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PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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Special opening events planned at grocery store

By DENNETTE BARE

As progress is made at the FireLake Discount Foods construction site, passersby become more eager for its opening. The long anticipated opening is scheduled for the middle part of March. "If the weather will cooperate with us, there will be no problem opening in March," said Terry O'Rorke, director of FireLake Discount Foods. From the outside, it looks as though construction has been at a stand still since before Christmas, but on the inside, workers are scurrying around getting shelving set and preparing the walls for paint. "The inside of the store will be complete long before the outside, at this rate," O'Rorke commented.



FireLake Discount Foods Takes Shape In This Late January Photo

Activities for the grand opening are being planned and will be finalized within the next few weeks. There will be a grand opening ceremony for tribal members prior to the actual opening of the store. "It is our desire to have a grand opening for tribal members that will give them the opportunity to tour their store, prior to that of any other group," said O'Rorke. If you are interested in making a trip to attend the grand opening, mark your calendars for the middle to late part of March. As the time nears, there will be more information regarding the grand opening.

FireLake Discount Foods will have much in the way of services to offer its customers — Blueberry Hill Creamery, an ice-cream shop that will feature a stage area for parties and a '50s style jukebox; the bakery, where you can grab a cup of coffee and your favorite pastry; the deli, with fresh sandwiches and party fixin's; a hometown florist for that special occasion; the photo center, to preserve those captured moments forever; homestyle barbeque; KGFF AM 1450 radio station; and a branch of the First National Bank

and Trust of Shawnee. Aside from those services, FireLake Discount Foods will offer online shopping and a Customer Loyalty Program. The online shopping will be offered seven days a week with deliveries set for twice a week. Delivery service will be available for a nominal fee and within a certain radius of the store. The Customer Loyalty Program, previously called the frequent buyer program, has changed in the way in which customers can use their accumulated points. The accumulated points, or cash base, can only be used at FireLake Discount

Foods or the Convenience Store. The points cannot be redeemed for tobacco or alcohol products, but can be used for groceries and gas. "At this time, we are not equipped at our other tribal enterprises to allow the use of the customer loyalty card," said

O'Rorke. "We hope to be there someday, but right now it is not feasible."

FireLake Discount Foods is currently seeking employees in the following areas: meat market, produce, bakery, deli, dairy, frozen foods, ice-cream shop, cus-

tomers service, cashiers, sackers, stalkers and various management positions. If you are interested in applying, send your resume to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Human Resources Dept., 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION REQUEST FOR BALLOT • 2001 ELECTION

To comply with the 2000 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Ordinance, please complete this form and return to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

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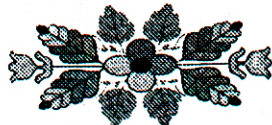
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Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Roll Number:

SIGNATURE: _____ TRIBAL ROLL #: _____

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Citizen Potawatomi
Nation Heritage
Festival
June 29 & 30,
July 1, 2001



DEADLINE: JUNE 11, 2001



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TRIBAL TRACTS

From Our Mailbox

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing this letter to thank you for helping support me in three years of study at the University of Oklahoma. I have left school to take a job in the computer industry. I greatly appreciate the assistance rendered me by the Tribe. It is a great thing to have had the tangible encouragement that you supplied me when I needed it.

Thank you,

Justin Shane Baker

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for the honor of receiving a scholarship for the fall term. The extra money really makes a difference in the affordability of attending university. A special thanks to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for providing such a wonderful program. I would also like to thank the Housing Authority department for providing extra assistance with rent expense.

Thanks again,

Jayne Sauer

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing this letter to thank you for the scholarship that I was granted for the fall-2000 semester. Without your funding it would not be possible for me to pursue my education. The support from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is

very encouraging and instrumental in helping me complete my Bachelor's degree.

Once again, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Whittle

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the scholarship I was awarded for the summer semester 2000. This scholarship allowed me to concentrate on my studies at Washburn University by assisting with my tuition payments. I would like to apologize for the delay in expressing my sincere thanks, and I hope you don't think I am ungrateful for your generosity.

My entire family attended the CPN tribal meeting that took place here in Topeka in May and discovered all the benefits available to tribal members. My parents attended the Pow Wow in Oklahoma last June and were very impressed with the developments taking place on the reservation. I'm hoping to be able to participate in the festivities next year along with my children and parents.

Again, thank you very much for your assistance with my tuition obligations.

Sincerely,

Lori Turner

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee and the Housing Authority for the scholarship and award that I received for the fall 2000 semester.

I am honored to be a member of the CPN and truly appreciative of your financial assistance. Returning to college is a challenge and the monetary awards really help.

Once again, I am very grateful for the programs designed for us students.

Thank you,

Michele S. Sweeney



Bruno On State Board

On December 5, 2000, Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, received notification of his appointment to the Board of Directors for the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, by Governor Frank Keating. The Native American Cultural and Education Authority (NACEA) is a 17 member board that includes seven appointed members who serve defined terms and must be members of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe located in the State of Oklahoma. Of those, three members are appointed by the Governor, two by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The NACEA is responsible for promoting the history and culture of the American Indians in the State of Oklahoma for the benefit of its Native American and non-Native American population. Other tribal members who presently hold board positions include Bill Anoatubby, Governor of Chickasaw Nation; former Principal Chiefs Joe Byrd, Cherokee Nation and Elmer Manatowa, Sac & Fox Nation.

Kreeger earns National Merit praise

It has been announced that Seminole High School senior Colt Kreeger has been named as a Commended Student in the 2001 National Merit Scholarship Program. Colt received the letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program.

More than one million students entered the program by taking the 1999 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, Colt placed among the top five percent. Colt made a score of 34 on the ACT and based upon that achievement he will receive an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Scholarship.

He is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a descendent of Joseph Moutaw, via NeoBoash Potawatomi Tribal Indian Chief and the son of Dan and Jane Kreeger of Seminole. Colt is a member of the Seminole High Varsity Football Team and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was recently recognized as Kiwanis Club Student of the Month and as a Venture Scholar, as well as being nominated for a National English Merit Award and as the 2001 Academic All-State Student. His hobbies are football, oil painting and reading. He will attend Northeastern State College in Talequah to pursue a degree in pre-med.

FireLake Discount Foods is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- * Meat Market Managers
- * Meat Cutters
- * Bakery Managers
- * Deli Managers
- * Produce Managers
- * Cashiers
- * Stockers

Applications may be obtained from the receptionist at the Tribal Headquarters building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., or at the FireLake Discount Foods office, 1570 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

HOWNIKAN PEOPLE OF THE FIRE

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LET PROGRESS CONTINUE

VOTE

JOHN ROCKY BARRETT

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

JUNE 30, 2001

VOTE FOR

ESTHER LOWDEN

POTAWATOMI TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON

JUNE 30, 2001



WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

The following Tribal Members were enrolled under Previous Guidelines on November 30, 2000:

Baptiste, Sanuel Joseph
Cope, Victor Allen II
Ghan, Sandra Lee Draper
Heath, Linda Claire Louraine
Lee, Christie Louise
Lee, Devin Paul
McKinney, Toree Vega
Ray, Kimberly Ann
Schmechel, Richard Michael
Weiler, Virginia Marie

The following Tribal Members were enrolled by descendency on November 30, 2000 by Descendency:

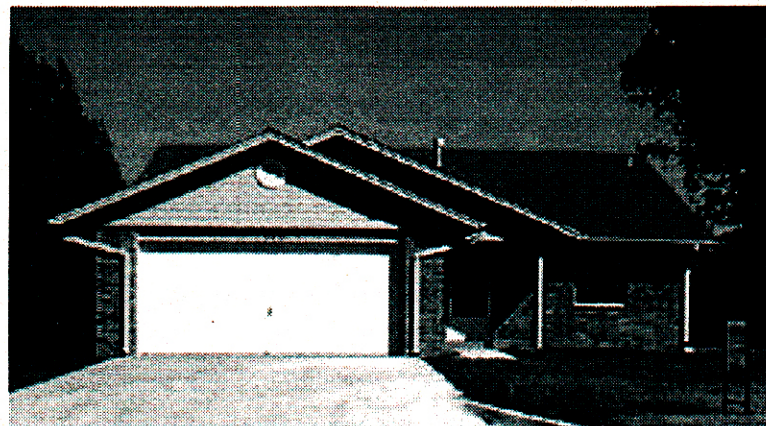
Anderson, Jennifer Kay
Avelar, Jami Ann
Avelar, Joseph Anthony
Bagley, Robert Austin Dean
Bickford, Bailie Nichole
Bickford, Rachel Danea
Bishop, Mason Jack
Boone, Naomi Lee Ann
Boone, Stormy Marie
Bradford, Sheena Marie
Bressman, Kaden Lee
Bressman, Kody Russell
Burns, Dante Issiah
Canaday, George Galen
Clay, Joshua Zachary
Cope, Chelsea Lea
Cope, Madison Dawn

Corley, Koye LeDanne Hull
Cutter, Johnny Keith, Jr.
Cutter, Megan Rae
Davenport, Amber Nicole
Davenport, Joshua James
Davidson, Josie Irene
Diehl, Chelsea Marie
Dilley, Craig Russel
Dilley, Hannah Ruth
Dilley, Sarah Fay
Elden, William Richard
Elkins, Melissa Marie Bowers-Sanchez
Elkins, Lucas Shaun
Escobedo, Phillip Anthony
Ferrell, Katie Christine
Francoeur, Chase Albert
Francoeur, Cleve James III
Freestone, Bailee Anne
Fuller, Brandon Lane
Garrett, Lauren Hope
Grider, Ryan Gregory
Griffith, Nathaniel Steven Robert
Guss, Chad Allan
Guss, Kari Lynn
Hackett, Branden Lee
Hackett, Rachael Gail
Hackett, Tyler Shane
Heckadon, Jacee Nicole
Hobbs, John Odell
Holeman, Forest Nicole
Horton, Austin Tieler
Horton, Kayston Madison
Howell, Austin Chaz

Howell, Chantel Michelle
Howell, Christopher Tyler
Hyman, Lindsey Lyn
Hyman, Susan Elizabeth Prafka
Jackson, Kyle James
Jackson, LeRoy Leondias
Jobe, Casey Nicolas
Jobe, Kari Nicole
Jobe, Leslie Margo Whitten
Kilcoyne, Max Matthew
Kiosterud, Stephanie Brenae Beets
Klein, Yolanda Yea Scott
Knieper, Kimberly Dawn Scott
Lisle, Jared Sawyer
Loehr, Kristin Renea
Lombardi, Julie Lynn Tescier
Long, Danny Paul, Jr.
Long, Emily Ann
Long, Katy Nicole
Martin, Zachary Taylor
Matthews, Sherri Renee
McDaniel, Tesla Marie
McGuire, Scott Brian
McKenzie, Sarah Louraine
Menchau, Nicole Elizabeth
Metzger, Paris Nicole
Miller, Christina Louise
Monroe, Skye Riley
Payne, Caleb John
Pitts, Derra Marie
Powell, Anthony Kale
Precure, Paige Anne
Rains, Emily Moties

Reed, Paige Shyanne
Reyes, Christian Andrew
Reyes, Daniel Brett
Reyes, Ramon Lawrence, Jr.
Ross, Edward Henry III
Rowley, Shelby Lee
Runyon, Blake Thomas
Sanchez, Neely Marie Lynn
Sanchez, Raymond Douglas
Scott, Charles Dwight
Shanks, Amy Diane
Smith, Audrey Elizabeth
Smith, Braxton Riley
Smith, Charles Thomas
Smith, Lisa Dawn Hill
Smith, Penny Suzanne
Steepprock, Camille Liselle
Surdick, Matthew James
Surdick, Michael Jeffery
Surdick, Michelle Renee'
Tarter, Daniel Ray
Taylor, Katelyn Loretta
Teel, Madylin Denay
Thomison, Shayna Blue Lynn
Tinney, Adam Michael
Tinney, Daniel James
Tinney, Melinda Sue
Tuckness, Kimberly Jean
Vrell, Justin Phillip
Webb, Taylor Jade
Wesselhoft, Justin Jay Albright
West, Timothy Earl, Jr.
Williams, Janelle Linn

IMAGINE, A BRAND NEW 4-BEDROOM
HOME FOR AS LITTLE AS \$64,000.



This beautiful home offers 2 full baths, central heat & air, dishwasher, large closets, lots of storage space and a 2-car garage. If you are interested, please call Sherry or Talena at 405-878-4696 and ask about the Acquisition Program. You must be an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and be able to obtain a mortgage loan.

Potawatomi Language Lesson

Ni je ngom ézh gishget?	What kind of day is it?
Mno gishget.	It is a good day.
Ngwankwed.	It is cloudy.
Kmowen.	It is raining.
Wensi-sa-mget.	It is drizzling/it is lightly raining.
Ponimget.	It is snowing.
kon ki wen	There is snow on the ground.
Wi ponimget.	It is going to snow.
Kche poni mget.	It is snowing really hard.
Ksenyamget.	It is cold.
Kshatemget.	It is hot.
Wensiwen.	It is foggy.
Noden.	It is windy.
Kwankot	Cloud
Mkwem	Ice
Mkwemis	Hail
Wensi	Fog
Wen si sa	Drizzle; light rain
Kon	Snow
Jigwé	Thunder

Potawatomi Language Classes Spring Schedule

February 5, 2001
February 19, 2001
March 5, 2001
March 19, 2001
April 9, 2001
April 23, 2001

If you are interested in attending the language classes, please contact Suzanne Battese at 405-273-3216. Call today, as space is limited.

Dear Potawatomi Brothers and Sisters,

The New Year is here and in six short months, we will be voting for a Tribal Chairman. I know this seems early to be talking on this matter, but we need to keep this on our minds and hearts, we need to be asking our Creator to lead us in this important decision for our People. So, I ask each one of you to search your hearts and think hard on this important matter for our Tribe before casting a vote.

As I have visited and spoken with many of you in the last months, I have learned that many of you are ready for a change for our People. This has been a blessing and a door open for me to hear you, the Potawatomi People, are ready to help in many ways. Thank you.

I want to encourage you to tell your family and other Tribal Members to cast their vote, either absentee ballot or walk in voting. This is a time we should stand together and help one another understand that their vote does count. I have had some tribal members ask me about our Election Committee. Our Election Committee is made up of some very honest men, they are proud to be Potawatomi. The election will be conducted fair and very professional. I had the honor of serving on this committee for several years and working with the same four gentlemen.

Each month, as the Tribal newspaper comes to you, I will be having articles, telling more about me and my family, my views on our Tribe and where I would like to see us in the future as a Tribe.

Esther Lowden



Walking on ...

PAULINE MARGUERITE (ATWOOD) GORDON

Pauline (Atwood) Gordon passed away in her sleep in her home on December 12, 2000, as a result of deteriorating health. She was one month short of reaching the age of 90 and was mentally active and alert until one week prior to her death.

She was born January 6, 1911, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, the first child of Agnes and Roy Atwood. She moved with her family in 1915 to Lawton and in 1924 to Oklahoma City. Pauline graduated from Classen High School in 1928. She attended Hill's Business School and then worked for Greenlease Moore Automobile Agency.

Pauline was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and attended the Potawatomi Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma during the past summer. Her Potawatomi ancestry includes Joseph Bertrand and Madeline Bourassa (great-great-grandparents), Julia Justine Bertrand (great-grandmother), Lucy Emelia Higbee (grandmother), and Agnes May Louraine (mother). She was very proud of her Potawatomi heritage. She married Tom P. Gordon on



Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1931. The family grew to include three children, Barbara Ann (Gordon) Dennis, Dolores May (Gordon) Kietzman, and Thomas Patrick Gordon, Jr. She was always a part of her children's activities including PTA and serving as a den mother. Pauline was a volunteer at St.

Anthony Hospital. She loved working in her garden, playing bridge, Mah Jongg, and attending book reviews.

She was a former member of Twin Hills, Lakeview, and Quail Creek Country Clubs, and a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church. When her husband retired, they bought a home at Paradise Hill on Lake Tenkiller where they enjoyed boating, fishing, and water skiing with children, grandchildren, and friends.

Mr. Gordon preceded his wife in death after a long illness on July 4, 1991. Pauline is survived by her two daughters and one son, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, LaVern and Bud Warren of Oklahoma City, and many nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held for Pauline at St. Eugene Catholic Church on Saturday, December 15, 2000, with interment at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

MARY ANN WRIGHT

Mary Ann (Spear) Wright, Shawnee, died January 8, 2001 at a local nursing

home. She was 82.

She was born February 9, 1918, in Trousedale to Edward and Maude (Shirley) Spear. Mrs. Wright had lived most of her life in Shawnee, where she retired from Oklahoma Baptist University and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Hubert Ray and Rhonda Wright, of Shawnee; grandson and his wife, Richard and Catherine Wright, of Shawnee; two great-grandchildren, Rachel and Michael Wright, both of Shawnee; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Tommy Phillips, Shawnee; two sisters-in-law, Leona Spear, of Shawnee, and Windola Spear, of Oklahoma City; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Theodore and Jack Spear, and her niece April Darlene Phillips.

Services were Friday, January 12 at Roesch-Walker Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Glen Pence officiating. Burial was at Tecumseh Cemetery.

Why should you vote for John Rocky Barrett for Chairman?

INTEGRITY: He does what he says he will do.

He said he would bring tribal government to the members in areas where Citizen Potawatomi live.

—He did it by establishing the Regional Councils and monthly publication of the HowNiKan.

He said he would restore the Citizen Potawatomi traditions of family gatherings for culture, games, food, and sharing experiences for both young and old.

—He did it in the Heritage Festival, the Regional Councils, and the Five Year Family Reunions.

He said he would insure the economic future of the tribe for future generations.

—He did it in the many tribal enterprises and sound trust investments. They grew from \$3 million to \$100 million. Since giving them to our bank, annual growth of tribal trust funds is over 20%.

He said he would restore stability and accountability to the Citizen Potawatomi tribal government.

—He did it in the reform of the tribal constitution and the creation of tribal laws and courts.

He said he would end the tragedy of a certain 'blood degree' as a requirement for tribal membership.

—He did it in the constitutional change to descendency enrollment.

ABILITY: He has served the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as Chairman for 16 years, a period of unparalleled economic growth and increases in member benefits.

—Tribal Scholarships have tripled in size and doubled in number. Over 250 scholarships per year.

—Housing Benefits exceed \$3,500,000 per year, including special grants of \$2100 to anyone in the tribe anywhere in the United States for new home closing costs.

—Tribal Child Care facilities serve over 400 children. Early Headstart and After School programs

—Tribal Nutritional Programs serve over 20,000 people with WIC, Elders and Meals on Wheels.

—New Tribal Medical Clinic serves more members, great American-trained doctors and facilities.

—New Tribal Language Department provides language lessons, tapes, and web site learning.

—Elders Center includes dining and meeting facilities. A newer and better elders facility in the Tribal Wellness Center is now funded and plans are completed to start construction!

Fannie Mae helps overcome credit problems

Lack of information about personal finance and credit is a serious economic barrier for many Native communities. To help overcome that barrier, the Fannie Mae Foundation and First Nations Development Institute today announced a unique financial literacy curriculum, *Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families*, developed specifically for American Indian families.

The curriculum is a unique tool to help Native people build on their own knowledge and develop personal financial skills while embracing Native traditions and values, such as interconnection between generations, folklore wisdom, and historical experience. To receive a copy of this free curriculum, educators can call 1-800-659-7557.

Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families includes an instructor's guide and participant workbooks that will enable any educator to help Native families strengthen their personal financial skills. The curriculum provides 18 hours of training, including, for example, sessions on Building a Healthy Economy, Developing a Spending Plan, Working with Checking and Savings Accounts, Understanding Credit and Your Credit Reports, and How to Access Credit.

"This first-of-its-kind curriculum acknowledges traditional Native American values while teaching financial skills that will help Native Americans make informed financial decisions for themselves, their families, and their communities," said Stacey H. Davis, president and CEO of the Fannie Mae Foundation. "Our mission at the Fannie Mae Foundation is to revitalize communities through homeownership. This curriculum will provide Native communities with important tools to help them gain control of their financial resources and get a good start on the path to homeownership."

According to a recent study by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, home purchase lending to Native Americans increased 119 percent between 1993 and 1999. This compares to increases of 121 percent for Latinos, 91 percent for African Americans, and 33.5 percent for whites.

The new curriculum materials were developed not only to help individuals make informed financial decisions and gain control of their finances, but also to teach them specifically about saving for the future. The Fannie Mae Foundation and First Nations believe that the basic building blocks of self-reliant, economically healthy communities -- now and for future generations -- are households empowered with financial tools and skills.

"Native communities have traditionally managed their resources wisely, whether it was the salmon catch, harvesting wild rice, herding sheep, or following the buffalo," said Sherry Salway Black, vice president of First Nations Development Institute. "This groundbreaking curriculum was designed by the Fannie Mae Foundation and First Nations to help Native communities apply their traditional skills to the management of financial resources."

The Fannie Mae Foundation creates affordable homeownership and housing opportunities through innovative partnerships and initiatives that build healthy, vibrant communities across the United States. The Foundation is specially committed to improving the quality of life for the people of its hometown, Washington D.C., and to enhancing the livability of the city's neighborhoods. For more information about the Fannie Mae Foundation, please visit <http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org> or call Antonio Tijerino at 202-274-8064.

Investing in the assets and abilities of Native communities is the spirit and mis-

sion of First Nations Development Institute. First Nations helps tribal members mobilize their own enterprises and their own communities with a strategy that coordinates local grass roots projects with national programs and policy develop-

ment initiatives to build capacity for self-reliant reservation communities. For more information visit <http://www.firstnations.org> or contact Jerry Reynolds at 540-371-5615.

Choosing your retirement date is not an easy task

By Eric McKisick

Retirement is one of the most important milestones in anyone's life. And it's not a decision that should be made without giving careful thought to all the factors involved. These factors can be as different as each individual. Circumstances such as health, financial needs, family responsibilities and income from work and other sources need to be considered.

Choosing when to retire is not an easy decision. But Social Security is making it easier by providing an important new tool to help people make an informed decision on when to retire.

Beginning October 1, everyone age 55 or older will find "a special insert" in his or her annual *Social Security Statement*. This insert lays out some options people need to consider as they approach the age when they can begin receiving Social Security.

For example, the insert lists the full retirement ages and the reduction amounts for retiring early. It explains how delaying benefits can increase a person's monthly benefit amount. There's also an explanation of how a person can work and receive benefits at the same time.

And the insert tells how to apply for Social Security retirement benefits on the Internet, by calling the 800 number or by visiting any Social Security office.

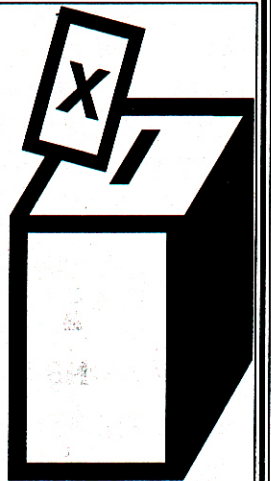
So, be on the lookout for your *Social Security Statement*, and if you're 55 or over, let the new insert help plan and guide your decision on when to retire.

THE RECORD IS CLEAR
KEEP
JOHN ROCKY BARRETT
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN
JUNE 30, 2001

ELECTION IS
JUNE 30, 2001
ESTHER LOWDEN
POTAWATOMI TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON

TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 30, 2001. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 11, 2001. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request. A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of the Tribal Chairman for a four-year term and Grievance Committee Positions 1, 2 and 3 will be on the ballot. Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873. The filing dates for candidates in the 2001 election are April 2, 3 and 4, 2001.



Poetry Contest

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be hosting a poetry contest this Spring. If you are interested in entering, please contact Dennette Bare at 405-275-3121 or by e-mail at dbare@potawatomi.org.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

Today I am pleased to sign a revised Executive Order on consultation with Indian tribal governments. This Executive Order, itself based on consultation, will renew my Administration's commitment to tribal sovereignty and our government-to-government relationship.

The First Americans hold a unique place in our history. Long before others came to our shores, the First Americans had established self-governing societies. Among their societies, democracy flourished long before the founding of our Nation. Our Nation entered into treaties with Indian nations, which acknowledged their right to self-government and protected their lands. The Constitution affirms the United States' government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes both in the Commerce Clause, which establishes that [the Congress shall have the Power To ... regulate commerce ... with the Indian Tribes,] and in the Supremacy Clause, which ratifies the Indian treaties that the United States entered into prior to 1787.

Indian nations and tribes ceded lands, water and mineral rights in exchange for peace, security, health care and educa-

tion. The Federal Government did not always live up to its end of the bargain. That was wrong, and I have worked hard to change that by recognizing the importance of tribal sovereignty and government-to-government relations. When I became the first president since James Monroe to invite the leaders of every tribe to the White House in April 1994, I vowed to honor and respect tribal sovereignty. At that historic meeting, I issued a memorandum directing all federal agencies to consult with Indian tribes before making decisions on matters affecting American Indian and Alaska Native peoples.

Today, there is nothing more important in federal-tribal relations than fostering true government-to-government relations to empower American Indians and Alaska Natives to improve their own lives, the lives of their children, and the generations to come. We must continue to engage in a partnership, so that the First Americans can reach their full potential. So, in our Nation's relations with Indian tribes, our first principle must be to respect the right of American Indians and Alaska Natives

to self-determination. We must respect Native Americans rights to choose for themselves their own way of life on their own lands according to their time honored cultures and traditions. We must also acknowledge that American Indians and Alaska Natives must have access to new technology and commerce to promote economic opportunity in their homelands.

Today, I reaffirm our commitment to tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and

self-government by issuing this revised Executive Order on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. This Executive Order builds on prior actions and strengthens our government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes. It will ensure that all Executive departments and agencies consult with Indian tribes and respect tribal sovereignty as they develop policy on issues that impact Indian communities.

Minority fellowship available

United Methodist Communications is accepting applications for the agency's fourth Racial Ethnic Minority Fellowship.

The full-time, salaried, one-year fellowship will be given to a recent college or seminary graduate for a 12-month period beginning Aug. 1. Deadline for applications is March 13.

The fellowship offers hands-on experience and mentoring in annual conference communications, with the aim of building communications leaders of racial ethnic minority background within the United Methodist Church. The program was begun in 1998 to address the under representation of racial ethnic minority communicators in the church's 65 U.S. annual (regional) conferences.

Applicants must be United Methodist with an educational background in communications and an interest in exploring annual conference communications as a possible career.

The fellowship will provide a salary of \$30,000 plus benefits, moving and travel expenses.

The recipient will be placed in one of the church's U.S. annual conferences to

work alongside an experienced communicator in a variety of media. A stipend is provided for the annual conference communicator serving as a mentor to the fellow.

Larry Hygh Jr., was the first fellowship recipient. He served in the New England Annual Conference and was mentored by Director of Communications Michael Hickcox. Since then, he has served in the Mississippi Annual Conference and is currently associate director of communications in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference.

The 1999-2000 fellowship recipient was Eunice Dharmaratnam, who worked with Lynne DeMichele in the Indiana Area Communications Office. The current fellowship recipient is Nicole Benson, who is working in the Southwest Texas Annual Conference under the direction of Doug Cannon.

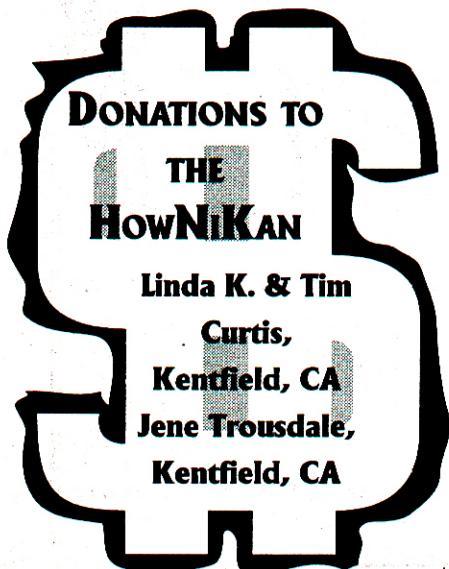
For more details, contact the REM Fellowship Committee, c/o Conference Resourcing Team, United Methodist Communications, P.O. Box 320, Nashville, TN 37202-0320. Phone: 1-888-CRT-4UMC; e-mail REM@umcom.umd.org; Web site: <http://crt.umd.org/rem>.

Homebuyer education classes available

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority is now offering Homebuyer Education Classes, free to the public. Native Americans and Non-Native Americans are welcome to attend. These classes can be held individually or as a class of 15-20 participants. If you or anyone you know is considering buying a home and would like to attend a class, please call Sherry Byers or Talena Depel at 405-878-4696.

CPN POSITION OPENINGS

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation announces the following job opportunity: Housing Resident Manager position will coordinate rental program and oversee maintenance of housing complex. A bachelor's degree is preferred, along with working knowledge of low-rent guidelines pertaining to HUD and NAHASDA. Must have general knowledge of housing management and maintenance and be bondable. Experience with Excel and Microsoft Word are also needed. Indian Preference applies, but not absolute. Please send resume or application to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Human Resources Department, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801.



YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT ON
JUNE 30, 2001
VOTE
ESTHER LOWDEN
FOR TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON

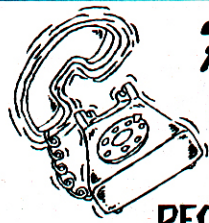
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VOTE JOHN ROCKY BARRETT
FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN
JUNE 30, 2001

Start making plans to attend the

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**If you are interested in joining the Citizen
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Hanson at 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880.**



Regional Office Directory

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REGION 2 - WASHINGTON

(INCLUDES ALASKA & HAWAII)

Roscoe "Rocky" Baptiste

Box 346, Gervais, OR 97026

Local (503) 792-3744 • FAX (800) 522-3744

Toll-Free (800) 522-3744

e-mail: Region01@Potawatomi.org

REGION 3 - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Thom Finks

135 Finley St., Auburn CA 95603

Local (530) 887-8102 • FAX (530) 887-8102

1-800-874-8585

e-mail: Region03@potawatomi.org

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250 Wigmore Drive, Pasadena, CA 911052921

Local (626) 403-0930 • FAX (800) 432-2008

1-800-432-2008

e-mail: Region04@Potawatomi.org

REGION 5 - SOUTHWEST

(INCLUDES ARIZONA & WESTERN NEW MEXICO)

Gene Lambert

P.O. Box 5905, Mesa, AZ 85211

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Toll-Free (800) 452-8966

e-mail: Region05@Potawatomi.org

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(INCLUDES MONTANA, UTAH, WYOMING,

WESTERN NEBRASKA, WESTERN KANSAS)

Cheryl DeGraff

11310 W. 46th Avenue, WheatRidge, CO 80033

1-800-627-5003 • Local 1-303-432-0255

e-mail: Region06@Potawatomi.org

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Marjorie Hobdy

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e-mail: Region07@Potawatomi.org

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Local (281) 356-7957 • Toll-Free (800) 272-7957

e-mail: Region08@Potawatomi.org

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(INCLUDES EASTERN NEBRASKA & EASTERN KANSAS)

Mary-Ellen Vieux Clinton

P.O. Box 750587, Topeka, KS 66675-0587

Local (785) 235-0134 • Toll-Free (800) 325-6639

e-mail: Region09@Potawatomi.org

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

Herbal Heritage

Submitted by Marlene Hogan and Carol Williams, daughters of Mrs. Albert Hefner and descendants of Josette Schwartz. Information in this column is not intended to be used as a substitute for current medical treatments. Before using any types of medication read the warnings and talk to your health care provider. If you become ill or are severely injured, seek immediate medical attention.

Chokecherry (wild cherry or chokeberry) is a shrub or small tree often forming a thicket. Small red-brown to dark brown branches with alternate oval shaped dark green lustrous leaves grow along fence rows, roadsides, on hillsides and ravines throughout most of the United States.

Chokecherry, *prunus virginiana*, is a member of the rose family. The Omaha and Ponca name for chokecherry is "nonpazhinga" (little cherry). The Pawnee name is "nahaapi nakaaruts" (cherry tree). The Blackfeet name is "puckkeep" (chokecherry). The Cheyenne name is "monotse" (berries).

Chokecherries were the MOST important wild fruit to the Indians of the prairies, who used the dried crushed berries in their meat-fat-chokecherry mixture known as Pemmican. Chokecherries were staples of the prairie Indians, trappers, and traders and were gathered by the women. Some were to be dried and some to be crushed with a stone and mixed with backfat from buffalo killed by the men. Pemmican was richer and higher in protein than grains. While the flesh of buffalo was preferred for

pemmican, that of deer and elk could be used.

Dried chokecherry patties, using the cherries and the pits, were stored by the bushels for winter. The chokecherries were so important to the Indians that in July, when the berries were ripe, they would travel for miles to streams where the chokecherries were and camped until they had enough for the entire year. The Dakotas call Jult "Chanpa-sapa-wi" which means "Black Cherry Moon."

The native methods of preserving chokecherries by drying and cooking them broke down the prussic acid contained in the bitter pits and so they tasted sweeter. The green sticks were used as skewers to flavor meat while cooking it. The Paiute, Delaware, Thompson and Potawatomi Indian Tribes also made extensive use of the chokecherry and wild black cherry BARK as medicines for coughs, diarrhea, colds, etc. and to cleanse sores and burns.

The Medical Botany of the U.S.A., published in 1830, states, "the bark is a bitter astringent, very useful in treating fevers, intestinal pain, indigestion, abscesses chronic

asthma, and cardiac problems." Chokecherry was listed in the U.S. Pharmacopoeia from 1820 to 1970 for its medicinal purposes.

Chokecherries are valuable as shelter and food for wildlife. They attract birds, raccoons, small game, and even larger animals such as bears. This provides food for both the wildlife and the Indians.

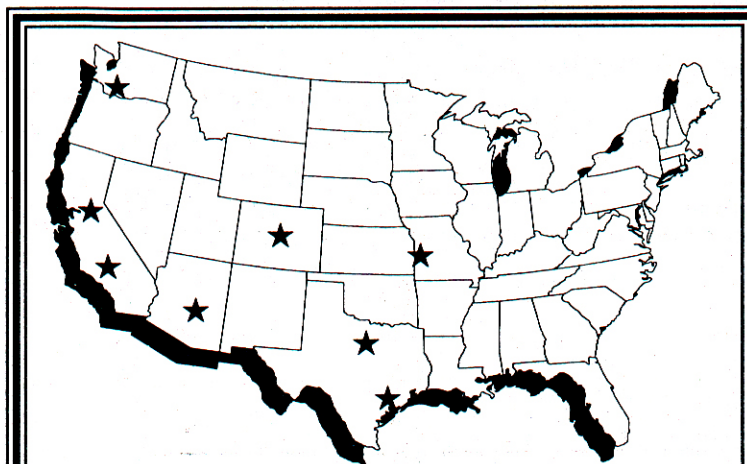
REGIONAL REPORTS

Winter continues in this area. It is very different from our usual weather, but I am enjoying it. There may be something to this changing of seasons. The usual lovely days have not happened very often during the last month and we will really appreciate them when they come. For now, the rain is very welcome and we still need more in our lakes.

I have had several calls in recent days regarding enrollment cards, housing assistance and help with medicines. I have enjoyed visiting with these members about their families who were in Oklahoma and some of the callers have also lived in the Shawnee area. Many of them had grandparents who attended Sacred Heart School, as did my grandmother. So, in speaking with someone I did not even know, we found a common thread in our past. As has been often said, since there were only 41 families who came to Oklahoma, we are all kin.

While there is not as much help for those of us who live away from the lands in Oklahoma, there is some, and the people in Shawnee are willing to help in whatever way they can. There are also scholarships for those who are starting or continuing college next year. It's never too early to begin checking into this aid. My new year 2001 is going well and I hope yours is also. Please give me a call if I can be of help. Remember to mark your calendar with the dates for the Festival in Shawnee. It's always the last weekend in June. This is your chance to vote and hear about your tribe and what is going on.

— Marj Hobdy



2000-2001 Regional Council Schedule

Denver	Sept. 16, 2000
Eastern United States	Oct. 14, 2000
Dallas	Nov. 11, 2000
Southern California	Jan. 20, 2001
Phoenix	Feb. 10, 2001
Northern California	March 3, 2001
Houston	March 24, 2001
Oregon/Idaho/Washington	April 7, 2001
Kansas	May 5, 2001

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		Book - Jim Thorpe		14.95	
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		Tribal Seal Computer Mouse Pad		4.75	
		Trail of Death Video		31.50	
		Brass Seal Belt Buckle		4.25	
		Potawatomi Language Book & Tape		8.00	
		2001 Calendar		4.50	
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Child Protection reviews abuse guidelines

Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

Personnel with **knowledge or reasonable suspicion** that a child was abused in Indian country or that actions are being taken or will be taken that would reasonably be expected to result in the abuse of a child in Indian country must immediately report such abuse or action to local child protective services or local law enforcement.

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Public Law 101-630, 18 U.S.C. 1169(a)

Mandated Reporters

Federal Law requires that the following personnel report abuse-

- **Health Care Personnel** including physicians, surgeons, dentists, podiatrists, chiropractors, nurses, dental hygienists, optometrists, medical examiners, emergency medical technicians, paramedics,

- **Education Personnel** including teachers, school counselors, instructional aides, teachers' aides, teachers' assistants, bus drivers, administrative officers, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, truancy officers

- **Child Care Personnel** including child day care workers, Headstart teachers, public assistance workers, group home workers, residential home workers, day care facility workers, social workers

- **Mental Health Personnel** including psychiatrists, psychologists, psychological assistants marriage, family and child counselors

- **Law Enforcement Personnel** including law enforcement officers, probation officers, juvenile rehabilitation or detention facility workers, employees of public agencies responsible for enforcing statutes and judicial orders

- **Any Person Who Knows or Has Reasonable Suspicion** that a child was abused in Indian Country, or actions are being taken, or are going to be taken, that would reasonably be expected to result in abuse of a child in Indian Country

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Public Law 101-630, 18 U.S.C. 1169(a)

Failure to Report Child Abuse is a Crime



Failure to immediately report the abuse of a child in Indian country or actions being taken or that would reasonably be expected to result in abuse of a child in Indian country to local child protective services or local law enforcement is a Federal crime punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both. (The Citizen Potawatomi Nation may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$500 and shall be liable for damages approximately caused thereby.)

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Public Law 101-630, 18 U.S.C. 1169(a)(3)

Interfering with a Report of Child Abuse is a Crime

It is a Federal crime for any supervisor or person in authority to inhibit or prevent a mandated reporter from making a report that a child was abused in Indian country or actions are being taken or will be taken that would reasonably be expected to result in the abuse of a child in Indian country and is punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more

than 6 months or both.

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Public Law 101-630, 18 U.S.C. 1169(b)(3)

Reporting Child Abuse in Indian Country

Contact Tribal Law Enforcement 878-4848 or 273-1727 after hours or Child Protective Services 275-3176 or Call the Indian Country **Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-663-5155**

You do not have to prove abuse has occurred, but you do need to provide-

- the name of the child
- the age of the child
- the child's tribal affiliation
- present state of the child (is it an emergency, is the child in imminent danger)
- the location or address and telephone number where the child can be found (school, parent's home, grandparent's

home, friend's home, hospital, shelter)

- name of child's parent(s)
- tribal affiliation
- address and telephone number
- indicators that led you to believe the child is a victim of abuse
- you may remain anonymous, but it is helpful for Law Enforcement and Social Services to have your name and telephone number

Immunity from Liability

Any mandated reporter who reports the abuse of a child based upon his/her reasonable belief and in good faith is immune from civil or criminal liability for making the report.

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Public Law 101-630, 25 U.S.C. 3203

Confidentiality

The identity of any person making a child abuse report will not be disclosed without the consent of the individual. However, a Tribal, State or the Federal investigative or social services agency may provide information, records, and the name of the informant to a court of competent jurisdiction or other agency that needs to know the information in performance of its duties.

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Public Law 101-630, 25 U.S.C. 3203

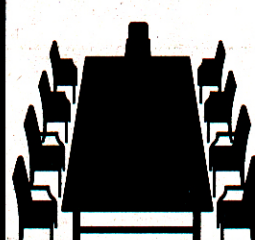
For more information contact the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Child Welfare or Child Protection Departments at 800-880-9880 and ask for Janet Draper or Tracy Haney.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

August 31, 2000	February 22, 2001
November 30, 2000	May 31, 2001

6 P.M.

**Employment & Training Conference Room
Citizen Potawatomi Nation Headquarters
1601 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee**



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ESTHER LOWDEN
TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON

VOTE
JOHN ROCKY BARRETT
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN
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JUNE 30, 2001

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Bouzhon Nicon, (Hello, my friends)

I want to express my appreciation for all of the people who attended the Southern California Regional Council this past weekend. I had just returned from Banff, Alberta on Thursday in time to fly out on Friday to California. The contrast of the freezing mountain snows of Alberta to the warm and sunny skies of Southern California in just two days made the trip even more exciting. The Regional Council Meeting was even more interesting for me because of the participation of so many of our members in a lively question and answer period. My opponent in the coming election for Tribal Chairman and I both answered questions and stated our goals for the tribe.

The members of the Business Committee were also treated to a rare question and answer session when members at the meeting asked them to explain recent events. I believe this kind of exchange is healthy for our government. I also believe that our members should use the opportunity of the Regional Councils to ask all their elected officials to explain their actions. I hope the future meetings are as lively. Contributing to the good spirit of the meeting, Regional Council Director Jeremy Finch did his usual great job. The event was well planned and executed and the



From The Chairman

By John A. "Rocky" Barrett

food excellent. He concluded the meeting by conducting a tour of the Southwest Museum, where he is a volunteer docent, for a group of Potawatomi and family while I gave a demonstration of a traditional ceremony in the main meeting room.

My trip to Banff in Alberta, Canada was a great honor for me. The event was held at the Banff Center, a facility for educational symposiums in art, government, business, and culture. It was sponsored by the Udall Center at the University of Arizona and Harvard University. I was invited to speak to a group of some 30 Chiefs of the Canadian "First Nations," as they call the Indian tribes in Canada. They are, in some ways, experiencing events very similar to those the United States tribes went through in the 1970's. Many of them do not have written constitutions or tribal courts. They have been trying to maintain

their governmental identity under a repressive government law over 100 years old called the "Indian Act." It reminds me of the laws passed during the Eisenhower Administration of the 1950's that caused the government to terminate the federal recognition of over 60 Indian tribes.

I spoke to them about how the Citizen Potawatomi had been forcibly relocated from Indiana and Michigan to Kansas, and then cheated out of our lands in Kansas. Then how we had sold the reservation we got back in Kansas so we could buy our land in the area that became Oklahoma. They were very interested in how we had come from the little trailer on the gravel road with less than \$600 in the bank in 1971 to our present \$100 million in assets and \$30 million in equity. I explained that we were still in the process of growing our

government structure to insure our future — that government stability is the secret to economic success and cultural preservation.

My main point, that stability in government was only possible when there was a separation of powers with "checks and balances," was not clear to them until I explained that there must be three branches of a successful tribal government — judicial (operating courts and enforcing laws), legislative (passing laws and setting government budgets), and executive (managing and regulating operations). Without that separation, and the ability of the judicial branch of tribal government to restrain the executive and legislative branches by ruling on the constitutionality and legality of their actions, tragic abuses could occur, and did in our past when we had no courts or laws.

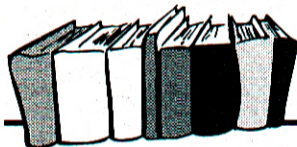
Of course, the legislative branch must be the only ones who can pass laws and control spending through budgeting or else the executive branch would have no financial restraints or legal framework to operate under, and the judges would simply change laws they did not agree with. And, since the most efficient way for any organization to function is with a clear line of management authority, the executive branch must have the ability to manage the affairs of the government, within the laws and the budget, without interference.

So, how does that look in a tribal form of government like ours? Well, if a Judge can rule against unconstitutional laws and illegal government behavior, and a Business Committee can regulate spending, pass laws, and advise and consent on a Chairman's cabinet appointments, and a Chairman can manage efficiently and veto a budget or law he feels is bad for the tribe (which can be overridden by a large majority of the Business Committee), then a functional tribal government with "checks and balances" is created. That is a mouthful, and a lot easier to say than to do.

Since the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is not functioning in this way right now, the Canadian Chiefs were surprised that we were going to settle our present internal dispute on the structure of our government by taking it to our tribal court. That is the true and wonderful advantage of a three-part government — the rule of law. No more crazy take-overs of the tribal headquarters. No more violence. No more government by a mob. No disruption of the tribal businesses we have worked so hard to create to insure the financial future of our tribe. Just the rule of law.

Pray for us, Nicon, that we keep it. Megwetch,

John "Rocky" Barrett



BOOK REPORT

By Hyale Smith
Tribal Rolls Assistant

Some of our readers have been asking where they can find the books mentioned in the HowNiKan's book reviews. (If you have read the fine print at the end of those reviews, then you know that the Tribal Library does not lend any books or magazines.) So instead of doing a book review this month, I thought it might be helpful to provide a list of resources.

Your local library is always a good starting place for finding books, and magazines. Ask the reference librarian for help in doing any research. Often, small libraries can locate books available in other branches or nearby library systems. You might ask about inter-library borrowing policies.

Bookstores are also a good resource. Most of the mall stores (such as Waldenbooks or Barnes & Noble) can tell you if a certain book is still in print. If you cannot find what you are looking for on the shelves, ask if they will do special orders.

The tribal gift shop and museum is another place you can buy books. If you live near Shawnee, you can drop by and browse. For folks who live out of the area, you can call (or e-mail) Esther Lowden at 1-800-880-9880

(elowden@potawatomi.org).

If you have access to the Internet, either at home or at your local library, you might want to check out the on-line bookstores. They include:

Amazon: www.amazon.com
Barnes & Noble: www.barnesandnoble.com
Borders: www.borders.com

Mail catalogs from publishers and distributors are another option. Here are some of my favorite catalogs for books and videos on Native American history and culture:

I am also including a list of magazines, periodicals and associations. (Unlike the catalogs mentioned above, which are free, these do have a price tag.):

Smithsonian Institution
National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)-memberships start at \$20/year and includes a quarterly magazine
470 L'Enfant Plaza Suite 7103
Washington DC 20560-0934
www.si.edu/nmai

.Whispering Wind - Bi-monthly magazine of Crafts, Culture and Powwows (back issues are available) and subscriptions cost \$20/year

Dept C
PO Box 1390
Folsom LA 70437-1390
Web site: www.whisperingwind.com

Indian Pow-Wow Calendar Quarterly calendar of Pow-Wows - send a self-addressed stamped Priority Mail envelope for each quarter requested.

North America Native American Indian Information and Trade Center (NA2IITC)
PO Box 27626
Tucson AZ 85726-7626

Finally, the Internet is a gold mine of information. For those of you who have on-line access, here are some interesting Web sites:

Citizen Potawatomi Nation:
www.potawatomi.org
Includes links to other Native American web pages, including:

Region 01 & 02 (Oregon & Washington):
<http://redrival.com/nishnabek/>
Potawatomi History: <http://www.dickshovel.com/pota.html>

Native Web <http://www.nativeweb.org/> - This site has listings of books, tapes and other material. It also hosts a book club.

I hope the above information is helpful for those of you looking for books about your heritage. If, during your searches, you run across additional resources, I would appreciate it if you would pass it on. (My e-mail address is msmith@potawatomi.org)

Happy reading!