



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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

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"Winter time of the year"

This paper contains the activities and happenings that took place during the Winter time of 2020: December 2020, January 2021 & February 2021.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Distributes COVID-19 Vaccine

Throughout the fall of 2020 PBPN Tribal Council and Nation health officials worked diligently to secure the COVID-19 vaccination for the Prairie Band Potawatomi community.

On December 17, 2020, the Prairie Band Health Center began administering the Pfizer vaccine. The initial batch of 75 vaccines were transported over 300 miles and hand delivered from the Indian Health Service located in Oklahoma City, Okla. By December 29, 2020 the Health Center had an additional 250 doses of the Moderna vaccine available. Since then, the Health Center has had a steady supply of both vaccines.

"The coronavirus pandemic is the greatest threat our tribe has faced in the past 70 years," said Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman, Joseph Rupnick, "Ensuring we have access to the COVID-19 vaccine is paramount to the health and wellbeing of our people."

The Prairie Band Health Center prioritized vaccine delivery based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and utilized a phased approach for delivery to the community. Essential government employees including the Health Center Staff, Tribal Police and Fire departments, along with Tribal Council were among the first to receive vaccinations during Phase 1.

The Prairie Band Health Center conference room was reconfigured and utilized as the space for the vaccine clinic. Moveable partitions were added for patient privacy while receiving the vaccine while the other end was set up with chairs as a waiting space. After receiving the vaccination patients must wait approximately 15 minutes in case they experience any side-effects.

By January 12, 2021, less than one month since deploying Covid vaccinations, the Prairie Band Health Center had transitioned through Phase 1a, 1b and 1c administering vaccines to 548 people. Of those, 402 persons had received their first dose, and 146 people had received both doses. Phase 1a consisted of Health Center staff, 1b Nation frontline essential workers and all persons aged 75+ regardless of health conditions and 1c encompassed all persons aged 65+ regardless of health conditions and all persons age 18-64 with chronic medical condi-



12.17.20 – Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman Joseph Rupnick receives the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Prairie Band Health Center. The dose was administered by PBHC staff Laura Thackery, LPN.

tions. On January 19, the Health Center was working through vaccinating individuals in Phase 1d, all persons age 50+ regardless of health conditions and all unvaccinated persons prioritized in any previous phase.

Three weeks later, on February 9, 2021, the PBHC reported that they had administered 1,282 vaccine doses with 576 persons having received at least one dose and 353 persons fully vaccinated with two doses. The Health Center opened Phase 2a which included any member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation age 16 years and older that wished to be vaccinated and all unvaccinated persons prioritized in any previous phase.

On February 17, 2021, within a week of opening Phase 2 the Health Center transitioned to the final phase. Phase 3 is comprised of all persons age 16+ for the Pfizer vaccine and 18+ for the Moderna vaccine, and all unvaccinated persons prioritized in any previous phase. As of February 23, 2021, the Prairie Band Health Center has adminis-

tered a total of 1,834 vaccine doses with 763 people having received both doses, and 308 people having received one dose.

The Prairie Band Health Center can provide the COVID vaccine to anyone eligible for services. Service criteria include:

- Persons of Indian descent (formally recognized as a member of a federally recognized tribe, listed on the original ANCSA roll, a lineal descendant of a person listed on the ANCSA roll, or a person holding a Certificate of Indian Blood by BIA or any federally recognized tribe)
- Non-Indian women pregnant with an eligible Indian's child (during pregnancy)
- Non-Indian members of an eligible Indian's household
- Children (of those eligible) under 19
- Non-Indian legal spouse of an eligible Indian

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Chairman Joseph “Zeke” Rupnick: Report to the Nation



Dear Tribal Members,

This past year has been a challenge to say the least. We are still in the midst of a pandemic that is sweeping through our lands and membership. I know we are all suffering from COVID fatigue, but we need to continue to follow the guidelines and protect ourselves and our families. Today,

members are starting to receive vaccinations, beginning with those identified as high risk. As time goes on, we will continue to vaccinate our membership with the hopes and initial goal of at least 70%. Council is asking those that have received the first shot to get the second. We need to reach this initial goal so we can start resuming normal activities.

This pandemic has slowed down many activities throughout the Nation and I want to thank the membership doing what you can to slow the spread. At the Government, we have had to change some processes, but we have continued to conduct business and have worked through those challenges.

As some of you may have seen on the website, the Nation re-filed our initial lawsuit requesting review and compensation for the initial CARES Act distribution. The Shawnee Tribe filed a suit against the Department of

Treasury after our suit and then filed an appeal when the District Judge refused to review the claim as he did in ours. The Appellant Court ruled that the case can indeed be reviewed by the judiciary even if the Treasury had the discretion to disperse funds as they saw fit. We must remember that the Federal Government has a trust responsibility to all Tribes, and all Tribes must be treated fairly and equitably. Tribal Council submitted our recommendations to the Treasury on how those funds should be distributed but instead, chose to use a formula that had no relevance on the number of members or expenses Tribes may have realized combating this disease. We still have a long way to go and the dollars we hope will be used to correct Tribes shorted by the Treasury have been set aside due to litigation. The case, Mnuchin v. Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation was heard in the Appellant Court and was ruled in favor of Chehalis had been appealed to the

Supreme Court and the Court has agreed to hear the case. Treasury agreed to distribute CARES monies to Alaska Native Corporations (ANC) and this lawsuit challenges that decision claiming the ANCs are not tribes and not eligible for CARES dollars. We will wait and see how the Supreme Court rules.

In closing, I'd like to take a moment to think about all the ones we have lost and pray for the ones that have become infected. While we continue to combat this disease, we have started monthly town halls, some have joined, and I hope they have found them valuable. I'd like to continue them and would ask the members to let Council know if they should be continued. Again, please follow the recommended guidelines and be safe.

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Joseph P. Rupnick, Chairman
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Covid Vaccine Continued

• Employees, employee legal spouses, and employee legal dependents of PBPN and PBPN enterprises i.e. Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Prairie Band Gaming Commission, & Prairie Band LLC.

Anyone interested in receiving the vaccination can contact the Prairie Band Health Center to schedule an appointment at 785-966-8220.

COVID Case Count

The Prairie Band Health Center began testing for COVID-19 in May 2020. Here is a breakdown of testing results by month.

Month	Negative for C-19	Positive for C-19
May 2020	12	0
June 2020	34	4
July 2020	76	3
Aug. 2020	118	27
Sept. 2020	54	6
Oct. 2020	109	19
Nov. 2020	134	36
Dec. 2020	53	16
Jan. 2021	47	9
Feb. 2021	26	4
Cumulative Totals	663	124

PBPN General Public Transportation update



PBPN General Public Transportation driver Jarvis Ramirez stands at the entry of the van which has been outfitted with a plastic barrier for the protection of staff and passengers.

By Rachael McCoy, Lead Driver/ Supervisor

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation General Public Transportation department has adapted new cleaning procedures and guidelines for the safety of our passengers and staff.

Drivers disinfect in between every ride and use a disinfectant fogger each evening. Transportation vehicles have been outfitted with barriers between driver and passenger for additional safety during rides.

Currently, the Nation remains in phase 3 which allows the program to

transport a maximum of two passengers at a time. Riders are required to pay before getting in and must always wear a mask during transport. If you do not have a mask, we can provide you with one while supplies last.

If you are sick please stay home or if you have come in direct contact with a positive Covid case we ask that you do not ride.

PBPN GPT staff are doing everything in our power to keep transit open and keep us all safe. We greatly appreciate the ridership and community working with us for safe travels.

PBPN General Public Transportation Schedule

Available Monday thru Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
First come – First served basis
*Subject to inclement weather/admin days

TOLL FREE LINE:
1-866-727-8181
or
785-966-2995

PRICING
Ticket books Available

Local ride – \$1.50 each way
Senior 60+ – .75 each way

Out of Area – \$2 each way
Senior 60+ – \$1 each way

Holton to Topeka – \$4 each way
Senior 60+ – \$2 each way

Mayetta to Lawrence – \$7 each way
Senior 60+ – \$3.50 each way

Mayetta to Horton – \$4.00 each way
Senior 60+ – \$2.00 each way

- Children age 5 and under ride FREE
- Ages 6 and up charged full price
- Car seats available per request when scheduling ride

This project is funded by the KDOT Public Transportation Program.

Prairie Band Pulse

Membership Full Blooded: 40 Enrolled: 4,515	Language Fluent Speakers: 2	Bison Herd: 191	Employees Government Employees: 303
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Current Land Holdings

In 2019 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation purchased no trust land and 1,636 acres of fee land.	In 2020 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation purchased no trust land and 401 acres of fee land.	To date in 2021, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has purchased no trust land and 80 acres of fee land.	The Nation's on-reservation holdings are 45.5% of the original 77,357 acres allotted in 1861.
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Percentage of Reservation Owned by PBP	On-Reservation		Off-Reservation		Grand Total	
	Tracts	Acres	Tracts	Acres	Tracts	Acres
Allotment Trust - 21.75%	399	16,832	---	---	399	16,832
Tribal Trust - 19.13%	211	14,795	23	1,413	234	16,208
Tribal Fee - 4.62%	68	3,577	20	911	88	4,488
Total - 45.50%	678	35,204	43	2,324	721	37,528

Welcome Aboard



The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has hired Jonathan Roberts as the General Manager of Tribal Operations. Roberts has worked in the public service sector for the duration of his career and holds a graduate degree in Public Administration from Drake University, along with a Political Science degree from the University of Iowa. He served as City Administrator for Spring Hill, Kansas for 15 years, and is experienced in bringing economic development projects to fruition.

"I've never encountered a community with more heart," said Roberts, "unlike a city, this community has a shared identity, and that is different from my previous experiences." Roberts who began his role on February 1, 2021, looks forward to bringing to life the Nation's mission statement, along with ensuring the directors and staff who have a daily impact on the community have the resources they need to be the most effective and that efforts are the most efficient possible.

Roberts is a father of two, with a 13-year-old son and 17-year-old daughter. He enjoys supporting their sporting events and getting outdoors as much as possible.



Kristina Simmons joined the Prairie Band Health Center as the Clinic Administrator in November 2020. She holds a master's in health care administration from MidAmerica Nazarene University along with a bachelor's in medical science from Washburn University.

Simmons has a clinical background in radiation therapy, previously serving as Chief Therapist and Clinical Manager over the Lawrence Cancer Center. Most recently she served as Director of the St. Francis Womens Center and Neurosurgery Clinic. Additionally, she currently teaches one class a semester at Washburn University for the Radiation Therapy Program.

Tribal Health Care is a shift for Kristina, and she has learned a lot in her short time with the Health Center. She has enjoyed expanding her knowledge and skill base and is intrigued to learn more.

"There are a lot of people here at the Health Center for the right reasons. It's encouraging to know that high quality patient care is more important than just productivity and numbers," she said, relating that often the health care industry is driven by numbers. She also looks forward to getting to know the community better.

Kristina resides in Topeka, with her husband and their 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son. Kristina enjoys staying active in the community through volunteering and is the Executive Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Junior League of Topeka.



In late January 2021, Julia Murray began her role as the PBP Tribal Grant Manager. Prior to coming to PBP, she worked as a grant administrator at American University in Washington, DC, and previously served as a research administrator at Washburn University in Topeka, KS.

"I enjoy grant administration as a profession because it connects two things I care about deeply, education and community. There are so many great grant-supported programs occurring at PBP and I look forward to maintaining those while also increasing the programming/services provided by grant funding," said Murray.

Coming to work at Prairie Band is a homecoming for Julia, as she was raised in the area. After graduating from Royal Valley Highschool, Julia earned an undergraduate degree in History and Spanish from Washburn University. She also holds a master's degree in Spanish Linguistics from Georgetown University, and has worked as a Spanish language instructor at KU.

Murray is married to her high school sweetheart and enjoys being outdoors to garden, hike and camp.



The PBP Human Resources department recently added Jennifer Logan as the Insurance Benefits Coordinator in late December 2020. Logan brings 8 years of HR experience and holds a Business Administration undergraduate degree with an emphasis in Human Resources Management and minor in Project Management from Columbia Southern University.

"I love HR and benefits and compensation," said Jennifer, "the Nation's insurance is very affordable, and I want to assist our employees to ensure they understand their benefits and get the most from it, along with looking at cost saving measures for the organization."

Logan who is originally from Colorado spent a majority of her adult life in the construction industry, executing project management for building wind turbines all over the United States along with handling the human resources component. Prior to joining PBP, she worked for a commercial contractor in Topeka, Kan.

Logan and her partner of 15 years, have a 13-year-old son and three dogs. She enjoys gardening and landscaping.

Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie: Report to the Nation



Good day to everyone, hope all is well as we continue to put 2020 behind us. As usual for this time of the year for the Tribe, financially it is audit season once again. First up on the list are the audits for our Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects as well as our Tobacco Compact audit. Later in the spring we will be working through our Primary Government Audit along with the audit of our Boys and Girls Club. As a result of the pandemic in 2020 many audit deadlines were pushed back a few months, but I expect that most auditing deadlines will revert to their regular due dates in 2021. Our federal funding levels practically doubled in 2020 as CARES Act dollars rolled in which will come under review as part of our Primary Government Audit. Much like the audit schedules, we look forward to many of our other financial functions returning to somewhat of a regular schedule. Annual budgeting processes for instance extended several days longer than they normally would have as well as payroll processing and year end taxes became more of challenge due to the pandemic. Below are a few additional highlights and updates on items of interest in the Tribe's financial area.

FY2021 Budget

2020 was a challenging year from all

aspects to say the very least, budgeting was by far no exception to the challenges endured this past year. With our 2020 Casino Tribal Cash Distributions (TCD) dipping by just under \$16.0 million as compared to 2019 due to the closure of the gaming facility for nearly 3 months, we were forced to make significant cuts to both our operating and capital budgets in 2020. Fortunately, we received roughly \$14.0 million in federal funding to help offset some of our lost revenues, but this did not fully allow us to replace lost services for our Tribal Members and community. A significant amount of the federal funding that was received in 2020 had stipulations that prohibited the Tribe from using it to replace previously budgeted line-items.

Fast forward to 2021 and our Tribal Government budget is still feeling the negative impact of the pandemic. We have budgeted fairly conservatively starting out in 2021 in anticipation of continued lower revenues in the upcoming months. In doing so we have maintained stable budgeting levels for Tribal Member services under our General Welfare Ordinance such as our National Housing Programs, Education, and Burial to name a few, while making necessary concessions in other areas. Due to the ongoing uncertainty of how the pandemic will impact our 2021 budget we will be tasked with more frequent reviews and the possibility of making amendments to the budget as necessary throughout the remainder of the year. A copy of the 2021 Tribal Government budget is available for review on the Tribal Member Login or a copy can be provided by contacting my office.

Economic Development Investment Committee

As you may have read in the previous edition of the Prairie Band Potawatomi News that the 1st Annual Combined Leadership Economic

Development Summit was held this past October. From the summit it was proposed to develop an Economic Development Investment Committee (EDIC) of which the Tribal Council has since formally recognized the EDIC through Tribal Council Resolution along with its Bylaws. The EDIC consists of 8 members and includes representatives from the Tribal Council, Casino & Prairie Band LLC. The 8 members of the EDIC include: Zach Pahmahmie (TC Vice-Chair/PBLLC Board Member), Wade Pahmahmie (TC Treasurer), Bill Evans (TC Member/PBLLC Board Member), Corey Mzhickteno (PBPEC & PBLLC Board Member), Bill Marsh (PBC&R General Manager), John Sexsmith (PBC&R CFO), Jacob Wamego (PBLLC CEO), Stan Van Ostran (PBLLC CFO).

The EDIC has met several times since October to work towards formal recognition by Tribal Council as well as to identify the first major project which will be the development of the area of 150th Rd & Highway 75 (150/75). The 150/75 project was approved by the General Council in July 2008 but has yet to gain significant progress in years since. I have written about the project in previous articles and the need to reassess the project of which the EDIC is in the process of doing currently. While components of the original approval may be outdated, one thing that has remained constant over the years is the necessity to diversify beyond gaming. Ultimately the project will help complement our gaming operation, provide additional jobs and bring in additional tax dollars. As the EDIC works towards the reassessment of the project I would expect to see some updates from the EDIC in the next few months as progress picks up on the project.

2021 Per Capita Distributions

Over the past few months, I have received a few inquiries as to whether

we would have Per Capita distributions this year. The short answer is yes. As long as the Casino remains open and we are receiving monthly TCD's from the Casino then there will be quarterly Per Capita Distributions. However, the quarterly amounts may be lower as we continue to experience the negative impacts of the pandemic. Per Capita Distributions are directly related to the monthly TCD's from the Casino of which 48% of each monthly TCD goes towards each quarterly Per Capita Distribution. Quarterly Per Capita Distributions are primarily driven by the monthly TCD's associated with the quarterly distribution: March 15th Distribution (Jan/Feb/Mar), June 15th Distribution (Apr/May/June), September 15th Distribution (July/Aug/Sept), December 15th Distribution (Oct/Nov/Dec). Additionally, winter weather can be a major factor as several days in a row of cold temperatures or snow and ice generally have negative impacts on our gaming operation. All in all, with 2020 behind us and the ongoing distribution of vaccinations to combat the pandemic I expect that our gaming operation will fare better in 2021 which in turn will be reflected in our quarterly Per Capita Distributions.

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. 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)

Duryea Appointed to FEMA External Stakeholders Working Group



Steven Duryea, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Land Planner, was recently appointed to the national

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) board, External Stakeholders Working Group (ESWG).

The goals of the ESWG are to:

- Maintain open channels of communication between federal staff and state, local, tribal and territorial mitigation staff.

- Gather insight into mitigation and/or Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program issues from the state, local, tribal or territorial perspective.
- Increase transparency in HMA goals, program priorities and policy development.
- Help HMA provide a consistent, predictable experience for external stakeholders.
- Delve more deeply into issues identified during the Hazardous Mitigation Stakeholder Workshop.

Input from the ESWG board will support FEMA in its efforts to streamline and strengthen HMA program delivery overall, provide better customer service to external stakeholders and facilitate effective and expedient pre-disaster

mitigation planning and mitigation projects that reduce risk and post-disaster community recovery.

The ESWG is made up of a 12-member board that includes three board members from federally recognized tribes. Duryea is the Tribal Land Planner for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He is responsible for the nation's land acquisitions, developing and executing the nation's fee-to-trust applications and maintaining the records of the nation's land holdings. He is also involved in the nation's mitigation programs through appointment as the nation's FEMA Liaison / Tribal Hazard Mitigation Officer. He has also written and implemented the nation's

tribal mitigation plan.

Duryea has served as the tribal land planner since 2010 and has been employed by the Nation since 2003. He previously served in the U.S. Coast Guard and is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness. He has completed the FEMA Emergency Management Institute's Professional Development Curriculum and has been a Kansas Certified Emergency Manager (KCEM) since 2007. Duryea is a native Kansan and lives on a small farm in rural Circleville with his wife, Dawn, and daughter Katharyn. He enjoys working with animals, traveling, and making wine.

Prairie Band, LLC CEO and President Jacob Wamego: Report to the Nation



I hope all are in good health and enjoyed the holidays. With 2020 behind us, I'd like to take a moment to thank our entire team at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Our Nation has been met with trials and tribulations and we continue to persevere and grow our opportunities for our citizens and community.

Despite these extremely challenging times, Prairie Band, LLC grew and made strides in 2020. Our government contracting work did not stop, however, many of our project schedules were extended or delayed. Recognition for our local division is necessary. Our front-line workers continued to work during the pandemic. The local division's excellent customer service brought a significant increase in sales despite the pandemic. We now offer Prairie Band grown beef at One Stop and will soon roll out our own line of hemp products by early spring. I am proud to report that our retail and tobacco distribution companies brought the

Nation nearly \$450,000 in direct tax revenue in 2020.

Safely staying open during the pandemic was a challenge. Our operations team deserves great credit for developing our plan. Due to their tremendous effort, the COVID Mitigation strategy implemented by our operations team has been a valuable tool to keeping our doors open. The team stayed the course and kept our businesses open during these trying times. I thank all of them for their efforts to ensure Prairie Band, LLC and our family of companies remained profitable and an asset to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

2021 brings great opportunity. We have our newest division Prairie Band Ag organized and ready to venture into the agriculture space. This company will soon commence construction of its operations base for hemp and other agricultural opportunities. Our goal is to position the company to expand into other markets relevant to hemp as opportunities arise.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation had its first joint economic workshop. The Economic Development Investment Committee (EDIC) is now organized and ready to bring further economic development to the Nation. The EDIC has tremendous momentum and has hit the ground running to develop the Nation's property along Highway 75 near 150th Rd, a project that has sat idle for over 10 years. I have confidence our team will

bring significant development to the Nation's land over the next 18 months. Members of the EDIC include Tribal Council members Zach Pahmahmie, Wade Pahmahmie, William Evans, the Prairie Band Casino & Resort General Manager William Marsh and PBCR Director of Finance John Sexsmith, along with myself Jacob Wamego, Prairie Band, LLC CEO and our CFO Stan Van Ostran, and Prairie Band, LLC Board member Corey Mzhickteno. We meet monthly and have a significant amount of work ahead of us. The foundation has been set and more updates will be provided soon.

All our government contracting companies have active large multi-year contracts with federal clients, a first since our company ventured into the government contracting arena. We are aggressively building this division and capitalizing on opportunities. Our business development team adjusted our business strategy and continued to win work in 2020. It is extremely difficult to schedule in person meetings with contracting officers. Virtual meetings are now the norm and provide their own set of challenges. The amazing effort of our business development team has created a nice portfolio of past performance and new wins. We consistently remind all our team that we are all business development professionals when we provide great service to our customers. I encourage all of us take a moment and look back at the great strides our company has made over the past several years.

Communication is key in any organization and we place communicating with our tribal citizens and leadership as a priority. Our door is open to all Prairie Band tribal citizens looking for information regarding Prairie Band, LLC and its family of companies. I understand that not all tribal citizens may be aware of the great opportunities our company brings. We submit articles to the quarterly newspaper, utilize social media, maintain a website at www.prairiebandllc.com, and provide reports and presentations at the General Council meetings. Additionally, two elected Tribal Council officials sit on the Board of Directors, and we all generally make ourselves available for questions or to discuss opportunities. We also plan to reinvigorate our communication plans in the future, as social distancing protocols are lifted, to bring more information before our tribal citizens. Do not hesitate to reach out to our Board Members, the Tribal Council, or to myself. We will be happy to discuss our company with you and provide you an increased awareness of our efforts.

It is a great honor to serve as the CEO of Prairie Band, LLC. I look forward to having an even greater year in 2021! Stay safe and I hope to see all of you in person at some point this year.

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Jacob "Tug" Wamego

Introducing Prairie Band Ag, LLC Operations Manager



Greetings Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, my name is Muriel Young Bear or Mek wiid (Mequish), meaning "Bear head". I am bear clan and a member of the Meskwaki Tribe in Tama, Iowa. I currently live in Lawrence, KS with my husband (Umo"ho") and two children. I earned a business degree at Haskell Indian Nations University in 2013 and will soon have a master's in strategic management from Baker University. I launched Bear Cub Consulting in 2017, where I provided services to Tribal Nations and entities in areas such as administration, marketing, grant pro-

posals, workshops, and industrial hemp research.

My experience is primarily tribal economic development and entrepreneurship. I have been a passionate hemp advocate for the last four years working in education, legislation and cultivation. As a business student, I realized the economic opportunities provided by Industrial Hemp and as an indigenous woman I was instantly drawn to the environmental and sustainable aspects of Hemp. This plant falls in line with our traditional beliefs of caring for the environment; this sustainable resource can feed, clothe, house, and heal the people. We have historical evidence that Tribes used hemp in everyday life, for such things as bowstring, bandolier bags, leggings and other practical uses. Current modern uses of hemp include, phytoremediation properties which clean the soils, while also removing built up carbon from the atmosphere. Industrial hemp also requires less water to grow versus many other crops. In the future, we can expect to see Hempcrete homes which provide fire resistance, mold resistance, and can stand for over 100 years. I believe hemp is the way to heal our communities and show our commitment to invest in sustainable alternative resources.

I am currently the Operations Manager at the newly formed Prairie Band Ag, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Prairie Band, LLC. I am dedicating myself to always work on behalf of the Nation and assist the expanding hemp industry. As the Operations Manager, I have developed a solid framework for hemp operations moving forward. We are developing the Prairie Hemp product line which will soon be sold at our own retail outlets as well as others throughout northeast Kansas. Additionally, we are working on several projects in hemp cultivation and processing. Our goal at the Prairie Band Ag is to revive sustainable agriculture practices on our land that provide a sustainable future for the Tribe. Soon, we will open new jobs in horticulture, biosciences and manufacturing. I look forward to putting existing resources to work, while providing new jobs for the youth and a safe product for the Nation. Originally, women of my own Tribe were responsible for agriculture and food systems. Working at Prairie Band Ag allows me to serve in a similar role for Prairie Band. I am very honored and will do so in a good way.

Ke te bi – Thank you!
Muriel Young Bear
Operations Manager



HOURS
Monday - Saturday
7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Prairie Band Grown Beef Available!

Buffalo Burger	\$9.99
Sausage	\$14.99
Sirloin	\$14.99
Rib Steak	\$23.99
T-Bone	\$26.99

Honoring a Hero: Jim Potts Retires as We-Ta-Se Post 410 Commander

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation recognized the service and dedicated leadership of Myron “Jim” Potts at a retirement luncheon held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Potts retired as the American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410 Commander and from employment with the Nation on October 30, 2020. Jim served as the We-Ta-Se Post 410 Commander for 20 years and worked as the American Legion Senior Liaison since 2018. Potts has been a member of the American Legion for 30 years, 28 of which were with Post 410.

PBP Nation Chairman Joseph Rupnick, a fellow member of We-Ta-Se Post 410, presented Potts

with a United States flag. The flag had previously flown over the United States Capitol, and included a certificate. Jim was also presented with a Pendleton blanket.

Jim entered military service at the age of 20, serving 8 years in the Navy and 10 years in the Army Reserves. He also served two tours during the Vietnam War.

During the ceremony, Jim recalled that the We-Ta-Se Post 410 which was formed in 1989, was the only Color Guard for Native American people in the area for about 10 years. Jim said the group started with about 10 veterans and now has about 110 members. He noted that Post 410 served as

the Color Guard for the first five Annual Potawatomi Gathering celebrations and reminisced on the other tribes in Kansas and the other Potawatomi bands establishing their Honor Guards and Ladies Auxiliary units. He ended by stating, “I am proud to be Prairie Band Potawatomi.”

Local veteran and We-Ta-Se post 410 member Robert “Bob” Hubbard will serve as the Legion’s Commander through the end of the current term.

12.2.20 - Myron “Jim” Potts, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Veteran, and former commander of the American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410.



BIA Awards PBPN With 2 Tribal Resilience Program Grants

By Verna Potts

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation- Division of Planning & Environmental Protection was awarded two grants from BIA’s Tribal Resilience Program for two categories: 1.) Capacity Building and 2.) Travel Support for Adaptation Planning. The project team will engage leadership and community regarding potential threats, opportunities, and strategies related to critical social, economic, and environmental services and infrastructure that could be affected by extreme climatic events such as

drought and floods. We plan to engage, train, and foster collaboration among tribal leadership (council and directors) aimed at the specific sectors such as: financial, natural, human, physical, political, and social. It is our goal to include all aspects of the PBPN to begin to ponder and strategize on plans to address resilience to human and natural hazards. The grants will commence during the 2021 year and conclude the end of 2022. Verna Potts, Senior Environmental Technician, will be the point of contact- 785-966-8031 or VernaPotts@pbpnation.org

Radon Risk Reduction

By Billie Toledo

PBPN’s Division of Planning & Environmental Protection (PEP) Air Program was awarded a radon mini grant with the Control Program Directors, Inc (CRCPD). CRCPD received a cooperative agreement under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): “Enhancing Radon Risk Reduction Through Partnerships and Training.”

The CRCPD radon mini grant will cover radon mitigation installation fees in two homes within the PBPN community, increase PBPN staff development on mitigation systems through observation during installation, the purchase of mitigation standard handbook to assist with program development, and printing of outreach and awareness information for community distribution.

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas and accounts for approximately 21,000 lung-cancer deaths every year. Radon gas is a natural occurrence when uranium breaks down to radium in the rock and soil which finds an entry path into homes and buildings through cracks in walls, foundation, basement floor and other openings. Although there are no known safe levels, EPA recommends every home and building be tested followed by mitigation action when levels are above 4 picocuries (4 pCi/l).

The only way to know the radon level in your home is to test!

For more radon information, radon and real-estate transactions, and radon mitigation systems, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/radon> or call the PBPN Air Program at 785-966-2946.

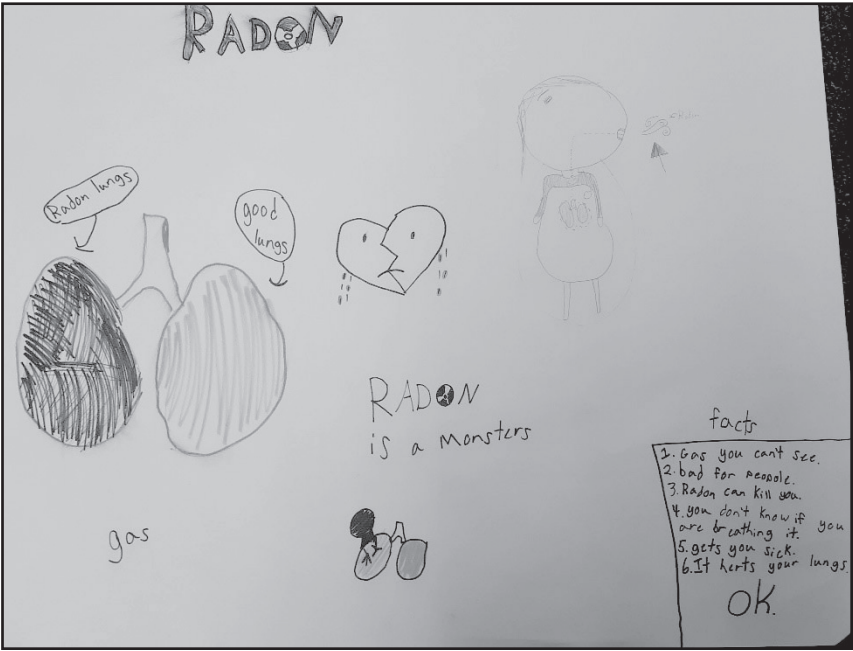
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11.30.20 - Courtesy USGS

Earlier this year the USGS Kansas Water Science Center, in collaboration with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, characterized surface water and groundwater availability on Big Solider Creek. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is about 122 square miles, is located in Jackson County, Kansas, and lies within the Big Soldier and Little Soldier Creek basins. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation needs surface and groundwater quality and quantity data for water management purposes and characterization of its drinking water sources. This is being accomplished by quantifying streamflow on Big Solider Creek, the primary streamflow through the reservation, and measuring groundwater levels in nine monitoring wells. In addition to continuous surface water monitoring of water temperature, specific conductance, pH,



dissolved oxygen, and turbidity, manual (discrete) samples are being collected at the two surface water sites and analyzed for nutrients, suspended sediment, total suspended solids, and indicator bacteria. The nine groundwater monitoring wells are being analyzed for nutrients and indicator bacteria.



Pētannokwe Lamb won the PBPN Radon Poster Contest, her poster depicts the harm radon causes to the human body.

Tribal Victim Services

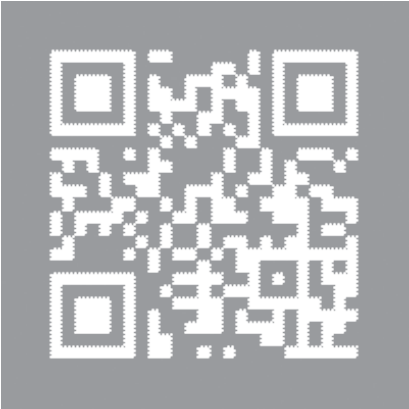
By Jessica Wheeler, Lead Victim Specialist

Like nearly everything else, Tribal Victim Services has endured a lot of challenges and a few disappointments over the last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Limited resources and social distancing have created obstacles, but with the help of Zoom and the PBPNTV Department, advocates have been able to provide safe and appropriate services to clients. TVS staff was disappointed they were unable to hold their annual community events, such as “Walk-A-Mile in Their Mocs,” “Take Back the Night” and “Splatters that Matter,” but they hope to be back out in the community soon, painting all the kids’ faces. Until then, TVS is still doing outreach via social media. In January, to celebrate and educate about National Stalking Awareness Month, they held the “Don’t Stalk, Find the Rock” contest.

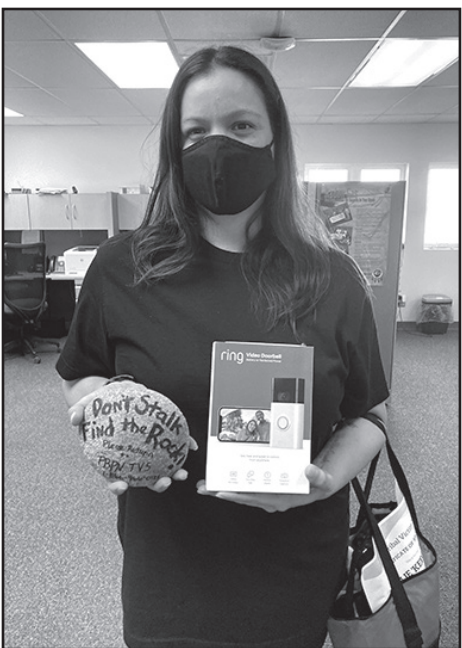
Participants had to follow TVS social media pages and email answers to questions about stalking to receive clues leading them to the rock, hidden within the community. Billie Toledo found the rock on January 21st near the old ballpark on 150th RD. Her grand prize was a Ring doorbell. Congratulations, Billie! In February, TVS presented a YouTube video to Royal Valley High School students to spread awareness about teen dating violence, promote healthy relationships and provide resources to local teens. TVS also hosted a Tie-Dye and pizza party in observance of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February.

TVS can be reached by email: PBPNTVS@pbpnation.org, Phone: 785-966-8343 24/7 Crisis Hotline: 1-866-966-0173

Watch for future outreach events by following TVS on Facebook and Instagram!



Use your smartphone to scan the QR codes and follow PBPNTVS on Facebook (left) and Instagram (right).



Don’t Stalk Find the Rock grand prize winner Billie “Keeg” Toledo received a TVS swag bag and a Ring doorbell.



2.19.21 - PBPNTV staff Jessica Wheeler advocates for healthy relationships to tribal youth at the Teen Tie-Dye event.



2.19.21 - Dasno Mills and Evianna Evans participate at the Teen Tie-Dye event.



2.19.21 - Tressa Jim, Mimi Tye and Michael Wamego create tie-dye t-shirts at the event.

>> One in three teens in the U.S. will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they’re in a relationship with before they become adults.
>> Learn more at loveisrespect.org.

Introducing New TVS Specialist



The Tribal Victim Services Program would like to announce Sarah Dalton as a TVS Specialist. Sarah joined the program in October 2020. One of her primary focuses is the healing through art component that the program offers. She is currently going through training to add music as an additional healing modality. Sarah also serves as the court liaison.

“I am looking forward to getting out in

the community to provide advocacy, and to better the community through healing and ending the cycle of violence,” said Dalton.

Dalton has a bachelor’s degree in criminology from Columbia College along with a certificate in victim advocacy through the Department of Justice and a teaching certificate. Prior to joining the TVS program, she was a substitute teacher. Sarah also has work experience in law enforcement and volunteer experience with military programs.

Originally from California, Sarah has also lived in Georgia, and currently resides in Oskaloosa with her husband, a retired service member. Sarah is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi and is excited to learn more about Potawatomi culture and language. “When my grandparents moved away from the reservation, our family lost a lot and I want to reconnect,” she said.

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Present Tribal ID and Players card at the Players Club during birthday month to receive **\$15 food credit to Embers Bar & Grille.**

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Leticia Rodriguez

BEMIDJI, MN – Leticia Amanda Patella Rodriguez, “TissBawl”, 27 years young, of Bemidji, Minnesota began her journey home unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 from Bemidji, MN. She was born to Miranda Butcher and Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jr. on June 20th, 1993 in Minneapolis, MN.

Leticia was a dope soul all around. Everyone loved to be around her. She had a contagious laugh and sense of humor that kept those around her smiling and laughing. Leticia was huge on family, but her children were her world. She would do anything to help her family. Leticia loved being adventurous and outgoing, she enjoyed listening to music and dancing with Cassidy. She also enjoyed going to work, hanging out with her friends, going to powwows and cooking.

Family that Leticia is reunited with are her parents, Miranda Butcher and Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jr.; grandparents, Lorraine Butcher and Daniel Masqua; auntie, Jolaine Bigbear; special friend, Sonnie Ringley and numerous other family members.

Those left behind to forever cherish her memory are her children, Ava Rodriguez, Anthony Robinson, Jr. and Cassidy Ammesmaki; sisters, Nyiesha Surratt, Delores “Lola” (Brandon) Rodriguez, Renee Rodriguez, Alexandra (Erik) Butcher, Mikayla Butcher and Carol Martinez; brothers, Luiz (Sydney) DelaRosa, Malachi Jackson, Isaiah Jackson, Mondo Rodriguez and Romeo Rojas; nieces, Bria, Miranda, Nizhoni, Emmy and Elyce; nephews, Rosendo and Jayvon, many aunties, uncles, cousins and far too many friends to name.

An overnight wake for Leticia will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16th and continue until her 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Tuesday, November 17th all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Father Matthew Cobb will officiate. Pallbearers for Leticia will be Luiz DelaRosa, Erik Lopez, Adrian Rice, Kyle Butcher, Anthony Robinson, Nicholas Ammesmaki and Shawn Butcher. Her honorary pallbearers are Mercedes Fineday, Shania

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Anthony “Dean” Kabance

TOPEKA, KS – Anthony “Dean” Kabance, 58, of Topeka, KS, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020, at Midland Care Hospice House in Topeka. He was born October 27, 1962, in Topeka, KS, the son of Carol Jean Kabance.

Dean lived most of his life in Topeka. He worked as a laborer for building construction companies. He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Dean married Jadee Evans; she survives of Topeka, KS. Other survivors include 2 sons, Matthew Dean Kabance and Shadusa Neil Roberson both of Topeka, KS; 2 daughters, Leslie Kabance Barlow and Neshe-Mahe Mekayla Evans Kabance both of Topeka, KS; sister, Andrea Kitchkommie of Topeka, KS and 6 grandchildren. Dean was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Jean Kitchkommie, and his sisters Deanne Muniz and Christina Fitzherbert.

Graveside Service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020, at Shipshée Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton; must wear a mask and practice social distancing. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

- *Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home*

Rodriguez Continued

Redday, Joseph Norton, Justice Wind, Patience Thoms, Ashley Diver, Marci Faye Negrette, Calli Jordan, Miranda Rice, Cheylynn Rodriguez, Adrhionah Brown, Alissa Donnell, Missy Morrison and Tyler Butcher. Interment will be in the St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

Leticia’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

- *Courtesy of Northern Peace Funeral Home*



Florence Camacho

TOMAH, WI – Florence “Che-wae-kwe” “Leading Elk” Wabshoggin Camacho, age 101, of Tomah, Wisconsin walked on Monday, November 30, 2020.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, WI with Pastor Claudia Deede officiating. A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Florence was born June 8, 1919, in Wittenberg, Wisconsin the daughter of Eugene and Annie Mae (Boyce) Wabshoggin. She attended and graduated from the Bethany Indian Mission School, Wittenberg, WI. Florence was baptized and confirmed into the Norwegian Lutheran Church. Throughout her life, Florence remained in her faith. She was known to tell her children prayer is something to be done in humility.

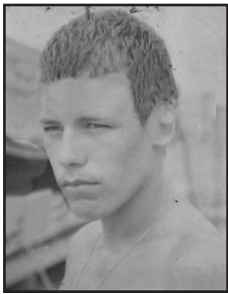
Florence married Paul Camacho on May 7, 1952, in Mauston, WI; the marriage to Paul last for 58 years with Paul’s passing on September 5, 2010.

Over the 58 years of their marriage, they lived in Sturtevant, Lyndon Station, LaCrosse, Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo and Waukesha, Wisconsin, and Houston, Texas. Florence and Paul were blessed with 5 children, 4 of which today reside in Wisconsin Rapids, Black River Falls, Milwaukee, and Tomah, Wisconsin.

Throughout her life, Florence was a lady of varied talents and interests among which were beading and sewing. She designed and sewed doll-sized replicas of tribal dresses as well as making shawls. She had a deep interest in politics working for many years in polling locations where she lived. As a young girl, she developed an interest in baseball which she followed throughout her life. Florence spent her last years at the home of her daughter Yvette Lokotz.

Florence is survived by her sons and daughters; Fred (Joyce) Camacho, Peter (Penny) Camacho, Robert Camacho, Yvette Camacho (Paul); grandchildren, Codi (Kari) Camacho, Amber Camacho, Amy Kaehn, Aaron Camacho, Anna Camacho, Dawn Camacho Vix, Alexis Camacho Conger; great-grandchildren, Mycah Poulin, Dontae Camacho, Mareenah Shampeau, Macie Kaehn, Bree Kaehn, Tarek Kaehn; great-great grandchildren, Leeam Cholaku, Daymien Cholaku, Nataliah Shampeau and Meliah Shampeau.

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Clyde Chapman, Jr.

APPLETON, WI – Clyde Kenneth Chapman Jr., age 75, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2020, in Appleton. He was born on February 13, 1945, to the late Clyde and Lorraine (Jacobson) Chapman, Sr. in Waukegan, Illinois. Clyde loved being outdoors, fishing, and traveling to Florida and Las Vegas to visit family and friends. He also loved listening to oldies, especially from the 1960s. He was a proud member of the Potawatomi Tribe in Kansas. Clyde was a strong person and often described as a “fighter”. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who referred to him as “Papa”. Clyde served in the US Army and bravely served our country while gaining a Purple Heart during the Vietnam War.

Clyde is survived by his children: Kris (Bobby) Skruch and Kim Kososki; grandchildren: Amber (Dave Delgado) Kososki, Erin Visocky, and Rachel (Mak) Odu; great-grandchildren: Avaya, David Jr., and Roland Delgado, and Marcus, Malachi, and Julius Odu; ex-wife Susan Chapman; sisters: Gail Schimmer and Patty Chapman; and other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Richard Lee Chapman, Roger Chapman, and Wayne Chapman.

Per the family’s wishes, a private service will be held at a later date.

- *Courtesy of Brettschneider-Trettin-Nickel Funeral Chapel*

Camacho Continued

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene (Schum-nah) Wabshoggin and Annie (Ah-Who-gi-pla-Winga) Boyce Wabshoggin; husband, Paul Camacho Sr.; son, Paul Camacho Jr.; brothers, Herman, Harry, Arthur, Curtis and James Wabshoggin; sisters, Lena Wabshoggin Ramos, Mable Wabshoggin, Hazel Wabshoggin, Bertha Wabshoggin Lowe, Dell Wabshoggin Lowe and Frank (Wap-si) Wabshoggin.

The Conway-Picha Funeral Home and Crematory of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin assisted the family with arrangements. For online condolences and information, go to www.pichafuneralhome.com.

- *Courtesy of Picha Funeral Home*

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Francis Jessepe

ROSSVILLE, KS – Francis R. Jessepe, 69, of Rossville passed away Monday, December 14, 2020, at Shawnee Medical Center due to complications from Covid 19 and pneumonia.

He was born May 8, 1951, in Manhattan, Kansas the son of Phillip E. and Angeline (Belair) Jessepe. He was raised in Topeka and graduated from Seaman High School. Francis was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe.

He is survived by his sisters, Karen S. Jessepe and Elvon M. Belair both of Topeka; and his brothers, Boyce Alfonso Jessepe (Address Unknown) and Ewart Coy Jessepe (Julie) of Mayetta. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Billie L. Jessepe.

Francis will lie in state at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton beginning Saturday afternoon, December 19, 2020, through Sunday, December 20, 2020, until 6:00 p.m. each day. Private family graveside services will be held later. Due to the critical situation we all are in, please remember the families during this difficult time and consider sending a card of condolence Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436 or posting on www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes



Judith Jackson

HALES CORNER, WI – Judith M. Jackson, 53, passed away on November 15, 2020. She was born on November 29, 1966. Wonderful daughter of (the late) Thomas and JoAnne Jackson. Loving sister of Jaclyn, Michael, and Thomas. Further survived by loving aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and friends. Judi loved the Brewers, Cowboys, and the Admirals. She worked for the Brady Corporation for 20 years. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She will be missed dearly.

- Courtesy of Hartson Funeral Home



James Barger

AUBURN, KS – James L. Barger, 87, of Auburn, passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at an Auburn care facility. He was born May 31, 1933, in Wamego, the son of Roy and Mary (Vanderblomen) Barger.

James graduated from Humphrey High School in Humphrey, Arkansas. He was an Army Veteran during the Korean War. He was employed by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for 37 years before retiring. He then drove a school bus for the Seaman School District for 10 years. He was an active member of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Perry where he served as a Deacon.

James married Carolyn L. Weatherley on June 25, 1954, in Stuggart, Arkansas. She preceded him in death on October 12, 2018. James was also preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Barger and Bill Barger.

Survivors include children, Steve (Lisa) Barger of Burlingame, one granddaughter, Brook (Faron) Moore of Topeka, one great-granddaughter, Carolyn Rae of Topeka, his sister, Betty Nioce of Horton, Kansas and his sister-in-law, Linda Weatherly of Topeka.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Perry. Inurnment will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery southeast of Topeka. Masks and social distancing are suggested.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the First Missionary Baptist Church, 106 N. Elm St., Perry, Kansas 66073.

- Courtesy of Dove Cremations and Funerals



Dorothy Zeigler

MAYETTA, KS – Dorothy Arleen “Scootie” “Wiche Quah” Kiyukan Ziegler, 58, of Mayetta lost her battle with liver cancer Thursday, January 7, 2021, at her home.

She was born November 17, 1962, in Chicago, IL the daughter of Julia Lewis. She graduated from Marty Indian School and later graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Master’s Degree in Psychology. Dorothy was able to see a good part of the country. She had lived in Kansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, and South Dakota. She is most noted for her passion for education and her culture. She was the National Indian Educator, the South Dakota Indian Educator of the year, and in 1994 the governor of South Dakota proclaimed October 28th as the “Dorothy Kiyukan Day” in South Dakota. She received a Dakota Wesleyan Alumni of the year award and the University of South Dakota Native American Alumni award as well. Dorothy was a member of the South Dakota Counseling Association, Indian Counseling Association, was a certified school specialist, and served as a gaming commissioner at Prairie Band Casino and Resort in Mayetta. She was a fancy and jingle dress dancer. She was a well-known NA Cultural Coordinator and a Therapeutic Intervention Specialist. She also was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Potawatomi United Methodist Church.

On March 8, 2020, she married Martin “Tom” Ziegler in Mayetta. He survives of the home. Other survivors include her mother, Julia Lewis of Mayetta; 2 daughters, Julia E. Kiyukan of Pierre, SD and Atana Bernie-Blue of Pierre, SD; son, Lawrence L. Kiyukan, Jr. (Charlotte) of Lake Andes, SD; a niece she raised, Marissa Bridegroom of Topeka, KS; 11 adopted children; adopted mom, Shirley Bernie of Pierre, SD; sister, Doris Cochran of Topeka; twin sisters; numerous hunka sisters; numerous hunka brothers; 7 grandchildren and many adopted grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her adopted dad, Francis Bernie; sister, MaLita Bernie; and 2 brothers, Raymond and Bobby Bridegroom.

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Gary Dean, II

Surfside Beach, SC – Gary James Dean, II, 55, passed away Wednesday, December 23, 2020. He was born October 11, 1965. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, officiated by Rev. John Holmes.

- Courtesy of Goldfinch Funeral Home

Zeigler Continued

Funeral Services will be 1:00 p.m., Sunday, January 10, 2021, at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. She will lie in state beginning Saturday, January 9, 2021, until 5:00 p.m. Dorothy will be laid to rest in South Dakota to finish her cycle of life. She wants her final words to be... “Life is but a journey. It’s time for me to skip on over to the pearly gates—Life is only but a journey and my new life just begun”. Advice: Don’t worry so much, move forward in life, surround yourself with positive people, forgive others, do the right thing, follow the ten commandments, breathe, enjoy life, never forget who created you, and don’t be scared, instead, celebrate. Due to the critical situation we all are in, please remember the families during this difficult time and consider sending a card of condolence or posting the Mercer Funeral Homes website. Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436, or www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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Maxine Catron

DELIA, KS – Maxine C. Catron, 84, passed away Friday, January 8, 2021, at her home in Delia.

She was born to Cleve N. and Josephine M. (Rice) Sumner on May 5, 1936, at Holton. Maxine grew up in the rural Delia community and attended Nieve Country School. She attended Haskell High School in Lawrence for one year and moved back to Delia, where she graduated from Delia High School in 1954. She was a longtime Delia resident.

Maxine worked at Josten's Yearbook, Goodyear Tire and Rubber cafeteria, PBP Elder's Center, United Methodist Home, and Harrah's Prairie Band Casino Hotel. Maxine was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She enjoyed coyote hunting and bowling. Maxine loved playing with her many grandchildren. She attended Lady of Snows Catholic Church.

Maxine Sumner and Benny Catron were united in marriage on March 18, 1955, at Lawrence. They were married 29 years, and to this union, eight children were born.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter-in-law, Vicky Catron.

Survivors include her eight children, Keith (Jeanette) Catron, Rodney (Hope Adame) Catron, Mark (Angi) Catron, Brenda (Joe) Kennedy, Darold Catron, Roger Catron, Vern Catron, and Gayle (Donnie) Lambrecht; a brother Lester (Cork) Sumner; three sisters, Delores Porter, Janice Rafols and Helen Sumner; many grandchildren and many many great-grandchildren; and a family friend of many years Roy Hale.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys. The family will receive friends from 10:00 until service time. She will lie in state from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to Delia Pride or Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Elder Center.

- Courtesy of Piper Funeral Home



Anna Wooten

TOPEKA, KS – Anna Marie Miranda Wooten, 78. Passed peacefully January 24, 2021, surrounded by her family at her niece Sonja Alejos' home in Topeka, KS.

Marie was born December 26, 1942, in Topeka, the daughter of Cirildo V. Miranda and Bernadette Kitchkommie. Marie married her husband Ritchie in Reno, Nevada. He preceded her in death in October 2020. Together they owned Wooten & Associates Appraisal. Marie was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge #752 & Ritchie Men of the Moose #636, where they were active members. Marie belonged to Sacred Heart Parish, Eureka, CA.

She is survived by Connie Miranda, Rosalie Whayne, Jonie and Robert Miranda, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and, great-great nieces and nephews. Life long friends, Mikey & Pat Hill of Eureka, CA and Carol Allen Johnson of Topeka, KS. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Ernest Miranda & sister Angela "LaLa" Miranda. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 3, 10-12 p.m. at Chapel Oaks, 235 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, KS.

- Courtesy of Chapel Oaks Cremation & Funeral Services

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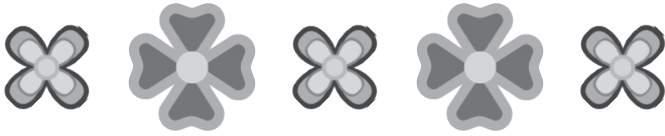
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mantanshesēk—lambs

memegeyēk—butterflies

sēknagén—dice bowl

nosēmeyēk—my grandchildren

kosēmeyēk—your grandchildren

eshkēnibēk—spring

skēpkīshtoyèn—grass

nťeshĩnwi—I’m ready

sikate—pancake

sēkwe’on—comb your hair



The All Nations Breath of Life (ANBL) quit smoking program is currently enrolling participants who want to quit smoking or are thinking about quitting smoking. ANBL is a culturally tailored 12-week group-based quit smoking program that has been developed for American Indians.

American Indians have the highest smoking rates of all racial/ethnic groups in the U.S. and double the mortality rate of other ethnic groups due to smoking.

The program will be administered virtually through Zoom. Program components include group-based support sessions, American Indian facilitators, individual telephone counseling, an educational curriculum, and possible incentives.

Please contact Edie Wamego at Edith-Wamego@pbpnation.org or 785-966-8355 for more information or to get enrolled.

The All Nations Breath of Life (ANBL) is seeking American Indian Facilitators.

ANBL is a quit smoking program which combines the latest science on cessation information with cultural elements familiar to American Indians. Facilitators are an essential part of ANBL.

Facilitators do not need to have degrees in counseling, rather it is important that they are respected in the community, have good interpersonal skills and are willing to be trained.

If you are interested in this paid position, contact Jason “Naseka” Hale at 785-554-7108 or by email jah320@lehigh.edu.

General Council Meetings

- ♦ April 17, 2021 ♦
- ♦ July 17, 2021 ♦
- ♦ October 16, 2021 ♦

Enrolled Tribal Members
age 18+ Only

8 a.m. | Registration Opens
9 a.m. | Light Breakfast
9:30 a.m. | Meeting Begins

Location TBD
visit www.pbpindiantribe.com

Virtual Town Hall Schedule

- June 2, 2021 •
- August 25, 2021 •
- December 1, 2021 •

Enrolled Tribal Members
age 18+ Only

All meetings open at
5:30 p.m. CST
Meeting begins at
6 p.m. CST

Log In to the
Members Only Portal at
www.pbpindiantribe.com
for access instructions

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- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Breastfeeding Coalition
- PBPN Ben-no-tteh Wigwam
- Boys & Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- Safe Kids Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- PBPN Food Distribution Program
- PBP Nation - Diabetes Prevention Program
- PBP Nation Fire Keepers Elder Center
- PBPN Social Services
- Tribal Victim Services - PBPN
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department
- PBPN Planning and Environmental Protection
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow Wow

Important Numbers

Government Center
877-715-6789

Human Resources
866-694-3937

Member Services
866-277-3722

Per Capita
785-966-3993

Health Center
866-694-6728

Pharmacy
866-727-6330

Social Services
888-966-2932

Tribal Victim Services
24 Hour Crisis Hotline
866-966-0173

Transportation
866-727-8181

Tribal Court
866-966-2242

Prairie Band Gaming
Commission
785-966-3043

Prairie Band Casino & Resort
888-727-4946

Nation Station
785-966-7700

What is a Peacemaker?

The PBPN Peacemakers
Circle can assist you in
resolving conflicts.

We will assist you in coming
to a mutual understanding
that is beneficial to both
parties.

You will be empowered to
determine the outcome.

In these trying times, it is
best to have some control
over difficult decisions that
affect our lives.

For more information contact:
PBPN Judicial Center
785-966-2242 or
Chris Brewer
785-966-4000

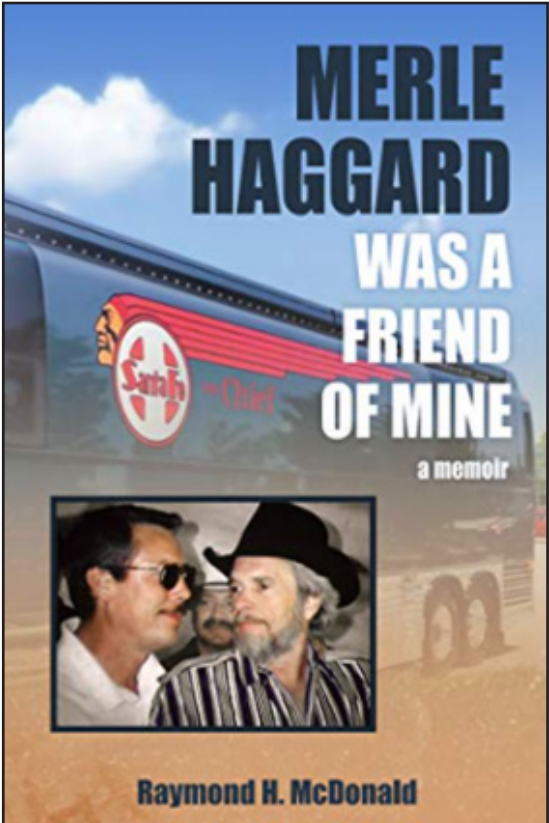
Nishnabek Ntewmèn - “Who We Are”



Congratulations! Antonio Greemore-Hopkins, a Junior at Royal Valley High School, made the All-Area Boys Cross Country Team. Antonio finished in 5th place with a time of 18:11.58 at the 2020 Big 7 League meet. He finished in 4th place at the Class 3A Regional meet with a time of 17:47.67 qualifying for state. He placed 54th at the Class 3A State meet with a time of 19:00.16.



Congratulations! Mshewe Hale, a Junior at Rossville High School, is a 2A State Football champion! Mshewe played on both the offensive line and defensive line for the Rossville Bulldogs Football team which went undefeated 15-0 in the 2020 Season. During the championship game Mshewe had 4 solo tackles, 8 total tackles and 1 sack.



PBPN Tribal Member Raymond McDonald has recently written and published a collection of stories about his friend, singer/songwriter Merle Haggard. It took McDonald 4 years to complete his book. It is available through Amazon and other online retailers.

Happy Birthday! - TTiwenmo Eginigyen



Happy 21st Birthday
Talima Rayne Hieja
“Conwukquah” Harjo
February 10th

Love, Mom



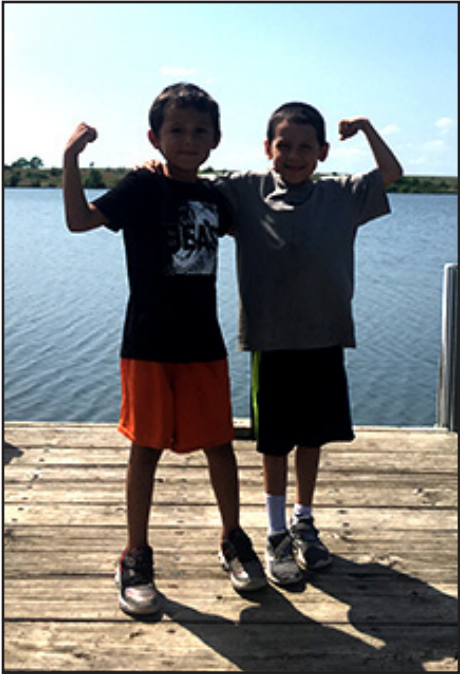
Happy Birthday Wasai
Big 14 years old on 2/14!
You will always be my
little Valentines and
I wish you nothing but the
best! Love you so much!

- Mom and Mike and Sisters



Jarvis Ramirez, Jr.
The big “9” - 2/27

Happy Birthday Nas!
We love ya



Happy 7th Birthday Boys!
Ethan “Nigohnwatuck”
Garrison 3/2 and
Aaron “Shumna” Beem 4/28

Love Koya & Misho Skup/
Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday!

February Birthdays
Kevin Aitkens and Gaynell Jessepe

March Birthdays
Gea Aitkens and Jon Jessepe

April Birthday
Rayne Kingfisher

Happy
50th
Birthday
To Ladonna Potts

Love, the Padilla Sisters
and grandkids

Reminder! Update Your Address!

The Member Services department encourages all tribal members, both adults and minors, to keep your address current.

The Change of Address form is available at pbpindiantribe.com/member-services