

# CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

# HowNiKan

*People of the Fire*

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## Nation honors World War II veterans

Many historians look upon World War II as the 20th Century's defining event. More than 16 million Americans served in the armed forces during that period; more than 400,000 of them died in the successful struggle to defeat the Axis powers.

On November 10, a grateful Citizen Potawatomi Nation said thanks and paid homage to its members who were part of the World War II effort. The CPN Veterans Organization hosted a banquet at which 15 living World War II veterans who are CPN members were guests of honor.

Those World War II veterans are: John Barnes, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Benton Burton Jr., Grand Junction, Colorado; Paul Clark, Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Zoe Combs Stockton, Missouri; George Hamilton, Shawnee; Richard Johnson, Sanger, California; William Nadeau, Tecumseh; James Pearl, St. Marys, Kansas; Kenneth Peltier Sr., Shawnee; James Post, Shawnee; Benedict Rhodd, Tecumseh; Robert Slavin, Shawnee; Don Smith, Oklahoma City; Thurman D. Dike, Ft. Worth; and Bill Williams, Purcell, Oklahoma.

Brig. General Rita Aragon of the Oklahoma Air National Guard, a Native



*WWII veteran/CPN member William Nadeau listens intently at the Nation's tribute to veterans from The Greatest Generation on November 10.*

American, spoke for Citizen Potawatomi members and U.S. citizens as she offered her thanks in the evening's keynote address. "I am deeply humbled and greatly honored to be invited back home," Gen. Aragon said, to begin her speech. "Your hospitality today is certainly a record of

what the Citizen Potawatomi people are known for."

"The military is quite a different service today than what it was even during the Vietnam era, certainly from World War II," Gen. Aragon said.

Native heritage and what Indians have added to the defense of the United States was Gen. Aragon's theme for the evening. She credited Gen. George Washington with being the first American official to propose using Natives in the military.

"Since then, there has been no other ethnic group in the history of our nation that has been as quick to volunteer as have our Native American ancestors," Aragon said. She pointed out that, beginning with the Revolutionary War, there have been more than 66,000 Native Americans offer themselves for service in defense of our nation.

"It seems strange doesn't it," Gen.

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Enrollment ordinance added

## Election moves toward Feb. 2 Decision

The drive toward establishment of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's first legislature, and the first Native American legislature in the United States that divides the entire country into legislative districts continues. As this *HowNiKan* went to press, Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps had met with legislative candidates and tribal member-voters in 14 forums across the U.S. Nine more -seven for Oklahoma members and two in Texas-remained on the calendar.

Those forums have cemented the early perception that the 37-candidate field is deep and talented. The Nation will have a legislature rich in native talent, solid training, and long years of pertinent experience.

In that regard, the *HowNiKan* editor offers an apology. In an attempt to make that point in the previous edition, the editor used the handy illustration of the presence of some politically experienced CPN members among the 37 candidates who offered themselves in service to their fellow members.

*Use of that example was not intended to be an endorsement of any individual candidate or group of candidates. The editor fervently hopes that no CPN voter will interpret it as such.*

Along with their ballots for legislative candidates, CPN member-voters are receiving a ballot for a Membership Ordinance for the Nation. The proposed ordinance was referred to a Nationwide vote by the existing Business Committee. It would implement Article, Section 1(f) of the revised constitution, which reads: The Business Committee shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations covering future membership including adoptions and the loss of membership, subject to confirmation by a majority of the votes cast for a General Council referendum containing such rules and regulations in a regular or special election.

The proposed Membership Ordinance also takes into account the constitution's Article 3, Section 1(g): No member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation may hold membership in any other Indian tribe.

The proposed Membership Ordinance sets out five conditions with regard to relinquishment of CPN membership: (1) Any adult Member may relinquish their membership; (2) No one may relinquish membership for another adult member; (3) Conditional relinquishment is allowed pending transfer of membership to another tribe; (4) No voluntarily relinquished membership may be restored; and (5) Any minor relinquished by a parent or guardian may apply for membership after age 18.

According to the proposed ordinance, disenrollments could happen under these conditions: (1) Erroneous enrollment, i.e. (ineligibility) at time of enrollment; Acceptance of land or money benefits from another tribe after August 16, 2007, the effective date of the Revised Constitution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation; or (3) Refus(al) to relinquish membership in another tribe or fail(ure) to respond to notice to relinquish from another tribe in violation of the Revised Constitution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Finally, the proposed ordinance sets up a disenrollment process: (1) Notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt

requested, of the intent to disenroll by a hearing before the Tribal Legislature; (2) Determination of cause for disenrollment by a hearing before the Tribal Legislature and disenrollment at that hearing for cause by majority vote; (3) Notice shall be sent of disenrollment and the right to appeal the decision to the Tribal Legislature within 30 days of the return receipt of the notice; (4) The Tribal Legislature shall decide timely filed appeals by majority vote; and (5) The decision of The Tribal Legislature is final.

No disenrolled member shall be eligible for future enrollment.

The Election Committee has begun mailing ballots to voters who have requested Absentee Ballots. To be counter, those ballots must arrive at the committee's Tecumseh, Oklahoma post office box no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2008. There will be walk-in voting at the Nation's courtroom in Shawnee from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on that day.

If, in any legislative district, no candidate receives at least 50 percent-plus-one of the votes, a run-off featuring the top two vote-getters will be held in that district.

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### Vote Norma Neely Legislative District #1

Bozho Ndenwenmagedok,

If elected, I will keep you apprised of opportunities and will interact with you through surveys, e-mails, etc. in order to be your advocate in the Legislature.

My husband and I have been married for over 35 years. We have two sons, Jeremy and Justin (Director of the Potawatomi Language Program). Our family is from the Navarre and DeGraff families.

I got my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education at Central Missouri State University and my Doctorate from The University of Texas. As an educational leader with over 25 years of experience, I bring not only teaching expertise but also knowledge of organizational procedures and the importance of fiscal accountability. I am a Science Instructional Facilitator at a Professional Development Center in Kirksville, Missouri.

I have the skills, training, and work ethic necessary to successfully represent you in the Legislature.

If elected, my priorities will include promoting and expanding services for tribal members; ensuring fiscal responsibility; and preserving our cultural heritage for our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

Migwetch (Thanks)!

**Questions?** nnds@comcast.net

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### CLYDE SLAVIN, O.D. DISTRICT 8

Home has been in Vancouver, Washington for the past 29 years. My wife, Kathy, has been with me for the past 35 years. Together, we have two daughters, Rebekah and Michelle. I grew up in Holdenville, Oklahoma until high school when the family moved to central California. I received my degree in Optometry from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon in 1972.

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# DAVID BARRETT for Legislative District #10

*"Having served as a member of the Grievance Committee since June 2005, I have diligently studied our policies, procedures, and our Constitution. When the time came I did 'step to the plate' to render decisions in a manner that was fair and objective. However my second term was cut short since the revised constitution abolished this process of handling complaints, which was for the good of the Nation moving forward in a judicial process."* - David Barrett

David Barrett has served as a board member of First National Bank & Trust since 2002. First National Bank & Trust has doubled in size during Davids tenure. He and other board members are proud of the bank's achievements.

David Barrett has worked for major corporations in Oklahoma as a Financial Controller. Since receiving his Masters of Business from Oklahoma City University and his BBA from the University of Oklahoma, he has been able to work in the housing, oil & gas, manufacturing, retail, and wholesale industries.



David Barrett with grandson Drake, wife Connie, daughter Allison, daughter-in-law Kristi, who is a member of the Potawatomi Slavin family, and son Chad.

## The David Barrett family knows the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

David Barrett and his family have a vast knowledge of how the CPN operates its enterprises and government programs. David and wife Connie have been married for 36 years. David is a member of the Bourassa family. He is extremely proud to be a CPN member and is dedicated to discharging the Nations responsibilities to future generations.

The Barretts' daughter Allison received her start in the medical field working as a secretary/receptionist at the CPN dental clinic. She now works as a medical technician at Tinker Air Force Base. It was the experience that she obtained at the CPN clinic that prompted her to seek a career in the medical field.

Chad Barrett worked as an assistant store manager for the evening shift at FireLake Discount Foods before advancing to become a small

corporation manager. Both Allison and Chad were recipients of the CPN scholarship program. David also served as a Radar Technician in the U.S. Navy.

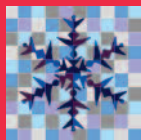
David Barrett has 35 years of experience in producing economic growth for whatever venture or corporation he has worked for. With this experience he has extensive knowledge in these areas: Ability to work closely with an in-house CEO or one located out-of-state; Management-by-objective and long-range planning; Team-player concepts, Group think tanks; Corporate/Branch relationships; Teleconferencing; Hands-on collaboration with Attorneys, Auditors, and Contractors; Computer literacy; and Preparing budgets, making forecasts, and meeting deadlines.

David Barrett has served the Nation in several different capacities. He asks for your vote to continue this service to the Potawatomi people in the First Legislative body created by our revised constitution.

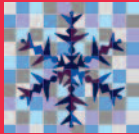
*"I bring to the table fair, impartial, and independent thinking, hard work, honesty, and leadership. I would appreciate your support to continue a firm foundation for our Nation's Progress."* - David Barrett

## David Barrett - Legislative District #10

# Potawatomi Language



## Winter Words



Ksenya mget  
Gon  
Bonimget  
Gon nene  
Gon pkwakwet  
Biskowagen  
Agem

- It's cold.
- snow(on the ground)
- It is snowing.
- snow man
- snow ball
- jacket
- snowshoe



Agmose  
Zhoshkwamget.  
Gon gbedi  
Mkom  
Mkomis  
Mingoswen  
Bbon  
Waboyan  
Gokmedas  
Azheni  
Gon azheni  
Bistabyan  
Atsokan  
Nasena zhoshkwamget zagech.  
Gego pegdoken I gon pkwakwet.  
Gbistabyankemen  
Wegni je ga je gishpnedoyen gdedeyem? - What did you buy your dad?

- He/she walks on snowshoes.
- It is slick.
- snow pants
- ice
- hail
- gift
- winter
- blanket
- stocking
- angel
- snow angel
- sled
- sacred stories (often told in winter)
- Be careful its slick outside.
- Don't throw that snow ball.
- Let's go sledding.



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3. A Photo ID
4. Residence in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln, Oklahoma, or Logan county

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| azheni      | gokmedas     | mingoswen |
| agmose      | mkom         | mkomis    |
| atsokan     |              |           |

## Elva R. Campbell - Candidate, District #10 - [elvacampbell@cablone.net](mailto:elvacampbell@cablone.net)

I am a descendant of the Vieux Family. It is a great honor to have the opportunity to run for the CPN Legislature. If elected, I will be able to represent and convey the voice of all CPN members into the laws that will be written by the newly extended Legislative Branch of the CPN.

**Employment:** For the past 6 years I have held the position of Business Representative and Business Manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 351. Prior to becoming the Business Representative, I was employed by Wynnewood Refining Company for approximately 13 years. Previously, I was enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

**Education:** I am currently a law student at Oklahoma City University, School of Law. I earned a Bachelors Degree from East Central University and an Associate Degree from Murray State College.

**Community Service:** I am the Vice President of the Davis Public Schools Board of Education. I also serve as a Board member on the Southern Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board, and I am an alumnus of Leadership Murray County Class One.

The CPN leadership must protect and maintain our Heritage while meeting challenges that will affect our tribe. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to become a CPN Legislator.

**I would appreciate your vote for Legislative District #10.**





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- Expand services and help members in need obtain aid.
- Increase funding for services by developing new technology based businesses.
- Use technology to reunite the Potawatomi family and provide support for geographically separated families.

# Jacqueline Taylor

CPN District 8 candidate

Graduate of Boise State, founding member of Indian student organization, Dama Soghop.

Director of Volunteer Services, State of Idaho Dept. of Human Services, in a three-county region.

Director of Clatsop County, Oregon ARC.

Co-owned six retail drug stores in Idaho and Oregon and served as corporate treasurer.

Former state legislator, legislative member of Oregon Commission on Indian Affairs; assigned to Pacific Northwest Economic Region Council, which included Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, and two Canadian provinces.

Served as a Clatsop County Commissioner. Volunteer involvement with teens, elders and disabled persons.



# Jacqueline Taylor

## Paul Wesselhöft's Tribal Government Philosophy

1. I believe in what I term and define as Conciliatorial Sovereignty. Conciliatorial Sovereignty is an amenable relationship between two sovereign nations in which the weaker state (CPN) places herself under the protection of the more powerful state (USA), and thereby the weaker state waives, for now, (and in the interest of peace and harmony), certain few rights such as mustering militias, conducting foreign policy, exerting felony jurisdiction over non-Indians, etc.



*Paul Wesselhöft, with son Justin, wife Judy, and daughter Holly.*

2. I believe in conducting with reciprocal respect, a government-to-government relationship with the United States, the state of Oklahoma, and all other nations and tribes whereby the Citizen Potawatomi Nation maintains, protects, and enhances her birthright sovereignty, inherent self-determination, and perpetual prosperity.

3. And I desire to represent and champion by vote, influence, and actions all Citizen Potawatomi Indians residing in the district of Oklahoma (and in foreign countries), but not to the detriment of our Citizen Potawatomi Nations other districts.

## Please Vote for Paul Wesselhöft

for Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislator, District #9

If you wish to support my campaign, you may contact me at [paulw4rep@hotmail.com](mailto:paulw4rep@hotmail.com). My home phone number is 405-794-9464.



Donna Nadeau line in Dillard's, Macy's, Fields, Marshall's

## CPN member designs comfortwear

Donna Nadeau, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, has a new line of loungewear, called "The Comfortable Side of Life," now available in Dillard's, Marshall's, Macy's, and Fields stores across the United States.

Nadeau's aunt, Rita Orvetz of Shawnee, said, "We are very proud of Donna and her new endeavor, which debuted in August 2006. Donna has been involved in clothes-design and marketing for more than 20 years."

Nadeau is the daughter of Dean V. Nadeau of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Dean Nadeau is the son of Joseph F. "Frank" Nadeau and the grandson of Joseph Andrew and Sarah (Tescier) Nadeau.

Dean Nadeau still owns Sarah Nadeau's original allotment, located on Little River near Harjo, Oklahoma. Dean's citizen band radio handle is "Yellow Horse," a nickname given him because of his horse ranch and his raising horses.

Nadeau's new line of loungewear can be seen online at [www.DonnaNadeauCollections.com](http://www.DonnaNadeauCollections.com).

### MESSAGE FROM FROM DONNA

I am thrilled to bring you a collection of sleepwear and at-home casual wear that is based on the things I love when I relax: luxurious fabrics, soft colors, and comfortable shapes that are still feminine and chic.

I was born and spent much of my youth in the South. But Dad was in the Air Force so we were globetrotters. Being exposed to different cultures and styles in diverse



*CPN member Donna Nadeau's comfortwear line is in major department stores.*

places has had a profound influence on my eye and the way I create my collections and live my life. I guess you could say it's an aesthetic mix of down home southern charm and a touch of the exotic.

My passion for art and design led me to fashion more than 25 years ago, and I have loved every minute of it. But nothing has been more exciting than creating this collection because it reflects so much of what I think women like myself are looking for: clothing that transitions them from the balancing act of family and work to the much needed comfort of feeling like we have arrived home.



*Nadeau's line includes comfortwear for the entire family. By the way, the Scottish Deerhound puppies, Quinn and Toren, are part of Donna Nadeau's family.*

Donna Nadeau, The Comfortable Side of Life, will hopefully become an important part of your at-home wardrobe because we have designed it to be the casual luxury we all deserve without breaking the bank.

We have done extensive research to bring you the most tactile, cozy fabrics to luxuriate in - many organic cottons as well as bamboo. And if your "luxury" happens to be making pancakes for the kids or giving them a bath, we designed them so you can live in them.

If your indulgence is curling up with your mate on a couch at the end of the day, we designed them so you can feel pretty. And, if you are a working girl who takes her show on the road more often than you care to, we designed them to travel well and make you feel the comfort of home when you call down for room service.

We are thinking of the lifestyles of the most important constituency: women who do it all and who deserve a moment(s) of indulgence whenever and wherever they can. I'd love to hear from you. Let me know if what we are doing is working and how we can do it even better. Know our commitment to nature is as important as our commitment to you.

Wishing you comfort,  
Donna Nadeau

## Clyde Slavin, O.D. District 8

Represent:

Represent, verb 3. to stand or act in place of, as an agent or substitute

Representative:

Representative, noun 3. a person who represents a constituency or community in a legislative body

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# Lacrosse Players Needed!!

Calling boys aged 9 to 14. The CPN language department is starting a boys lacrosse team in the Shawnee area. We are looking for CPN boys who want to have fun playing a traditionally native sport. The season starts in the Spring with practices beginning in mid-February. We will play games with teams from Tulsa and Edmond.

Catching, throwing, scooping, and cradling are skills mastered with practice. Anyone can play lacrosse. There is a place for everyone on the field.

We realize that, with gas prices up, it is hard to travel to Shawnee for weekly practices. That's why the coaches will travel to Oklahoma City for practices, along with holding local practice in Shawnee.

So what are you waiting for? If this sounds interesting to you, please contact us at the office. Come out and have fun playing the "fastest sport on two feet!!"



\* Lacrosse is called the "fastest sport on two feet."

\* Lacrosse is played at over 400 universities by over 25,000 men, nationwide.

\* No sport has grown faster in the past 10 years.

\* An estimated 169,000 high school players actively play lacrosse.

\* Phillips Academy, Phillips Exeter Academy, and Lawrenceville Academy started the first high school teams in 1882.

Bozho Jayek (Hello Everyone),

As a new year begins, we look back at a productive and interesting 2007 in the Language Department. We gathered new material, produced a dictionary, and started organizing a lacrosse team. In addition, we offered cultural activities locally. At this time, many exciting events are taking place. I would like to share them with you.

Starting from mid-January, Beginner's Lessons will be held on Mondays at our office. Also our beginner's lesson will be online. Please check our website for more info and look for other stuff like games, podcasts, and Justin Neely's "Word of the Week."

Lacrosse is something we're hoping will take off. It will be great to see the Citizen Potawatomi Nation out front again in our state. Please, all you parents of CPN tribal member-boys aged 9 to 14, contact the language department to get more info sent.

In addition to the boys' team, we'd like to have a CPN members men's team. Contact Michael Dykstra in the language department for more info.

We would also like to start a social drum group for those interested. Our department has just made a drum with the help of tribal members Leon Cross, Clyde Yates, Sam Navarre, Justin Neely, Burt Patadal, Scott George, and Michael Dykstra. Leon painted the barrel the colors of the medicine wheel. Scott George, an Osage, guided us through the experience. We all learned a lot by participating in this hands-on activity.

Our department is trying a holistic/hands-on approach to acquiring our language. We have an elder teaching and sharing wisdom with our tribe. He is Don Perrot, a Prairie Potawatomi. Don is a fluent speaker of our language. He has taught our language for more than 25 years, helping many other bands of Potawatomis with the language and culture.

So, come by and check out what's going on in your language department - or look online.

Kche migwetch,

Mskwagishek

Michael Dykstra, Language Program

## Vote Jon Stephen Smith For Legislator District #1



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Active Virginia community member: former PTA president & ongoing school, food bank & legal services volunteer

Practicing lawyer for 20+ years: J.D., Stanford Law School 1983; B.A., Univ. of San Francisco 1980

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## Brian Walker for Dist. 3 Legislator

I am a lifelong conservative and an experienced public servant. I started working in government as a Messenger for the Texas Senate over ten years ago. Since then, I have served as the Assistant Sergeant at Arms of the Texas Senate, as an Associate on the Bush/Cheney 2000 campaign, as a Legislative Assistant to a Texas State Representative, and as an Assistant District Attorney in a rural county in Northeast Texas. Currently, I represent disabled veterans in securing benefits from the VA, along with my law partner, Scott Walker, who is also my father and a fellow Potawatomi member, and I serve as an Adjunct Professor of State and Federal Government at Panola College.



### My Fellow Potawatomi Texans:

I'm asking for your vote in the election for District 3 Legislator. If elected, I will always strive to be accessible to you, and I will work faithfully to represent you and your interests in our newly restructured tribal government.

May you have Christ's blessings this Holiday Season,

**Brian K. Walker**

Descendant of Vieux and Helcel Families

Throughout my career in public service, I have always been committed to the same principles of fiscal responsibility and social conservatism. As your elected District 3 Legislator, I will use my experience in government to help promote a thriving future for the CPN while assuring that our tribal funds are used appropriately and efficiently. I will work hard to ensure that the people of District 3 benefit directly from the economic successes our Tribe has begun to enjoy. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to email me at [briankwalker@hotmail.com](mailto:briankwalker@hotmail.com) or call me on my cell phone at (903) 263-8555.

## Brian Walker for Dist. 3 Legislator



## Vice Chairman's Column

The "meet the candidates" events have gone very well. The series of Oklahoma meetings began on December 29 and are the last of quite a journey that began November 10 in Albany, New York. What a pleasure it has been to see so many tribal members across the country! I know for sure that as tribal members we are, indeed, individual parts of a great, powerful family unit. When you see our people come together from across the United States, it is an awesome experience.

Your official ballot for the upcoming election will contain the selection of candidates from your district plus a referendum on the **Membership Ordinance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation**. Some of you have already requested and received your ballots in the mail. Others have probably already sent their vote back. You still have until January 10 to request your ballot. The request must be postmarked no later than January 10, 2008.

In **Article 3, Section 1**, the Revised Constitution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation points out who is eligible for membership. The referendum that is included on the ballot for the February 2, 2008 elec-



tion pertains to membership provisions. One is relinquishment and one is disenrollment. The referendum is important in protecting your rights regarding membership in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. If we have an adult member who wishes to relinquish his/her membership, it should be his/her right to do so. If a minor is relinquished by a parent or guardian, that person should be able to apply for membership when he/she reaches the age of 18.

At the same time, the referendum sets out strict guidelines for disenrollment. If a person is enrolled erroneously, i.e. based  
*see VICE CHAIRMAN on page 16*

## Eva Marie Carney for Legislator, District #2

Proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation & the Juneau Family

Loving wife & mother of two teenage CPN members



Active Virginia community member: former PTA president & ongoing school, food bank & legal services volunteer

Practicing lawyer for 20+ years: J.D., Stanford Law School 1983; B.A., Univ. of San Francisco 1980

Familiar with general accounting & corporate governance issues - Partner in law firm with active securities practice

Work experience on Capitol Hill, with federal regulatory agencies, and as law clerk to judges in California & Washington, D.C.

*Integrity and Experience*  
*Committed to the Service of our Tribe*

For more information or to share your ideas, visit [www.evamariecarney.com](http://www.evamariecarney.com)

## William Edward (Ed) Anderson - "Nahmankwet"

**CPN Legislature - District 8**

A vote for me is a vote for progress for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation family as we start on a new and better tribal leadership era. I will work with the other legislators to establish a new and modern Citizen Potawatomi Nation for all tribal members.

It is also very important that we retain our goal to save our heritage and language for generations to come.

I am available for all questions, comments and suggestions pertaining to the tribe. My e-mail address is [edwardandrae@yahoo.com](mailto:edwardandrae@yahoo.com).

**I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE.**

Migwech (Thank You)



**William Edward (Ed) Anderson**

## Elect Paul Wesselhöft CPN Legislative District #9

Paul served as a Sergeant during the Vietnam era and is a retired U.S. Army (Airborne-Ranger) Chaplain. Major Wesselhöft is a Veteran of the First Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield, Desert Storm) serving in the frontline offensive for the successful liberation of Kuwait from Iraq.

Paul Wesselhöft, M.A., M.Div., is serving our state as a State Representative, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 54: Moore and South Oklahoma City. He organized, and is a founding member of the 18 member Native American Caucus for the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

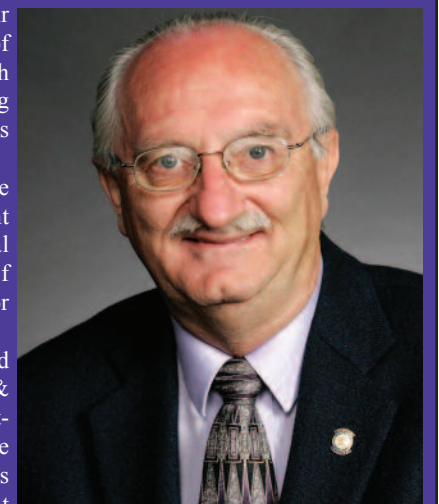
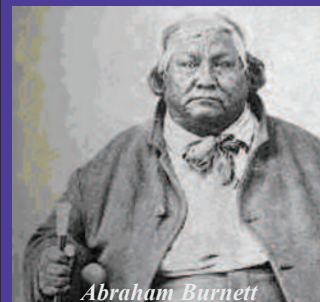
Representative Wesselhöft serves the State Legislature as Vice-Chairman of the Joint (House/Senate) Committee on State-Tribal Relations and serves the National Congress of American Indians on its national committees for Education and Economic Development.

Paul, a fifth-generation Oklahoman, is married 31 years to Judy; they have two children: Justin &

Holly. He is a natural leader in the lineage of his great-great-great

grandfather, Chief Abraham Burnett. Paul is an experienced leader in our state and nation. With your vote, he promises to serve our tribe with distinction as a legislative leader for the Potawatomi Nation.

*I am asking for your support, prayers, and vote; and I thank you in advance.- Paul Wesselhöft*



*Abraham Burnett*



# Potawatomi Mailbag

Dear Mr. Clark and Staff,

After five years of studying, late nights, and clinical hours, I have received a Baccalaureate degree in Athletic Training, Summa Cum Laude! I could not have achieved so much without your help, and I want to say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

Your unfailing financial support has been invaluable to me as I pursue my dream of becoming an Athletic Trainer to help prevent, heal, and rehabilitate the injuries and illnesses faced by athletes, young and old.

Your support let me pursue that experience and my education with a dedication and focus which I would not have been able to achieve or maintain otherwise.

Now I prepare to launch into my career as a Certified Athletic Trainer, working in a rehabilitation clinic and high schools in Colorado. It is time to set aside the books for now, and put on my medical kit as I step out into a profession that I am proud and excited to call my own, with the help of a people and tribe that I am proud to be a member of. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Portia Kamps

Dear Linda Capps and John Barrett,

The Regional Council meeting at Tacoma in April was very informative, with excellent food and attendance. As usual, Linda and John did a super job along with the rest of our CPN people who came along, to make this a very memorable meeting.

The naming ceremony was held in a beautiful park overlooking the Sound, a very fitting place for such a wonderful occasion. My daughter Keli and I received our names. As far as I know, we are the first from the Darling family to be named.



We both are very proud.

John presided over the naming ceremony and was my sponsor along with Linda Capps. Justin (Neely) sang the prayer, which was awesome. He did a wonderful job. My heart was full.

I want to sincerely thank you all for helping make my life more meaningful and content.

Byak Knok,  
Glenn LaZelle  
Kendrick, Idaho

Dear Charles Clark, Scholarship Committee, and everyone else involved,



Thank you so much for the four years of annual support. It has been essential to the continuance of my higher education. I graduated in May from the University of Wyoming. Now, I am pursuing a Master's in Political Science in Wyoming.

I am very excited to study how women have affected government-building.

Again, without the scholarships you have given, this would not have been possible. Thanks you so much! The picture is of me in a Pendleton blanket I received at the American Indian Education ceremony on May 3.

With gratitude,  
Courtney Burns  
Laramie, Wyoming

Greetings from Nebraska:

My name is Rita Smith-Ott. I am a step-daughter of Joseph W. (Joe) Burnett, who is a great-great-grandson of Chief Abram Burnett, who was featured in a HowNiKan article. Joe recently passed on, on November 21, 2007. After reading about his heritage, our family has agreed to have donations go to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center.

Sincerely,  
Rita Smith-Ott

## Tribal Rolls Scholarships Report

By Charles Clark

Greetings CPN scholarship recipients! When I first assumed the duty of administering the Tribal Rolls Scholarship program, beginning with the Fall 2002 semester, I had no idea how much it would expand. That semester, the Nation awarded 343 tribal members just over \$100,000.00. At the time, the maximum amount that a full-time student could receive was \$300.00.

Today, five years later, we have topped 1,000 applicants receiving more than \$1.2 million for the Fall 2007 semester, with a maximum award of \$1,500.00 per semester for a full-time student. The number of applicants continues to rise at a rate of more than 100 per year. This is, without a doubt, the most important investment the Nation can make in its members.

I am writing to you for a couple of reasons. First and foremost, I want to congratulate all of you for a job well done. Receiving an education is the most important thing you can do for yourself. You can lose everything you have, or have everything taken away from you, but not your education. At times, some of you might feel that you can't go on or finish what you started; don't give up! It takes sacrifice and hard work. Education is your key to success.

Second, I want all of you to know that the Nation works very hard to get the scholarship checks out in a timely manner. I understand that it can seem like an eternity as you wait on the checks, especially if the school is asking for its money. If you are being pressured for payment, or have any other problems related to the scholarship award, contact my office. Usually, all it takes is a fax or a phone call from my office to resolve the situation.

As the number of recipients grows, so does the number of those choosing to continue their education on a graduate and post-graduate level. This fall, 117 tribal members are working toward their Masters degrees and doctorates. Some of them are studying abroad and some are doing internships in third-world nations, helping those who need it most. Many of them are studying to become medical professionals, lawyers, engineers, or professors.

You should all be proud of yourselves. Certainly, the Nation is proud of you. Your participation in the affairs of your Nation is greatly needed and your determination and education will ensure that our Nation thrives and has a distinct place in this ever shrinking world.

## James Higbee - District #2

My name is James Higbee. I am a candidate for the legislative position in District #2. For the last several years, I have been the Regional Director for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) in the Northwest Region and have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved with (CPN) business and operations. My wife and I have relocated to Mobile, Alabama to be closer to our disabled son. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the South Region.

The Higbee name is one of the original Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) family names, and is displayed in the cultural center. My fifth great-grandfather was chief Toppinebee. My dad enrolled me in the Nation at a young age, and as long as I can remember, the Potawatomi name has been part of my life. My dad, Wendell, is 95 years young and one of the oldest Potawatomi members living.

I retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of service, served as a Medical Unit Commander in Vietnam. I have a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology with a specialty in clinical diagnosis of infectious and exotic diseases both in research and patient care. My army career took me to many places including assignments in Louisiana, Washington D.C, two different locations in Maryland, and the opportunity to experience southern living.

In the civilian community, I worked as an assistant professor at the University of Utah, a scientific director for a subsidiary of McDonnell Douglas, a consultant to several national companies including Kodak, Johnson & Johnson, Nikon, Smithkline/Beecham, Abbott Laboratories, and Berhinger Mannheim and was the Director of 28 Laboratories for a HMO. My scientific and management career involved large staff and fiscal responsibilities. I am a people person with excellent communication skills.

The survival of our Nation depends on preserving our culture, especially the native language, maximizing our successful business endeavors, education, reaching out to our members with benefits and staying on the front side of the curve. CPN is a great Nation with great leadership! I am proud to be a Potawatomi and would be honored to serve District #2 as Legislator.







Candidate for CPN Legislature:

District:

# Shane Cory



ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA  
MARYLAND, MISSISSIPPI, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA

## EXPERIENCED

Shane is a Marine Corps veteran, small business owner and has direct experience with large and diverse member organizations.

## DEDICATED

Having served in varying roles of public service, Shane is committed to work towards ethical and proper government at all levels.

## PURPOSE DRIVEN

Respectful of our past and looking towards the future, Shane will be dedicated to a long-term mission of preserving our shared heritage



For more info visit:  
[www.ShaneCory.com](http://www.ShaneCory.com)

Dear friend,

As we near our very first legislative election, **I respectfully ask for your vote.**

Throughout most of my career, I have served the public in a number of ways and to the best of my abilities. As a young man, I proudly grasped the opportunity to become a U.S. Marine and used the knowledge and discipline gained from that experience to improve upon my life and the lives of others.

I have also had the opportunity to serve as a director of a government watchdog group, routing out and fighting corruption at the highest levels of government.

Today, I continue that path of service in my current role as the executive director of the nation's third largest political party. Each day, I work to place our nation back on a path towards **liberty**.

If given the opportunity to do so through your vote, I will dedicate my time and energy to ensuring that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation maintains a proper course of prosperity and responsibility as a self-governed tribal nation.

Our sovereignty is important to me. As you and I should be sovereign in our own lives, so should be the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Our tribal nation should be free to prosper without government interference and we must be vigilant in its defense.

To do this, we must always look to the future, as a day will come, *as has happened in the past*, where attempts will be made to take away our identity and freedom as a nation.

The course set by the current leaders of the CPN is the right one. They have properly governed our tribal nation while building a financial trust of diverse business interests that will protect us in the future.

While other tribes squandered their resources – *and their future* – with handouts and welfare checks, our leaders held **true to responsibility** by keeping safe and building upon the CPN's many enterprises.

The new legislature of the CPN, **must do the same.**

A strong and vibrant nation is the only guarantee that our shared heritage will last for the benefit of our children and theirs.

Respectfully,



**Veterans Honored, con't from page 1**

Aragon said. "They (the United States) took the land that belonged to the Indians and finally gave us citizenship in 1924."

"There are so many wonderful pieces of American history that have come from American Indians," Aragon said, as she indicated she likes to think of each ethnic group as part of a "Great Salad" that is America.

The general referred to the CPN WWII veterans' stories, which had been related earlier in the evening via playing their videotaped Heritage series interviews. "Listening to the folks talk on the videos, you'll notice that those people who have been in the heat of battle are the ones who are very humble, who are very gracious, who say, 'I did it because it was my job,'" Gen. Aragon told the audience. "That's what the profession of arms is about."

Gen. Aragon praised the Warrior Ethos, characterized by the native warrior who stakes himself to the ground he is defending and declares that the enemy will have to kill him to get past him.

She said that, here in the 21st Century, Native Americans "are inculturated into our military as never before. I tell people



*Maj. Gen. Rita Aragon spoke at the banquet honoring the CPN's World War II veterans.*

all the time that the military is the greatest leveling field in the world."

Gen. Aragon also urged female veterans or relatives of female veterans to visit the Web site [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org) to register those women for inclusion on the Women In Military Service for America memorial. "It's a wonderful living tribute to all women who have served our nation," Aragon added. "Women have served in the military since the beginning of this nation

in a volunteer sense."

In conclusion, Gen. Aragon told her audience, "I am so grateful that you as a Nation of people have chosen to recognize those military members, past and present, with your honor, your dignity, with your Wall of Honor" a reference to the CPN's own memorial to its tribal member/veterans.

"That's what Native Americans do," she said. "We've always honored our elders; we've always honored our warriors. Through history, we've shown that we treasure those people who fight our fights for us."

Troy Graham, president of the CPN Veterans Organization, offered praise for the efforts of several other individuals and organizations "who contributed to making the evening memorable for the WWII Veterans."

Graham said, "I would like to thank the Honor Guard from Tinker AFB who presented the colors and performed the Missing-Man Table Ceremony and the Junior Air Force ROTC Cadets from Midwest City High School who escorted the WWII veterans during their introductions."

Graham was also appreciative of "the marvelous videotaped presentation by Chairman John Barrett; the entertaining taped presentation produced by the Tribal Heritage Project Staff; the wonderful meal prepared and served by the FireLake Grand Casino staff; and the invitations, decorations, and planning by the Cultural Heritage Center staff."

On a closing note, the CPN Veterans Organization voted to make Maj. Gen. Aragon its first Honorary Member.

## Amy Herrick - District #4

It is my desire to serve our Nation by continuing a tradition of excellence in the financial stewardship of all Citizen Potawatomi Nation resources for the benefit of current and future generations of CPN members.

I ask for your vote for District 4 in Kansas. The CPN Public Information Department has my resume for your viewing.



## Amy Rose Herrick

**DISTRICT #4 - KANSAS**

## JOIN US! Machine-Stitched Appliqué Ribbonwork Class

January 19, 2008 • 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation Conference Center  
806 Nishnabe Trail, Rossville, Kansas 66533  
(20 miles NW of Topeka)

### Instructor

**Peggy Kinder**, an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi, has enjoyed creating ribbonwork for 30 years and teaches hand-stitched ribbonwork classes annually in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Some of her work is displayed at the CPN Heritage Center in Oklahoma and she has also enjoyed creating regalia/ribbonwork for folks from Hawaii to the Midwest to Canada.

### Fee

\$25.00 (prepaid)

### What you will need

\*Sewing Machine and knowledge to use it (we will be zig zagging) 2, 3 or 4 colors of taffeta (preferred) or solid cotton fabric: 1-1/2 yard of your background color(s); 1 yard each of your design color(s) 1 spool of thread to match each of your design colors.

\*If you don't have a machine but know how to use one, please register anyway... there may be enough machines that attendees can take turns.

### Our goal

Will be to make a ribbonwork shawl strip.

Due to the usage of sewing machines, ironing boards/irons and the importance of individual attention, the class size will be limited.

**Please register by January 16, 2008, to ensure your spot.**

**Questions: Call 816-453-6375 or e-mail [pkinder@kc.rr.com](mailto:pkinder@kc.rr.com)**



### REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration form and class fee to: Peggy Kinder, 6004 N. Michigan Ave., Gladstone MO 64118



# Paul Wesselhöft

CPN Legislature, District 9

**Retired U.S. Army Chaplain:** Served 18 years in the U.S. Army, 16 as a Chaplain. Retired on the voluntary early retirement program, December 1995 as a Major.

**Employer:** State Representative, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 54: Moore & OKC. 50th & 51st Oklahoma Legislature: The Capital, Room 329, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4885 (405) 557-7343 Email: paulw4rep@hotmail.com

**Legislative Committees:** (51st Legislature) Chairman of Industry & Labor Subcommittee; Member of Economic Development & Financial Services Standing Committee; Energy Subcommittee; Veterans & Military Affairs Subcommittee (50th & 51st Legislature). Vice-Chairman of Joint (House/Senate) Committee on State-Tribal Relations (50th Legislature) Vice-Chairman of Government Reform, Agency Oversight & Administrative Rules. Member of Tourism & Recreation; and Aerospace & Technology. Founding Member of the 18-member Native American Caucus (50th & 51st Legislature)

**State Councils:** Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Employee Assistance Program Advisory Council; and the Worker Safety Policy Council

**National Committees:** Education; and Economic Development Committees for the National Congress of American Indians. Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the National Conference of State Legislatures Standing Committees on Legislative Effectiveness; Labor & Economic Development; Communications, Financial Services & Interstate Commerce; and Transportation.

**Former Employers:** (1.) State Coordinator, The Abstinence Education Project. Oklahoma State Department of Health. 1000 NE 10th Street. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117. Member, The Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council for Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. (2.) The Administrative Assistant and Office Manager for Oklahoman's for Children and Families. OCAF is a non-profit organization fighting to reduce sexual violence, victimization of women and child pornography by eliminating illegal pornography and regulating sexual businesses.

**Boards:** Former Chairman, legislative Issues: Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee of the Oklahoma Baptist General Conference.

Former Director of the Board and Chairman, Oklahoman's for Integrity in Government. OIG is a bipartisan group of conservative citizens working for a just and moral government.

Former Member: Oklahoma State Abstinence Advisory Council (SAAC).

Former President: Bradford Court Neighborhood Association.

Member: Executive Committee, Cleveland County Republican Party since 1996; and Former Chairman of Precinct Thirty-seven.

**Publications:** Numerous articles, essays, poems and short stories to include Distorted Image about women and pornography and Snake Eyes about statewide gambling. Won the critiques choice for best short story and poem in Oklahoma Community College's Absolute magazine. Published in various state and local newspapers and magazines. Many news stories, articles and interviews published in virtually in every newspaper throughout Oklahoma.

**Birth:** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. August 16, 1947. Fifth-generation Oklahoman. Part German & Potawatomi Indian.

**Family:** Married 31 years to the former Judy Albright of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma (3-21-1976). Children: Justin J. Wesselhöft (8-18-1982) and Holly Dei Wesselhöft (10-31-1985).

**Church and Ordination:** Member and Ordained Minister of the First Southern Baptist Church, Del City. First ordination: June 17, 1979; Congregational Christian Churches (Congregationalist).

**Civilian Education:** Graduate, U.S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City (1966). Honors in Speech, Drama and Debate. Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Drama. Minors in Psychology, Sociology and Religion. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma (1972). Masters of Arts in Religion. Southern Nazarene University. Bethany, Oklahoma (1976). Master of Divinity. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. South Hamilton, Massachusetts (1976). Graduate work in Public Administration. University of Oklahoma. Norman, Oklahoma (1981-1982). Graduate: Emergency Medical Technician Course (EMT). Savannah, Georgia (1985). Doctor of Ministry Candidate. San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California (1991-1995).

**Military Education:** Basic Infantry Training. Fort Bliss, Texas (1967). Radio Relay and Carrier Attendant and Tactical Circuit Controller. Fort Gordon, Georgia (1967). 7TH U.S. Army Non-Commission Officer's Academy. Bad Tolz, Germany (1968). U.S. Army Chaplain Officer's School. Fort Monmouth, New Jersey (1979). Clinical Pastoral Education. Fort Sill, Oklahoma (1981). U.S. Army Chaplain Officer's Advanced School. Fort Monmouth, New Jersey (1984). U.S. Army Airborne Jump School. Fort Benning, Georgia (1984). Ranger Indoctrination Program. Hunter Army Air Field. Savannah, Georgia (1984). U.S. Army Combined Arms and Service Staff School. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1988). Courses at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1989-1991).

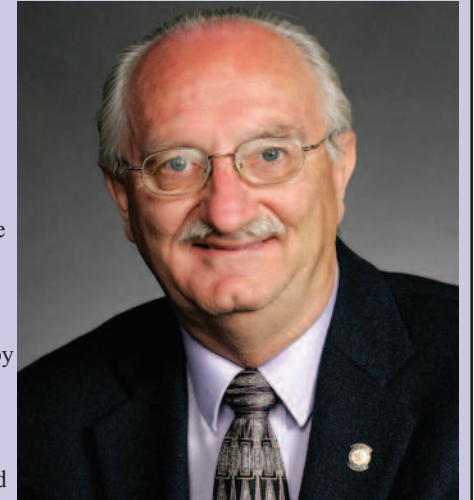
**Two of Eight Previous Officer Assignments:** 1 ST Battalion. 75 TH Infantry (U.S. Airborne Ranger). Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. Associate Pastor of Hunter Army Airfield Chapel (1984-1986). 22 ND Area Support Group in Vecenza, Italy. Pastor of the Community and the Community Chapel. Associate pastor of the Verona Community Chapel (1993-1995). Also served nine years at Fort Sill.

**Military Medals:** National Defense Medal (Vietnam Era), Good Conduct Medal (Vietnam Era), the Saint Barbara Artillery Medal (Ancient Order), The Armed Forces Reserve Medal, The South West Asia Service Medal, The Army Commendation Medal with Third Oak leaf Cluster and The Meritorious Service Medal with Third Oak Leaf Cluster. Persian Gulf War: Veteran of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Directly involved in the front line ground offensive for the liberation of Kuwait (1990-1991). Served as the 75 TH Field Artillery Brigade Chaplain and Supervisor of four battalion chaplains and staff.

**Special Projects:** Organized and directed several post and city wide Holocaust Commemoration Services, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations, National Prayer Breakfast's, Marriage and Singles Retreats, play productions, Gospel concerts, and Christmas Food Baskets for the needy. Responsible for the Army clearing several acres of land to be developed for Habitat for Humanity in order to build many low cost houses for the needy. Organized and Personally delivered several tons of donated food, blankets, clothing, toys and goods to a Bosnian refugee camp in Croatia. Conducted multiple workshops and seminars on Leadership, Personal and Social Ethics, Racism, Combat Ethics, Battle Fatigue, Parenting Skills, Counseling Skills, Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, Cross Cultural Premarital Preparation, Sexual Harassment, Rape Prevention and Suicide Intervention. Candidate for the Oklahoma State Senate, District 45. Qualified for the Run-Off but not elected. Organized and directed an Oklahoma City petition drive to cancel a Marilyn Manson concert for children. Obtained over 20,000 signatures in ten days. Convinced the City Council to pass a resolution to cancel the concert but state fair commissioners refused to cancel. Helped to organize and personally registered over 300 people for the first State of Oklahoma Governor's Conference on Abstinence Education.

**Interests:** National, state and tribal government, teaching classes on ethics, leadership, drama, and acting, writing poetry and short stories, O.U. Football, motor cycling, sailing, water skiing, parakiting, chess, The Stock Market (when it's up!).

**Travel:** Residence, combat duty, temporary duty, deployments, leaves, travel or vacations in 44 states and 26 countries: USA, Mexico, West Germany, East Germany, Holland, Canada, France, Honduras, Panama, South Korea, Japan, Guam, Philipppians, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Belgian, Ireland, Italy, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Switzerland, England and China.





# Jason O'Neal

## For Legislative District #10

### HONOR - COURAGE - COMMITMENT

#### United States Marine Corps, 4 years, Military Police

Jason served four-years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Military Police Officer during which time he was responsible for police and investigative work on a Military Installation, including, civil complaints, general public service calls, felonies, and misdemeanors. Jason held positions as Patrolman, K-9 Officer, Special Reaction Team Member, Desk Sergeant, and Watch Commander. His accomplishments include several successful joint missions with the U.S. Secret Service as a plain-clothed law enforcement K-9 Handler, for presidential protection, and several letters of appreciation and commendation.



*“Far superior than his peers, Jason excelled at everything with which he was tasked. Jason possesses a variety of rich qualities...of particular note are the sincerity and compassion with which he treats everyone with whom he comes into contact. Jason is the consummate professional...I rate him in the top 5% of all the Marines I have observed or with whom I have served.” -P.P. Scarselli, Captain, USMC*

#### U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, 6 years, Supervisory Police Officer

Jason was a Supervisory Police Officer responsible for planning, implementing, evaluating, and coordinating the functions of a law enforcement agency on Indian Reservations throughout Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and Oklahoma. His accomplishments include the implementing of innovative guidelines in assignments, based on priorities and deadlines, resulting in a more efficient and prepared program, and, several letters of appreciation and commendation. Jason was the Honor Graduate of the 16-week U.S. Indian Police Academy receiving awards for Outstanding Overall Cadet, Highest Academic Average, Expert Firearms, and Squad Leader.

*“Jason is an exceptionally fast learner and able to quickly put new skills to use. The quality of his work far exceeds expectations for accuracy and thoroughness. He is extremely efficient...and has received an award for his excellence supervision and leadership. Jason is one of the finest upcoming Officers I have come across in my 30 years of law enforcement.” -Lean Glenn, Special-Agent-in-Charge, BIA-OLES*

#### Chickasaw Lighthorse Police, 3 years, Chief of Police

On October 1st, 2004, Jason re-established the Chickasaw Nation's Lighthorse Police Department, which had been extinct since before Oklahoma state-hood over 100-years ago. In the last three years this Tribal Police Department has been recognized nationwide as one of the most efficient, effective, and respected law enforcement agencies in Indian Country. Chief O'Neal's accomplishments include nationwide recognition for efforts encouraging cooperative law enforcement and an appointment to the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Council by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry.

*“There is probably no police agency in the state of Oklahoma, bar none, that is better run than this group of Lighthorse policemen.” -R. Darryll Weaver, Director, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD)*



*“The protection and welfare of our families and communities are the chief responsibility of all governments. With more than thirteen years of military, federal and tribal law enforcement experience, I have made public service my life profession.*

*As a husband and father of four, I understand our families' needs including healthcare, education, and employment. Currently serving as the Chief of Police for the Chickasaw Nation, I am a challenge-driven professional with a strong leadership background. I excel in creating consensus among divergent groups. I am a creative and resourceful professional with the ability to get quick results and demonstrate early success.*

*As a natural and persuasive communicator, I will strive to energize and inspire individuals to work toward achieving the common goal of bettering the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Only together can we ensure a promising future for our children and generations to come.*

*With my determination, spirit, and strength of character as my moral compass, I will carry our people's fire into the future; so that I may lead generations after me to learn, understand, appreciate, and continue our culture, heritage and way of life. My family and I respectfully ask for your support and vote for Jason O'Neal, Legislative District #10.”*



*Vice Chairman, con't. from page 10*

on false or mistaken information, that person will be disenrolled. Determination of cause for disenrollment by a hearing before the Tribal Legislature is a fair procedure. Item (g) of Article 3, Section 1 is clear and reads: **No member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation may hold membership in any other Indian tribe.**

We are a great Nation and as such we should govern with solid rules and regulations. I am so proud of our new constitution and the progress that has been made toward the February 2, 2008 election. As you vote for your chosen Legislative candidate, please cast a “yes” vote for the membership referendum.



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## Alan Becker

District #4

### Educational Scholarships

An educational scholarship program has helped a lots of the youth, but we need more college bound people to take advantage of this program. I believe that we can expand this program to a future based scholarship contract program for careers directly linked to the future growth of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, i.e., Medical Doctors, Dentists, Legal Personnel, etc., to be used in the Regional areas.



### Nation Growth

We need to work on greater overall Potawatomi participation in the voting process, Festival attendance, and just getting more of our people to come back to the Nation.

### Culture

Cultural preservation is a must. Justin is doing a great job in the language department. We need to expand to teach old values and ceremonies for all generations, present and future.

### Constitution

The new constitution is now the most important project of our generation. We need to work together setting up the initial outline of legislative responsibilities for the representation of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Not only will our own people be watching what is being done, but we will be setting an example for other Tribal Nations in their future changes.

**Vote for Alan Becker - Legislative District #4**

## Edwin Burns (Navarre) - Mesho

### Legislative District #5



I honor and treasure my Potawatomi heritage, and truly feel that I could be an asset to you, my people, serving as your legislator.

I have served my country in the Army as a combat engineer. I worked for 30 years for Centel Electric Co., 10 years in top management. I served as a union steward, solving problems and making major decisions.

My life has been a journey. This journey has prepared me to live honestly, love deeply, and add a little humor and laughter to each day.

I ask for your vote, and vow to serve you well. My phone is 719-254-7118. E-mail me at [emb@bresnan.net](mailto:emb@bresnan.net)

**Vote for  
Edwin Burns**





## Making History

by Cindy Stewart



Jinchang Mayor Zheng Yusheng, CPN Chairman John Barrett, and Shawnee Mayor Chuck Mills sign the trilateral Sister Cities pact.

Recently, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Chairman John Barrett joined with the City of Shawnee and Mayor Chuck Mills in setting up a joint venture with Jinchang City, Gansu Province, People's Republic of China and its Mayor, Zheng Yusheng.

This was a history-making event. Never before has there been a tri-lateral Sister City agreement involving three nations.

The signing ceremony was held at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center on November 15, 2007. Chairman Barrett opened with a ceremonial blessing of the room and those in attendance. He then delivered a prayer in Potawatomi and English, which was translated into Chinese. A video presentation was shown to the China delegates highlighting the Potawatomi culture and tradition.

Chairman Barrett read the resolution

approving the partnership with the City of Shawnee and its participation in the Sister City program with Jinchang City. In addition, officials of all three cities hope to promote friendship, education, and cultural exchange.

Shawnee Mayor Mills said the Sister City venture will focus on business opportunities. "This is truly a red letter day for the City of Shawnee and for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation," he said.

Dr. Xiaobing Li served as the head translator for both sides of the globe. Li teaches at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. He traveled with the Gansu Province delegation during their visit.

Liu Zhijun, Director of Jinchang City Economic Development Zone Management Committee, shared a letter written by the mayor of Jinchang City expressing his hope for a successful venture. He also extended an invitation to City of Shawnee and CPN officials to visit Jinchang City.

"This Sister City relationship will promote mutual benefits in China and the United States," said Gao Tianlu, Director General of the Gansu China Bureau of Commerce of Jinchang Gansu Province. "The seed of cooperation has been planted in our hearts. Today we are ready to sign the agreement."

The document was done in duplicate in English and Chinese, on side-by-side pages, both texts being equally authentic and signed by Mayor Zheng Yusheng, Jinchang City, Gansu Province, People's Republic of China; Mayor Chuck Mills, Shawnee City, Oklahoma State, USA; and Chairman John Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Oklahoma State,

USA.

Following the signing of the documents the three nations' delegates made a toast to the new sister-city relationship. Many gifts of great significance were exchanged.

The Cultural Heritage Center is designing a case to display the signed agreement and the gifts received from Jinchang City, China. The display will be placed in the Administration Building foyer for a time and then moved to the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

Before the ceremony began, the attendees were invited for a tour of the Museum. The Chinese were very intrigued by the heritage and artifacts of the Potawatomi people. The Nation shared with them some of the displayed artifacts, one being a basket.

The Chinese officials were asked to guess what the basket is made of. Although many guesses were made, none were correct. Once they were told it was made of porcupine quills, with a wrinkled brow and a half smile, the interpreter repeated one guest's question: "What's a porcupine?"

The guests were even more intrigued when they were shown the picture of the man they were about to meet, our Chairman. The story was told of our visionary leader, Chairman Barrett. Then they were shown the photo of the two-room trailer that served as CPN headquarters 30 years ago, followed by numerous photos of the vast success of the CPN since then. Their response was obvious even in another language.

We also shared the significance of the buffalo to the Indian people - his strength and the warmth, food, and shelter it provided. We also explained reverence for the eagle, for his freedom, spirit, pursuit of excellence, and flight close to the most high one. In addition, we outlined the significance of the peace pipe, with the Nation always in pursuit of peace.

Mr. Dick Rush, President of the State Chamber of Oklahoma, standing nearby, crossed his two index fingers (like the peace pipe and axe in the CPN seal) and said "Peace." I then did the same motion, saying "Peace." The Chinese then, with smiles on their faces, did the same in their language. It was a defining moment in this quest for unity.

## From the Director's Desk

As I stated in the last issue of the *HowNiKan* I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the activities that have been held in the Cultural Heritage Center and those of the CPN Veterans Organization.

**Recent Events:** We were approached by the Oklahoma National Guard to facilitate a special training day for one of the local NG units on Saturday, September 15th. The singular purpose of the training day was to provide the opportunity for each of the soldiers to be evaluated for the potential for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder following a year long deployment to Afghanistan. More than 120 soldiers were evaluated.

On September 21, the Shawnee Centennial Luncheon was held in the Long Room with over 250 individuals attending. The CPN Color Guard presented the colors before the meal was served. Chairman Barrett followed with a welcome and blessing.

On October 22, we hosted a one-day Pre-Conference Workshop in conjunction with the National Tribal Archives, Library and Museum Conference being held in Oklahoma City. The workshop was attended by more than 55 individuals representing dozens of tribes from across the country and several other institutions. Later in the week several members of the CHC staff gave presentations at the main conference.

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## Walking On

**William Michael "Chief" Bruno**



McLoud, Oklahoma resident Bill Bruno, 75, walked on on Friday, May 25, at Midwest Regional Specialty Hospital.

Bill was born April 30, 1932, in Shawnee, the son of Mike and Era Mae (Peery) Bruno. Bill became soul mates with Glenna Horton, and they were married July 27, 1952, in Tucson, Ariz. Five children were born to this union.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Bill and Glenna were members of Hillside Baptist Church of McLoud. Bill had spiritual wisdom, had been before the Church Deacon Selection Committee, and was scheduled to be ordained as a deacon. On May 23, 2007, the church voted unanimously to approve Bill as an "Honorary Deacon."

He was preceded in death by his parents; three infant siblings; and his two youngest sons, Matthew Bruno and Paul Daniel Bruno.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna; two sons, Michael of Big Bend, Texas, and Mark and his wife Phyllis of Lyons, Kansas; one daughter, Loretta "Lori" and her husband Ron Oden of Lyons; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four brothers, Carl, Anthony and Tom of Arizona, and Leon and Veta of Tecumseh; four sisters, Francis Lackey of Tecumseh, Barbara and her husband Bill Brown of Wanette, Louise and her husband Danny Halterman of Colorado, and Zona Gail and her husband Monty Smith of Arizona; and a host of other family and friends.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 29, at Hillside Baptist Church, McLoud. Burial was at Jamison Cemetery, McLoud.

Memorial donations may be made to Hillside Baptist Church for the purchase of playground equipment.

**Raymond Frank Cargill**



Raymond Frank Cargill, a lifelong resident of French Camp, California, walked on on February 2, 2007. He joined his brothers, Baby Boy Cargill, Waymon Cargill, and James Wayne Cargill.

Raymond was born on May 10, 1949 in Stockton, California. He was a maintenance engineer for Cal-Ammonia at the Port of Stockton for 34 years. He loved fishing, camping, and singing Karaoke.

Raymond is survived by his fiancé, Betty Cromwell; his only child, Robert Wayne Cargill; and three grandchildren, all of French Camp; his parents, Frank and Emma Cargill; two brothers, John Cargill and Bruce Cargill; four sisters, Bessie German, Diane Chaparro, Linda Cargill, and Glenda Cargill, all of Manteca, California; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, all of Manteca.

Interment was at Park View Cemetery in French Camp.

### **Dottie Louise Bailey**

Dottie Louise Bailey went home to be with her Lord on November 14, 2007 in Grove, Oklahoma after a long illness.

Dottie was born the daughter of Adeline and Lewis Green on February 7, 1928 in Miami, Oklahoma. On December 2, 1944, she married Kenneth Bailey, her husband of nearly 63 years. Her life was devoted to being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Dottie loved to cook and her family loved her fried chicken, strawberry pie, chocolate sheet cake, apple pies and everything else she cooked. She was always ready to feed an "army" on a moment's notice. She enjoyed playing board games



with her grandkids and spent many hours watching them play sports and "supervising" their play on the lake. She was a charter member of Christ Church, and was always ready to help when needed.

Dottie is survived by her husband Kenneth of the home; three daughters and their husbands, Debbie and Ray Kempel of Hutchinson, Kansas, Connie and Larry Kichler of Sherwood, Arkansas, and Cindy and Jerry Baser of Afton, Oklahoma; her mother Adeline Green of Miami, Oklahoma; her sister Sylvia Bell of Tulsa, Oklahoma; her brother Tom Green of Afton; eight grandchildren, Kenny Kempel, Tabitha Whitten, Justin Kichler, Lashauna Cooke, Joshua Baser, Jeremiah Kichler, Kaycee Dobbins, and Chris Kichler; seven great-grandchildren Tiffany, Taylor, Morgan, Shayna, Benton, Lieu, and Jayce; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

## Notice

From the office of Tribal Rolls,

Tribal Rolls will begin taking campground reservations for the 2008 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Reunion Festival Monday, February 1, 2008 at 8 a.m. CST. Reservations will not be accepted before this date. Information will be updated as this date draws near.

Thank you  
Charles Clark  
Director, Tribal Rolls

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ence in Oklahoma City.

**CPN Veterans Organization:** The CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard continues to be very active. Carrying the full contingent of 10 flags and the Eagle Staff, the Color Guard was one of the lead elements of the Oklahoma Centennial Parade in Shawnee on Saturday September 22, 2007.

The CPN's was one of nine Tribal Color Guard Units that participated in the Deployment Ceremony for 2,400 members of the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Regiment, which was held in the Lloyd Noble Arena on the campus of the University of Oklahoma.

In conjunction with its October meeting, the Veterans Organization was asked to hold a naming ceremony for eight of its members. The naming ceremony was conducted by Chairman Barrett. Those individuals receiving their Indian names are: James Anderson, Charles Anderson, Keith Cagle, Troy Graham, Michael Kennedy, Joe David Melott, Terry Peltier, and Jerry Powell.

One of the highlights during this period for the Color Guard was the opportunity to be part of the Opening Ceremonies for the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference held at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. This time the unit carried the Eagle Staff, US, Tribal and Oklahoma flags, as well as the Special Olympics flag. The conference was attended by representatives from all 50 states and 33 foreign countries with more than 1,100 individuals in attendance at the Opening Ceremonies.

Finally, the big event of the year for the CPN Veterans Organization was the Banquet held in honor of the CPN World War II Veterans. The WWII Veterans who attended are: John Barnes, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Benton Burton Jr., Grand Junction, Colorado; Paul Clark, Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Zoe Combs Stockton, Missouri; George Hamilton, Shawnee; Richard Johnson, Sanger, California; William Nadeau, Tecumseh; James Pearl, St. Marys, Kansas; Kenneth Peltier Sr., Shawnee; James Post, Shawnee; Benedict Rhodd, Tecumseh; Robert Slavin, Shawnee; Don Smith, Oklahoma City; Thurman D. Dike, Ft. Worth; and Bill Williams, Purcell, Oklahoma.

**Preserving  
Potawatomi Heritage**





# CITIZEN POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Bozho and Happy Holidays! Welcome to the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation's (CPCDC) financial column. You may have noticed our article in the previous *HowNiKan*. As we mentioned last issue, the CPCDC will maintain a static presence in the *HowNiKan* to provide you, members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, insight on how to enhance your financial future.

For those of you who missed the last article, you may be asking yourself, "What is the CPCDC?" Founded in 2003, the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation is a specialized financial institution that serves Native American interests in innovative ways as an alternative to traditional financial institutions, often bridging the gap from non-bankable to bankable.

In addition to providing a wide array of financial products and services, the CPCDC provides services that help ensure that credit is used effectively, such as technical assistance to small businesses, financial education, and credit counseling to consumers. In essence, the program seeks to make an economic impact in Indian Country by providing financial education, access to capital, opportunities for job growth, and establishment of personal wealth.

*"[The CPCDC is] an alternative to traditional financial institutions - often bridging the gap from non-bankable to bankable."*

What can you, the reader, expect from the CPCDC's financial column? In each issue of the *HowNiKan*, the CPCDC will provide thought-provoking commentary, applicable real-life principles, and information on upcoming seminars and workshops. The CPCDC will attempt to help with issues of personal finance, aspiring entrepreneurs, and established small businesses.

## ***Taking Care of Business: Customer Service***

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's easy to get busy being busy.

What I mean is that we forget to slow down and appreciate each day. The same is true for business. Because many businesses generate a great deal of their annual sales this time of year, failing to slow down and treat each customer and sales transaction as a business growth opportunity is all too common. Even though "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" have come and gone, there exists a great deal of business to be had between then and the end of the year. Posture your business for early growth next year by providing excellent customer service and word-of-mouth referrals.

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It was about this time a few years ago I had ordered pizza from a small, local pizza parlor chain for the staff that agreed to work the day after Thanksgiving. Because the staff was in two locations, the pizza order was very specific to ensure everyone received the pizza of his preference. Without verifying the actual product at the parlor, I paid for the pizza and returned to the office.

As you might have guessed, the order was wrong. I called the parlor and explained the situation. To shorten a long story, the staff at the parlor more or less communicated that the pizza was made as ordered, no exchanges would be made, and I could buy more pizza if I needed anything different.

Extremely perturbed, I fired off an e-mail to their customer service department. The following week a representative called from the parlor advising she had spoken to the staff. The staff assured the representative they had gotten the order correct. (I'm thinking, "Of course they would have said that - objectivity anyone?") She was sorry that I hadn't communicated my order clearly, and said the chain would be happy to sell me more pizza should I want it.

Not only have I not patronized the restaurant since then, I've told the story at least 20 times. The moral of the story: consider each customer and your care of him

an opportunity to promote your business. Rest assured, whether you treated him well or poorly, each customer represents a walking advertisement. If you've created a happy customer, he advertises through casual conversations. If you've created a frustrated customer, he advertises with a megaphone to anybody who will listen!

*"If you've created a frustrated customer, he advertises with a megaphone to anybody who will listen!"*

Try to employ the following tips when dealing with your customers:

**o Talk to your customers.** Try to identify their needs. Don't just assume they know exactly what they're looking for and where to find it. If you don't have what they're looking for, ask questions and determine if there might be a different solution for their needs.

**o Listen to your customers.** Crazy as it sounds, the first tip was not a rhetorical one. God gave you two ears and one mouth for a reason. If you're going to take the time to ask someone how he's doing or if you can help, respond appropriately to what he answers.

**o Market to your existing customers.** Don't take your customer for granted, even if you think you're the only game in town. If you're in business for yourself, you know it's much easier to keep an existing customer than it is to get a new one.

Further, most often your customers' friends and family members represent your target market. By creating a champion for your business, you're creating the most effective marketing platform - testimonials.

**o Create appropriate expectations.** Say what you mean and mean what you say. If you're going to say you'll have a service done or a product available in two days, have it done *in two days*. Most often, customers' frustrations begin with a difference between expectations and reality. By creating realistic expectations upfront, you diffuse potential blowups later.

**o If you're happy about having a customer, tell your face.** I'm not saying you have to go around with a ridiculous grin. What I am saying is people do business with people they like. Nobody likes people who are irritable, depressed, or preoccupied.

Creating a satisfied customer is just as important as, if not more important than, trying to find new ones. Realize that even if a sale isn't made every time, customer service helps create lasting relationships, residual business, and the most effective marketing platform. Take the time to value each one of your potential customers and you may just have your own "Miracle on 34th Street" each holiday season!

## CLYDE SLAVIN, O.D. FOR DISTRICT #8 REPRESENTATIVE

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*"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; there is where they should be. Now, put the foundations under the," - Thoreau*



# Letter From The Chairman

Bozho Nikan (Hello, my friend),

As we continue our rapid progress toward electing our new legislature, the "Meet the Candidate Meetings" have given me some new insights about our people and our new tribal structure. A number of you have written me or called to ask me pretty much the same question: "If it ain't broke, why are you fixing it?"

My best answer is this: "If it (tribal government) breaks in the future, do we have a way to fix it before the Tribe is badly damaged? The answer is no. We needed to change the form of our government. The office of the Tribal Chairman was too powerful. The potential for future problems if our tribe ever elected a poor Tribal Chairman was great. By spreading out the financial powers of the Executive Branch to the tribal legislature, more people are involved in the appropriations process and control of tribal funds.

Yes, we have made a lot of progress in the last ten years. And, yes, the old form of Business Committee got us there. But, the old form of Business Committee was too small to reflect the oldest traditions of Potawatomi leadership. In the old days, our leaders led by consensus. Potawatomi lived in smaller groups, and the individual villages did little business as a joined "Tribe."

Leaders kept talking at it until almost everyone affected by a leadership decision was content with the person making the decision. We did not have "majority rule." Decisions were accepted in the context of the reputation of and esteem in which a leader was held. If a leader made a decision for the people, they decided whether to follow him or obey him based on his reputation - and their judgment of his likely success. Dissent was evidenced by withdrawal and non-participation, not passivity or apathy.

We had no written law. We had our "ways" - our customs and traditions. Dispute resolution was a process of the entire village agreeing that 1) a wrong was committed and 2) the person who was wrong should "make it right" with the people hurt some way. That was usually a pub-



lic apology and a payment in goods or labor. If there was a murder, the killer usually died at the hands of the dead person's family, but always with the approval of the village. If the dead man "had it coming," a settlement was usually reached with repayment or banishment from the village.

The leader was a referee, an arbiter, and an advisor. The people were the judge and jury. This worked as long as we were in small groups. We joined into larger groups for common defense, large-scale hunts, or celebrations. The "Chief" was selected for the event. If we had a treaty with the white man, we selected the leader who could read and write and speak the best. If we went to war, we chose our best fighter and tactician. When it was over, we went back to smaller family-based groups.

When we were later required to act as a united "Tribe" by confrontations with larger powers, such as the state and federal government, we were forced into a "majority rule" form of government. We later just got too big to govern by consensus. There is simply no way to get everyone to agree.

Unwavering dissent in a consensus environment leads to paralysis. I can remember when our Tribe would simply stop doing anything in the face of the opposition of a small minority, even if the opposition was just for pure orneriness. But, our tradition of desiring a consensus is still very strong, these 150 years later.

By adding eleven more leaders into the

governmental process, and having a geographical distribution of these leaders, we are getting closer to the old ways. We will soon find out if our ever-falling number of people participating in their Tribe by voting and attending meetings is due to disagreement. We all want to maintain our culture. We all want to claim or reclaim our identity as Citizen Potawatomi Indians - the language, the songs, the customs. The price that has to be paid to get this is participating in the government. The government is the delivery system for the culture. Please vote. Please participate. It is your Tribe.

Megwetch (Thank you),  
John Barrett

**Ensure that your tribal democracy works!**  
Vote in the legislative election.  
Absentee ballots must arrive at the  
Tecumseh, Oklahoma post office no later  
than 10 a.m. on February 2, 2008.

**Clyde Slavin, O.D.**

**\* GOOD HEALTH**  
**\* CONFIDENCE IN OUR FUTURE**  
**\* GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH**  
**THE PEOPLE AROUND US**

**WE ALL HAVE SIMILAR GOALS.**

**YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL**  
**IMPACT ALL OF THESE GOALS.**

**YOUR TRIBE IS A GREAT**  
**RESOURCE FOR YOUR**  
**PERSONAL WELL-BEING.**

**USE YOUR TRIBAL RESOURCES.**

**I AM RUNNING TO BE ONE OF**  
**YOUR RESOURCES.**

**Clyde Slavin, O.D.**  
**CPN Legislature**  
**District #8**

**Ralph Nishbonsak Bergeron Bazhaw**  
**Legislative District #2**



Family: Great Grandson of Watcheekee, daughter of Chief Joseph and Monaska. Grandfather, Charles Bergeron, and Father, Robert Bergeron (Bazhaw), were on original tribal rolls of Citizen Band Potawatomi. Ralph and wife, Lois, have a son, Ron, and a daughter, Lana, and five grandsons. They reside in Pleasant Garden, North Carolina.

Education: Graduate, Cement, Oklahoma High School; BSEE, Oklahoma State University; Masters Certificate Project Management, George Washington University

Experience: Retired after 31 years in telecommunications for the Bell System (engineering, sales, and project management.) Currently instructor GTCC and high school basketball referee. Ralph shares his heritage with children and adults at schools, nursing homes, and other organizations

**Education - Experience - Heritage - Bridging the Generations**

Ralph is a man with a deep spiritual center who can bring people together using wisdom of the past to solve the problems of today. He possesses the foresight to plan for the future.

*"With the help of the Great Spirit, I offer myself in service to my people. I would appreciate your vote."* - Ralph Bazhaw

**Learn more about the CPN Legislative Candidates**  
**and the change in Government Structure**  
**at [www.CPNElectionCentral.org](http://www.CPNElectionCentral.org)**



## Janet Grey

Legislative District #4



I am a member of the Bourassa/Ogee families of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas. I attended Seaman High School, Professional Beauty College, and Kaw Area Vo Tech. I retired after 20 years from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

I own my home in northeast Topeka. I am very family-oriented, having three adult children, six grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren. I am interested in the education of our children. I care what is happening in the Citizen Potawatomi

Nation and preserving the great heritage we can pass on to our children, grandchildren and future generations.

I am honest, trustworthy, and professional. I will work hard as your representative to bring your concerns to the CPN. I have many years of knowledge in Federal Civilian Payroll and Personnel laws and regulations, also in Federal and State Tax law, understanding legal documents, research, and managing personnel.

I would appreciate your vote for the opportunity to serve you as the First Representative of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation from Kansas.

**Janet Grey**  
Legislative District #4

## Robert Whistler

Legislative Dist #3



I am a proud member of the Bourassas family and would be honored to represent our Citizens in Legislative District #3. I have degrees in Math-Science and Business. I offer over 35 years of Business, Political, Government and Community service experience to help make our new form of government successful. For details on my full background, experience, and priorities go to [www.RobertWhistler.com](http://www.RobertWhistler.com). You may also email me at [RobertMWhistler@yahoo.com](mailto:RobertMWhistler@yahoo.com). I need your vote and promise to serve you well.

**Vote for**  
**Robert Whistler - District 3**

## Hubert "Hurb" Adams - Legislative District #4

**HUBERT LEE ADAMS**, known as "Hurb"

Age 69, born on a farm at Bronaugh, Missouri, lived with my parents in Kansas as a child. My wife and I now live in Rossville, Kansas at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation community apartments with other members of our tribe. You are welcome to visit with us whenever you are in the area.

- \* Graduated from Nevada High School, Nevada, Missouri, 1955
- \* BS in Chemical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla, 1960
- \* MBA, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, 1971
- \* BASF Corporation, 12 years, chemical engineer, operations supervisor for manufacturing
- \* Founders Alliance Corporation, 11 years, consultant, vice-president
- \* City of Detroit, 14 years, instructor in mathematics and technology with adult students at General Motors, Chrysler, and other locations.
- \* Officer in The United States Army, Corps of Engineers, 1.5 years.
- \* After retirement, City of Dearborn, part-time building supervisor, 1 year.

While living in Michigan, I was active in studying the history of the Potawatomi people in the Great Lakes area, visiting the historic sites where records are kept, working on the genealogy of the Bourassa and Bertrand families, and researching the books in the Detroit Historical Library. If elected, I believe that my professional expertise and past experiences will enable me to provide an excellent representation for all members of our tribe in the Kansas District. Being retired, I will have plenty of time to listen to the people in my district, and to make your ideas and concerns known in Shawnee, Oklahoma. My past experiences working with budgets, feasibility studies, audits, project planning, time management, legal contracts, and government regulations will enable me to concentrate on the issues with priority and communicate them with effectiveness. The best reason to elect me as your representative is that I not only will give the duties my best effort, but I can really put my heart into it.



**Hubert "Hurb" Adams - Legislative District #4**



## Grand Casino's hot, saucy hit

"No crybabies, please," states the menu at FireLake Grand Casino's Grandstand Sports Grille. While also having a little fun with patrons, the restaurant is not joking around when it comes to hot sauce.

"Nothing appears this hot in nature," said Nick Mee, Executive Chef for all three of FireLake Grand Casino's eating establishments - Grandstand Sports Grille, Embers Steakhouse, and The Grand Buffet.

Transported in a dear plastic box roughly seven inches tall is a little vial of Blair's 2 AM Reserve. On top of the box is a round label that depicts flames and a skull, which some may view as a warning. Packaged in Highlands, New Jersey, only a tiny taste is enough to make some grown men cry.

The small bottle, which holds about two ounces of the brownish concoction, is sealed with black and red wax and is signed by Blair himself. A tiny skull can be found stuck in the wax. When the wax is broken, a cork must be removed to get to the mixture.

Food and Beverage Manager Hunter Valentine explained that waiters and waitresses always wear rubber gloves when serving Blair's. This added security keeps their skin from burning.

Closer inspection of the box reveals the ingredients - natural pepper extract, red savina, habanero, cayenne chilies, and vinegar. Mee explained that the ingredients are all natural but have been reduced down in order to create the unique, incredibly spicy flavor. "It's ridiculous," Mee said of the heat, adding that the "hotness" of peppers is measured according to the Scoville Scale.

For example, www.chiliworld.com rates the jalapeno from 2,500 to 5,000 Scoville Units. Habanero peppers range from 100,000 to 350,000. The red savina is rated from 350,000 to 570,000 Scoville Units and, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, is the world's hottest chili pepper. Blair's 2 a.m., on the other hand, hits 900,000 on the scale.

Each little bottle costs about \$35, but samples are served with Grandstand meals at no charge to those brave enough to test



*A waitress serves some Blair's 2 A.M. Reserve at FireLake Grand Casino's Grandstand Sports Grille*

toughness. Patrons are asked to sign a waiver before they are allowed to taste Blair's. While the staff admits this part is more for fun, it does draw attention from diners at other tables.

"I will never sue FireLake Grand Casino Grandstand if my tongue falls off and my acts up due to the world's hottest hot sauce..." the waiver begins. The good news is that those who survive the experience get a certificate verifying the accomplishment. This way, one can prove to all his friends and family that he did, indeed, try the sauce and lived to tell the tale.

Ron Degaffenreid, Director of Food and Beverage at FireLake Grand, said that at least one person each day samples Blair's. On weekends, however, visitors seem to get more courageous. He and Valentine explained that one person will try it and, gradually, other diners will catch on and follow suit. Some "tough guys" will then be forced to spend the next 10 to 15 minutes crying and recovering in the bathroom while others "don't bat an eye."

Mee said the fiery taste is absolutely indescribable until one tries it. He said some people are very surprised when they try Blair's for the first time. Mee said he has enjoyed hot sauces his whole life. Having spent time in Las Vegas and California, he has had the opportunity to taste many different kinds.



*The Blair's 2 A.M. Reserve waits to be served to a Grandstand Sports Grille customer.*

## Andrew Thomas Walters

Heritage, history, and family - the three most important aspects of Potawatomi culture. Without them we, as a Tribe, cannot continue to exist. Over the years, the Tribe, under our current leaders, has taken steps toward making the Tribe a viable, financially secure entity.



Now we must look at enjoining our people into the Potawatomi culture. Continuing education, bringing our culture to life, and showing our people the importance of being Potawatomi are the foundations of my campaign. Without this, we will be assimilated, we will die, and the memory of our proud heritage will be forgotten, relegated to the back pages of history. We must resurrect our culture, our language, and our pride.

**We are the  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation!**

**Andrew Thomas Walters**  
**District #3**

## Traci Garcia

**Legislative District #3**

My name is Traci Garcia. I am a native Texan and very proud of my Citizen Potawatomi heritage. I would be honored to be your full-time District #3 Legislator.

I am committed to listening and understanding the needs of our district tribal members and then relaying those needs to the other members of the tribal government. I believe our tribe already offers great services to its members, such as scholarship programs, cultural events, housing assistance, job training, and medical care - just to name a few. My family has already benefited from some of the locally offered services. Which ones are important to your family and what would you like to see happen locally?

It is important for us to develop a lasting legacy for our children. I feel very blessed to have been a part of the Potawatomi culture and traditions. Thank you for the opportunity to make a difference and I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election.

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions at [garcia.traci@yahoo.com](mailto:garcia.traci@yahoo.com)



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