds, took a tour of the PBPN Fire department, and participated in a Penny Carnival at the Club. For more info on PBPN BGC happenings follow their page on Facebook "Boys & Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation"



..... PBPN Trunk Or Treat 2018



Social Services Trunk



3 - 5 Year Old Category Winners



Education Trunk



0 - 2 Year Old Category Winners



6 - 9 Year Old Category Winners



Building Maintenance Electric Chair



10 - 13 Year Old Category Winners



14 - 18 Year Old Category Winners



19 - 49 Year Old Category Winners



50+ Category Winners