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"Summer time
of the year"

This paper contains the
activities and happenings
that took place during the
Summer time of 2021:
June, July, August.

2021 Ethics and Gaming Commission Election Results



7.29.21 - PBPB Chairman Joseph Rupnick officates as (from left) Angela Greemore-Wahweotten, Virginia LeClere, Royetta Rodewald and Joe Mitchell recite the oath of office for their respective commissions.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Election board completed the election cycle for three Ethics Commissioners and two Gaming Commissioners this summer. Eight tribal members ran for the five open positions, that resulted in a Run-Off Election for the Gaming Commissioner #1 position.

The initial election took place on July 24, 2021 and consisted of 659 returned ballots out of 2,588 eligible voters, a 25.46% participation rate. Eleven of the ballots were disqualified.

Angela Greemore-Wahweotten, the sole candidate for the Ethics Commission Chairperson received 520 votes. Incumbent Virginia LeClere who also ran uncontested for her seat as Ethics Commission Secretary received 535 votes.

Laura Abeyta and Royetta Rodewald both ran for the position of Ethics Commission Vice-Chairperson, with Rodewald pulling off the win receiving 325 votes (51.75%) to Abeyta's 303 votes (48.25%).

In the Gaming Commission election, incumbent Joe Mitchell ran uncontested for the Gaming Commissioner #2 seat and received 548 votes. Gaming Commissioner #1 candidates Barbara Evans received 154 votes (24.18%), to Joseph "Chago" Hale, Jr's 256 votes (40.19%), while incumbent Lisa

Wamego garnered 227 votes (35.64%). With none of the candidates exceeding the 50% plus 1 vote requirement, Hale and Wamego advanced to a Run-Off election.

The Run-Off election was completed on August 21, 2021 consisting of 628 ballots received from 2,593 eligible voters, (24.22% participation rate) revealing Chago Hale's win with 341 votes (54.30%) to Lisa Wamego's 287 votes (45.70%).

Two swearing-in ceremonies were held with PBPB Chairman Joseph Rupnick officiating both events. The first swearing-in took place on July 29, 2021 for Gaming Commissioner #2 Joe Mitchell, and Ethics Commissioners Angela Greemore-Wahweotten, Virginia LeClere and Royetta Rodewald. The second swearing-in occurred on August 26, 2021 for Gaming Commissioner #1 Chago Hale.

"I would like to thank all our membership who voted in this election. It is important to be involved and to par-

ticipate in the election process, as the leadership and the direction of our Nation is decided by the voting membership. Being an elected official makes me feel very fortunate and honored. I hope I continue to grow and learn so that I can become a better leader," said Mitchell. During his eloquent speech, Mitchell enumerated several virtues of the Potawatomi people that he

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8.26.21 - Joseph "Chago" Hale, Jr. is sworn into office as Gaming Commissioner #1 receiving the oath of office from Chairman Joseph Rupnick.

Chairman Joseph “Zeke” Rupnick: Report to the Nation



Dear Tribal Members,

Summer is upon us and many within the Nation are taking advantage of the time and traveling. Tribal Council has made a few trips and as things are starting to open up, I ask everyone to take the necessary precautions needed to keep yourselves and the community safe. We have vaccinated many members for the Nation but there are still many more hesitant to receive it. We have made great strides in the vaccination program but there is still a ways to go and with new variants cropping up, we are asking

everyone to do their part and encourage those to get vaccinated.

On a recent trip, members of Tribal Council traveled to Michigan to view and tour different marijuana growing and dispensaries. This is an area I feel we should continue to explore and when passed in Kansas, take full advantage of the opportunity. While we were not privy to all the financial information from the businesses, based on the numbers I witnessed, I can tell you the revenues realized would rival our gaming operations. All have indicated their goal was at least a 50% profit margin with those we spoke to are well above that. While some may be concerned about the compliance within the industry, again, what I witnessed, it rivals our gaming operations. The controls they have in place and the lengths they go to ensure safety and quality are unmatched and would be a model for us to follow if we choose to go that route. We will have to wait to see what the landscape is like in the Kansas legislature.

The Kansas session has passed and for the time being we successfully defended the tobacco compact. While I know there are some that have a dif-

ference of opinion, myself being one of them, if Kansas chooses to get out of the compact, there is a right way to do it and that being consultation with the Tribes. The current Attorney General tried to submit a last-minute bill that would nullify the current compact. Many in the Senate did not know what that would mean arid how that would impact their and our operations. The last word I got was it still may be brought up again, we will have to see in the next session. Also, in the next session, we will have to work the different legislators to continue to push medical marijuana. It was close but there is still a lot of misunderstanding and a lot of misinformation.

Nationally, our lawsuit is pending but we have scored a victory. If you recall, we filed a case against the U.S. Treasury for distribution of the Cares dollars and how we were compensated. The Treasury Department used the Indian House Block Grant (IHBG) number as a basis to distribute funding. That number severely undercounted our members and because of our lawsuit, Tribal population was used for the American Recovery Plan (ARP). This was not only a win for us but for all of Indian County. Treasury did distribute additional funding to

the Tribe, but we did not receive the same amount per member as did other tribes. The case will be heard later this month. Our argument remains the same, the U. S. Government has a trust responsibility to all Tribes and all Tribes should be treated fairly and equability.

In Illinois, we are pushing hard to get our billed filed. Council has discussed with both Republican and Democrat representatives and all have said they are in support of it with only one Senator holding up the process. That Senator has asked the Department of Interior to provide a legal analysis and once received, will make their decision. Council has been told that the Interior is in favor our proposal and as soon as the Assistant Secretary is sworn in, will issue the analysis. We will continue to fight for our land and assume jurisdiction over our interests.

In dosing, I'll end as I have been for the last year and a half, protect yourself and your family, follow established guidelines while we are working through this pandemic. Be safe.

Migwett,
Joseph P. Rupnick

COVID Update

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation continues to navigate the ongoing challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Nation, as a governmental entity, remains in stage 3 which requires all individuals entering a tribal building to screen for symptoms, check temperatures and wear a mask. The Nation is also limiting entry into public spaces such as the Old Bingo Hall, to ensure that physical distancing is maintained. For anyone that uses the PBPB General Public Transportation program for rides, passengers are required to wear masks at all times.

Like the rest of the country, the Prairie Band Health Center has seen a surge in positive COVID-19 cases as the delta variant spreads through the community. The Prairie Band Health Center is following strict protocols to avoid bringing potential COVID positive individuals into the clinic. When patients arrive for their scheduled appointment, they are to remain in their vehicle (do not check in at the front desk) and drive directly to the ambulance bay for testing.

Anyone that would like to be tested or receive the vaccination can schedule an appointment at 785-966-8220. If no one answers, leave a message with your name and phone number, a nurse will return your call. The Prairie

Band Health Center is located at 11400 158 Road, Mayetta, Kansas.

All individuals are encouraged, at all times, to continue social distancing, and maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from people outside of your household. Individuals can also use hand sanitizer, wash hands frequently, receive the COVID-19 vaccine and refrain from activities with large groups of people to help reduce the spread. 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	29	5
Mar. 2021	23	1
Apr. 2021	23	1
May 2021	17	0
June 2021	10	0
July 2021	26	5
August 2021	69	30
Cumulative Totals	834	162

Election Continued

ascribes to while undertaking his role as a Commissioner. This is Mitchell's second, consecutive four-year term serving on the PBPB Gaming Commission.

During the course of his first term from 2017 through 2021, the Gaming Commission approved Class II Gaming at One Stop and established Class III Skill-based Technical Standards, along with navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Mitchell was also instrumental in the revision of the Nation's Law and Order Code, Title XII: Gaming in 2020.

This is Hale's first term as a Gaming Commissioner for the Nation. He has most recently been serving as the Nation's Road & Bridge Specialist, overseeing department operations, initially joining the department in 2015. In January 2021, he completed a term as a member of the Casino Board of Directors. Hale was also previously elected to the Nation's Tribal Council in 2008.

The Gaming Commission is the Nation's regulatory entity for all gaming enterprises. The full body of the Gaming Commission consists of three members, including Rey Kitchumme.

Joining the Ethics Commission for their first terms are Angela Greemore-Wahweotten and Royetta Rodewald. Greemore-Wahweotten has previously served on the PBPB

Constitution Committee helping draft revisions to the Nation's governing document and Rodewald formerly served as the Nation's Judicial Administrator of the PBPB Tribal District Court for over 10 years. Both individuals bring a wealth of knowledge in relation to the Nation's constitution and law and order codes.

Virginia LeClere will continue on in her role as Ethics Commission Secretary. LeClere was initially appointed to the role by Tribal Council in 2019 to serve the remainder of a vacated term. She brings with her 7 years of previous experience on the Ethics Commission serving from 2008 through 2014, and over 21 years of professional experience within the PBPB Community, currently overseeing the Nation's Planning and Environmental Protection department.

The Ethics Commission's purpose is to investigate and hear complaints against Nation officials that arise under the code of ethics provisions. The full body of the Ethics Commission now includes Chairperson Angela Greemore-Wahweotten, Vice-Chairperson Royetta Rodewald, Secretary Virginia LeClere, Commissioner #1 Jessica Burghart, Commissioner #2 Shawwna Wabaunsee and Commissioner #3 Allison Pahmahmie.

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



Prairie Band, LLC and family of companies finds itself in the midst of tremendous growth. Our government contracting division is on pace to have a record setting year in both revenue and income. They continue to be recognized as a premier service and solutions provider to the federal government. Despite ongoing pandemic related challenges, local companies which make up our retail and distribution division continue to perform at an exceptional level.

Our recently launched agriculture division, Prairie Band Ag, LLC is off and running with its first harvest of industrial hemp expected in late August 2021. Prairie Band Ag received its initial funding earlier this year. The construction of its cultivation facilities should wrap up by this fall. A pole barn was recently completed and will be used as a drying facility. Our three greenhouse facilities will follow the pole barn where we will grow high quality hemp for CBD extraction. We have over 90 acres of industrial hemp planted for fiber and grain. Additionally, we have approximately 6 acres of hemp planted outdoors for biomass purposes (CBD Extraction). Our 90 acres of

industrial hemp will be processed at our processing facility in early 2022. Our 6 acres of biomass will be sent to an outside extractor for processing and then will be formulated into product at our formulation facility. Both processing for fiber and formulation of CBD will occur at our facility colloquially known as “Area 51.”

Our Prairie Band Ag crew is doing a tremendous job getting this company off the ground. From our operations team, our field crew and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Lands Management crew, all have been great assets to our team. If you are in the area, I encourage you to drive by our O Road operations and see our crew at work. The majority of the Prairie Band Ag team are tribal members. Our Operations Manager, Theo Wahquahboshkuk, has been vital to the growth of our team and the field operations. Theo works hand in hand with our crew and the Land Management Department to bring this idea of a functioning, viable, hemp operation to the PBP. He has a strong background in plant and environmental sciences and has utilized our consultants to assist our operations during these beginning months. We have also sent the team to local hemp academies, working farms, and manufacturing facilities to gain knowledge. Again, I encourage you to visit our facilities for a closeup of the operations.

The plants for CBD biomass are entering the flowering stage at the O Road site on some of the more mature plants and we expect harvest to begin in late September. The team began trimming the bottom 6-8 inches to promote energy to be pushed up towards the top of the plant where the sun will reach and develop more robust colas (cluster of buds). The team is also trimming to reduce Septoria leaf spot on the lower sections of the plants. Septoria is a fungal disease that lives in the soil and is transmissible when water and soil splashes up on the plants

during rain events. It can also be transferred by insect, animal and human activity. Knowing that Septoria is prevalent in our soils, we plan to use plastic or a type of weed mat for next year’s outdoor grow to prevent any soil diseases from reaching the lower parts of the plants. The plastic will also drastically reduce the amount of labor that goes into weeding, and we can utilize our crew for other needed work assignments. The field crew is also working to prevent pest infestation. The past 4 weeks they have been spraying water soluble freshwater diatomaceous earth to reduce bug presence. It has helped reduce the number of bugs drastically. Applications will continue weekly to help prevent future insect infestation throughout the floral phase.

Ensuring compliance is very important to the success of our hemp operations. We are studying the cannabinoid profile of the crop throughout the season by utilizing outside testing facilities. All of our crops are well below the legal limit allowed by federal and tribal law.

Going forward, we will have several more employment opportunities as our greenhouse and processing facilities come online. We are very mindful of the trust our tribal citizens have given our team and are diligent in our growth strategies. Marketing will be key to the success of the hemp operations. As we continue to see grow, you will see an increased marketing effort for our products and service from Prairie Band Ag.

Hats off to our regulatory body and Tribal Council. The PBP was the first Tribal Government to have its hemp plan approved under the USDA’s Final Rule. The whole operation from the legal side to the operations is truly historic for the PBP. A tremendous amount of planning and teamwork has occurred and continues.

Outside of the hemp operations, we have

multiple other companies we own and manage. It is vital that we monitor the changing circumstances with COVID-19 and its variants. We do not anticipate any shutdowns of our jobs with our federal and commercial clients, but the situation seems to change almost daily. The company’s diversification efforts conducted over the past several years put us in a strong position to continue to have success despite the pandemic.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve as the CEO of Prairie Band, LLC. The growth we have experienced is a team effort and I appreciate the support our PB, LLC Board, Tribal Council and Government Operations, Casino Team and Casino Board provide. We collectively are making great strides to move our economic development efforts forward. I will provide an update of the 150/75 Development Project in the next edition of the Tribal Newspaper. Igwien.

Jacob “Tug” Wamego
President & CEO
Prairie Band, LLC



August 2021 - Prairie Band Ag Operations Manager Theo Wahquahboshkuk (PBP) stands in the midst of one of the Nation’s hemp fields.

Prairie Band Casino & Resort Update

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation (PBPEC) is providing an additional operational update from what was covered in the previous Prairie Band Potawatomi News as well as what was discussed at the informational General Council meeting.

In regards to the expansion, after lengthy discussion and consultation with legal counsel, the decision was made by the PBPEC Board and casino leadership to replace the general contractor. This decision did not come lightly but we needed to ensure the expansion is completed in a timely manner and in line with the approved budget. Prairie Band Construction was selected to be the new general contractor for the last few phases of the expansion. The PBPEC board is diligently working with Prairie Band Construction to update the completion timeline. We anticipate being able to share an estimated completion date at the next General Council



8.24.21 - Prairie Band Casino and Resort main entrance with the new monuments being fabricated.

meeting in October 2021.

Business continues to perform very well even with the challenges with staffing, supply chains and the pandemic. At the time of the drafting of this update, the casino has gone back to requiring guests and Team Members wear masks while on property. The casino, like most businesses, is still hiring so if you or anyone you

know is looking for a job please apply at <http://jobs.prairieband.com/>. We continue to offer a great benefit package, competitive wages and the opportunity for training and advancement.

In closing, we want to thank everyone who participated in the “name the spa” contest. A winner hasn’t been selected yet as we are still reviewing

all of the entries but we will make an announcement once a decision has been made, migwetch!

Prairie Band Casino Board of Directors: Frank Tecumseh, Corey Mzickteno, Jona Rupnicki, Hattie Mitchell and Justin Pahmahmie.

Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie: Report to the Nation



Good day to everyone, hope all is as well as summer wraps up and we move into the fall season. As usual this time of year we are in process of wrapping up our last few audits for the year. Budget season is also in full swing as Tribal Council will be meeting to review the Tribal Government, Casino and Gaming Commission FY2022 proposed budgets in the upcoming weeks. Budgeting continues to be a little tricky given the ongoing affects of the pandemic as well as looking forward to the completion of our Casino expansion and its impact on future years budgets. For the FY2021 budget we continue to receive pleasant surprises each month as the distributions from the Casino continue to exceed expectations. This translates into additional funding for our programs as well as contributes directly to increases for our quarterly Per Capita distributions. Additional information on the FY2021 Tribal Government budget follows in the article below. Also below are a few additional highlights and updates on items of interest in the Tribe's financial area.

CARES and ARPA Funding Update
At the time of the writing of my last article we were awaiting our distributions from the Fiscal Recovery Funds

(FRF) portion of the American Recue Plan Act (ARPA). Since that time, we received our first distribution of the FRF's on June 7th. The first distribution of FRF's was based upon an equal distribution of \$1 billion amongst the 574 Federally Recognized Tribes plus a share of \$12.35 billion which was to be allocated based upon tribal enrollment. On August 16th we received our second distribution of the FRF's which was a distribution of \$6.65 billion to be divided up amongst the tribes based upon 2019 employment data.

Upon receiving the first distribution of the FRF's the Tribal Council formally approved portions of the distribution to go towards economic relief and investments in infrastructure under Tribal Council Resolution No. 2021-236. Now that we have received the second distribution of the FRF's Tribal Council will be able to formally approve the use of the remainder of the funds in the next few days. ARPA FRF's costs must be incurred by December 31, 2024.

For the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) we did receive two additional distributions under the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). The distributions were deposited in mid May and mid June and were both utilized for economic relief. All of our CARES CRF's dollars have been obligated at this time, well before the deadline to incur costs by December 31, 2021.

Specific details for both our CARES and ARPA funds are published in the quarterly Financial Report as a hand-out at the General Council Meetings. Copies of the reports are available on the Tribal Member Log In or can be obtained by contacting my office.

FY2021 Budget Amendment
On June 30 the Tribal Council approved the First Amendment to the

FY2021 Tribal Government Budget through Resolution No. 2021-232. Throughout much of the first half of the year we have seen Tribal Cash Distributions (TCD) from the Casino rivaling those of years prior to State Gaming's introduction in 2012. The First Amendment increased the budget in accordance with the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) in which 28% of the increase was applied to Tribal Government Programs, 16% was allocated to Economic Development, 7% was allocated to General Welfare, 1% was allocated to Charitable Contributions and the remaining 48% was allocated to the quarterly Per Capita distributions.

Increases to the FY2021 Budget primarily affected the areas of 1) Increases to Capital Equipment and Projects. 2) Increase to National Housing Programs. 3) Increase to Education Programs. 4) Increases to Charitable Contributions. 4) Increase to quarterly Per Capita distributions. While the TCD's from the Casino continue to exceed both budgeted and prior year figures additional amendments to FY2021 will be considered with caution due to the uncertainty of COVID-19. I would suspect that the FY2021 budget will be reviewed again around mid September for a potential Second Amendment. Copies of the First Amendment to the Budget are available for review on the Tribal Member Log In or can be obtained by contacting my office.

New Investment Sub-Portfolios Established
On July 7th the Tribal Council approved the establishment of two new Sub-Portfolios under Resolutions No. 2021-246 and 2021-247. The two new Sub-Portfolios established are the Buildings and Roads Funds Sub-Portfolio and the ARPA Funds Sub-Portfolio. Previously existing Sub-Portfolios include our Main Long Term Funds, Tax Commission Funds,

Education Funds, Burial Funds and Health Center Funds. Much like our five previously existing Sub-Portfolios the two new funds have specific purposes creating the need for the new Sub-Portfolios.

For the Buildings and Roads Funds, they were established by moving funds from our Main Long Term Funds. The main goal of the Buildings and Roads Funds are to generate roughly \$2.0 million per year to go towards the repairs and maintenance our buildings and roads. Repair and maintenance of our infrastructure is an ever increasing cost for the Tribe and the creation of this fund will help reduce our reliance on gaming revenue for such costs.

For the ARPA Funds, this Sub-Portfolio was established as a short term, low risk account to hold our ARPA advances until the cash is needed primarily for economic relief and investments in infrastructure as identified by Tribal Council Resolution. Due to the short term and low risk nature of the fund earnings are not expected to be significant for this fund and it will likely be dissolved once all of the ARPA funds have been exhausted.

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)

Grants Corner

By Julia Murray | Grants Manager

This past quarter has been an exciting one for grants at PBPN. First, please join in congratulating Dawn LeClere, Language Coordinator on receiving three recent grants on behalf of the Language Department. These include the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Basic grant, IMLS Enhancement grant and the American Rescue Plan Emergency Language Preservation Grant. Funding will be used to digitize and preserve the Potawatomi language and historical records.

The Prairie Band Health Center was recently awarded funding from the Indian Health Service to add solar panels and low flow water devices at the Health Clinic. This award for green energy infrastructure is expected to offset the clinic's energy use by 50% and reduce water consumption by 40%.

Finally, PBPN has received a significant amount of funding through the American Rescue Plan Act to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. These funds have been dispersed to departments for continued efforts to decrease the spread and mitigate effects of COVID-19.

PBCR Concert



Thursday, September 23

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Tribal Council Member Tony Wahweotten: Report to the Nation



Ho' PBPB Members

I first, would like to extend my continued thoughts and prayers out to the families who had suffered losses this year, due to accident, natural causes or of the COVID- 19 pandemic. We have witnessed many heartaches during this time. I would also like to continue recognition of our front-line Clinical Staff, Hero and Essential workers during the pandemic quarantine periods of PBPB operations. All departments deserve recognition during this time, and many thanks to the entire PBP Casino staff for all they do. Tribal Council continues safety for membership and the PBPB workforce.

Secondly, many miigwetches to PBP voting membership for allowing me to be selected as your new PBP Tribal Council Representative, I am truly honored to serve at this capacity for the nation, and alongside with my colleagues, Chairman Rupnick, Vice Chairman Zach Pahmahmie, Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie, Secretary Camilla Chouteau, Councilman William Evans, and Councilman Raphael Wahwassuck. A special thanks to the Tribal Council Administrative Assistants. Every day brings new challenges, especially during the 2020/2021 pandemic. Tribal Council

is persistent through the course of responsibility, and remains diligent, to the PBPB and its members.

Since being sworn into office as Tribal Council on 08/27/20, I have scheduled my birthday day off, three funeral service days, five and a half days of PTO two and a half days of SL, and two days of approved administration time for spring dance.

Since the last April 17, 2021 General Council meeting, I have attended ten special Tribal Council meetings and one excused meeting, three, third Saturday Tribal Council meetings, one excused Town Hall informational meetings due to conference, two Land Management meetings, three PBPB Tax Commission meetings, ten Legal Counsel and Policy meetings, one quarterly PBPB Gaming Commission meeting, one Economic Strategic Planning meeting with LLC and Investment Committee, two Tribal Emergency Response Committee meetings with the PBPB Fire Chief, one Virtual Conference with GONA Gathering for Native Wellness, attended a three day Hemp Academy Training and Certificate of Completion, one luncheon with the Jackson County Commissioners, one virtual meeting with Kansas Ecological Field Office of Natural Resources Issues and opportunities, one Kansas Statehouse HB 273 Hearing, three day travel to visit cannabis dispensaries and grow operation facilities in the state of Michigan, three day travel to Intertribal Buffalo Council Conference and Training in Denver, two separate travel visits to Shabbona Illinois, three day cannabis conference in California, one virtual meeting with Kansas State Representative Jake LA Turner and Sharice David's people, all relating to informational only or the business and welfare of the Nation. Other Meetings relating to the Nation's business include, consecutive General Manager, Board of Director

reviews, LLC quarterly reviews, the Nation's current budget reviews and funding challenges. At the National level, the Nation continues Legal and Policy reviews, to address specific concerns and funding, that may impact the Nation.

On continued leadership activity, the Nation held a 2nd envision of Unified Leadership Economic Development Summit at the PBP Casino. Again, this will be a five-year course effort, to steer our Leadership to possible additional enterprise solutions. Since, Tribal Council has appointed a new Economic Development Investment Committee. The investment committees newest project will be the 150th and 75HWY Travel Plaza project.

Outside of my specific duties as Tribal Council, I have been appointed, as one of the new Tax Commissioners for the Nation. This position was formed by Tribal Council as the Tribes, one out of three, designated taxing authority, one vacancy. Title 10 (General Taxes) and Title 13 (Business Licensing). Title 32 (Hemp Legalization and Control Ordinance). See tribal website or portal for Tribal Law and Order Codes and Tax Reports. Since being appointed, I have participated and acted in approximately nine acting, Tax Commission meetings. New applications involving the Nation's Tax Authority, are available on the Nations website.

Under our Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitution, it stated under Article II-Land, Section 2 Tribal Council shall establish a Standing committee vested with the responsibility of protecting and preserving our land rights in accordance of our policies of the Nation. Tribal Council has appointed me as an additional Liaison, Vice Chairman, to the Lands Committee. I have participated in six PBP Lands meetings, one cancelled due to COVID related reasons. As the

new Tribal Council Liaison, I have had reviews of LMD activity reports, the Land Purchasing Office activity reports, and the cooperating USDA Natural Resources Conservation Reports. See the Tribal website or portal for Constitutional declarations under Article II-Lands.

Other continued news and interest I have been delegated to follow up on, is a sought-after project called the Soldier Creek Watershed. This project consists of early assessments in water resource planning, natural resource conservation, environmental protections within and outside our current boundaries. Our goal for the Soldier Creek Watershed Plan, cooperation with newly established 2018 farm bill and final rule funding opportunities, in respect to new development of rural water supply, flood prevention and damage, erosion and sediment control, fish and wildlife habitat, wetland restoration, and recreation opportunities. Again, we are still in the process of gathering historical information relating to any study on the SCWP, before a formal letter of sponsorship is submitted.

I have also conducted meetings with our Social Services department to discuss Tribal Council leadership representation to the Tribal Victim Services.

Although there is much more to cover, this is my report to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and its membership. Remember to continue to be safe out there, as we are still in a national pandemic, due to COVID-19 and delta variant. Not all people are vaccinated. Please continue practicing CDC safety guidelines.

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Tony Wahweotten

PBPB First Tribe Approved Under USDA Hemp Final Rule

On July 13, 2021, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was the first tribe to receive official approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Nation's Tribal Hemp Plan amendments under the Final Rule which took effect on March 22, 2021. Since then two additional Tribal Plans and six State Plans have received approval under the USDAS Final Rule.

The implementation of the USDA approved Tribal Hemp Plan is contingent upon the approval of the Nation's Title 32 Hemp Legalization and Control Ordinance, or the "Hemp Ordinance," which was approved by the Nation's Tribal Council effective August 12, 2021.

The Nation's Tax Commission worked diligently in a collaborative effort to

align the Nation's tribal Hemp Plan with the USDA's Final Rule. The Commission which includes PBPB Tribal Council Treasurer Wade Pahmahmie and Tribal Council Member Ronald "Tony" Wahweotten, along with PBPB Tax Director Tonya Negonsott-Rodvelt and Compliance Specialist William G. Mitchell are extremely proud of this accomplishment which furthers future innovations for the Nation's commerce. As the Nation continues growing, the Commission anticipates future business opportunities that will expand the workforce.

"I am beyond blessed in having the opportunity to work for an aggressive and forward-thinking Nation," stated Negonsott-Rodvelt, "the Nation has been very supportive and provided the necessary and adequate tools for a successful

department."

Negonsott-Rodvelt elaborated that adding William G. Mitchell to the team has immensely added value to the hemp regulations and department. William began employment with the Tax Department in December 2020 and has remained dedicated in learning and researching other Tribal and State Hemp plans. William was very instrumental in aligning the Nation's Tribal Hemp Plan to the USDAS Final Rule.

8.12.21 - Compliance Specialist William G. Mitchell (PBPB) inspects the Nation's hemp ensuring it adheres to the specifications required by regulations.



PBPN Begins Beekeeping

The Potawatomi Nation is known as the Keepers of the Fire, and in mid-May 2021, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation became keepers of the bees. The PBPN Planning and Environmental Protection program recently installed three brood boxes at the Land Maintenance complex, across the road from the Nation's orchard located on K road. The new hives which each consist of roughly 10,000 bees are the tribe's initial introduction to beekeeping. This new endeavor is off to a good start and it is anticipated that it will continue to grow and thrive and potentially become an economic resource in the future.

Virginia LeClere, PEP program Manager is leading the new bee initiative following a directive from the PBPN Tribal Council. LeClere and another PEP staff member, Chris Sims, attended Johnson County Community College (JCCC) Beekeeping I, II, and III, a 6-week training that prepares novice beekeepers on the ins and outs of bee maintenance prior to establishing

the new colony. Staff plans to attend additional classes through JCCC in the fall to train on honey harvesting,

the local Prairie Band community have also come forward to provide their hands-on knowledge regarding

their expertise to the project.

The PBPN Tribal Council recognizes both the critical decline in the bee population and the essential impact bees make on the environment and felt now was an important time to include them as a component of the Nation's resources.

Bees are vital pollinators with approximately 90% of all plants including trees requiring cross-pollination to flourish. Bees excel at helping plants grow, breed, and produce foods which furthers sustainable food systems for other insects, birds, animals and humans. The community is encouraged to respect the bees and their hives. Should anyone encounter a swarm, natural hive or brood boxes, do not disturb them.



6.3.21 - PEP Manager Virginia LeClere describes bee processes to PBPN Tribal Chairman Joseph Rupnick.

wintering bees, and proper treatment of mites, moths, and diseases that can challenge healthy hives.

Along with the bees settling into their own community, a few members of

beekeeping, Food Distribution (Commodities) program manager Blake Garrison, Building Maintenance staff Kevin Throssell, and tribal member Richard Adame have all kept bees successfully and were happy to lend

Language Learning Tip: The Potawatomi word for bee is amo (äh-mo).

11 Prairie Band Potawatomi Police Receive Special Law Enforcement Commission



6.22.21 - Potawatomi Tribal Police receive federal certification as they take the oath of the BIA Special Law Enforcement Commission in front of Bryan Stark, BIA – Assistant Special Agent in Charge. From left, Officer Justin Wunder, Sergeant Jordan Byers, Lieutenant Derek Wamego, Sergeant Tyrel Askren, Officer Derek Tuck, Sergeant Josh Peters, Officer Tanner Lemery, Officer Michael Barnhart, Officer Alexander Batstone, Sergeant Nicole Burdick, and Police Chief Terry Clark.

Eleven officers of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Police Department received Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Special Law Enforcement Commission (SLEC) on June 22, 2021, during a brief ceremony at the Potawatomi Tribal Police station. Bryan Stark, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior officiated the swearing-in. The new authority is in addition to their commission as tribal police officers.

The new commission provides federal certification to the officers allowing them to enforce federal criminal statutes and federal hunting and fishing regulations in Indian Country. The new status will allow the officers to act as a federal arresting authority, investigate federal crimes and testify in federal court. All officers met the standards for qualification, training and suitability required of BIA law enforcement officers. With the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act of

2010, Section 213 focused on increasing technical assistance and training to certify special law enforcement commissions to tribal justice officials and other individuals and entities responsible for responding to Indian Country crimes. Over the past year, the BIA and Justice Department officials have worked to create a new U.S. Attorney Office-led Criminal Justice Information Control training curriculum which was used in the officers' training sessions.

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department consists of 20 officers, with plans for more officers to become SLEC certified in the future. Staff that received the SLEC include, Chief Terry Clark, Lieutenant Derek Wamego, Sergeant Tyrel Askren, Sergeant Nicole Burdick, Sergeant Jordan Byers, Sergeant Josh Peters, Officer Michael Barnhart, Officer Alexander Batstone, Officer Tanner Lemery, Officer Derek Tuck and Officer Justin Wunder.

Prairie Band Police Host Youth Camp

During a brief break in COVID youths from the surrounding communities managed to attend the Youth Day Camp in late June 2021 put on by the Tribal Police Department. Members of the community banded together to provide food and activities for approximately 25 attendees free of charge.

Participants learned about crime scene investigations, firearms safety, police and fire equipment while still able to have fun using the departments simulator and guest appearances from the Kansas Life Start Helicopter, Kansas Highway Patrol, and a Jackson County K-9 Handler. The Tribal Police Department would like to extend a huge thank you to the participants, their families, and the community for making events like this possible.



June 2021 - Kansas Life Star and Tribal fire put on a spectacular demonstration for the campers.



June 2021 - Shawnee County SWAT dropped in with their Bear Cat Armored vehicles.

Healthy Relationships and Love Maps

By Jessica Wheeler, TVS Lead Victim Specialist

The first goal of the PBPB Tribal Victim Services program is to assist victims of crime and their families in meeting their immediate and essential needs after crime victimization. We strive to help survivors find a safe place where they can thrive and begin to heal. The second goal is to educate, raise public awareness, and promote opportunities for healing within both our community and the surrounding communities; so that we can all speak up together, to end domestic and intimate partner violence. Although domestic violence is usually no longer tolerated as blatantly as decades past, it is still happening and being “swept under the rug”. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience intimate partner, physical and/or sexual violence, and/or stalking within their lifetimes. NCADV also reports “on a typical day, local domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 19,159 calls, approximately 13 calls every minute.”

To end domestic violence, it is imperative that we break cycles and learn better ways of communicating and connecting to our loved ones. A healthy relationship “creates a safe space for personal growth and provides a sense of belongingness, love and honor,” according to Uzma Ahmad, former President of West-

ern Washington University. Healthy relationships are based on equality, respect, good communication, trust, and honesty. If you would like more information on healthy relationships or need TVS services, please call our 24/7 hotline @ 1-866-966-0173.

Below is a questionnaire to assess the quality of your relationship with your partner. Use this as a guide to make your relationship stronger. Please note, this is for fun and guidance only. It is not meant to be a clinical or professional form of relationship assessment or therapy. *For more ‘Love Maps’ fun, be sure to follow TVS on Facebook @ Tribal Victim Services – PBPB

LOVE MAPS QUESTIONNAIRE

By giving honest answers to the following questions, you will get a sense of the quality of your current love maps. For the most accurate reading of how your marriage is doing on this first principle, both of you should complete the following:

Read each statement and circle T for “true” or F for “false.”

- 1. I can name my partner’s best friends. T F
- 2. I can tell you what stresses my partner is currently facing. T F
- 3. I know the name of some of the people who have been irritating my partner lately. T F

- 4. I can tell you some of my partner’s life dreams. T F
- 5. I am very familiar with my partner’s religious beliefs and ideas. T F
- 6. I can tell you about my partner’s basic philosophy of life. T F
- 7. I can list the relatives my partner likes the least. T F
- 8. I know my partner’s favorite music. T F
- 9. I can list my partner’s three favorite movies. T F
- 10. My spouse is familiar with my current stresses. T F
- 11. I know the three most special times in my partner’s life T F
- 12. I know the three most stressful things that happened to my partner as a child. T F
- 13. I can list my partner’s major aspirations and hopes in life. T F
- 14. I know my partner’s major current concerns. T F
- 15. My spouse knows who my friends are. T F
- 16. I know what my partner would want to do if he or she suddenly won the lottery. T F
- 17. I can tell you in detail my first impressions of my partner. T F
- 18. Periodically I ask my partner about his or her world right now. T F
- 19. I feel that my partner knows me pretty well. T F
- 20. My spouse is familiar with my hopes and aspirations. T F

Scoring: Give yourself one point for each true answer.

10 or above:


This is an area of strength for your marriage. You have a fairly detailed map of your spouse’s everyday life, hopes, fears, and dreams. You know what makes your spouse “tick”. Based on your score, you’ll probably find the love map exercises that follow easy and gratifying. They will serve as a reminder of how connected you and your partner are. Try not to take for granted this knowledge and understanding of each other. Keeping in touch in this way ensures that you’ll be well equipped to handle any problems that crop up in your relationship.

Below 10:

Your marriage could stand some improvement in this area. Perhaps you never had the time or the tools to get to really know each other. Or perhaps your love maps have become outdated as your lives have changed over the years. In either case, by taking the time to learn more about your spouse now, you’ll find your relationship becoming stronger.

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Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Wellness Connection Services


- WCS offers services for youth ages 10-24 in the areas of suicide and substance abuse prevention.
- Informed by a multidisciplinary team of community members and partner organizations
- Uses the Community Readiness Model to better assess the specific needs of our community while incorporating Potawatomi knowledge and values.

Email: wellnessconnections@pbpnation.org
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255



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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.



**ALL NATIONS
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All Nations Breath of Life (ANBL) is a FREE group-based quit smoking program that has been culturally tailored for American Indians and includes the latest science on cessation information. ANBL is currently enrolling participants who are thinking about quitting smoking or who actively want to quit smoking.

- This Program is open to all Native Americans and Tribal Employees, both Native and Non-Native, age 18+.
- Participants meet in group-based support sessions that include Native American Facilitators.
- Participants will receive individual telephone counseling, group sessions, and incentives with option to use pharmacotherapy.

For more information and to get enrolled, contact:
Edie Wamego - edithwamego@pbpnation.org or 785-966-8355

The Member Services department requests all listed tribal members to update their address immediately. The Official Change of Address form is available online at pbpindiantribe.com/member-services. Tribal members can contact Member Services toll-free at 866-277-3722 to request a form, however *No address changes will be accepted by phone* or you can stop by the Government Center to pick up the form.

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National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Shares Historic Survey Results

A pioneering team on a mission to address a deep wound within the Native American community visited the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation at the bequest of the PBPB Social Services Advisory Board to share their preliminary findings from a comprehensive study on child removal in Native communities and to ask this community to take part at the start of the summer.

On June 6, 2021, a small contingent which included Christine Diindiisi McCleave, M.A., Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Samuel Torres (Mexico) Director of Research and Programs of The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS), along with Sandy White Hawk, Executive Director of the First Nations Repatriation Institute and four additional colleagues from the University of Minnesota which included Dr. Sara Axtell, Family Social Science Professor and Dr. Carolyn Liebler, Sociology Professor and two student analysts Maggie Greenleaf (Red Lake Ojibwe) and Chris Mann delivered a presentation to approximately 40 attendees detailing the journey of the survey and its proposed uses.

The first of its kind study, is called “Child Removal in Native Communities; An Anonymous Survey.” The survey is being conducted by the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS), a non-profit established in 2012 through the Native American Rights Fund, in partnership with the First Nations Repatriation Institute (FNRI) and the University of Minnesota. The anonymous survey seeks to gather information about American Indian and Alaskan Native experiences and impacts of child removal related to the United States’ federal Indian boarding school policy.

“The U.S. tried to genocide us - and it did not work,” stated Diindiisi McCleave, community expert and CEO of NNABSHC. But the impacts of the Indian Boarding School legacy certainly did and continue to impact generations of Native American people and this is one reason why Diindiisi McCleave feels so strongly about the need for a survey of this kind.

“These experiences are ours, and we can use this [survey] as proof,” said Diindiisi McCleave. A member of the Turtle Mountain Ojibwe, Diin-

to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, in order to force the U.S. court system to release boarding school records and to hold the U.S. government accountable.

What the survey itself has revealed, from nearly 800 responses, is that the experience of removal, whether through boarding school, foster care or adoption is traumatic not only for the individual, but also for their families and the generations that follow. The experience creates a multi-layered, complex of trauma that can be

“We are veterans,” she said of the individuals who have lived through this experience, “remnants of the last of the Indian Wars.”

Within the crowd, eleven people from both the Potawatomi and Kickapoo communities shared that they had attended boarding schools. Some of the schools they named were St. Augustine Indian Mission (Winnebago, Neb.), Winnebago Indian Mission (Black River Falls, Wis.), Haskell (Lawrence, Kan. long before it was a university), Riverside (Anadarko, Okla.), Chillicothe Indian School (near Ponca City, Okla.) and the St. Paul’s Indian Mission School or “Marty Mission” in Marty, South Dakota.

Not only is NABS collecting information from the survey the organization is also actively working to make boarding school records available through the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive . To this day, some children are still missing, lying in unmarked graves. Tribal people need access to records to facilitate their return or make an attempt at reconciliation. The group is committed to indigenous data sovereignty and is working with 15 boarding schools

to digitize their records and make all the information accessible through the internet. While this is a significant start, it is known that the United States operated at least 367 boarding schools in 29 states, representing 14 religious denominations, with some institutions still in operation to this day.

If you are a boarding school survivor, have boarding school history in your family, or have ever been adopted or placed in foster care, you can take the survey at z.umn.edu/child-removal-study. The survey takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete and includes trauma resources available to participants. To learn more about the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition visit boardingschoolhealing.org.



6.6.21 - The team behind the historic, first of its kind “Child Removal in Native Communities; An Anonymous Survey” introduce themselves at the start of their in-depth presentation on the impacts of Indian child removal in Native communities.

diisi McCleave also shared that her family has generations with first-hand experience beginning with her great grandfather who attended Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania in 1920 and played football with Jim Thorpe. Carlisle opened in 1879 and was the first government-run boarding school for Native American children. In 2018, 139 years later, it was also the first place where NABS Coalition leaders hosted their inaugural healing summit for boarding school survivors and descendants.

Diindiisi McCleave and her team plan to use the data collected from the survey to assist tribal nations in building better programs at the local level along with impacting legislation at the federal level and would ultimately like to push Congress to enact a Truth Commission, similar

difficult to resolve. Many participants related a deep feeling of unworthiness, loss of identity, emotional isolation, physical and sexual abuse, malnutrition and for some this has led to mental health issues, substance abuse, and suicide.

“What happened to you is not your fault,” said Sandy White Hawk, FNRI Executive Director and community expert, “You are acting normally to an abnormal experience.” White Hawk, 68, is a member of the Lakota Nation and was adopted out of her family at the age of 18 months to a family of white missionaries. She was not reunited with her birth family until many, many years later as an adult. During the presentation she shared her personal experience and her passion for assisting in this project.

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April Blakeslee

MUSKOGEE, OK – April Rene’ Blakeslee, 51, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2021. She was born on April 27, 1969, to Halidon George Blakeslee and Glenda Joyce (Goolsby) Blakeslee in Muskogee, Oklahoma. April graduated from Muskogee High School with the class of 1987.

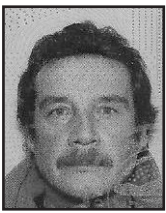
April worked at Domino’s Pizza as a dishwasher and was affiliated with Incor. She loved going to the Special Olympics where she won several medals. She also loved going bowling and roller skating. She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church. April loved her family very much and enjoyed spending time with them. She will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

April was preceded in death by her grandparents, Glen and Geneva Goolsby, and Evelyn Blakeslee.

She is survived by her father, Hal Blakeslee of Muskogee, OK; her mother, Glenda Blakeslee of Muskogee, OK; her brother, Michael Blakeslee of Muskogee, OK; her uncles, Bill Blakeslee of Muskogee, OK, and John Blakeslee of Texas; her aunts, Helen Cantrell of Oklahoma and Margaret Jansen of Titusville, FL; her special friends, Gerald Brostek, Patrick O’Reilly, and Dallas Brostek all of Muskogee, OK; and many other family members.

A celebration of April’s life will be 10 AM, Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Pastor Emery Mason officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Darvin McClellan, Jeffrey Seward, Cheri Dixon, Tom Heathcock, Gregg Modell and Jim Montgomery serving as pallbearers.

- Courtesy of Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory



Michael Powers

ONAGA, KS – Michael Ray “Mike” Powers, 61, of Onaga, KS, passed away Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, KS. He was born June 13, 1959, in Kansas City, KS, the son of Ray Powers and Wanda L. (Pahmahmie) LaHue.

Mike lived in the Onaga community for 4 years and previously on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. He worked as a mason bricklayer for most of his life. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include his daughter, Rhiannon Leitterman of Parkville, MO; sister, Rochelle “Shelly” Johnson (Virgil) of Fairway, KS; brother, Steve Hope of Deltona, FL and 3 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Kathleen Powers, and brother, Donald Powers.

Graveside Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 7, 2021, at Shipshee Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes



Irvin Jessepe

Irvin “Peskwaneet” Jessepe, age 73 of Horton, KS passed away on June 16, 2021 on the Kickapoo Reservation. He was born on August 21, 1947, in Horton, Kansas the son of Paul and Julia Puckee Mijessepe. He attended St. Paul Mission School in Marty, South Dakota, he served as an alter boy during his time there. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving from 1968 to 1972. He completed two tours of duty in Vietnam, where his hearing was damaged. He was a recipient of many honors and commendations. He retired as a Unionized Carpenter and worked at Whiteman Airforce Base in Nobnoster, Missouri for 27 years. He was enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi, also an active member of the Potawatomi and Kickapoo Communities. Irvin was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed watching basketball and football, and during his younger days played basketball. He was often seen in gymnasiums and ball fields locally and throughout the Midwest region supporting Native American Athletes. He was a member of the Drum Religion and supported the Brown County Chapter of Native American Church. It was well known he was the unofficial cook of Pork Gravy... he had a secret recipe. Survivors include his brother, James Jessepe, Horton, KS. and four sisters, Adeline Horn of Parkville, MO., Nancy Smartlowit of Toppenish, Washington, Bertha Hale of Hiawatha, KS., Ruthann Ramirez of Mayetta, KS., and many nieces and nephews. He was adopted by the Maynard Potts family and has 2 sons and 2 daughters, Voncile Mitchell, Doris Potts-Zyganiuk, Eddie Potts and Lloyd Potts, and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Teresa Jessepe and Lois Thomas. Drum service will be at the Dance ground Building on the Potawatomi Reservation on Tuesday evening. Burial will be Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at the Mijessepe on the Kickapoo Reservation. A special message may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com

- Courtesy of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary



Cecilia Bonilla

CHICAGO, IL – It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Cecilia Bonilla, who passed away on June 20, 2021. Cecilia was born to Sheryl Rodriguez in Chicago, IL on November 1, 1979. She is survived by her 7 children: Desiray Bonilla, Elizabeth Casteel, Earl Casteel Jr, George Casteel, Luke Casteel, Joseph Casteel, and Francis Casteel. She is also survived by her grandson Salem, her sister Marie Dastych, 2 nieces, 7 nephews, and numerous other family members and friends. Cecilia was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

- Courtesy of the family



Bruce Jessepe

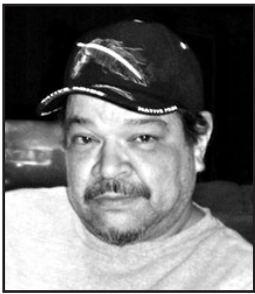
KANSAS CITY, MO – Bruce M. Jessepe, age 67, of Kansas City, Missouri passed away Thursday, August 12, 2021, at his home in Kansas City. Bruce was born February 1, 1954, in Topeka the son of Lester and Beulah (Cooper) Jessepe and grandson of Hanelle and “Aunt Kate” Jessepe.

He graduated from Topeka High School and attended Kansas University. Bruce served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He worked in food services at the Topeka Country Club, then while living in San Francisco. He also worked at Stormont Vail Hospital in the respiratory department.

Bruce was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. Bruce loved living in a big city, especially San Francisco. He enjoyed music, movies and reading.

Bruce was preceded in death by a brother, Clifford Jessepe. He is survived by three sisters, Leslie (Charles) Jessepe, Evon Marie Jessepe and Grace Loraine Jessepe, all of Topeka, along with several nieces and nephews.

- Courtesy of Davidson Funeral Home



David Marquez

LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI – David J. Marquez, age 58, of Lac du Flambeau, WI, passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at his home. He was born on December 8, 1962, in Chicago, IL, the son of Pedro and Laura (nee Shegonee) Marquez. David is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Patti A. Marquez; brothers, Peter Marquez and Susano Marquez, and aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his son, David J. (Evelyn) Flying; stepchildren, Nichalas (Naomi) Goetsch and Stephanie (Brian) Ernest; siblings, Mario (Peggy) Marquez, Ray Marquez, and Benna Cross; many grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lac du Flambeau. Services will be held from 9:00 – 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at the Multi-Purpose Building.

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services is assisting the family, www.bolgerfuneral.com

- Courtesy of Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services



Annette Gray

DALLAS, TX – Annette Cravatt Gray was born on November 18, 1962, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She passed away on August 12, 2021, in Dallas, Texas. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

She is survived by her daughters, Amanda Cravatt, Barbara Cravatt, and Jennifer Cravatt; grandchildren, Julian, Christina, Johanna, David, Miguel and Alyssa; brother, Lyndel Cravatt; and many other loving family and friends.

- Courtesy of Hughes Funeral Home – Oak Cliff Chapel

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Rosemarie Desautels

OMAHA, NE – Rosemarie Angela (Ramirez) Desautels was 81 years. Born September 17, 1939, she passed on June 27, 2021. Preceded in death by her parents, George R. and Mary Rose (Puckee) Ramirez; sons, Sylvio M. and James G. Desautels; sister, Joan K. Ventura; and brother, Gregory A. Ramirez; nieces, Mary R Alcuran and Ernestine J. Ventura. She is survived by daughters, Kathleen M. (Tony) Baker and Loretta A. (Billy) Bibby; son, Michael G. Desautels; sisters, Loretta T. Ramirez, Georgiana R. (Francisco) Alcuran, Geraldine A. (Rosendo) Martinez, and Ramona J. Ramirez-Alvarez and ex-husband, Sylvio M. Desautels; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Rose was the oldest of seven children and a South Omaha girl. She attended Immaculate Conception Grade School and South High School following in her father's footsteps. She was a tribal member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation of Mayetta, Kansas and loved attending Pow Wow gatherings. She was a talented artist, played the accordion, loved music and dancing and adored making crafts. She especially enjoyed family gatherings and holidays being around her grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Rosemarie's life was one of "PERSEVERANCE." Perseverance that gave her strength to move back home with her four young children from New Hampshire. Perseverance shown through 32 years of employment with Western Electric (AT&T Network). Most of all, perseverance to endure the deaths of her two sons. Despite the struggles and challenges life put in front of her, her perseverance enabled her, as a single parent to care for and work very hard for her children. She was very proud of her children and her smile will always be remembered as a "smile of love". Rosemarie encompassed the fruit of the spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and faithfulness. She will always and forever be in our hearts and prayers. As our mother would say "Loving you always and forever."



Phillip Wamego

WABENO, WI – Philip Michael Wamego, 46, of Wabeno, WI passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at St. Michael's Hospital, Stevens Point. Philip was born September 16, 1974, in Chicago, Illinois the son of Philip LaBarge and Pamela Daniels.

Surviving are his mother, Pamela Daniels, Wabeno; daughter, Chenne Wamego, Wabeno; son, Philip Wamego Jr., Wabeno; sisters, Danae LaBarge, Wabeno; Star LaBarge, Appleton; Tina LaBarge, Milwaukee; brothers, Darryl LaBarge, Crivitz; Arthur LaBarge, Lac Du Flambeau.

He was preceded in death by his father, Philip LaBarge; son, Logan Wamego; brothers, Philip "Guy" LaBarge and Brian LaBarge.

Visitation will start at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021 at Sunnyside Chapel, Carter. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Sunnyside Chapel with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Burial to follow at Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Blackwell. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

- Courtesy of Weber-Hill Funeral Home

Desautels Continued

Visitation at Holy Name Catholic Church Wednesday, June 30th, after 9 a.m. with Mass Of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment: St. John Cemetery. Memorials requested Holy Name Church.

– Courtesy of Korisko Larkin Staskiewicz Funeral Home/ Ventura Family



Shirlene Seymour

WINNEBEGO, NE- Shirlene Fawn "Sogmahquah" Seymour, 61, of Winnebago, NE, passed away August 21, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, IA. She was born August 23, 1959 in Holton, KS, the daughter of Melvin Twin and Alberta Marie Nagmo.

Shirlene graduated from Royal Valley High School in 1977. She earned her Associates Degree at Washburn University in counseling. Shirlene worked for the Drug Dependency Unit at Indian Health Service in Winnebago, NE, as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. She loved working with Indian people, and she helped many with their struggles in addiction. She enjoyed watching the Kansas City Chiefs (Patrick Mahomes), working out, and being with all her grandchildren.

She was a member of Drum Religion and Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Survivors include her 3 children, Carolyn Seymour (Justin Lasley) and Andrea F. Alvarado (Daniel Kemp) both of Winnebago, NE and Shamoga Seymour (Leraine Biggoose) of Lawrence, KS; her adopted mother, Judy Wabaunse; 3 sisters, Jackie Mitchell, Lisa Wamego and Edie Wamego all of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation; 6 brothers, Eddie Joe Mitchell, Randy Mitchell, John LeClere, Mando Evans and Lavern Hale all of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation and Leo Mitchell of Valley Falls, KS; 8 grandchildren: MweKwe, KiWenKe, Sineyah, Wanopahzi, Shipshee, WebTeTek, Charli, and Winter are her grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin Twin and Alberta Marie Nagmo Wamego; a sister, Sandra Mitchell and 4 brothers, Gary, Larry and Andrew Mitchell and Mike Wamego.

Private Family Supper and Wake will be Monday Evening, August 23, 2021 at the Danceground Building on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at Takako Cemetery (near 150th, west of K rd.) Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

- Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home

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Total Donated \$53,415

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 - Community Health Care System
 - ECKAN
 - EmberHope Inc.
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◆ 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 Old Bingo Hall
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Virtual Town Hall Scheduled

• December 1, 2021 •

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Meeting opens at
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Happy Birthday! - TTiwenmo Eginigyen

We are so proud to introduce the newest member of our family!
Catteleya Orchid Wheeler-Mesa
NICU Graduate
Born 2/12 - 11lb 15 oz, 13.9 in.
Now - 13lbs, 23 in.
Proud parents:
Violet Mesa & Nathaniel Wheeler
Proud Grandparents:
Carol Navarro & David "Chino" Mesa
Jessica & Scott Wheeler



Happy 13th Birthday
Izzy!
Love, Mom



Happy 5th Birthday
Gideon Pahmahmie!
We love you so much!
Love, Mom & Loretta



Happy Birthday LaNell!
We love ya -Op-



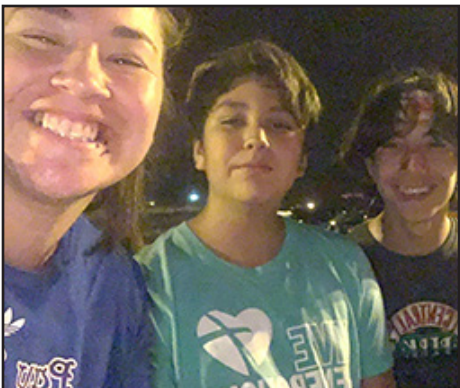
Happy 5th Birthday
Renny!
Grannie V loves you
forever and ever!



Wishing our Ratas Happy Birthday
and a beautiful safe year!!

Tots - June 4
BeeMur - July 9
Monks - August 14

Love Mama and the Brothers



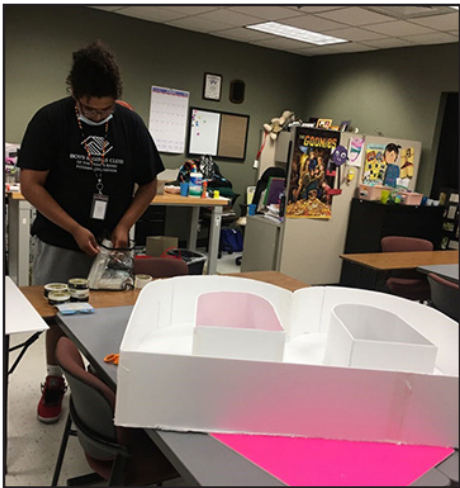
Happy Birthday Ayakwika
18 Years!
I love you very much daughter!

Aya is playing soccer at Johnson
County Community College.
Come out and watch her play this
season!



Happy Birthday to Lawrence E. "Butch" Walker, 11 - August 22 and Sherri Landis - August 31!

Boys & Girls Club Pride of Hoyt Float



August 2021 - PBPB Boys and Girls Club staff and youth worked together to create an exuberant and eye-catching float for the annual Pride of Hoyt community event held on August 21, 2021. Team members created letter forms using posterboard and hot glue and filled them with balloons. On the float the kids wore their tie-dye t-shirts adding to the colorful ride. Pictured above are: Evianna Evans, Pomsah and Meeks Hubbard, Gracie Whitebird, Kata Hubbard, Alberto Tinojero, Antonio Hopkins, Cheryl Hopkins, Joanna Mitchell, Kwe-Kwe-Gee Simon, Sebe Rodriguez, Monte and Shug Little Axe.

THE MARSHALL TUCKER BAND
Thursday, **October 28**

LITTLE RIVER BAND
Thursday, **November 11**

TRACE ADKINS
Saturday, **November 13**