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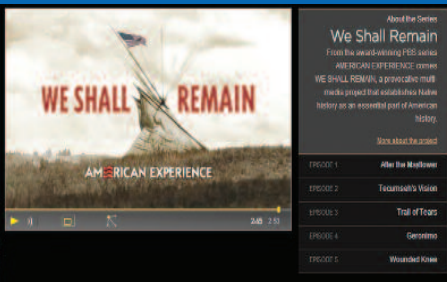
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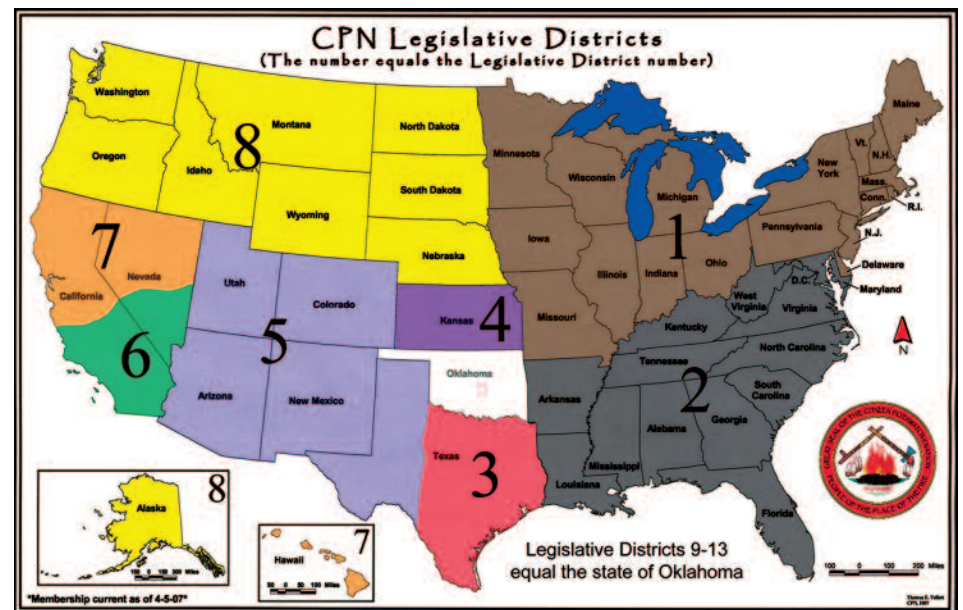
Chairman race draws 3 candidates, District #8 has six

CPN candidates slate certified

With the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee having certified the slate of candidates for the 2009 CPN elections, races are set up for three positions – Chairman and legislative districts #4 and #8. In Kansas, District #4 voters will choose between two candidates for a full four-year term. In the Pacific Northwest, District #8 voters will choose from among six candidates for the remaining portion of the late Jacqueline Taylor's term, which ends in late June 2010.

Seeking to continue the CPN's entrepreneurial growth and cultural advances of the past three decades, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett filed for re-election, and drew two challengers. Jeremy Bertrand Finch, a former 18-year CPN employee and a resident of Macomb, Oklahoma, and Diana J. Brasfield, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, are hoping to replace Chairman Barrett.

Three CPN legislators earned new four-year terms without opposition. They are Roy Slavin in District #1, Eva Marie



Carney in District #2, and Robert Whistler in District #3. (See the map at the link on this on page 1 for the contours of the CPN legislative districts.)

In District #4, which is the state of

Kansas, incumbent Rep. Theresa Adame drew one challenger, Topeka resident Jon Boursaw, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel who recently retired from a position as director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Adame is also a Topeka resident.

With no incumbent in District #8, six members anted up the \$150 filing fee to offer themselves to serve fellow district #8 members. The candidates are: William Edward Anderson of Whitefish, Montana; Ginger Lee Blackmon, Ed. D. of Seward, Alaska; Dave Carney of Olympia, Washington; Patrick Shannon of Missoula, Montana; Clyde B. Slavin of Vancouver, Washington; and Keli Jo Willard of Bothell, Washington.

Candidates for Tribal Chairman must be

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Walking On

Morris Luther Holloway Sr.



Morris Luther Holloway Sr., 74, of St. George, Kansas, died on November 6, 2008, at St. Joseph Village in Manhattan, Kansas. He was born November 12, 1933, in Louisville, Kansas, the son of Luther Clark and Zelphia (Klein) Holloway.

Mr. Holloway graduated from St. George High School in 1953. Following

his graduation, he served for five years in the United States Navy as a CS3, and then was an over-the-road truck driver.

He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He enjoyed fishing, animals, woodworking, and spending time with his family.

He married Tessie Bussart, but they later divorced. He later married Elizabeth Teeter, and they later divorced.

Survivors include 12 children: Sheryl Cease and her husband Larry of Wamego, Kansas, Wendell "Bud" Holloway of Wamego, Wendie Harris of Wakefield, Kansas, Wanda Tab and her husband Steve of Westmoreland, Kansas, Tony Stiles of Rossville, Kansas, Morris L. "Tip" Holloway and his wife Lorrie of Wamego, Iris Holloway and his wife Jen of Manhattan, Jeri Thompson and her husband Lewis of St. George, Judy Speer and her husband Phil of Manhattan, Clyde Teeter and his wife Shawn of Manhattan, Dottie Burgess and her husband Ray of Manhattan, and David Teeter and his wife Kathy of Manhattan; two sisters: Zadie Watson of Rienzi, Mississippi and Mary Brisco of Manhattan; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Holloway was preceded in death by his parents, one step-son, Max Teeter, and one step-grandson, Chris Thompson.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Pastor Leslye Haller officiating. Interment with military honors followed in Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery, east of Manhattan.

Mr. Holloway's family received friends from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family by clicking on "Send Condolences" on this page. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sheltering Embrace Hospice House Campaign. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Emma (Hamilton) Fletcher



Meeker, Okla. - Emma (Hamilton) Fletcher walked on on Saturday, December 20, 2008, at 9:50 p.m. at the Meeker Nursing Center. Her daughter Peggy was with her, and she exited peacefully.

As her son George (Bucky) conveys, "Each of us four children was fortunate enough to be able to thank her for our lives and her care and to say our goodbyes. Connecting with her now is not the same. The internal feeling left to us is the recognition in our lives of the work of her Spirit in her life. Parting is truly sweet sorrow."

Emma was born on May 24, 1918, in

Oklahoma City, the second of seven children, of Emma (Burnett) Wesselhoft and A.A. "Pat" Hamilton. Emma attended John Carroll Catholic School and, following high school graduation, Hill's Business College.

Emma married George R. 'Bill' Fletcher in 1937 and raised four children. She was very artistic; throughout her life, she created many beautiful works of art, including, but not limited to, china painting, braided and hooked rugs, wood carving, paintings in many media such as oils, pastels, watercolor, etc., sewing, and quilting.

In 1965 she earned a B.S. degree, cum laude, in Journalism and English from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. She briefly taught English and Journalism at Jefferson High School. She also studied within the University of Oklahoma Speech/Hearing Program. She pursued the sale of real estate, becoming a broker/agent.

Later in life, she studied at Oklahoma State University and earned certification as a master gardener. She loved learning and pursued the study of history, languages (Potawatomi, Spanish, French, Latin, and Sign Language), art, spirituality, and cultures. She loved teaching and tutoring, assisting many students throughout the years.

Emma and daughter Katy painted the stations of the cross, and along with other parish members, designed the stained glass windows at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Meeker. Emma also painted the statue of the Holy Infant in Prague, Oklahoma.

Emma was proud of the Meeker Senior Citizen Center and had many friends at the Center. She, along with many others, worked hard to get the new Center built. She also served for several years as their newspaper reporter.

Emma was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, belonging to the Abram Burnett family on her mother's side. Her family was one of forty-two families that were removed in 1889 from their reservation in Kansas to Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Emma (Meno'pte chi) played the Indian flute, danced, and sewed beautiful shawls and dresses. She cherished that part of her heritage, especially

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through her humor and love, respect, and preservation of the land.

She was also of Irish lineage through her father, whose family (Hamilton/Monaghan), traveled by wagon from Hope, Arkansas, settling in Pottawatomie County in 1895. Emma loved her country and her family. She spent time and effort keeping her family connected with each other and around her. She delighted in the young people's lives and encouraged them during the family reunions to feel included, cared about, to not be afraid, and to follow their dreams.

Giving moral support was important to her. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Emma is survived by four children, George R. Fletcher, Jr. (along with his wife, Debbie, and two grandsons, Zachary and Jonathan), all of New York; Peggy F. Malone of Meeker (along with her granddaughter, Molly Kaplan Malone and Sarah, great-granddaughter, of Wisconsin; grandson, Thomas E. Malone (along with his wife, Carolina, of Chicago); Ruth Fletcher of Meeker (along with granddaughter, Kathy Martin Rodriguez, her husband, Raymond, and great-granddaughters Cassi and Alex) of Oklahoma City; and Katy Lantagne (along with her husband, Roger, of Meeker, granddaughter Jessica Marie Lantagne, and her husband, Lester Zin, of McLoud).

Sibling survivors include her brother George Hamilton (and his wife, Ann) of Shawnee; Tom Hamilton (and his wife, Patricia) of Checotah, Oklahoma, and Dick Hamilton (and his wife, Mary) of Woodward, Oklahoma. There are also many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, relatives, and others who hold fondly to good memories of "Aunt

Dandy."

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 217 S. Koonce, Meeker.

Funeral assistance and cremation were provided by Cooper Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

Thank you all so much for your good thoughts and prayers within the last three months. We are certain the love and good wishes she received from everybody gave us these three extra months. She chose a spot in the Meeker Cemetery overlooking the valley to have her ashes buried, wrapped in her Indian blanket, as she requested.

Our most grateful thanks to the Meeker Nursing Center, Prairie View Hospice, St. Michael's Catholic Church, and the Meeker Senior Citizen Center, and to all those who gave their care, support, and love to Emma.

Love and best wishes, The Fletcher Children, Katy, Ruth (Enny), Peggy, and George (Bucky)

Tony Hillerman

(Editor's note: World-renowned novelist Tony Hillerman was not Citizen Potawatomi. However, he was born among Citizen Potawatomis and lived and attended school among Citizen Potawatomis, at St. Mary's Academy at Sacred Heart, Oklahoma. And, this early life among and with Citizen Potawatomis informed his work.)

Tony Hillerman was born on May 27, 1925, in Sacred Heart, Oklahoma. Growing up during the Dust Bowl, his family had very little money much of the time. His home was on territorial lands of the Potawatomi Tribe, where he attended St. Mary's Academy and later high school



there. He attended Oklahoma A&M College before enlisting in the United States Army during World War II. By the end of the war he had a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Following World War II he attended the University of Oklahoma where he studied journalism. Following graduation he would work as a crime reporter for The Borger News-Herald in Texas, city editor of The Morning Press-Constitution in Lawton, Oklahoma, a political reporter in Oklahoma City, a United Press International bureau manager in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and executive editor of *The Santa Fe New Mexican*.

After 17 years in the newspaper business, Hillerman shifted gears and enrolled at the University of New Mexico. He received a master's degree in journalism and went on to teach journalism there. He eventually became chairman of the journalism department at the University of New Mexico. After witnessing a Navajo Enemy Way ceremony for a soldier there,

Hillerman moved to Crownpoint, New Mexico. The ceremony would also become the basis of his first novel, *The Blessing Way* (published in 1970), which introduced Navajo Tribal Police Lt. Joe Leaphorn. Leaphorn was a realist who, though well acquainted with Navajo customs, was well versed in Anglo-American logic and deductive reasoning. In 1980, in the novel *People of Darkness*, Hillerman introduced the character of Officer Jim Chee. Unlike Lt. Leaphorn, Officer Chee was well acquainted with Navajo tradition and even training to become a healer. Younger than Leaphorn, he tends to be impatient and a bit of a hot head at times.

Hillerman teamed the two characters up in his novel *Skinwalkers*. Teaming up the sceptical Leaphorn and the more supernaturally inclined Chee proved to be just the right formula for a hit. *Skinwalkers* would prove to be Hillerman's best selling novel up to that time and his breakthrough novel. Leaphorn would remain a team for the rest of their novels. Hillerman would see his novels adapted to other media. His novel *The Dark Wind* would be made into a motion picture, released in 1991. Made for the small screen would be adaptations of *Skinwalkers* (2002), *Coyote Waits* (2003), and *A Thief of Time* (2004).

Hillerman was one of the most talented mystery writers of our time. Although not the first novelist to write about a Native American detective (others, such as Manly Wade Wellman, had featured them in their works), he was perhaps the writer who informed his books with Native culture more than any other. All of the Leaphorn and Chee books contain a good deal of information on Navajo tradition, including rituals. In fact, beginning with

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Potawatomi Language

Latest Online Development: Self-Paced Classes

The idea behind these classes is that not everyone is available at the same time for either on-site or online classes. Currently, we have a number of online classes available.

We have a Tuesday Beginner class at Lunch time from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Central Time and a Monday Beginner class from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Central Time. We also have an Intermediate class on Thursday at lunch from 12:00- 1:00 central time and an evening intermediate class from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Central time.

These self-paced classes will allow students to learn the language at their own pace. We recently made them available at www.potawatomi.org under Culture and then Language. Once you reach the Language area, look for online lessons. Under this, there are a number of classes for you to take at your own pace.

Currently, they are provided in Microsoft PowerPoint, with the audio embedded in the presentation. All a student must do is download the presentation, open it in the PowerPoint program, and hit "View Slideshow."

Then, the lesson will begin. The student can follow along, listen and repeat. The classes are set up to only be about 10 slides in length, so that the information can be absorbed without overwhelming the student. A student can always continue forward with the next lesson if he or she desires.

Some of the classes also have worksheets in the same area. This provides stu-

dents extra resources for applying what they have learned. Eventually, we hope to have a quiz for each of the sections, which will grade the student and give immediate feedback. That way the student will know if he should proceed to the next section or review what was previously learned.

Currently, the classes are divided into Grammar, Beginner/part one, Beginner/part two, Beginner/ part three, and Beginner/part four. Under each topic there are four to five classes. Students should begin with the grammar classes to obtain the proper background, then proceed in order.

We are working with the Public Information Department to offer these classes in a PDF format with downloadable audio, because not everyone has PowerPoint. If you have Microsoft Office, however, you should have PowerPoint.

Another good feature of the new online lessons is that the Beginner class offered on Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Central time is tracking these lessons. Thus, a student can go there and review the class in preparation for an upcoming class or review after the class has happened. Often, it is beneficial to both attend the online classes and use the online lessons.

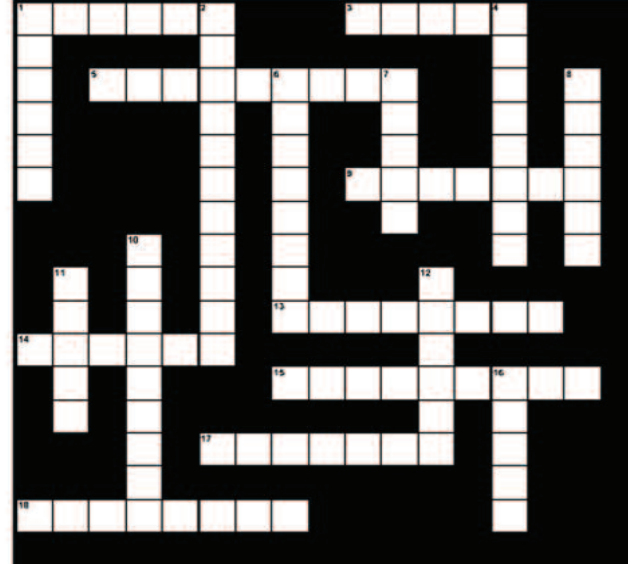
We hope to get some positive feedback, and will continue to do everything we can to make the language not only simple to learn but easily available.

Justin Neely

Director, Potawatomi Language Dept.

Just Crosswords: Potawatomi objects

POTAWATOMI OBJECTS



ACROSS

1. table
3. We use this to cut food
5. sit on
9. Used at a pow wow
13. We enter through this
14. Place we sleep
15. Used for cutting
17. If its cold add a
18. We read this

DOWN

1. We ride in this
2. play music on
4. Used for writing
6. You call people on this
7. Used for eating on
8. Show me the
10. Tells time
11. Used to tied things
12. We put books on this
16. an article of clothing



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Contact Michael @ 397-3532

To understand the Potawatomi in the Crossword, please go to www.potawatomi.org/Culture/Language/Beginner/Objects/default.aspx

Or there is a dictionary available at

www.potawatomi.org/Culture/Language/Resources/default.aspx

If you want you can explore the language section of the Web site. We have games, songs, the flood story, online lessons, and a number of other resources available, should you want to learn your language.

Word bank for crossword: Jiptebwen - Koman - Dopwen - Mbagen - Dabyan - Shonya - Taswen - Moshwagan - Mzenegen - Waboyan - Notakchegen - Biwabkos - Nebyegeen - Nagen - Dbe giswan - Sebab - Gbedi - Dewegen - shkwadem

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CPN Tribal Area Gatherings Initiated

The old "Regional" tribal meeting is back, with a new/old name and in some new places! In the old days when our people met to eat and celebrate, we called it a "gathering." Since the new Constitution was passed, we will now call our regional "get-togethers" *CPN Tribal Area Gatherings*. They will still feature a great meal, lively conversation, and presentation of tribal news and culture. This is a chance to see old friends and relatives again and talk to tribal leadership. This will also be an opportunity to discuss the Tribal Election, and see how your Tribe is meeting the challenges of the economy and its ever-growing responsibility to help where help is needed most. Don't miss it!

The 2009 *Tribal Area Gatherings* schedule opened on Saturday, February 21 at the Alexis Park Resort, 375 E. Harmon Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Other Gatherings will be held in Dallas, Texas (at the Hilton Garden Inn, 785 SH 121, Lewisville, Texas at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 28); Houston, Texas (at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 7 at the Woodlands Marriott in The Woodlands, north of Houston in I-45); Rossville, Kansas (at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at the CPN

Community Center); St. Louis, Missouri (Sunday, March 15 at location and time to be announced); and the Southeast U.S. (in a city and venue, at a time, and on a date to be announced).

Also, Phoenix, Arizona (Sunday, March 29 at the San Marcos Resort in Chandler, Arizona); Northern California (Saturday, April 4 at the Jackson Rancheria in Jackson, California); Oregon (Sunday, April 5 in a city and at a venue to be announced); Seattle/Tacoma (on a date, at a time, in a city, and in a venue to be announced); Southern California (Saturday, April 18 at a time, in a city, and in a venue to be announced); and Virginia (Saturday, May 2 at a time, in a city, and in a venue to be announced).

As details for these meetings are finalized, the CPN administration will mail invitations with all of the information about a Regional Meeting to the CPN members nearest that location.

Also, as details are finalized, they will be posted in a *Tribal Area Gatherings* Schedule that will accompany a story about the Gatherings posted in the News section on the home page of www.Potawatomi.org.



Pottawatomie County Sheriff Michael Booth, right, accepts the keys to a 2000 model police cruiser from CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett. The cruiser is another in a series of vehicles the CPN has donated to law enforcement agencies in the area including and surrounding its jurisdiction.

Of the donation, Sheriff Booth said, "I greatly appreciate the generosity of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for their much-needed donation. They came to us in a time of need and extended their hand of friendship and cooperation".



Patrick Shannon CPN Representative, District #8

I feel that the representation of the Northwest deserves time and commitment from somebody who can carry on the like-mindedness of my grandmother, Jacqueline Taylor.

I believe my background in public service would be beneficial to our district - advocating for the welfare of our elders, investing in our future leaders through education, and honoring the history of our heritage. The recent change in our government enables the chance for all of our voices to be heard. I would proudly serve my fellow members with an open ear and mind. Please vote Patrick Shannon for District 8.

For more information on the internet, please go to myspace.com/patrickfordistrict8.

Cronkite News Service more than a class

by Megan Thomas

I loved my internships, including one last summer through the Native American Journalists Association, but nothing so far compares to Cronkite News Service.

CNS is a class: We have an instructor, we get assignments and we're graded. But CNS is also a genuine newsroom. We're expected to perform to professional standards as we report stories that are sent to newspapers and Web sites across the state. I have become a true backpack reporter, taking photographs, producing my own video, creating online content and writing articles.

I've pitched story ideas that were received with open arms and shot down cold. I've written, re-written and agonized over stories to get them just how my editor wants them. I wrote a story about Quagga mussels in less than an hour because we received a last-minute press release and wanted to get the story out that day. I've stood outside gas stations desperately

seeking a man-on-the-street interview to crown one of my enterprise stories. I've gotten to meet and even interview major figures, including former Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, who is now head of the Homeland Security Department for the federal government.

But most important, I've learned to think on my feet and to work harder, faster and better with each story I undertake.

This isn't a program for the faint-of-heart. It's stressful and sometimes grueling. But I've loved every minute, and I know I'm a better journalist as a result.

Megan Lynn Thomas, 20, is a junior majoring in journalism and English at Arizona State University. A native of Chandler, she is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is also an alumnus of the CPN's Potawatomi Leadership Program and invested a summer as an intern in the CPN Public Information Department.

The Little Bulletin: How the *HowNiKan* Started

by Sheila Hughes

In 1970 our tribe was struggling to stay afloat with almost no funding, very little support from the United States Government, and very few prospects to earn money. Although we had a Business Committee, they held very few meetings. Difficult was the task of keeping the tribal rolls updated as there was little communication between the tribal headquarters and tribal members not living locally (the Shawnee, Oklahoma vicinity).

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, as we were known at that time, received a \$25,000 grant in 1972 via the Indian Self-Determination Act passed by Congress to assist tribes in establishing their own business endeavors. Finally, the U.S. Government had seen the need to pull tribal membership together and, we hoped, help the tribes become independent.

One of the grant deliverables was a news bulletin to better inform our people of the services available to them through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), report the business news, enroll new members, and update current addresses. Thus the *HowNiKan*, or *How Ne Con* as it was ini-

tially named, was born.

The Community Health Representatives (CHR) program leased a copier from Pitney Bowes. It was used to reproduce a two-sided, one-page news bulletin. During a telephone conversation with a Pitney Bowes representative, we were asked, "Citizen Band? Are you a radio station?" When we explained that we are an Indian tribe, the representative asked if his machine was housed in a tee-pee. Being from a northern state, he must have thought Oklahoma Indians still rode horses and hunted buffalo.

Equipped with address labels for current members (furnished by the BIA), a copier, and loads of determination, we began the process. Business Committee members, their families, and a handful of volunteers worked around the clock to complete the mailout. This all took place in a two-room building made of pressed wood. At that time it was the only structure the tribe owned.

The response was overwhelming. Phone calls and letters poured into the tribal headquarters with questions and comments of

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THE FACTS: The Citizen Potawatomi Nation invests over \$3 million per year in prescriptions for elders! Our Tribe pays out more than 1,500 college scholarships per semester — a total of more than \$4 million! Mortgage assistance has helped hundreds of our members buy and finance new homes! Our Community Development Corporation provides loans to hundreds more Tribal members! The Health Aids Program furnishes hearing, sight and mobility help to thousands of our people! Because the Indian Health Service assists with only 30 percent of our illnesses, the Tribe gives over \$1 million to our clinic! Elder Rental Housing has been expanded into Kansas at a cost of \$2 million ... and Texas is next!



THE MYTH: Giving every Citizen Potawatomi \$700 per year would cost \$20,000,000 — that's **20 MILLION DOLLARS!** Per Capita payments are taxable. **You would end up with less than \$500 each.** That's \$6 million in taxes to the feds and the states that would be lost to us forever! How long would \$500 help you? How much can the existing programs assist at a point of need, such as illness or starting a home or getting a college education? Is it worth it to cut the benefits we now have by a third? That's what is being proposed by two candidates for Tribal Chairman ... and the fact is they can't do it without the concurrence of the Tribal Legislature! Don't give away our future. **Say NO!**

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Rep. Carney reports on Inauguration

Eyewitness to history

On Tuesday, January 20, untold millions across America - and billions around the world - paused to celebrate the inauguration of the USA's first African-American president, Barack H. Obama, Jr.

Eva Marie Carney, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, watched pre-Inauguration activities from the Nation's Washington, D.C. office and Inauguration festivities from elsewhere in D.C. Here is her report:

On Monday night, I walked from the CPN office downtown, at 8th & G Streets NW, to the base of the Capitol. The dome and grounds were lit, flags were in place, Jumbotrons were being tested.

During my walk to the Capitol, large trucks rumbled by loaded with concrete barriers, destined to "protect" one federal building or another. Many police cars from many jurisdictions crawled past, down major roads otherwise blocked to traffic.

Folks wandered by in small groups, talking low and taking in the moment.

As we walked back toward Penn Quarter, and the office, we passed venues hosting balls and events, including the Newseum, and walked around well-dressed women teetering in their heels as they made their way down the streets of Washington.

I had a surreal encounter with a black-tie-and-tuxedo-clad Larry David of "Seinfeld" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" fame. On a virtually empty street between the federal and District courthouses, he was flagging down a police car; apparently lost and looking befuddled just as he always seems on TV.

Through the night (spent on the couch in the CPN office), I heard sirens and helicopters everywhere. By early morning, many vendors had set up operations on G Street, below our office. As the morning progressed they brought in more and more memorabilia, half-smoke sausages, and coffee urns - until the street resembled a jumbled bazaar.

By 7 a.m. on Inauguration Day, groups of people who braved the Metro system early could be seen shopping, laughing, and celebrating. Many, many African-American family groups walked by. It was a wonderful scene of celebration.



Crowds gather for Inaugural events at the U.S. Treasury Department Building in Washington, D.C. in this photo shot by CPN Rep. Eva Marie Carney.

Around 9 a.m., I walked to Fords Theatre on 10th Street, which was near one of the security checkpoints for those gathering for the inaugural. The lines were enormous, and I found myself in gridlock, albeit a joyous gridlock. The crowds were giddy, polite, and ready to wait on line for however long it took.

A little before noon, I made it to 15th Street and New York Avenue, to the SunTrust Bank building, from which I watched the parade. I cleared security there and made it to the upper floors where a wonderful reception was in full swing and a bank of TVs was tuned to President Obama - standing ready to take the oath of office.

We took in that historic moment, and the speech, poem, and the Rev. Joseph Lowery's wonderful benediction that followed. The "Red Man" even got a mention in the closing words of the benediction (reprinted below)!

Around 4:15 p.m., from my perch above the parade route, I saw the President and First Lady walking the route, waving, and smiling to the crowds -- a great, great moment that had everyone at the reception buzzing.

It was a magical day all around!

As referenced by Rep. Carney, here are the so-memorable words of the 87-year-old Rev. Lowery, one of the icons of the Civil Rights battles of the 50s and 60s, as he closed his benediction: "Lord, in the memory of all the saints who from their labors rest, and in the joy of a new begin-

Amen."

S.E. Ruckman, a reporter for Tulsa-based *Native American Times*, says Indian Country was well-represented at Inaugural activities. "Thousands of Indians braved cold weather to celebrate the related presidential events and attended an American Indian inaugural ball that drew around 3,500," Ruckman reported.

Ruckman's story added: Andrea Ebona-Michel, Tlingit, Director of Elders Program for Tlingit and Haida peoples in Juneau, Alaska, was with a group of 23 dancers who performed at the inaugural powwow.

"I'm really excited to be here. This is a really important part of history. Everybody's happy. Everyone has hope... it is on everyone's face, they are happy. Some are crying," she said. "I have been looking forward to this day. I am so proud to be here."

Indian entertainers also turned out for the festivities, performing at functions across the city.

Grammy winner Micki Free, part of an all-Native group touring as 'Native Rocks' played at an event at the Hard Rock Cafe and at the inaugural ball.

Vote for Dave Carney - District 8 (AK, WA, OR, MT, ID, WY, ND, SD and NE)

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and Juneau Family

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- Active in the community, officer of local church council
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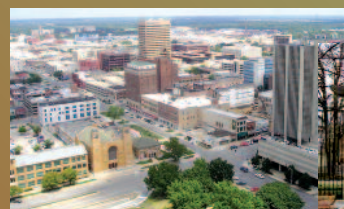
* Rossville is traditional Potawatomi land; reminders of our past are everywhere. The people of Rossville are very welcoming and accommodating.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Fellow Tribal Members,

Observing the election, I was recalling the 1975 *Grey Iron Foundry* project the tribe once lost in the final stages before construction because of our internal infighting, when the usual question arose in my mind: Are these people crazy, jealous, or just personally greedy? Whether the project was successful or not is irrelevant.

It wasn't successful, but some people, their progeny, and anyone they can influence are still trying to destroy our continued successes. But no project even had a chance because we kept attacking and changing our tribal administrations to satisfy one rump group (some larger than others) after another, until good sense finally came into fashion.

In the early 1980s, years of litigation and then a risky physical confrontation eliminated the illegal outside management contract, allowing the tribe to take control of our Bingo Hall and its profits. By 1985, our government stabilized to the point that plans could not only be made, but carried out and capitalized, to provide the economic base on which we now realize earlier dreams.

These dreams were not the old "Indian Money" fantasies of the 1940s and 50s

before the Federal claim was settled that we often heard expressed as: "Wait till the per capita payment, then we'll all be rich!" They are the dreams of our grandfathers of getting our tribal land back (even if we had to buy it back) after we lost it through federal chicanery, and the dreams of Good Health care and Medical programs from diagnosis to prescription drugs. These are now living, growing dreams made more real each year.

We could, and did, build a food and grocery industry, sports industry, financial industry, and provided an enviable college scholarship program and whole neighborhoods of tribally-owned housing for our elders and other Citizen Potawatomi in two states, child care programs, and death benefits.

Through all the years of these success, someone from the audience at each General Council would whine questioningly, "When are we going to get our *per capita payment*?", ignoring the fact that most tribes who squandered their opportunities in this manner will cease to exist because they no longer have the resources to create an economic base like that enjoyed by the Citizen Potawatomi. Would you sell your proud birthright for a one-time payment as many of the other tribes

have done?

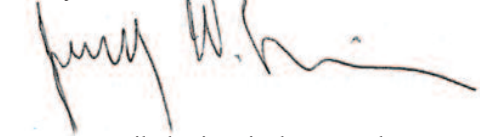
It has often been said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." When our grandmothers and grandfathers were forcibly removed from Illinois and Indiana, they were the wealthiest group of people in that area. What our forefathers did to survive and maintain our tribe and traditions needs to be respected, taught, and continued through the Seventh Fire.

The tradition of leadership is at issue here! When that tradition was looked at through European eyes in the early-contact years, they thought that Indian leaders were the ones who had the nicest clothes. They did not understand that the Indian leader's responsibility was, and is, to see to it that the People's needs are met, even if it meant pauperizing himself. In turn, it was and is the People's responsibility to see to it that the leader was and is taken care of the point that he could, and can, meet the People's needs.

That is **OUR RESPONSIBILITY** to our current leaders, if we are to uphold our Indian tradition/s. Our current leadership has taken care of us in a wonderful manner. Our current "cradle-to-the-grave" programs and our traditions demand that we support our current leadership if we are to

continue as a successful Indian nation in spite of jealousies and personal greed.

Jerry W. Lewis



Former Tribal Historical Researcher
Citizen Potawatomi Nation



This handsome eagle seems to be calling the wooded area at FireLake Grand Casino home these days. CPN Member Kevan Sheppard, who shot these photos, reports the majestic bird has been seen soaring over the area, sometimes with the product of a fishing trip clutched in his talons.

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-2530 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com. To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Honor Guard, contact Mike Kennedy at KRiverRat70@windstream.net.



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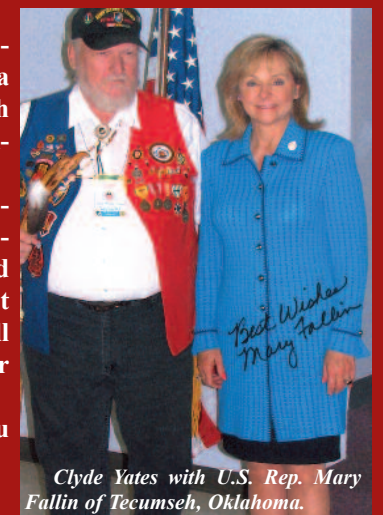
CPN Veterans, I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-275-3121. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

Clyde Yates

A.S.A. 1967-1971 - Viet Nam 1968-1969



Clyde Yates with U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin of Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

News from around Potawatomi Country

Brewers land large sponsorship deal with Potawatomi

Baseball fans will see the name 'Potawatomi' frequently during upcoming Major League Baseball seasons. The Milwaukee Brewers have announced an unprecedented partnership in which Potawatomi Bingo Casino, owned by the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe, will serve as the team's presenting sponsor.

Rick Schlesinger, executive vice president of business operations for the Brewers, said, in the multi-year partnership, Potawatomi Bingo Casino will have local advertising and marketing rights and sponsorship radio and print material on regular season game tickets, on both the home and visiting dugout tops, on the outfield wall pad, on rotational signs, on scoreboards, on banners, and on the Miller Park plaza light poles.

The presenting sponsorship, the first of its kind in Wisconsin major league sports franchise history, will be referred to as "Milwaukee Brewers Baseball presented by Potawatomi Bingo Casino." "It's a great way to start the new year," Schlesinger said. "We are looking forward to meeting Potawatomi's needs, exceeding expectations, and creating a branding relationship."

Mike Goodrich, general manager of Potawatomi Bingo Casino, said, "What really sparked this business idea was the idea of raising awareness for business in the Menomonee Valley. That's what this is all about."

Kalamazoo Contractors Working on FireKeepers Casino; Tribe Committed to Using Local Sources

Kalamazoo, MI - Kalamazoo contractors are benefiting from the construction of FireKeepers Casino. Stress-Con Industries and Stafford Smith have been hired as subcontractors for elements of the construction of FireKeepers Casino, scheduled to open in summer 2009, located just east of Exit 104 off Interstate 94 east of Battle Creek, Michigan. FireKeepers is owned by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.



A new day dawns at the FireKeepers Casino construction site. Interior work is currently underway during the winter months with exterior work scheduled for spring, leading to a summer of 2009 opening.

Stress-Con Industries was awarded an \$11 million contract to supply precast concrete and Stafford Smith won a \$6 million contract to supply food service equipment.

FireKeepers Casino will feature Las Vegas-style gaming, including 2,500 slot machines, 90 table games and a 20-table poker room. The \$300 million casino will be 236,000 square feet with an attached and enclosed 653,700 square foot parking garage. FireKeepers Casino is expected to employ 2,200 employees - 700 construction workers and 1,500 permanent casino employees. At its peak, 300 construction workers will be onsite with over 700 workers needed in total to complete this effort for a projected \$8 million labor payroll.

Stress-Con Industries' Kalamazoo plant has been providing architectural and structural precast concrete for FireKeepers Casino's parking. The company added 45 temporary employees at its Kalamazoo plant to produce the necessary concrete elements. On November 24, crews started construction of the 2,078-space garage. "We appreciate the Tribe, FireKeepers Casino, and Clark Construction keeping work within the region rather than going out of state for these services," said Malek Eljizi, vice president and general manager of Stress-Con. "This local project has helped keep our company going and afloat in West Michigan."

Stafford Smith, headquartered in Kalamazoo, will provide food service equipment for the employee dining area and the five dining outlets at FireKeepers Casino, including a 70-seat fine-dining signature restaurant, a 300-seat buffet, a 150-seat, 24-hour coffee shop, a 110-seat fast food court, and a Grab-N-Go coffee counter.

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at least 35 years old upon being sworn in on June 27, 2009 and must have lived in Oklahoma for at least six months before Election Day. Candidates for the legislative seats must be at least 18 years old by Election Day. Additionally, they must have resided in the district from which they are elected for six months on Election Day.

The 2009 election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest and earnings from the Nation's set-aside funds. Because of that and the presence of a Chairman's race, all eligible CPN voters will participate in this election.

A Ballot Request Period will begin on April 1, 2009 and end on June 7, 2009. There will be in-person voting from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the courtroom in the CPN administration building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 for all six positions.

The Election Committee will mail Absentee Ballot Request Forms to all members who will be eligible to vote in the 2009 election. Additionally, to assist in CPN voters' obtaining an absentee ballot, a Ballot Request Form will be published in

intervening editions of the *HowNiKan*. It, too, is posted on the internet at www.CPNElectionCentral.org.

Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots can obtain an absentee ballot by mailing back the postage-paid request form that will be mailed to them, clipping the request form from the *HowNiKan*, or downloading it from the Web site, completing it, and mailing it to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Voters who cast an absentee ballot will not be able to vote in-person in Shawnee on June 27, 2009. However, if a voter obtains an Absentee Ballot then decides to vote in person, he can exchange the Absentee Ballot for an in-person ballot on June 27, 2009 at the polling place.

Voters should remember that the Ballot Request Form must be postmarked no later than June 7, 2009. Voted absentee ballots must arrive in the Election Committee's post office box in Tecumseh, Oklahoma no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009.

Hello fellow Citizen Potawatomi,

Our tribal nation covers an incredibly large and diverse portion of this planet Earth. Our membership is from newborn to 106 years of age. Each of us contributes to the well-being of our tribe. It doesn't matter what position in life you occupy. Everyone is needed. And everyone now has better access to tribal leadership.

The resources of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation are based in its members. Participation in developing, keeping, creating, and using the tribal assets has been uniquely given to us in the past two years. The restriction of residency has been mostly lifted.

In District #8, we had the unfortunate loss of our representative last year. Jackie Taylor was a resource that the tribe benefited from. Members in this district lost a superior advocate. Because of our loss, the position for representative in District 8 is open in this year's election.

I have filed to run for the office of District #8 Representative in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislature in the upcoming election.

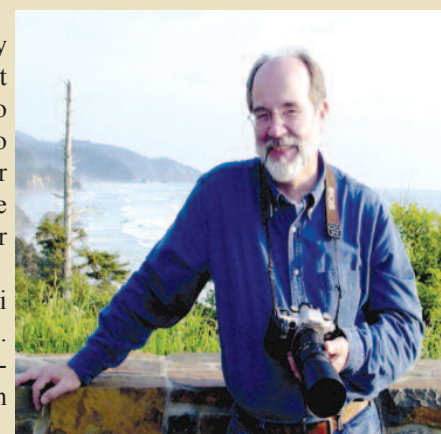
Almost all the votes cast in District #8 will be by absentee ballot. When the time comes, request a ballot. Before you send your ballot in, consider each candidate. Call them. E-mail them. Write them. Question them. Then VOTE!

We have been given the right to vote. The Choctaw, the Cherokee, the Shawnee, the Prairie Potawatomi, the Blackfoot, the Kaw, the Apache, and every other tribe can only elect representatives to their tribal leadership who live "on the rez." Make the representative from District #8 responsible to you by your participation with your vote.

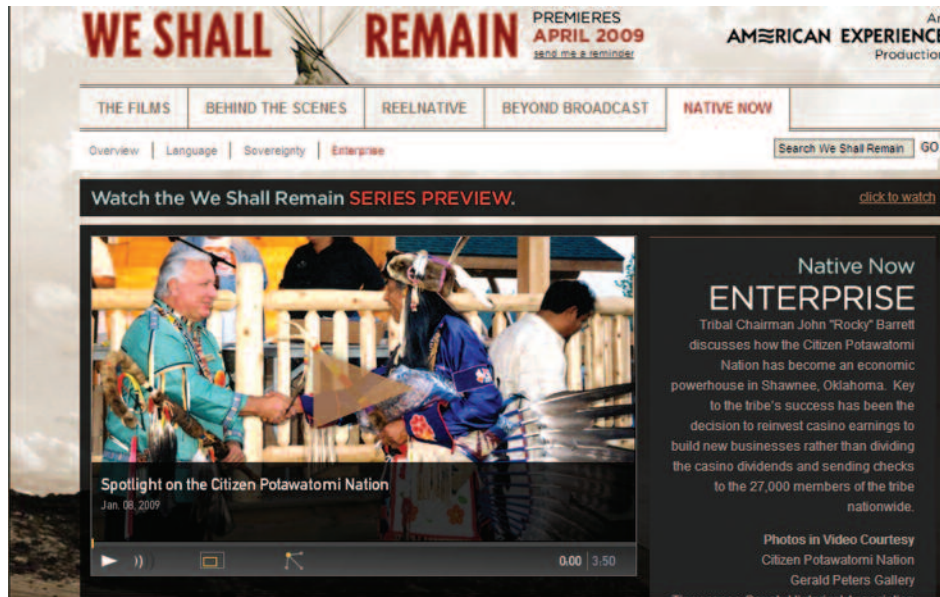
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We Shall Remain



The WE SHALL REMAIN Web site features a video presentation on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's entrepreneurial history and recent advances, as depicted in this screen grab from the Web site.

A PBS American Experience television program for which Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett was interviewed now has an April-May time slot. WE SHALL REMAIN, a five-part series, will air at 8 p.m. Central Time on most PBS stations on Mondays, April 13, 20, and 27 and May 4 and 11. Some stations might air the series at other times; check your local listings.

WE SHALL REMAIN has five 90-minute segments, each a separate documentary in its own right. They are titled: "After the Mayflower," "Tecumseh's Vision," "Trail of Tears," "Geronimo," and "Wounded Knee."

These films tell the story of the major touchstones in Indians' interaction with first European immigrants then the American government.

WGBH-TV has erected a content-rich Web site to share materials that could not be included in the 450 minutes of airtime that ...REMAIN commands. It is there that one will find a five-minute original production about the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's entrepreneurial history and accomplishments. The URL for that video production is www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/native_now/enterprise_spotlight.

The series' Web site is at www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/. WGBH has produced a 30-minute preview of the WE SHALL REMAIN series. It can be viewed on the main Web site. It will air on KETA-TV (Channel 13), the PBS affiliate in Oklahoma City, at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, February 17 and will be re-broadcast on KETA-TV at 9:30 p.m. on March 30.

Other PBS affiliates across the U.S. will air the preview. Again, check your local listings.

Its Web site describes WE SHALL REMAIN in these terms: "At the heart of the project is a five-part television series that shows how Native people valiantly resisted expulsion their lands and fought the extinction of their culture – from the Wampanogs of New England in the 1600s, who used their alliance with the English to weaken rival tribes, to the bold new leaders of the 1970s who harnessed the momentum of the civil rights movement to forge a pan-Indian identity.

"WE SHALL REMAIN presents an unprecedented collaboration between Native and non-Native filmmakers and involves Native advisors and scholars at all levels of the project."

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all kinds. Of course, some wanted to know about the next per capita payment, but, for the most part, it was evident that our members were enthused about hearing from their tribe and were hungry for information about their heritage. Just as we are a proud Nation today, many simply expressed how important it was to be a member of our tribe.

Each and every inquiry was painstakingly answered, either hand-written or typed. One gentleman even asked for some soil from his sacred grounds. Not long after his request was met, as he received a

jarful in the mail.

From the meager beginning of this one-page news bulletin evolved the sophisticated high-tech HowNiKan publication that you now receive and enjoy. Just as the newspaper has grown and matured, so has the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. So much has changed, yet so little. Our people pulled together to get things done then, and we take great pride in doing the same today, building a brighter future for generations to come. It is the HowNiKan - the little bulletin that could did and does.

Prepare for CPN Elections in 2009

In 2009, CPN members will elect a Tribal Chairman and Legislative Representatives in District #1, #2, #3, #4, & #8.

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District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan,

I haven't had an opportunity to thank everyone for making Christmas so very nice for the Native American family that District #1 adopted for Christmas. Thanks to the great Potawatomis in District #1, their Christmas list was filled and the fix-ins for Christmas dinner were provided.

Just a reminder, my term is up this year and I will be running for re-election. During the last election, only about 4% of District #1's eligible voters actually voted. Let's start thinking now about improving that number this time around. Remember, if you don't vote, you have no right to complain.

In an earlier issue of the *HowNiKan*, I wrote about a letter I received from a young lady (96). I am going to repeat part of her letter here: "I see you oversee elder care, etc. I was just wondering if you think there will ever be a nursing-type place for the elderly who are Potawatomi. It sure seems like a much-needed thing to me.

"I am now in a nursing home but the prices are so very high that one is constantly nervous that her money is going to run out now that folks seem to be living way longer than in the past. It would sure be nice to know there was some help available if needed even if it required a move to Oklahoma."

With the increase in the number of older adults, life expectancy, and the number of persons with disabilities, long-term care is becoming a more important issue in Indian country. The need for long-term care services among Native Americans is great. That being said, there are many things to consider before a long term care facility can become a reality. I have initiated a study and hopefully we will soon be able to vote on a feasibility study.

One of the many things to consider is the type of care facility. Elders across the country, both Native Americans and non-Indians, increasingly are receiving care in "assisted living facilities" rather than nursing homes. "Assisted living" varies from state to state and, within a state, there can be significant differences. In most cases, health care in an assisted living facility is not provided by facility staff, but by a Medicare home health agency. In general a



Medicare home health agency will provide only health care, injections, for example, or dressing changes for a healing wound, and will not assist with routine activities such as dressing or bathing. Assistance with these routine activities is the responsibility of the assisted living staff.

By this definition, this is the type of facility I would encourage our Nation to pursue. If you have thoughts, feelings, or concerns about this issue I would very much like to hear from you.

Due to the size of District #1, most of our business is conducted via e-mail or phone. The District #1 office is open by appointment at any time. I have two e-mail addresses: RSlavin@potawatomi.org and rjslavin@sbcglobal.net. They are monitored at regular intervals daily.

The office phone is 816-741-5767; our toll free number is 888-741-5767. These numbers are answered by ME – not a machine – 24/7. I hope to hear from you about this issue or any other concerns you may have.

The office was open on Monday, January 12, 2009 for our first monthly (second Monday each month) crafts, fun, and fellowship night. Those who attended brought crafts to work on and lots of fellowship; hope to see you there next month, February 12.

Migwetch,
Roy Slavin,
District #1

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens,
From Washington, D.C., January 20, 2009 (Inauguration Day). Best wishes to each of you in the New Year! I know that, as we turn the calendar, some of us are in the midst of hardship, including financial and emotional loss and physical and other suffering. At the same time, we are witnesses to a peaceful (and for many, exhilarating) transfer of power to a new U.S. President. These are uncertain, yet hopeful times. I'll keep praying for the health and well-being of all the Potawatomis as this year develops and, if you are someone who prays, I hope you'll do the same.,

Making the most of your CPN benefits can lighten the financial load. I urge you to do this. But you can only access the benefits if you have enrolled as a member, and you can obtain at least some of the available benefits even if you live, like we do, far from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

I recently spoke to a woman in Southern Virginia who mentioned that it is too bad that her grown sons are not eligible for CPN membership. In fact, her sons are eligible, and she has begun the process of helping to enroll them. Her sons were born in the mid-1960s and, while I'm not a historian of the Nation, others tell me that there was a time in the 1960s when this woman's sons would not have been added to the Nation's rolls. That time has passed, and the application form for tribal membership can be printed from the CPN Web site (enter into your web browser <http://www.potawatomi.org/Services/Tribal+Rolls/default.aspx>). The prerequisites are proof of descendancy from a CPN member and agreement to conditionally relinquish membership in a tribe other than the CPN, if enrolled. The process is straightforward and doable.

Once you and your loved ones are enrolled, I urge you to access Health Aid benefits. Potawatomis are eligible if born before 1972 or, if younger, shown on the tribal rolls as at least 1/8 Potawatomi. Health Aid helps pay for dental work, eyeglasses and contacts, hearing aids, sleep apnea C-PAP devices, mobile chairlifts and more. Mrs. Joyce Abel, a wonderful R.N. who is a good listener and very knowledgeable about the benefit, administers the program and can be reached at 405-275-3121. Explanation of covered



items and money limits, and a printable copy of the reimbursement form can be found at www.potawatomi.org/Services/Health+Aid+Foundation/default.aspx.

Further, if you are an enrolled Potawatomi 63 years of age or older or are totally disabled, you are eligible for prescriptions for medicines that are on the CPN formulary, at no cost to you, filled by our Health Clinic and mailed directly to you. For more information go to www.potawatomi.org/Services/Health+Services/default.aspx, and click on "C-MOP Application" and on "Citizen Potawatomi Mail-Order Pharmacy Fact Sheet." You can also call the pharmacy at 866-900-5236 (toll free).

If you run a small business or are thinking of doing so, you might also benefit from the Nation's Small Business Development Program. Program details are at www.potawatomi.org/Services/Small+Business+Loan+Program/Programs/default.aspx. I received a number of inquiries over the last months about whether the Nation provides technical assistance/advice and loans to small business owners, and the answer is an enthusiastic "yes." Kristi Coker, who runs the program, seems very dynamic from our encounters, and has created a robust program; I have heard good things from constituents about the helpfulness of her staff. Please check out the link above – it could be a very useful investment of your time.

The Legislature had a full agenda at the mid-December quarterly meeting. We considered 13 resolutions that had been voted out of our various committees. Among the highlights are that we voted to add to the tribal rolls 140 citizens, eight of whom live in District #2. Welcome to the Potawatomi family! You and your family should be receiving soon personal letters of welcome from me, as your District #2 representative, and the Nation.

We also authorized the Nation to apply for a family violence prevention grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide auxiliary services to victims of domestic violence and their families, including immediate shelter and related assistance, and a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to provide transitional housing to Potawatomi women who are domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims and provide employment and training, transportation, health services and other assistance to these victims. (These grants are based in Oklahoma and so services would not extend to citizens living in our District #2, unless they relocated to Oklahoma.).

Further, we continued the Nation's efforts to honor and serve our veterans by supporting training of a tribal member (with a \$1,500 appropriation) to become a CPN Tribal Veterans Representative. He will, on a volunteer basis, offer assistance to Indian veterans and their families on an appointment basis.

And, acting on a bill I sponsored, we approved submission of a Tribal Court Assistance grant that, if won, will provide funds for equipment and software to ease court security, upgrade the sound and recording equipment, and fund work on updating and further developing policies and procedures and development of civil and criminal codes that coordinate with federal laws. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 25th. I will e-mail and post on my Web site (www.evamariecarney.com) the time and agenda when I know them.

As I write this, I am sitting in my CPN District office overlooking the crowds swarming in for the Presidential inauguration, which is less than an hour away. The energy is inspiring, and I am heading out shortly to view the parade and take in the history and pageantry.

I am very happy to report that I do not have an opponent for the District #2 legislative seat, so will be able to continue my work with the Legislature on your behalf. You may not have known that my one-year term is up in late June, during the 2009 Family Reunion Festival. This means that I will take the oath of office again in Shawnee at the end of June and start a four-year term.

I am very excited at the prospect of continued service, and honored by District #2 citizens who had pledged their votes to me ahead of the news that the election would not be contested. Thank you!

If you would like to discuss your thoughts about the CPN's future in a personal visit or phone call please let me know. My legislative office is just down the hall from my law office, so setting an in-person appointment time with you will be hassle-free. I look forward to meeting with or speaking by phone with those of you who are interested.

My mailing list is, thankfully, continuing to grow, but most of the District #2 citizens are not on it. Legislators recently received the e-mail addresses CPN members sent to headquarters in response to the Chairman's letter in November. I am loading the District #2 emails into my database and putting you on my mailing list.

If you don't want to wait, please send me a note or e-mail today with your contact information. You have my word that I will keep your information in confidence and use it only in connection with my Potawatomi legislative duties. My e-mail address is ecarney@potawatomi.org. My office mailing address is CPN District #2, 701 8th Street NW, Suite 340, Washington, DC 20001. And, if any of your Potawatomi friends or relations would like to receive my updates, please have them contact me as well.

Finally, I offer a couple of books that may be of interest. First is a book by Penobscot Tribal Leader Donna M. Loring, titled "In the Shadow of the Eagle: a Tribal Representative in Maine." It is a journal of the author's 8 year, non-voting term as the Penobscot Tribe's representative to the Maine State Legislature.

A review in Native Peoples says that "Loring's book should be on the shelf of every political science professor and student, legislator, and tribal leader." I just got a copy via eBay from a Canadian bookstore, and the all-in cost, with shipping and insurance, was \$21.98. Once I

read it I can lend it out if you are interested.

The second book is authored by a Prairie Band Potawatomi, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, the first Native American archbishop. It is titled "Render unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life"

(Doubleday pub.) This book will be on my office bookshelf and available for loan too.

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

Megwetch,
Eva Marie Carney/Ojindiskwe
Legislator, District #2
Toll Free: 866-961-6988

District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho,

For those of you interested in knowing about what is going on in Texas for Native Americans there are a number of sources for this information. First, each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., tune in to Dallas/Ft. Worth station KNON at 89.3 FM on your radio. They give a brief overview of what the week holds.

Then, there is the Web site www.FlyingEagleTradingPost.com, which carries information on the Pow Wows and other events in Texas and sometimes just across the border in Oklahoma. This site includes information on station KNON in the section "Beyond Bows and Arrows." The original site will give you links to artists, job listings, Pow Wow etiquette, and other American Indian events and community information.

For any of you who attend the Methodist church, the Rev. Billie Noosabe is a Native American. She holds a service each Sunday at the United Indian Methodist Church in Oakcliff. If you live nearby, you may want to attend the service and introduce yourself.

As other information sources surface, I'll let you know. But, now on to another area.

The Eagle has played a very important role in our heritage. I recently was sent a YouTube clip on "Challenger The Eagle." It is a wonderful video of an eagle that has been trained to fly in sync with music. You can easily get to the site by going to www.eagles.org. Challenger was a storm victim and is destined to remain in human custody. Currently, he is a resident at the Eagle sanctuary in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. If you ever happen to get near Knoxville, Tennessee or you chance a visit to "Dollywood," you are close enough to check him out.

While I am talking about Eagles, they play a very significant role in the naming ceremony. If you have your Potawatomi name or plan to have one and intend to do



naming in your family, you need to file an application with the Department of Interior to get your feathers. Please give me a call or send me an e-mail; I will give you the details on how to proceed to get feathers, wings, or a whole Eagle. If you are not familiar with processing, then I suggest you go for the ten (10) premium feathers.

As we get into 2009, I hope to hold two Spring meetings for District #3 in March or April. One would be for Northern Texas, the other the Southern area.

At the Spring meetings, I am open for any suggestions on what you would like to have included. The Spring meeting is a replacement for the Regional meeting of the past.

The second item that 2009 brings is a good potential job opportunity for not only those of us in District #3, but for many in the entire nation. 2010 is the year designated for the next census. The US Census Bureau is now advising they are in need of employees to take the census. I have been advised that, as a Native American, you should get a priority as a minority in being considered for employment. You need to be at least 18 years of age.

The primary job being offered is for

census takers who will work in their own communities updating address lists and interviewing household members.

You will need to commit to three and one-half days of training after taking an employment test. You will be paid for the training. You will need two forms of identification. Your tribal ID card and a driver's license will take care of that. For more information call 866-861-2010.

When 2010 gets here and the census takers are at your door, make sure your household is registered as Native American. There will be more than over 300 billion dollars available for Native Americans over the next ten years and it is important that our numbers are correct with the Census Bureau to have an opportunity for some of this grant money.

Third, in a past column, I suggested that to improve your station in life, education is a major contributor. For those families with high school graduates in the next year or so who want to go to college, there are Federal scholarship funds that may be available. Now is the time to apply. Go to

web site www.FAFSA.ed.gov for the application. Hey everyone, there is \$130 billion, yes \$130 billion, in FEDERAL funds available. You won't have the chance to get the money unless you apply! NOW!

There are times that I would like to send you information on something happening now. If you haven't sent us you e-mail address, I encourage you to do it now.

As a side note, I am in my office on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If a different time is better for you, please call and we can set a time that will work for both of us.

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Bama Pi,
Bob Whistler/*B'mashi*

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Bozho,

The New Year is upon us and I sit in anticipation of its offerings. Gratitude need be present for the gifts of '08 and the difficult lessons learned, never to be forgotten.

Well, maybe we could forget some of them. The new needs to be learned quickly so as not to waste precious time.

I have been thinking the last couple of years that we should leave the Christmas Tree up all year long. You have just put it away, and it is time to take it out again. That would certainly save time; maybe we would remember the spirit of Christmas all year long.

We move on too quickly and miss the important things. The ones you've always heard about; love of family, the smell of a rose, the smooth taste of warm coffee on a cold morning, a hug from someone you care about wishing you a good day. These are things that bring us joy, pleasure, and peace; they are all untouchable. Some never seem to understand their value until it is gone.

Things we can touch, see, and feel are pursued more often. The financial side is important, and no one can lessen its value when you are talking to your banker or trying to pay the rent. However, we would



hope that it would never overpower who we are, our true purpose, or quality time with a loved one.

This new year -2009- marks a New Beginning. Take a long look at what went well. Hang onto it for dear life. Let go of those things you need not carry. Put them in God's hands. He really doesn't need your help anyway. You cannot undo anything but you can go forward knowing you

need not do it again. Forgive yourself first. It always makes it easier to forgive others.

Start this year with a clean slate and the new improved you. If you are still here and reading this, then you have lessons to learn. You know what the lesson is because it is in front of you; it won't go away.

You can disregard all of this when you

start seeing them build caskets with enough room so you can take it all with you.

I wish you all the best year ever...2009.

Megwetch,
Gene Lambert,
Representative, District #5

District #6 - Ron Goyer

Bozho, Nikanek,

The legislative district office is becoming a popular destination. We enjoyed a great Holiday Feast and missed seeing many of you. I hope, as word of establishment of our location gets out, that many more Potawatomis can enjoy our new facility and the activities that are provided free of charge. We are currently offering classes in:

- Language
- Culture
- GED Prep
- Drum-making
- Shawl- and Shirt-making
- Beadwork
- Introduction to Tribal Gaming
- History of Tribal Gaming
- Gaming Theory
- Gaming Law

There is a sign-up list at the office for anyone who would like to participate in these classes, and as each class fills, the class will be scheduled for a start date. There will be a materials charge in the drum, bead, and clothing classes. We continue to display Native artwork in our museum area and our library continues to grow weekly. This is due to the generosity of donations from local artists, educators, and tribal members.

On the subject of benefits, there is a short list of assistance benefits available to tribal members through this office, but I will continue to work diligently to bring more of what is offered to Oklahoma residents here to California and Nevada.

Letting you folks know what is happening here in your district continues to be a difficult task. As hard as I try to get advance information and invitations out to our members, it never is done in a timely manner through the *HowNiKan*. Therefore, I am again requesting that anyone who wishes to be a part of upcoming events, activities, and classes to please either write, e-mail, or call me with your



information. I will contact you directly, to make sure that you don't miss out on anything we have to offer here in southern California. It is unfortunate that the *HowNiKan* is unable to advertise our activities and the pictures of past activities in a timely fashion. So again, PLEASE E-MAIL or CALL ME with your information, and you will be contacted directly by this office.

Due to its overwhelming popularity in the past and requests for its return, I am bringing back the Annual Regional meeting. It will be held in the spring or early summer instead of January so that we may enjoy the warmer weather of that time of year. Reports will be offered as usual from different administrative and finance offices that you find most interesting. The more of you folks who send me your contact information, the better it will be to ensure that this event is successful. As usual, a meal and refreshments will be provided, and there is ample parking surrounding our facility.

Open office hours are currently Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and by appointment. Please call the office

at 760-891-0727 or e-mail me at rgoyer@potawatomi.org or if you wish, write to me at Potawatomi Resource Center, 1641 Grand Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92078 to set an appointment. I am looking forward to meeting you and your

families in the near future. Finally, as a gift, we offer sage, cedar, and sweetgrass, free of charge when you visit the office. Megwetch, Ron Goyer
Legislator District #6

District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I know it's hard to get excited about the New Year with the economy and job market being what it is but we need to have faith and work toward turning this country around.

We have a new President and that always brings a feeling of hope and new ways of dealing with the challenges that a country such as ours always seems to be confronted with.

Speaking of leaders, candidates for Legislative Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #8, and Tribal Chairman have filed for their respective offices. I implore you as tribal members to get involved and vote!

The election process is an important one. We as an Indian Nation, and a unique one at that, have the ability to elect whom we want to represent us. The people we elect should help us manage our assets and how we conduct ourselves as a nation, along with preserving our heritage, culture, and language. All things I believe we all care deeply about.

The election process is how all these things are accomplished. You look at the candidate's platform, read as much as you can, and ask questions when you need clarification of one point or another. This is one of the fundamental basics of a democratic form of government.

So you don't think your vote is important? Here are a few facts that perhaps you didn't know. The Legislative primary election held in February 2008, can you guess how many mail-in or absentee votes came from the districts outside of Oklahoma? Just 674. And that is with no absentee ballots coming from the state of California. Ron Goyer and I ran unopposed. 674 votes from approximately 40-plus states.

For the CPN Legislative runoff in March 2008 look at these numbers:

The District #1 election runoff was decided by 1 vote, 61 to 60.

The District #3 election run-off margin was 9 votes, 49 to 40. The



District #5 election run-off was decided by a mere 2 votes, 61 to 59.

And, in the Minnesota United States Senate race, candidate Al Franken was ahead by 225 votes out of the 3 million ballots cast in that race.

YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT!

Make sure you get your request for an absentee ballot in the mail - right away.

When you receive your ballot read the instructions VERY carefully. Be sure to follow the instructions and make sure all information is correct and legible.

And last, get the ballot back in the mail ASAP. We all procrastinate and that is only human but get it done and back in the mail.

Who you vote for is your choice and your choice alone but it would be a shame to go through all the motions only to have it not count.

Last year, the election committee had to throw out approximately 150 ballots because they were not filled out or were unreadable.

DON'T LET YOU VOTE GO UNCOUNTED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE! VOTE!

Megwetch,
Thom Finks
Representative, District #7

District #9 - Paul Wesselhoft

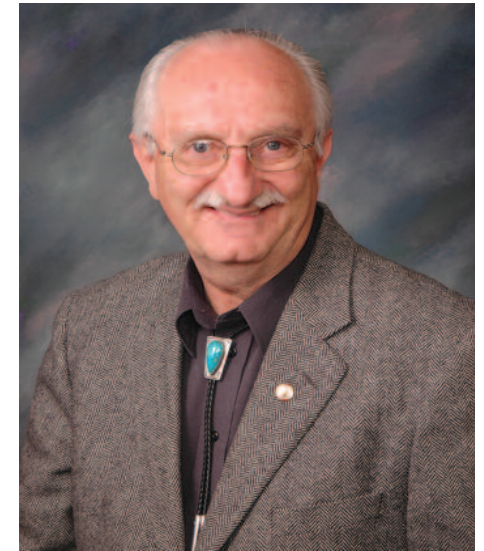
Bozho,

It is significant that the Chairman of our nation, John Barrett, is also a board member of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. His term is 2007 through 2010.

The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission recently celebrated its 41st year of existence as a state agency. The commission serves as the single point of contact between state government and Oklahoma's Indian Nations.

The commission's statutory mission is to serve as the liaison between the American Indian citizens of the state, tribal leaders, tribal governments, private sector entities, various Federal and State agencies, and the Executive and Legislative branches of Oklahoma state government.

The four primary goals of the Commission are: (1) Create State and Federal Legislation; (2) Create an Advisory Committee; (3) Develop and Implement Research Projects and Reports; and (4) Develop Cooperative Programs between Tribes and State, Federal, & Local governments, Private Entities, Health Organizations, Educational Agencies, Tourism, and Economic Development



Entities.

I have enjoyed good relations with the Commission and its Executive Director, Barbara Warner. I look forward to working with our chairman and the other members on important issues for our tribe and state. If you would like to know more about this important agency, their Web site is: www.oiaa.ok.gov.

Megwetch,
Paul Wesselhoft
Representative, District #9

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

As a father and a grandfather, what are my responsibilities to ensuring that our children and our grandchildren know what is proper in what we say or how we say something or what things are important in character-building for our country and our Nation.

Every day, we watch, listen to, or read what the media has to say with the notion that we will learn and acquire facts to assimilate our position in establishing our actions on how to respond to certain situations that will forth come.

Two things that I want to address are my concerns about: respect and pride. Regardless of individual political status, we have been relaxed and have not cautioned ourselves and our children in the etiquette of showing respect in how we address our President, our elders, our fathers, our mothers, our neighbors, out

teachers, our leaders, and many other individuals. One of the excuses we use is: They don't deserve respect if they do what they are doing.

Well, as far as I am concerned "that dog doesn't hunt." We may totally disagree with the individual, or think we know more than he does; however, if the person holds a "status," then respect should be granted. If and when you disagree, there are proper channels to protest, to argue, to make charges against, and to bring to the attention of others in the proper format. You should not attempt to accomplish this by airing your disagreement in the media, using slander, repeating hearsay, engaging in harassment, gossip, lying, and other methods of expressing contempt.

Whatever happened to the sayings, "Man of his word," "Handshake is all I need," "You know him by his actions," and "He's tough but treats everyone fairly?"

These sayings are the results of character building.

We are starting a new year with a new President, and I hope that we'll all show the new President more respect than was displayed for our past President. How we react and what we say filters down to our children and grandchildren. So, please be conscious of our behavior and of how we say things to make sure it's done properly.

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's unity, as well as a source of pride and inspiration for citizens. Begun on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress determined that the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternating between seven red and six white; and that the original colonies be represented by 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation, with a star being added each time a new state was admitted to the Union.

Between 1777 and 1960, the shape and design of the flag evolved into the Old Glory we honor today. The 13 horizontal stripes represent the original 13 colonies, while the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic, as well. Red stands for hardiness and valor; white signifies purity and innocence; and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Traditionally a symbol of liberty, the American flag has carried the message of freedom, and has inspired Americans, both at home and abroad. By displaying the flag and giving it a distinctive fold we show it respect, and express our gratitude to those individuals who fought, and continue to fight for, freedom at home and abroad. Americans have proudly flown the flag in every major conflict on lands and in skies



around the world. It is our responsibility to continue to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and freedoms that we, as Americans, enjoy today.

The United States flag represents who we are. It stands for freedom we all share and the pride and patriotism we feel for our country. We cherish its legacy as a beacon of hope to one and all.

The CPN Veterans Organization will dispose of your U. S. or Tribal flags that are frayed, torn, or soiled, in a proper ceremony. All you have to do is drop off your flag at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. I want to salute all the CPN's Native American veterans to show them our pride in them and our appreciation for what they have done for us. Our prayers go out to all our men and women serving our country in 2009.

Megwetch,
David Barrett/*Mnedobe*
Legislator, District # 10

Attention

Have you always wanted to learn to speak the Potawatomi language but never had the time? Here is your chance!

Starting Monday, April 6, 2009, the CPN Language Department will offer a new beginners class every Monday and Wednesday evening from 5:10 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.

Please call now to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

In this class you will not only learn your language but also a deeper understanding of your history, traditions, and cosmology. You will leave with a renewed sense of pride in being Potawatomi.

This class is open to all age groups. Call today to reserve your seat - 405-275-3121, Ext 1329.

District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Thank you all for making my first year as your Oklahoma representative a productive and memorable one. At a time when our American Congress is so polarized, I am thankful that our Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislature remains unified.

I want to mention two important items from our fall quarterly meeting:

- Real Estate Services and Environmental Services continue to spearhead "fee-to-trust" efforts. They work to convert tribal fee-simple land back into federal trust status. Simply put, their administrative efforts are helping us rebuild the original Citizen Potawatomi Nation reservation. When tribal land title changes to trust, through a lengthy paper process, the tribe's laws then apply to activities associated with that land. In addition to expanding our jurisdiction, many federal funding sources use trust and tribal acreage as a funding variable.

- The Heritage Center and Museum is searching for a new director to fill the void left by Jon Boursaw after he retired in late 2008.

I also want to welcome all of the college



students back to school. Oklahoma State University began classes recently, and I am beginning to see more Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal license plates around Stillwater. Each time I see one, I catch a glimmer of our future.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.
Lisa
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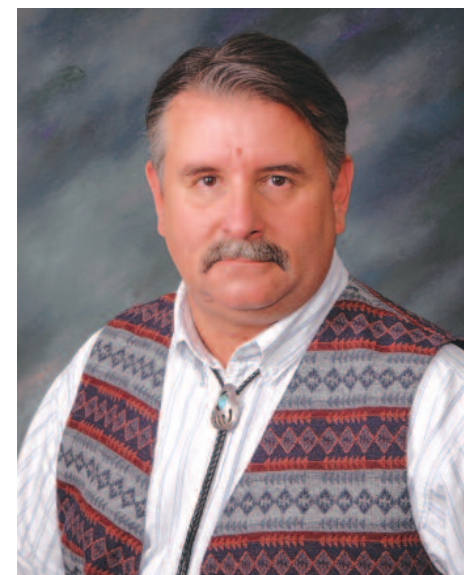
District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho, nikan!

Well we have a new president now. Depending on your political affiliation, you may be more excited than others. Regardless, we will need to support him. One thing for us to remember is that this party has been more supportive of native nations historically.

Let's hope that our new president will look at some of the things we have had to endure during the last few years. I hope that they will look at the Indian health care program. For many of our members, it is the only health care they have.

Nationwide, health care is in a crisis. For Native Americans, it has been in crisis for many years. Most every IHS facility is dramatically underfunded. Our own facility lacks enough funds to meet the demand placed on it. The Nation underwrites a substantial part of the cost to operate a quality health care facility. It is considered one of the best in the area. Because of that excellent reputation, we have clients coming from great distances to use our facility, fur-



ther burdening the budget.

I hope that the new administration in Washington will consider increasing and creating funding for education for Native Americans. For quite a few years, our Nation has seen the benefit of advancing educational opportunities to our members

through funding generated by our businesses and enterprises. I have always believed the best way to spend our profits is by funding educational opportunities for our members. This allows us to elevate our standard of living by obtaining better jobs with higher wages and better benefit packages.

During these tough economic times, let us hope that our leaders in Washington will look at all the ways we can help with the economy. Let's hope they remember the Native American communities when they start infusing capital into the economy. I would encourage each of you to call or

write your congressmen/women in the District of Columbia and remind them that there are sovereign nations back home who would also benefit from being considered for economic stimulus packages. It can not hurt to let them know we are also in need of help.

I hope this issue of the *HowNiKan* finds each of you in good health and that prosperity comes your way. As always it has been an honor to serve you. Megwetch!

Paul Schmidtkofer
Representative, District #12

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC), under the directorship of Kristi Coker, not only makes loans to Indian-owned businesses, but also sponsors numerous program that provide financial assistance to tribal members and CPN employees. Most recently, there was a series of "Financial Health Workshops" offered during the lunch hour for four separate days. The series began in January and concluded this month.

All the workshops are structured to help participants develop positive attitudes and new habits about managing money and credit. This workshop is just a sample of the financial training that is planned throughout 2009, each session conducted at the noon hour, lunch provided, for tribal members, employees, and CPCDC participants.

A fairly new and very popular program that the CPCDC provides is the Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). IDAs are matched-savings accounts that enable medium to low income individuals to build assets and enter the financial mainstream.

The IDA is designed for participants to save for a specific purpose, such as education, home purchase, or paying off credit card debt. What a terrific program!

Recently, I attended the graduation of 24 participants from the 2008 IDA Program. These participants contributed up to \$900 of their own money and received matching funds of \$1,800 for a total savings of \$2,700 each. In addition to reaching the savings objectives, participants received a certificate for completing the year-long financial course.

During the graduation exercise, several individuals gave their testimony as to how the program helped their quest to develop financial management skills. There is no doubt that the IDA program is a valuable offering. It is proof positive that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation continually finds innovative ways to meet the needs of



our people. Congratulations to the 47 adults and 16 youth who have completed the program.

The next session begins in April for adults and June for youth. If you would like more information about any of the CPCDC financial education programs, you can contact a staff member at 405-878-4697.

On a completely different topic, it is that time of year again to prepare for our tribal election. If history holds true, voter turnout will be significantly higher during the election of the Nation's Chairman than other election years. My election ad will be forthcoming in the next edition of the *HowNiKan*.

My support for the Chairman's position will be no surprise. I support a proven record; a continual positive change; a leader who represents his people well - one who has passed the test of time and provided superb leadership.

I support Chairman Rocky Barrett...the top elected official of a Nation that is recognized throughout Indian Country for its progress, innovation and leadership.

I continue to cherish the opportunity to serve as your tribal Vice Chairman. Megwetch,
Linda Capps

Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I hope and trust all is going well with you and your family. With the holidays behind us, it seems as though everyone is ready to roll up their sleeves and get back to the hard work at hand. The new year has begun and with it many challenges for the future.

Please support our U. S. government as it has many issues to consider to bring balance back to our economy. We here at tribal administration are doing everything that we can to safeguard the Nation's assets. I can report that our enterprises are doing very well when you consider what is happening around us. Please support your tribal enterprises.

This is a very important election this year as the Chairman position is up for election. Please consider the experience and expertise that Chairman Barrett brings to the Nation. Without the hard work and dedication that Chairman Barrett contributes, our Nation wouldn't be nearly as successful as it is. Please support Chairman



Barrett and all of the elected officials as we try to make life better for our people.

Please continue to bring us your issues and concerns. It continues to be a great honor to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer.

Megwetch,
D. Wayne Trousdale/*Netemgiwse*
Secretary / Treasurer

Meeting Notice Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislative Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 5:30 pm
in the Legislative Chamber at the
CPN Administration Bldg.
1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, Oklahoma



Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend),

Most of my column this month is about a special piece of our history and tradition that I used to talk about in the Regional Council Meetings but have not had the opportunity to include in the *HowNiKan* for several years: The Grandmothers.

Before that, a brief word about current tribal business. Our businesses have not shown a marked decline because of the economy. The banks, the grocery stores, and the casinos are doing well.

The Tribal Savings Certificates have generated nearly two hundred inquires from our citizens about investing with the Nation. They will be available as soon as I am reasonably certain that they qualify as tax-exempt under the IRS regulations. No tribe has ever done this before, so the process is not one that has a direct IRS regulation or opinion. We can only evaluate the applicability of those tax opinions and securities regulations that are similar and possibly applicable to a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

We are basically preparing a defense of our ability to issue the Savings Certificates since the IRS is in active disregard of those Acts of Congress that equate us to other governmental entities in the issuance of tax exempt debt for essential government purposes on a parity with states, counties, and cities. The underlying provisions of the cash account pledged to secure the Savings Certificates is in place, as are the account plan at First National Bank and the management plan at the Community Development Corporation. I am being very careful, so please bear with us.

This tribal election has created questions that have never before come up in our tribal government history. Personally, being a candidate for reelection as well performing the duties delegated under the Tribal Constitution to the Tribal Chairman to uphold the law and protect the lines of authority between the Executive and Legislative branches of our government has, as usual, led to some pretty wild accusations. Of course, for those that remember the past elections, that is nothing new.

Here is our policy problem: Our Election Ordinance does not address the publication of previous tribal employment misconduct or national crime data base



criminal history generated by the background check on a candidate for office, no matter what it is. Only that he is disqualified to run if he is a convicted felon.

I believe you have a right to know about the kind of information in the background check that relates to behavior that might offend the "community standards" of our tribe. I know that's a relative term. It would have to be well defined as some form of extreme behavior or it could be abused in the future. It would have to be something like multiple complaints of sexual harassment or downloading pornography on a tribal work computer. There has to be a line of some kind beyond which one cannot hide behind the concept of privacy.

Here is my proposed solution: If a person is a candidate for elected office, he or she should agree to "open it up" as a condition of running for office by signing his or her consent on the filing form.

There are protections in place for an employee. If a Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member/employee believes he has been unfairly accused of something by another employee, he has the Tribal Court at his disposal to seek justice. If he admits the violation, is disciplined, and signs the admission – you as a voter have a right to know about the type of violation of personnel policy if it is a behavior which might affect his performance if elected. The names of any other parties in the disciplinary action are protected. The complain-

ing party usually talks about it, though, and most issues are widely known within the tribal government.

Here is the situation the tribal government has never faced. The Tribal Legislator from Northern California, Thom Finks, is assisting the campaign for Tribal Chairman of his brother Gerald Finks, who changed his name to Jeremy Finch. Finch is a disgruntled former employee who believes his documented discipline problems while he worked here should not be available to the voters to evaluate him as a candidate. I'm caught in the middle. The solution lies with the Tribal Legislature by fixing the Election Ordinance. If the rumor mill grinds out something that you have a question about, call or e-mail me. I've already heard from the Finks brothers.

Enough about that for now. This entire election imbroglio brings to mind something that I recall being aware of as a young man attending the old General Council Meetings under the original con-

stitution written in 1936. I later read about the tradition in the pre-1838 days in Indiana and Michigan and realized it was still working in the 1980s! As much as I have criticized our old form of government for holding us back, there were some very special things that are worth recalling, and I believe, worth encouraging today. Think back now, did your grandmother or one of the other elder Citizen Potawatomi women ever guide you at Council?

Some of our older women, sadly now gone, never missed the Council, even when it was long and wild and crazy. They were there as solid as a rock. This story is about them.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Tribal Chairman and for your support and encouragement. I welcome and respect your opinions. Please call, write, or e-mail: 405-275-3121 or rocky@potawatomi.org. Megwetch,
John 'Rocky' Barrett/
Tribal Chairman

District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

It has been a busy time in the district; I thought I would give you a recap of some of the events. First, my next office hours will be March 3rd (first Tuesday of the month), from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. My office address for this and the shawl class is 708 Citizens Circle. It was my pleasure to meet with those of you who stopped by my office this month.

A couple people come forward to make the request for a naming. I am having a personal ceremony with one, but others will be named in a group. If you have a question about the ceremony or how to make a request to be named, please contact me.

We also had our ribbonwork class on Saturday, February 7. This class is instruction on construction of a traditional Potawatomi shawl. Women who have never sewn to ladies who are avid seamstresses attend. Most of all, the "ribbonwork society" is a group interested in carrying on tribal traditions. We have set aside the first Saturday each month for this. I only ask that you contact me before you come so I can plan for food and space. I also need to talk to you about supplies you will need to get started. Start now to



get those projects completed in time for festival.

Speaking of Family Reunion Festival, it is time to make your reservation for a campsite. I don't want anyone to miss out on a spot as this event is growing very fast.

Regional meetings are back! The one question I received most was, "Will be having regional meetings?" The answer is yes. Our Kansas Regional Meeting will be held on March 14, 2009 at the Rossville

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The Grandmothers



Back in 1983, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett shared some time with and gathered some wisdom from his grandmother, Ozetta Peltier. Her grandfather, her father, her father-in-law, three of her sons, and two of her grandsons have served on the CPN Business Committee or as Chairman. Four of those men served as CPN Chairman.

by John 'Rocky' Barrett, Chairman

In the old days of village life, before any man was considered for selection as a Chief or Headman, he was first discussed among the elder women of the Tribe, the Grandmothers. The sewing circles, hide-tannings, laundry groups, and shade tree conversations were not just about affairs of the home.

If their talks determined that a man considered for election had not exhibited compassion for women, babies, and the sick, or respect for elders, that word was passed quietly from family to family. If the man also did not show wisdom in his decisions,

such as saving food and resources to preserve the village equally with supplies for going to war or commerce, he was no longer considered.

His name was not put up for a vote and then rejected in Council. His name simply did not come up.

This was an important power for elder women that gave equal weight for compassion and generosity with wisdom and courage in the selection of Chiefs and Headmen. Protection of the villages and its lodges was of particular concern since all lodges, bedding, and utensils belonged to the women. A man were invited to stay in

the woman's lodge when they married.

This "testing of the quality of the man" tradition remained, although in more subtle form, as late as the 1980s, when we had a very small form of government but had grown into a very big tribe. Everything was done the at one or two tribal meetings per year. Having already heard who was going to run for office, or who should be encouraged to run, the "word" would get around. The Grandmothers were able to affect the vote of their children and grandchildren in General Council in several ways unique to each woman - by their silence, a quick look into the eyes of family members, or even their posture.

There were a few older women who occasionally got up and orated about someone of whom they disapproved, but that was rare. Approval or disapproval had already been discussed among them. And no one in his right mind would want to make his Potawatomi Grandma mad at him. I remember well turning to look at my Grandmother, Ozetta Peltier, to read her eyes or look for some sign of her opinion in the old General Council meetings of the 1970s and 1980s. It was always a barely discernable nod or one slight shake of the head, but you knew.

The ability of the Grandmothers of today to directly affect the vote in open meetings has been changed by the form of election we now have, the secret ballot. But the tradition remains just as important. The Grandmothers still have this power and this responsibility. Now they have telephones, cell phones, e-mail, and their own cars. They are set for a comeback.

I would ask the Grandmothers of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to begin again to make it their business to examine those who run for office and discuss them with their mothers, aunts, sisters, and cousins. Please then make your opinions known to the rest of your family. Make it simply out of the question that someone in your family does not vote.

You possess the experience and women's instincts to evaluate those who run for tribal office for those leadership qualities that are valuable to women. You have a powerful Grandmother in the Vice Chairman's position, Linda Capps, who wields tremendous authority and influence in the Executive Branch. Please use her as



Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett honors two of the Grandmothers who are the heart of the tribal leadership selection process within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation - Nila Locke (top) and Lois Caldwell.

your resource.

Five other women serve in the Tribal Legislature and have published contact information in the *HowNiKan*: Lisa Kraft, Bobbi Bowden, Eva Marie Carney, Theresa Adame, and Gene Lambert. Your opinion as a woman is important to them. Your opinion as a Grandmother is especially valuable because of your ability and power to influence your family.

When our government had to grow to provide equal representation for everyone in our tribe, that added to the task of the Grandmothers to evaluate more people. Their merit as candidates requires the same kind of evaluation that those great and strong women before 1838 performed. It is still the search for the right balance among *compassion, generosity, courage, and wisdom*.

In the old Mede' religion we had before we became Christians as a tribe, these are still the "Spirits of the Four Directions" that the Creator gave all humans so they were no longer like the animals. They continue to be the qualities that are essential to tribal leadership.

Warning against Potawatomi book issued

Puzzled publisher at a loss for words

Joel Gibson, *Indigenous Affairs Reporter/Sydney, Australia Morning Herald*

The indigenous language fraternity may be small. But, recently, it was the mouse that roared, after Aboriginal language experts stopped a prolific 21st-century publishing phenomenon in its tracks.

With more than 100,000 titles listed at the online bookstore Amazon.com, Philip Parker is, theoretically speaking, the most published author in history.

A marketing professor at the INSEAD business school in France, he uses patented computer algorithms to copy information online and compile it into "studies" on niche subjects such as the econometric outlook for bath mats in India or Web servers in the United States.

The process has seen him labeled a "book spammer" by his critics and a luminary by admirers. But it was Professor Parker's hobby that offended the sensibilities of Native and Aboriginal language experts.

A dyslexic, he collects lists of words and publishes dictionaries, thesauruses, and crossword puzzles at a loss, he says, in the interests of education. His work has been heralded as a way to create paper resources for resource-starved Third World students.

And so he created thesauruses for eight Australian languages available online, and crossword puzzle books for five of them - and found himself accused of plundering Aboriginal culture.

A handful of linguists demanded Prof. Parker remove the books from sale. They called them disrespectful and claimed copyright in the dictionaries based on years of painstaking field research to revive endangered languages, of which Australia has more than any other country.

Peter Austin, a linguist in London, whose 1993 Gamilaraay Reference Dictionary had been converted, accused Professor Parker of intellectual property violations, taking materials without attribution, and publishing books that contain "such bad scholarship, ridiculous claims, nonsense, and stupid howlers that it is actually funny."

Justin Neely, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Language Program Director, said that Parker has used his computer technique to produce a book on the



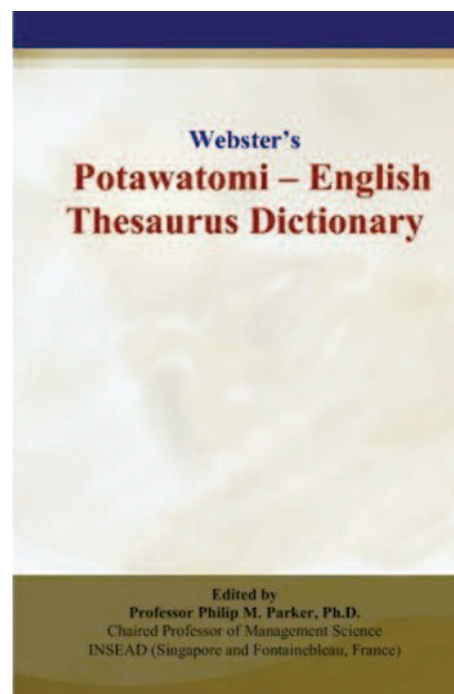
Prof. Philip Parker is shown, above, with three of the books his computer algorithm generated. At right is the cover of the book on the Potawatomi language he generated on a computer.

Potawatomi language. "It is filled with errors," Neely said. "The danger is that, because of Parker's access to mass marketing, these errors will overwhelm the work that is being done to preserve the true, correct form of our beautiful language."

On the Amazon.com Web site, Delores Perrot of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, wife of fluent Potawatomi speaker, Don Perrot, offered this review of Parker's book on Potawatomi: "If you are learning Potawatomi, this book was not created for you, and you should not purchase it. It was created for completely fluent mother-tongue speakers of Potawatomi who already know the full meaning of Potawatomi words, but who need to learn how a single English translation of a Potawatomi word may have ambiguous meanings in the English language."

Perrot added, "(This book) is designed for bilingual education for the non-English reader who wants to improve English-language test scores covering English synonyms. Synonyms may bear no relationship to a translation word (e.g. "love" can signify both an emotion and a score of zero in tennis; zero, while being a synonym of love, is likely to be a bad translation to the original Potawatomi headword)."

CPN legislator Robert Whistler, of Bedford, Texas, also posted a review at Amazon.com. Whistler said, "The booklet claims to be both a dictionary and a thesaurus. But the total number of words compared to the number of words in the Potawatomi language is lacking. Not of much value even for basics, but the authors need to meet with more speakers to get the true meanings of basic words to improve



this product. The booklet is way overpriced for what is being purchased."

Aidan Wilson, a Sydney University linguist who wrote an honours thesis on the Wagiman language spoken northwest of Katherine, said Professor Parker had used the wrong spelling on the cover of his publication 'Webster's English To Wageman Crossword Puzzles: Level 1.'

The language had only four remaining native speakers and its survival depended on them trusting academics, he said.

"They can leave our language alone," said Dharug man Richard "Nambrimbrii" Green, the indigenous language teacher at Chifley College in St Marys. "'Dalangwa Dharug,' which means 'Tongues of our language.'"

Mr. Green said indigenous communities felt they had moral rights to their languages and foreign publishers often used outdated spellings and introduced errors. Professor Parker was mortified. He had never intended to upset anyone, he said, and has since removed his publications of Australian native languages from sale.

He had never known anyone to claim intellectual property over a language but it placed him in a moral dilemma.

"Maybe this is the risk of new technologies but I was thinking about Africa and a desperate need for people there who need any educational resource they can get," he said.

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Skinwalkers, many of the novels center on Leaphorn's and Che's differing views on Navajo religion.

That Hillerman included so much of Navajo culture in his books gave them a depth that many mystery novels lack. Of course, Hillerman's mysteries were also intriguing and well written, setting them above most other mystery novels written today.

In a *Washington Post* story, Hillerman offered this description of his initial decision to write a novel: "What I basically wanted to do was write 'War and Peace' in Pottawatomie County," he said. "I'd never written anything longer than 800 words, so I thought I'd write a mystery. It has a shape, and it's shorter . . . and since I didn't have any idea whether I could plot a mystery, I thought I would kind of sell it by putting it in an exotic setting. And since to me the Navajo reservation and the Navajo culture are fascinating, it therefore must be fascinating to everybody else."

He won't soon be forgotten.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Marie Unzner Hillerman of Albuquerque, and six children.

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Michael Kennedy 'shoots' Shawnee's painted horses

"Horses in the City" intrigue CPN member



You might have seen the painted horses around Shawnee. They figure in a CPN member Michael Kennedy's search for his sister and his motorcycle journey around Shawnee. Here is his story:

I began my search for my sister who is also a CPN member. I wanted to show her the pictures of the horses. I also wanted an excuse to get my new Harley Davidson Heritage Soft Tail on the road.

The first group of horses was easy to photograph. I pass by them each time I go out of town. So I would pull over and look at them and get a picture. As I would get up close I would see more in them than I first thought. There are pictures in them.

The first day went well, I had taken six pictures and put them on my computer. As I went through them, I saw even more, such as the words "Love Struck" in one and an Indian playing his flute in another. Later, I learned the first one is at City Hall. And there are mustangs on the mustang. I made copies for my sister. Now I not only enjoyed my ride I was really enjoying the track of horse prints.

On my next trip, I searched each intersection. I was hooked I, wanted more. I found the "INDIAN BLANKET" and now see there are some with the artist's and sponsor's name featured. I won't tell you which those are because, if you are interested, you might want to discover them and be surprised as I was.

I talked to my friends, and they would tell me where they had seen a painted horse I had not yet discovered. So, off I would go again, to the Shawnee YMCA or some other location. Later, I learned that a

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member painted the horse at the YMCA.

I showed people the pictures I have. CPN Language Program Director Justin Neely pointed out to me that Jim Thorpe's picture was on the Shawnee Centennial Horse #2. Memories came back to me. My mother and Jim Thorpe's sisters were friends and schoolmates.

So, now I am able to go back in time and visit my Mom again at the Pow Wow. What a treat that was! I recalled my Dad and I in the late 70s, learning our parts for the re-enactment of the Trail of Tears and how he studied every night to memorize his part for the presentation on our Nation's heritage.

My friend Mary told me there were horses at the Shawnee Sac & Fox Nation facility. I think I am on the hunt.

If you want to take pictures there, you should do it when the sky is overcast or there is low light. Otherwise, the sun reflects too much light to get a good picture. I found that condition exists also on the one of "Sea Shells" at Langley Management and Town and Country Vet with the bulldogs. So I would suggest an evening out or an early morning outing and breakfast.

At that point, I was really determined to see this fun project through to completion. I called Shawnee city management and was transferred to a lady who actually is one of the artists. She gave me a phone number. The number was for then-Shawnee Mayor Chuck Mills who was very patient with me. We spent much time on the phone. Mayor Mills told me the his-



Shawnee's "Horses in the City," as photographed by CPN member Michael Kennedy, were painted in myriad styles by some very talented artists. As you can see, Kennedy sneaked his motorcycle into most of his photographs of the horses.

tory of Shawnee's "Horse in the City" project. I learned later he even now put his own money and time into the project.

Mayor Mills also told me about vandals' ruining the horse at FireLake Grand Casino. A friend said it was black with flames. I can't wait to see it repaired and replaced.

My last trip out was not on my Harley Davidson but in my Chrysler Aspen as it was 17 degrees with a few snow flakes. I finished the Sac & Fox Nation's two rearing horses, the "Sea Shells" horse, and the Angelic Hospice horse.

But really the trail is not cold. There

will be more horses to come and I can take off looking for Horse prints. Hope to see you out there. I found 28.

The horses were painted in March and April 2008. They were in place by mid-May.

Prospective artists were told: "Horse in the City is a citywide public art presentation designed to enliven cultural activity and increase tourism to Shawnee. The horses are to be sponsored by companies, organizations, and individuals, and be transformed into multimedia works of art by local artists and craftspeople."

Guidelines for painting and placing the horses were: Horses will be placed in areas fully accessible to the public. Although a few horses may be in indoor locations, Most will be outdoors.

When creating a design, artists must consider carefully the weather and other elements of nature, including sun, rain, wind, and dirt.

Additionally, Horse in the City is an interactive event that allows the public to touch and feel the designs. As such, designs were created with durability and public safety concerns in mind. Although objects could be attached to the horse, artists were aware that vandalism can occur. Objects added to a horses were attached in such a way that they cannot be easily removed. Artists bore in mind that the audience will be broad-based and of all ages, and designs are appropriate for public display. Designs that are offensive, political, or sexual in nature were not accepted. Designs were evaluated by a review panel to ensure they conform to the guidelines. The review panel was empowered to reject any design that, in its sole discretion, did not adhere to the guidelines.

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Potawatomi Cornerstone: The History of the CPN Tribal Rolls Scholarship Program

by Charles Clark

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation scholarship program began on November 8, 1976 with Resolution 77-3, adopting a plan on dispensing funds awarded by the Indian Claims Commission to the then-Citizen Band and Prairie Band Tribes, Hannahville Indian Community and Forest County Potawatomi Community. For the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a trust was set up. Citizen Potawatomi members earmarked 50% of the annual income from that trust to be used as a college scholarship fund.

On June 24, 1978, then-CPN Councilman Jim Tacker made a presentation to the Business Committee at the General Council Meeting, outlining policies and procedures concerning scholarship eligibility requirements, and awards. It set up a process to select a committee that would run the program.

Tribal member Joe Coulter offered a motion requiring that the scholarship board consist of five members, with at least one member being a member of the tribe. Two members would be from the business community at-large and two would be educators. None of the Scholarship Committee members could be a sitting member of the Business Committee. However, the Business Committee would make decisions on membership of the committee.

A second tribal member countered with a motion to have the Business Committee, not the scholarship committee, decide who would be selected for scholarships. This proposal was defeated.

A third tribal member, George Hamilton, offered a motion for this Scholarship Committee makeup: one educator, two business people, one tribal member at-large, and one Business Committee member, all of whom were to be tribal members. After some discussion, Hamilton amended his motion to read that at least three board members, not all five, be CPN members. Leo Roberts second the motion, and it was put to a vote. The motion carried, and the measure was approved.

Further work was done to hone the policy and guidelines. The selection committee would be elected by the Business Committee and appointed for one year, beginning July 1, and ending June 30, with the committee chaired by a member of the Business Committee. Applicants would have to be tribal members. Income eligibility would be determined by dividing the applicant's family's previous-year income by number of dependents; that per-person income could not exceed \$12,000.

Resolution 78-29 approved \$1,200.00 to be budgeted for the new scholarship fund.

Initially, the Business Committee super-

vised the scholarship program until Doyle Owens was given the task to recruit members for the new board. One of the first people on the board was David Bourbonnais. He has remained on the committee since its inception. At first, David explained, "We went out looking for people to apply for the scholarship but couldn't find many takers."

By January 1979, the program was underway. The first scholarships were awarded for the 1979 spring semester. There were 14 applicants, with full-time students receiving a maximum of \$250 and part-time students \$125.

Over the course of the next few years, the amount of funding grew. Though in 1983, \$71,721.55 was available, applicants remained few. During the late 80s and early 90s, the average number of full-time students did not exceed 65. The average for 1988 through 1992 was just 44 students attending full-time per semester. Part-time applicants averaged only during this time.

Eventually, the number of applicants began to increase, as did the amount of the awards. Today, the number of applicants receiving awards averages 900 per semester. Full-time awards increased to \$500, then \$750. It is now \$1,500 per semester. Scholarship fund availability has also allowed CPN members whose family

income exceeds the previous income guidelines to take advantage of the program as well.

Other changes seen through the years include providing scholarship assistance for students enrolled in online classes and alternative schools and more scholarship recipients attending students vocational schools and graduate school.

The scholarship program is no longer serving just a conventional educational system. It has become a year-round process that requires new methods to better serve CPN members and to keep up with the ever-growing number of applicants.

Beginning in the 2009 spring semester, the office of Tribal Rolls is conducting the program on its own, without a scholarship committee. Past members have served well and all of those that I have had the pleasure of knowing and serving with have cared deeply for the success of the program and for the students.

Members of the scholarship committee through the years have included Mary Hillemeier, Rebecca Cryer, Gary Bourbonnais, Tom Gray, John Schoemann, Marlene Beery, Father Vincent Trainor of St. Gregory's College, David Bourbonnais, Gail Foresee, Hilton Melot, and Joe LaRue. All of you have served well.

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Center. Many of you might already have this on your calendar because this was to be the date for a chili feed and traditional hand games.

Because we already had the hall reserved and the date worked into the Chairman's schedule, we have combined the two. Chairman John Barrett will be doing his traditional report on the Nation's business and other affairs as he has in the past.

Dates have been finalized but times of the events have not. I am presuming it will be around 10:00 to 3:00, with lunch to be served. Please check back with me as it gets closer if you have not seen it printed elsewhere.

I will be sending an e-mail out as it gets closer to remind everyone and to clarify the time and schedule. E-mail me at tadame@potawatomi.org if you would like

to be added to this list for future reminders and notifications.

If you have turned your name into me or the Nation and are expecting e-mail updates but haven't received any, the problem might be your Yahoo address. I have tried using my personal e-mail as well as the one above. They are not being allowed through since this is a duplicate e-mail. If you have access to another address please let me know.

I'm looking forward to April, when we will have an artist demonstrate her work with gourds. You can see some of her pieces in the Rossville Center. A date for this has not been finalized.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our first Regional Meeting under our new form of government.

Megwetch,
Theresa Adame

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