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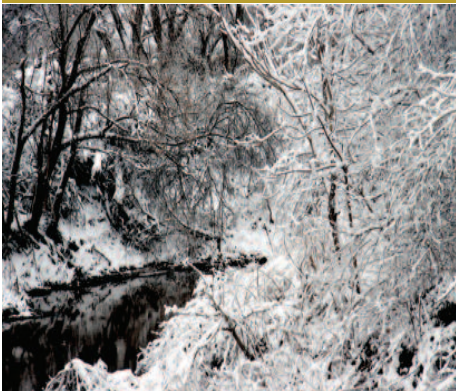
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Secretary-Treasurer re-elected; no opponent

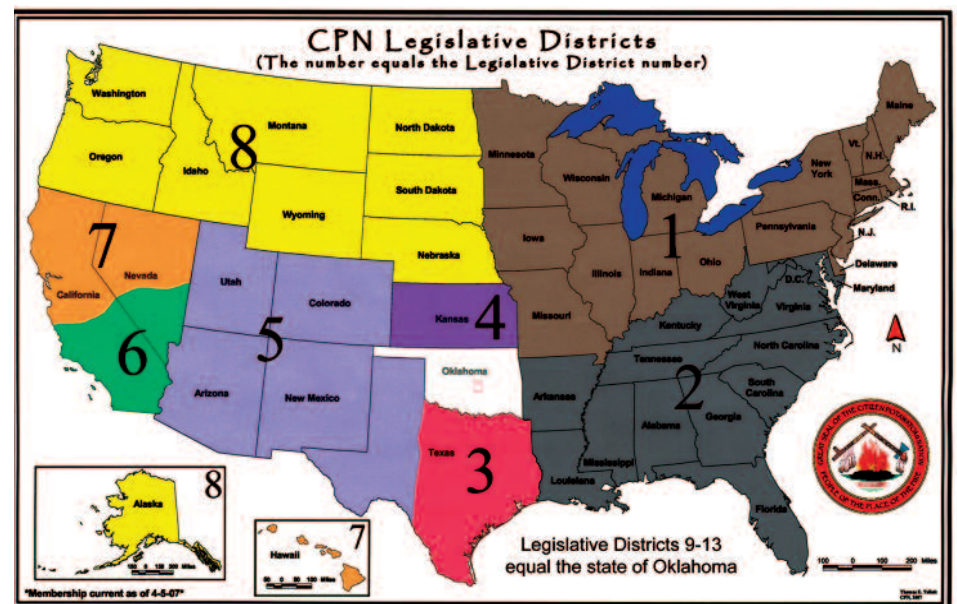
CPN Election 2010 features five races

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will elect a Tribal Vice Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and four (4) members of the Tribal Legislature. Legislators in Districts #5, #6, #7, and #8 will be elected to new four-year terms, as will the Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

The incumbents in the positions that will be on the 2010 ballot are: Linda Capps (Tribal Vice Chairman), D. Wayne Trousdale (Secretary-Treasurer), Gene Lambert (District #5), Ron Goyer (District #6), Thom Finks (District #7), and Dave Carney (District #8). With the exception of Goyer, all of these incumbents are seeking re-election.

Secretary-Treasurer Trousdale has no opposition.

The candidates who posted a \$150 filing fee to challenge the incumbents or seek election to an open seat are: Alan Dean Becker, 49, of Drumright, Oklahoma (Vice Chairman); Michael Stephen Carter, 27, of Phoenix, Arizona (District #5); Rande Kern Payne, 53, of Visalia, California and Charles Michael Goyer, 54, of Similax, California (District #6); Mark Alan Johnson, 49, of Prather, California and



CPN members will elect legislators in Districts #5, #6, #7, and #8, along with a Vice Chairman. Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale was re-elected without opposition.

Jeanine Roshelle Gaines, 25, of Sacramento, California (District #7); and Clyde Bruce Slavin, of Vancouver, Washington (District #8).

Candidates for Tribal Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer must be at least 35 years old by Election Day - June 26, 2010

- 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 June election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest and earnings from the Nation's set-aside funds. Thus, all eligible CPN voters will participate in this election.

A Ballot Request Period will begin on February 15, 2010 and end on June 6, 2010. There will be in-person voting from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the courtroom in the CPN administration building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 for all six positions.

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Walking On

William Blansett



Mexico, Mo. - William E. Blansett, 77, of Kingdom City, Missouri, passed away at Missouri Veterans' Home in Mexico, Missouri on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. He was born January 5, 1933, in Reform, Missouri, the son of the late Finis Bill and Ethel Linda (Hull) Blansett.

On February 8, 1953 he was united in marriage to Donna (Estes) Blansett, who survives at their home.

In addition to his wife of 56 years, he will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by one son, Bill Blansett of Hatton, Missouri; one daughter, Brenda Simcoe and her husband, Wayne, of Fulton, Missouri; one brother, Earl J. Blansett of Fulton; three grandchildren, Kendall Simcoe and Matt and Aaron Blansett; five great-grandchildren, Macyn Blansett, Ryan Blansett, Allison Blansett, Allissa Blansett, and Samuel Blansett; other relatives; and many dear friends.

His parents, one brother, Howard, and one sister, Florence preceded him in death.

William served our country in the United States Army. He owned and operated Callaway Lime Company and Blansett Leisure Time Products. He was actively engaged in farming before his illness. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, Richland Baptist Church, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 15, at Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton, with the Rev. W.D. Lockhart officiating. Visitation was from 1 p.m. until the time of service on January 15.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico,

c/o Maupin Funeral Home, 301 Douglas Boulevard, Fulton, MO 65251. Condolences may also be sent to the family at www.maupinfuneralhome.com.

David Cross



David Leon Cross was born on December 23, 1952 in San Jose, California, the son of Leon and Bemice Cross. David passed away on January 10, 2010 in Bowlegs, Oklahoma at the age of 57. He was a Citizen Potawatomi Nation descendant of Leo Bourassa.

He returned to Bowlegs with his Mom and Dad when he was six weeks old. He spent the rest of his life in the area of Seminole and Shawnee. He started school at Bowlegs and graduated from Bowlegs High School, before studying at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech School.

He was a self-employed carpenter and was very devoted to his work. He worked a lot of years in the oil field early on in life.

He loved archery and always placed first at the CPN Family Reunion Festival archery competition every year. He loved working on guns and did work for others on their guns and archery equipment. He tried to help anyone who needed his help.

He was a loving and caring son and father and a loving brother to his sisters. He enjoyed spending weekends with his sister Dawn and her family. He loved his niece and nephews. He came to live with his parents to help in 2005. He went on hunting trips with his Dad and enjoyed many hobbies with him. They both shot in archery competitions, with David beating his father, except for once at the CPN Family Reunion Festival contest. Dad Leon always thought Dave just let him win that one.

Through David's and his father's love for archery, they helped CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps begin the annual archery competition at the Family Reunion Festival.

God gave David a loving, caring way with people and a very good mind. He grew very attached to his special niece, Devon. When she contracted H1N1 flu and was hospitalized and in a coma for a month, David prayed every day that God would heal her. He regretted that his failing health prevented him from visiting her in the hospital. He lived to see Devon return home on November 13, 2009. She has since recovered and returned to school and normal activities.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jade Cross; grandparents, Lewis and Maggie Cross and Bill and Dora Sullinger; and a host of loving friends and family.

He is survived by his parents Leon and Bemice Cross; one son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Jenny Cross, sister and brother-in-law, Dawn and Dale Smith of Seminole, sister Sharon Tate of Shawnee, a special sister, Judy Oats; a special niece, Devon Smith; and two nephews Douglas and David Smith of Seminole. He is also survived by one grandson, Dylan Cross of Seminole, and a stepson, Darrel Carnes.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the First Assembly of God Church in Bowlegs with. Rev. Roy Robertson officiating. Interment followed at Maple Grove Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home, 1001 North Milt Phillips Avenue, Seminole.

Pallbearers were Gary Mainord, Steve Clayborn, Gayland Lindemann, Bobby

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Northcott, Steve Roberson, Jeff Cavett, Allen Harvey, and Stacey Northcott.

Honorary Bearers were Rick Hudson, Curtis Brumley, Ray Troglin, Woody West, Gene Houck, Nash Harjo, Charles Short, Bill Brown, and Paul Brown.

Messages of condolences may be sent to the family online at www.swearingenfuneralhome.com

Jackie Lavoy "Jack" Lucy

Jackie Lavoy "Jack" Lucy, 68 year-old, life-long Tecumseh, Oklahoma-area resident passed from this life on January 3, 2010 at his home in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He was born April 28, 1941 in Maud, Oklahoma, the son of Robert Garland Lucy and Ruth Deloris (Pratt) Lucy.

Jack graduated from Harjo High School in 1958 and went on to serve our country in the United States Army. He later worked as an electrician helper until his retirement.

Jack is survived by his companion of 30 years, Joyce Townsend of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; two sons, Robert Garland Lucy of Enid, Oklahoma and Hiley James Lucy of Shawnee, Oklahoma; one brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Nancy Lucy of Maud; five grandchildren; and a very special step-grandson, Harley Burgess.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Garland "Loy" Lucy and Irvin "Leroy" Lucy; and one sister, Luree Hudson.

Cremation services were under the direction of Knight-Swearingen Funeral Home in Maud, Oklahoma. Private family services were held at a later date.

Messages of condolence can be sent to the family online at www.swearingenfuneralhome.com.

Ralph Edward Bull Nocktonick

Ralph Edward Bull Nocktonick died on the evening of January 6, 2010. He was born at home to his parents, Joseph Punk and Louise Katherine (Tork) Nocktonick on June 4, 1943.

He attended Topeka, Kansas High School, then joined the Navy during the Vietnam War. He served on the destroyer USS Walker as a Machinist mate from 1961 through 1966. Then, he went to a trade school in Beloit. He worked for the Topeka Capital-Journal newspaper in the mailroom for 20 years.

In 1983, Ralph married Janice Clouse. She survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Megan Marie Nocktonick, Topeka; a stepson, Troy Clouse, Nashville,

Tennessee; a grandson, Dagen Clouse, Lawrence, Kansas; brothers, Joe, Albert, Rich, and Lou, all of Mayetta, Kansas; and nephew, Little Joe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a stepson, Dion Clouse.

Visitation was from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel. A Drumming ceremony followed in Mayetta. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society, Kansas Chapter, 555 N. Woodlawn, Bldg. #1, Suite 113, Wichita, KS 67208. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

Rena 'Sue' Belcher

Tecumseh resident Rena 'Sue' Belcher (Hollingsworth), 84, walked on on Thursday, December 31, 2009, in Pensacola, Florida. Rena was born in Tecumseh on October 25, 1925; She resided in California, Tecumseh, and Cuba, Missouri.

She was awarded a license as a practical nurse in California, an achievement of which she was very proud. In Cuba, Missouri, she owned and operated Belcher's Convalescent Home for many years. She then moved to the Pink/Tecumseh in 1980, where she resided until 2007 when she moved to Pensacola.

She was married May 16, 1956 to Francis Marion Belcher in Los Angeles, California, and they had five children: Glenn, Frances Marion, Annabelle, Sharon Leah, and Frank Curtis.

Rena was a member of Rebekah Lodge #72, Tecumseh, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and the congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Rena was an elder of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and was always proud of her Native American ancestry.

She was preceded in death by her husband Francis Marion on May 22, 1988.

She is survived by her beloved children, Glenn Arthur Johnson and wife Shirley of Tecumseh, Frances Marion Henderson and husband Judd of Pensacola, Annabelle Pittman and husband David of Pensacola, Sharon Leah Delisio and husband Jack of Fairport, New York, and Frank Curtis Belcher and wife Brenda of Brookhaven, Mississippi.

She has five brothers and sisters who

predeceased her (James, Laura, Louis, Hazel, and Dilla) and three surviving brothers and sisters (Glenn Hollingsworth, Tony Hollingsworth, and Mary). Rena had 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren who touched her life tremendously.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the Resthaven Funeral Home. The service was conducted by Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The family received friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, at Resthaven Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made in the name of Rena Belcher to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

Bonnie Jane Elsey

SPRINGDALE - Bonnie Jane Elsey, 59, died on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born August 26, 1950, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the daughter of Anthony and Opal Curtis Nearn. She was employed as a clerk in the Springdale Street Department.

Survivors include her husband, Lonnie Ray Elsey Sr.; two sons, Anthony Bruce Elsey and wife Sabrina Bohannon of Rogers, Arkansas and Arlion Dean Brumley of Springdale; a daughter, Sarah Jane Elsey and husband Josh Chelette of Springdale; three stepsons, Rodney Lynn Elsey and Rocky Lee Elsey, both of Monett, Missouri, and Lonnie Ray Elsey Jr. of Springdale; three brothers; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2009 at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville, Arkansas. Burial was in McBroom Cemetery.

Philip Raymond Marquis

ADRIAN, Mich. — Philip Raymond Marquis, 73, of Adrian, Michigan passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at Fulton County, Michigan Health Center. He was born on March 30, 1936, in Adrian to Norbert and Mary Cecilia (Ford) Marquis.

Philip served in the United States Army. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Lions Club, and the Knights of Columbus. He liked music, playing the keyboard, and traveling. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Philip is survived by his mother, Mary Cecilia Marquis; three sons, Douglas Marquis of White Lake, Michigan,

Timothy (Kim) Marquis of Davisburg, Michigan, and Brian (Heather) Marquis of White Lake, Michigan; one daughter, Jacqueline (Robert) Doerr of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan; one brother, James Francis Marquis of Florida; four sisters, Marjorie Carr of Adrian, Virginia McKown of Onsted, Carolyn Simon of Ohio, and Elaine Dennis of Adrian; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Philip was preceded in death by his father, Norbert; one brother and one grandson.

The funeral liturgy for Philip was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Bob Schramm presiding. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation was held on Wednesday January 20, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian, where a vigil prayer service was held at 7 p.m. Visitation also took place on Thursday, January 21, from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

You may send condolences to the family at www.andersonfuneralhomeadriante-cumseh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Nellie May Macon Smith



Nellie May Macon Smith, 81, of West Columbia, South Dakota went to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 10, 2010, at her residence. She was born May 9, 1928, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, the daughter of Clarence and Nora Macon.

Nellie was an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Oklahoma and was raised in Gainesville, Texas. She was a bus driver for Columbia-Brazoria

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CPN Library Musings



The case with the miniatures display is located along the outside wall of FireLake Gifts in the Cultural Heritage Center. Clockwise from upper left, the miniatures depict a meeting of a council group, an Iroquoian drum group and singers, Apaches hunting in the desert, and infliction of revenge for an ambush. The larger photo at bottom of the group shows a scene outside a Woodlands Indian long house.

When I was a boy, the only Indian figures generally available were mono-colored plastic figures in red, yellow, blue, or green plastic. Perhaps, rich white collectors or museums had figures that are more realistic.

As I grew to adulthood and worked at jobs that paid me more money than I needed to live, I began to collect the figures in this collection. I have loaned them to our Cultural Heritage Center so young visitors can enjoy their color and form.

The "Battle of the Greasy Grass," known by the whites as "Custer's last Stand," is to the left. If you look closely, you can see "Sitting Bull" standing with a rifle crooked in his arm. You can also find Choctaw troops from the 1860s who fought for "states' rights" in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and the Indian Territory.

If you look closely, you will see an Iroquoian drum group with three singers. On the right side of the case, you can see the Indians battling "Roger's Rangers" in the "Battle of the Snowshoes," Goyathlay (also known as "Geronimo") in a south-

western desert area complete with a nice diamondback rattlesnake, and two Apache scouts who will be given medals, disarmed, and sent to prison. Their children will be sent to Carlisle Indian School where they will die and be buried.

To the left of them is a group of Inter-Tribal women done, for the most part, by an artist from Galena, an Illinoisan who has passed on.

Come on up to the Cultural Heritage Center and share the displays we have created for you.

While three staff members have inventoried more than 1,000 books so far, about 3,000 more must be inventoried before we can reopen the library. The value for the future will be our ability to work with other libraries in the United States to obtain materials we do not currently have. While we currently own a very large collection of information about Woodland Indians (Potawatomis and others), there is more out there. Our idea is to make it all available to the Potawatomi people. Is there anything you can do to help?



Potawatomi Language

Useful Everyday Potawatomi Phrases

Commands	
Jipteben	- Sit down (singular)
Jiptebek	- Sit down (plural)
Dokem	- Be quiet
Byan shode	- Come here (singular)
Byak shode	- Come here (plural)
Eating	
Gbekte ne?	- Are you hungry?
Gbektem ne?	- Are you all hungry?
Konege, Nbekte.	- Yes, I am hungry.
Cho ngi-gish wisen.	- No, I already ate.
Ni pi je wa je wisneygo?	- Where are we going to eat?
Ni pi je ga wisneyen?	- Where did you eat?
Wegni je wa wenapdemen?	- What are you going to choose?
Greetings	
Ni je ezh ne kasyen?	- What is your name?
Justin ndezhnekas.	- My name is Justin
Gin je?	- And, you?
Ni je ga zhewebsiyen?	- What happened to you?
Cho nedwendasin yajdeman.	- I don't want to talk about it.
Activities	
Ni je wa zhechkeyen ode gishnawkwe?	- What are you doing this afternoon?
Cho gego Ni je wi?	- Nothing, why?
Ni je ga zhechkeyen shkwach pkonyak?	- What did you do last evening?
Mesnatekgemek ngi-zhyamen.	- We went to the movies.
Chikaswen ne gwi-wabdan Odankegishgok?	- Are you going to watch the game Saturday?
Wegni je chikaswen?	- What game?
Zet pkwakwet chikaswen.	- The football game.
We ni je wa pkenagewat?	- Who is going to win?
Mamwe mawjeshnojek.	- The best team. (Minnesota Vikings)
Shkwach kenomagewen ne ggi-zhya?	- Did you go to the last class?
Cho abdek ngi-mikchewi.	- No, I had to work.
Ngi-yabyetes bwa zhyayen mine mteno ejiptebyan ewabdeman I wabnotakchegne gbe dbeket. - I was lazy and didn't go. I only sat and watched TV all night.	
Weather	
Kyetnam ksenyamget.	- It is really cold.
Nasena gishpen ezagjeseyen kche bonimget zagech.	- Be careful if you go outside. It's really snowing outside.
Ni jetso ga bonimgek nago?	- How much did it snow yesterday?
Zam jesh	- Too much.
Mdatso shech nish dbegas gi bonimget nago.	- It snowed 12 inches yesterday.
Wateya!	- Wow!
Wi yabwamget Ngot gishgok.	- It's going to warm up on Monday.
Wenet cho nmegadwendasin ksenya mgek.	- Good, I don't like it when it's cold.
Gekpi wi yabwamget. Cho mamda nabadasin Nibek.	- Finally, it will be warm. I can't wait for summer.
Traveling	
Ni je epichiyak ezhyaygo?	- How far to where we are going?
Abdek nshishib.	- I have to pee.

Ni pi je eyeygo?	- Where are we?
Nmetsena giwaniyo.	- I don't know we're lost.
Ki mzenegen ne gde-ton?	- Do you have a map?
Cho, nagma o bgeshmo gises.	- No, I am following the setting sun.
Shkena! Geez! Cho wika gwi-bgemsimen.	- We are never going to arrive/get there.
Ni je pi webtaygo?	- When did we start?
Shak dbegnak.	- At 9:00 o'clock.
Nedwendan egiweyan.	- I want to go home.
Nzhigendanen pabmadzewnen.	- I hate trips.
Fishing	
Mno gishget ngom.	- It's a nice day today.
Gnedwendan ne pa gwedemojgeyen?	- Do you want to go fishing?
Ehe, gwedemochgemen	- Yes, let's go fishing.
Ni je ye mbes?	- Which lake?
Wamego mbes anake Shawnee nishdeyek mbeswen.	- Thunderbird or Shawnee Twin Lakes.
Wegwendek gde-gishendem.	- Whichever you decide.
Ahaw, Wamego mbes nmedagwendan.	- I like Thunderbird lake.
Beshoch nde-da.	- It's close to where I live.
Ni jetso gigosek ga gwedoyek?	- How many fish did you catch.
Mteno nish mgegnok nesh je manek gachiyewat.	- Only two big ones but many that were small.
Bodwen! Nbekte.	- Build a fire! I am hungry.

Language Resources at Potawatomi.org

Make sure to check out the great Potawatomi language resources online at <http://www.potawatomi.org/Culture/Language/default.aspx>. If you have yet to check this out the pages are divided into the following sections: Grammar, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Songs, Classes, Resources, Spiritual, Online Lessons, and Games.

Under Grammar are sections called: Historical Origin of the language and dialects, History of writing systems, Potawatomi vs. English, and Potawatomi noun usage.

Under Beginner are sections: Children's coloring sheets, Animals, Weather, Fish, Food, Objects, and Nature. Each of these sections has audio embedded so the words/phrases can be heard.

Under Intermediate: Animals, which has more sentences, and Common phrases. Both have audio. The phrases sections has 10 common phrases with three different responses each.

Under Advanced: The Potawatomi Flood story and the story of why the rabbit has a short tail. The Flood story is a video of the story, which can be started by clicking on the picture. The rabbit story is only audio but is quite long. These are great for

advanced students or for folks who want to hear longer selections of the Potawatomi language spoken.

Under Songs: We have a number of children's songs like Old MacDonald. We also have a morning song and four Christmas songs.

Classes: Lets you know about the types of classes we are offering. Please be certain to contact the Language Department to check times and dates as classes sometimes change due to attendance or other circumstances.

Resources: This has links to other web pages of interest to Potawatomi language learners. The Forest County Website has Jim Thunder's book one online with audio. The global recordings link has Mary Wensaut preaching in the Potawatomi language. It is very cool to listen to and lasts about 45 minutes. The Hannahville site has lots of cool games, so make sure to check it out.

Spiritual: This section has the sign of the cross and The Lord's Prayer in Potawatomi with audio.

Online lessons: This section has a number of PowerPoint presentations which can be downloaded. These are language lessons. *See LANGUAGE on page 25*



CITIZEN POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Let the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation help you start the new year with a strategy to improve your financial health. Whether you are just beginning your financial journey or are in need of a financial health checkup, we are here to serve the people of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

We are excited to announce two new online programs for our out-of-area members. We have purchased e-books that are available for qualified, committed tribal members. These online programs are being offered to tribal members and their spouses free. These e-books cost the tribe \$25.00 each; thus, only people committed to completing the program need apply. Once a book has been issued to a program participant, it cannot be reissued to someone else.

To be eligible for CPCDC programs, one need only be a Citizen Potawatomi member or spouse of a member, at least 18 years old, and have made a personal commitment to complete the program.

We have two curricula from which to choose. The first curriculum is *Money in Motion*. This is a short, (approximately two-hour) financial education program that is currently used by more than 70 credit-counseling agencies. In a recent study, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Financial Education identified several areas of deficiency shared by individuals who are struggling with money issues. *Money in Motion* addresses these key problems.

Except for the necessary financial terminology, *Money in Motion* is written in a

simple language; therefore you do not have to be a financial expert to understand the material. Also, the information is brought to life through stories. Students who have completed the program report that it is helpful, effective, and in their own words, "life-changing."

The second curriculum we are offering is *Credit When Credit is Due*. This is a more comprehensive program that is presented in 12 lessons. Chapter reviews follow each lesson and are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. When the student successfully completes the program, he will be registered in a national database and sent a registration card identifying him as a graduate of this national, standardized, credit-education program. Additionally, he will receive three cards addressed to the three

major credit-reporting agencies that will allow him to add a positive statement to his credit report, stating that he has successfully completed the *Credit When Credit is Due* program.

These programs are a great complement to the credit counseling we are already offering via the telephone. It is the vision of the CPCDC to "Enhance Financial Futures," and this is just one more way we have found to bring a financial service to our out-of-area members.

If you are ready to begin transforming your financial future or would like more information about our program, call Tina Pollard at 405-878-4697 or e-mail her at TPollard@Potawatomi.org.

Re-elect Vice Chairman Linda Capps

As my experience has expanded during the past 20 years of serving as your Vice Chairman, I feel confident that I possess the skills and knowledge to continue in the position. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a very complex entity...one which demands quality in leadership. I vow to uphold the highest quality standards for the office of Vice Chairman.

I pledge to remain dedicated to you as members, and I promise to stay trustworthy and committed to our people. I will also keep the influence of my background in business and education alive since both fields are pertinent to nurturing the Nation's over-all development.

I have cherished the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman. I sincerely wish to continue in the same capacity for the upcoming term. You have my assurance that I will remain focused on the needs of our membership.



*Visit my Website at
www.LindaCapps.com
to learn more*

**Request your absentee ballot and
Vote for Linda Capps - Vice Chairman**

Casey Slavin stationed in Afghanistan

Spec. Slavin earns war honors

(Editor's note: For a recent edition of the Kaw Nation newsletter, Dawn Briner a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member and Kaw Nation employee, wrote about her son, Army Spec. Casey Slavin.)

Casey Don Slavin was inducted into the United States Army on March 13, 2007, and is stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, where his wife Tiffany and their three children, Hanci, age 7, Hayden, age 5, and Harlee, age 4, anxiously await his return home from the war.

Casey completed his Basic Training and Advance Infantry Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Graduation was held on June 29, 2007. Casey then attended specialized training in California during January and February 2008. He left for Afghanistan on July 10, 2008.

Since his he has been in Afghanistan, Casey has been promoted to Specialist. He is anticipating a lateral promotion to Corporal within the next few weeks. His MOS is Mortar man, and he is currently with the 1st Infantry Division, 26th Battalion Bravo Company, aka "Viper Company."

Upon his return to the United States and Fort Hood in June 2010, Spec. Slavin and his family are looking forward to his transfer to Fort Carson, Colorado. He intends to pursue a career in the Army, with an intention of eventually retiring from a position in the armed forces.

In August 2008, Spec. Slavin had the honor and Privilege of meeting General David Petraeus, Central Command Commander. Gen. Petraeus presented Spec. Slavin a Challenge Coin and recognition for having completed 72 missions supporting his company's operations. The inscription on the Challenge Coin reads, "His leadership among his peers has significantly improved the company's ability to provide 120mm mortar to soldiers in contact."

In October 2008, Slavin received an Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

Spec. Slavin returned to the United States on June 19, 2009. His mother, Dawn Briner said, "(My husband) Michael and I drove down to Fort Hood to welcome him home, along with his wife and children. It was one of the most moving we have ever been a part of. We witnessed the excitement relief, love, and pride from so many



Army Spec. Casey Don Slavin

who were waiting and watching for their soldier."

Casey is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a descendant of members of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe or Red Rock, Oklahoma.

Casey is the son of Dawn and Michael Briner of Ponca City, Oklahoma. His maternal grandparents are Madge Francis Dent-Artman and John Artman. His maternal great-grandparents were the late Abraham and Wilma Dailey Dent. His great-great-grandparents were Ralph and Madge Petit Dent. His great-great-great-grandparents were Hoke and Miriam Harragarra Dent.

Casey's father is Keith Slavin, a Ponca City resident. His paternal grandparents are Keith and Ila Slavin of Ponca City. His great-grandparents were Frank and Ida Evans Slavin. His great-great-grandparents were James and Dellie Ott Slavin. His great-great-great-grandparents were James and Theresa Wasecti Slavin.

Dawn Briner added, "As an employee of the Kaw Nation, I am very thankful to the employees who have taken the time to inquire about my son's safety and well-being. It has been a difficult year, and we truly appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and encouragement."

American Red Cross Blood Drive at FireLake Casino

Shawnee, OK- FireLake Casino and the American Red Cross partnered for a blood drive on Friday, January 22, 2010. All healthy, area residents, 21 years or older, were invited to donate blood. "What better way to start the New Year than by giving a few moments of your time to help save a life," said Channah Walker, Marketing Coordinator for FireLake Casino. "We are excited that former University of Oklahoma football star Antonio Perkins, an NCAA record-holder, participated. Mr. Perkins explained the need for blood as well as met our donors and signed autographs."

Each donor received a \$10 Match Play from FireLake Casino, good for that day, and one free Bistro Buffet voucher good for the next visit.

Perkins is currently a blood donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross. He played football in Lawton, Oklahoma High School, then for the University of Oklahoma. Starting 30 games at OU, he recorded 125 tackles, two fumble recoveries, and 21 pass deflections.

He set the NCAA record for most punt returns for touchdowns in a single game, with three, as well as most punt return yards in a game with 277, against UCLA in 2003. He is tied with Wes Welker, of Oklahoma City's Heritage Hall High School, Texas Tech, and the New England Patriots, and Ted Ginn Jr., of Ohio State University, for most punt return touchdowns in a career with eight.

After his sterling career at OU, Perkins was selected in the 2005 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns. He left the Browns for the Indianapolis Colts in 2007. Then, he became a free agent and signed on with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League in 2008.

Walker added, "Taking time from your busy schedule could save a life. To donate simply make an appointment at the Player's Club at FireLake Casino, 41207



Hardesty Road, Shawnee, or at 405-878-4862 – asking for the Player's Club."

Although Oklahoma blood donors give more than 250,000 units each year, the need for blood donations remains great. Studies report that one in three people will need blood at some point during their lifetimes.

Owned and operated by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, FireLake Casino successfully launched the tribe into the gaming industry, then expanded in early 2003. Operating 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, the casino features more than over 700 slots, along with table games, poker, and bingo. Because the games are designated "Class Three, Oklahoma Compact," six percent of FireLake Casino's net gaming revenue goes to support the state's public education fund.

For dining, FireLake Casino offers The Bistro Buffet & Grill. The Bistro features great food at an inexpensive price. FireLake Casino focuses on offering excellent customer service in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere for players who travel from across the state. Located in the heart of Oklahoma, FireLake Casino is just seven miles south of Interstate 40 at Exit 181 in Shawnee.

To Northern California CPN Members,

I am pleased to see that Mark A. Johnson and Jeanine Gaines are seeking the legislative seat in District #7. The district will be better served with a new representative.

**Sincerely,
John 'Rocky' Barrett
Tribal Chairman**



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The Senior Citizens Network

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has begun a program funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. This program will assess the needs of the elder members of the Nation. The focus of this program is to identify tribal elders who need assistance to maintain an adequate standard of living, whether that is in the home, in an assisted-living facility, or in a nursing home.

The program is looking for tribal members to volunteer to spend time with our elders. We feel the elders are an invaluable source of wisdom and deserve respect and care. The CPN is asking members of the nation to assist in identifying elder tribal members who need assistance.

One of the program's first goals is to identify tribal elders who reside in nursing homes. Program officials ask that, if you are an elder living in a nursing home or know of an elder who lives in a nursing home or assisted living center, that you contact Thelma Campbell, RN at 405-273-5236 ext. 269.

If you are a Citizen Potawatomi Nation elder or a caregiver for a CPN elder, please clip out or copy the survey at right and mail it to Theresa Campbell, RN, 2307 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801. The survey form is available online at www.Potawatomi.org/Downloads/Download_GetFile.aspx?id=930.

Thank You!

San Remo's Restaurant

Fine Italian Cuisine

Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.

Located atop the Firelake Golf Course Clubhouse



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 Michael Abel at 405-694-9503 or LeadSingerOne@yahoo.com

Senior Services Survey

What is your primary concern about aging?

Are your health care needs being met? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please provide your Medical Provider's name, address, and phone number.

If no, please describe service(s) that you would like to have made available to you.

Are you the primary care giver for an elderly member of your family? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you signed a living will or discussed with your immediate family members your wishes if you were to become incapacitated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you aware of the services that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has available for your use? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you, as a Tribal Elder, consider living in an Assisted Living Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in passing traditional skills and wisdom to younger tribal members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank you for your response to this questionnaire. If you would like to be contacted by a representative of the CPN to discuss benefits that are available to you please provide contact information and please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Or you may contact me:

Thelma Campbell, RN
2307 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK. 74801
405-273-5236, ext. 269
800-880-9880

E-mail: TCampbell@Potawatomi.org

Senior Support Network funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans

Shop

FireLake Discount Foods!!

CPN Cultural Heritage Center & FireLake Giftshop

Bozho & Happy New Year!

The Holiday Season was so very rewarding for staff of the CHC and FLG. We were a drop point for Toys for Tots and Coats for Kids, and we collected non-perishable food items for needy families. We received a lovely thank you note from Coats for Kids for our participation and look forward to a continued partnership with the organization. We will still be accepting coats all winter, so it's not too late to donate! There is a box just inside our entryway (see hours of operation below).

With Valentine's Day approaching, I'm reminded of how important love and family are in my life. My brother just celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary and my parents will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary this Valentine's Day! Thirty-five years is a rare thing these days, and I thank God every day for their love and devotion to each other and to our family. I'm the person I am today because of the love my parents have for me and because of the encouragement they've given me to follow my dreams.

So this Valentine's Day, as you're munching on candy from heart-shaped boxes, remember to be thankful not only for your sweethearts, but also for the rest of your family, because that love is just as important.

Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary
David & Margie Whitecotton!!

The CHC Facebook page is growing daily in popularity! We have more than 300 fans! Become "a fan" of the CHC on Facebook to stay updated on events, exhibits, and other things going on at the CHC. We have contests and trivia challenges, and the prizes are fantastic (a special thanks to FireLake Gifts). To become a fan, search Facebook for "Citizen Potawatomi." The CHC should be the first link to pop up. Click "become a fan"; it's as simple as that! You will receive an update each time a post is made by the staff of the CHC.

Remember to check out the CHC Tribal Heritage Project's YouTube site. You can find us on YouTube at the link below (if you have a YouTube account you can "subscribe" to the CHC/THP



page for updates):
www.youtube.com/user/cpntribalheritage

First and foremost, the CHC is here to protect and preserve tribal history and stories. If you have any stories to share, on- or off-camera, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Our Tribal Heritage Department is always ready to interview tribal members, and our Archives Department is ready to document your family history.
Migwetch,
Karen Phillips
Executive Director
CPN Cultural Heritage Center

The CHC is located at:
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK
(405)275-3119

CHC Hours of operation:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

The Archival Notebook

The Archival Notebook is an informative look into the collections of the Cultural Heritage Center's (CHC) Tribal Archives and Research Division. Within the newsletter we will discuss documented accounts of prominent Potawatomi, collections and artifacts within our holdings and other areas of historical interest. Readers will have the opportunity to delve into the Tribe's past and discover their Potawatomi heritage.

"The people will know me and always call me Wah-bahn-se; the dawn of day and causer of paleness." - Wabaunsee

Wabaunsee is believed to have lived from c. 1760 to c. 1845. His name is thought to mean "Break of Day," "Little Dawn," "Day a Little," or "He Causes



Wabaunsee

Paleness." Accounts state that he explained his name's origin on an 1845 trip to Washington, DC. It is said that, as a young man, he set out to avenge the death of a friend. While it was still night, he slipped into the Osage village that was responsible for his friend's death and single-handedly killed several individuals. As dawn was breaking he escaped successfully stating, "Wahbonseh," meaning dawn, and took the expression as his name.

He was a powerful and influential leader among the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Odawa villages along the Kankakee River, a tributary of the Illinois River in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana. It is said that he led many great battles against warring tribes in the Great Lakes Region as well as secured peace and safety for his kinsmen through numerous treaty negotiations with the French, British, and Americans.

Encamped and a leader at the Indian sanctuary of Prophetstown, Indiana Territory, Wabaunsee led an attack on General William Henry Harrison's supply vessels as they traveled the Wabash River, Indiana, preceding the Battle of

Tippecanoe in 1811 and the eventual War of 1812. Additionally, Wabaunsee participated in the Fort Dearborn Massacre, August 15, 1812, at what was to become Chicago, Illinois. It is not clear whether he was on the offensive or came to the aid of the settlers in the area, but most agree that he helped many of the white captives escape.

Resulting from the Treaty of Chicago in 1833, he was removed with the United Band of Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi from Illinois and the surrounding areas. Wabaunsee led the emigrating party to the Platt Purchase, Missouri Territory. Understanding that the Potawatomi were trespassing on the Missouri land and that he and his people would not be allowed to stay on the Platt Purchase, he led the Potawatomi to Council Bluffs, Iowa for more optimal resources.

In Iowa, Wabaunsee was one of many leaders who requested to make Council Bluffs their new reservation rather than Kansas. He personally petitioned for Catholic schools as well as funding, supplies, and other educational and missionary benefits, but all were denied. The Potawatomi were denied these resources because the United States government stated that they had not adhered to the stipulations of the Treaty of Chicago that stated they were to directly emigrate to a denoted reserve in Kansas with the other Potawatomi who had been removed from Indiana and the surrounding areas. The Potawatomi resided in Iowa for 10 years.

In 1845, Wabaunsee visited Washington, DC as the head negotiator to discuss treaty negotiations resulting in the sale and cession of the Council Bluffs Reserve and the eventual emigration of the Potawatomi to Kansas, something that took place the following year.

His death is not fully accounted for, but some sources state that he died in a stage-coach accident in the winter of 1845 in Washington, DC, while attending treaty negotiations. Other accounts testify that he returned to his people and died an old man on the Kansas Reserve.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to share your heritage

See *HERITAGE CENTER* on page 24

CPN Housing Authority

Affordable Rent Facts

Affordable Family Duplexes – Housing currently operates 64 family duplexes. These units are three bedrooms; one-and-three-quarter baths; all-electric; provided with range, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, and dryer. The appliances and lawns are maintained by the Housing Department. No pets, firearms, drugs, or smoking are allowed.

Applications – Applications are available at the Housing Department Office and online at www.Potawatomi.org. They can be sent out by mail to any tribal member. The application must be filled out completely and **ALL** supporting documents must be turned in before the application is accepted and processed.

Waiting Lists – Once the completed application is processed, the applicant is placed on a waiting list. This list gives preference to Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members, members of other Native

American tribes, and CPN employees in chronological order. The waiting list is utilized when an opening is available. It is imperative that the applicant keep up his contact information. Other factors may enter into the preference equation, such as size of family.

Available Units – Unit availability is based on the turnover in a finite number of units. Since the Housing Authority operates only 64 family rental units, showing up homeless at the housing office does not ensure you a place to live.

Determination of Rent Amounts – Because it is the responsibility of the tenant to maintain the utilities and pay the rent, tenants must have a sustainable income. Rent is determined at approximately 30% of monthly net income. Income is calculated annually before the 30% is extracted, so it might seem higher than what would extrapolate from a bi-weekly amount. The ceiling for the rent



A Two-Family Unit at Citizen Place North

amount is set at \$500.00 per month.

Security Deposits – There is a required \$100.00 security deposit that secures the unit for a one-month period until the tenant can occupy the unit. This deposit is refundable upon vacating the unit, leaving it clean, and being on good terms with the Housing Department. This does not cover the expense of cleaning your unit after you have vacated.

Utility Deposits – The utilities start out in the Housing Department's name and the new tenant has two weeks to convert the utilities to his personal account. The deposits for the City of Tecumseh are \$250.00 plus a \$25.00 service charge.

Failure to switch the utilities will result in pulling the service; thus, leaving the tenant in violation of his lease. Utilities run approximately \$120.00 per month.

First Month's Rent – The security deposit and first month's rent are required before the new tenant can occupy the unit.

Out-of-State Relocations – Relocation takes planning; a source of income will be needed upon arrival. It is highly suggested that a prospective tenant find a job before relocation or have several months of savings to insure survival until a job can be obtained. Before traveling to the Nation for the purpose of obtaining housing, make sure you call the Housing Department to inquire about availability.



VOTE FOR DR. CLYDE B. SLAVIN

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District 8 Representative

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I wonder what is needed to ensure that there are resources to meet the needs of my tribal family. Certainly, the finances of the tribe cannot provide funds to pay every CPN member's mortgage, doctor bills, or car payments. What can be done to ensure personal and family comfort and peace of mind?

I read a story of a young Indian boy who wanted to be a brave. When a flood struck his village, the corn for the next year's crop was in danger. He knew he could run fast, so he ran and saved the corn and his village from hard times the following year. For his bravery, quick thinking, and ability to run fast, the tribe awarded the boy an eagle feather in honor of becoming a brave.

The importance of seed corn cannot be over-stated. The lands, the businesses, the gifted leadership that the CPN has been blessed to receive over the past one hundred forty-three years is our seed corn. I believe helping members to use their skills to better themselves and their families will preserve the seed corn and allow future generations use of the Tribal assets.

My hope is to see new and expanded programs to promote: self-confidence to seek better paying jobs, skills for better paying jobs, knowledge (education) to get better paying jobs, assistance to guide new (or established) business owners to financial success.

Satisfaction from earning what we receive, like that of the youngest brave earning his eagle feather, will remain with us through life. I would like to see my tribe go from being one of the most progressive, best educated, productive tribes in these United States to **the most progressive, best educated, productive tribe in these United States.**

HUMILITY

The wolf teaches the Anishinaabe to think things through carefully, to always be cautious. Old wolves are never alone: they always help one another. The wolf always looks back when he leaves somewhere. The wolf teaches us that we need to look back on our life and learn from it.

Garry Raven, 2000 (From display in American Indian Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.)

moewe - Wolf

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Clyde B. Slavin, son of Robert, son of James, son of James and Theresa.
 A son of the People of the Place of the Fire

CPN leaders urge member participation

Census 2010 kicks off

Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials are urging CPN members to participate in Census 2010 and doing so in a manner that will ensure the highest possible count of CPN membership. Margaret Zientek, A CPN member and the Nation's Census 2010 liaison, says, "If someone holds a tribal enrollment card, he or she should identify as head of household and have the household be counted as Native American Indian.

Zientek added, "We often hear the comment: 'I don't receive any benefits so, why does it matter?' (Employment and Training Program Director) Carol (Clay-Levi) and I always ask a few questions: Does anyone in your family receive education, housing, pharmacy, health aids, burial, or other benefits from the Nation? Or, don't you want others to be able to receive these benefits even if you personally are not in need?"

As Zientek points out, some of that assistance is a direct result of grants driven by self-identification (as Native American and Citizen Potawatomi) on the

Census form. Other assistance is made possible, indirectly, because the tribe is able to use grants to fund some programs or benefits, thus allowing CPN administration to use CPN enterprise profits for other targets.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has recognized the importance of all American Indians being counted and self-identifying as Native American. The organization has launched an outreach effort to achieve those goals. The following information is from NCAI's Census 2010 support Website.

What can you do to ensure all Native people are counted in 2010? Join the NCAI Indian Country Counts initiative! Visit www.IndianCountryCounts.org and sign up with your e-mail address and zip code to receive NCAI updates on the 2010 Census planning and operations, find out what events and activities are underway in your region and tribal community, share ideas on how to reach out to your community, encourage Census participation,

See CENSUS 2010 on page 13

CPN member posts 4.0 GPA

Rhian Campbell earns Bachelor's degree



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Rhian Campbell of Kekaha, Hawai'i graduated Summa Cum Laude from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa, on December 12, 2009. Ms. Campbell carried a 4.0 GPA during her undergraduate career. She received her Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management.

The Campbell family held a double graduation party in Seattle, Washington several days prior to celebrate Rhian's achievement as well as that of her oldest brother, Doug, who received his Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts/Graphic Design.

Rhian and her brother, Jeremy, relocated

to the island of Kaua'i, in the state of Hawai'i, in 2002. They joined their parents, Susan and Eric Campbell, who had moved to the island in January 1999 and now live in Kalaheo. In 2009, Jeremy and Rhian purchased a home together in Kekaha, thanks in part to a housing grant from the CPN. Jeremy is employed in a management position at Kaua'i Outfitters.

Rhian works in the research department of Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Waimea, Hawai'i. She has begun studying for her Master's degree, hoping to complete the degree in 2011.



Shiree Randell was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Our mother, Shiree, was a wonderful mother and one of the most amazing women we have ever met. She raised three daughters, by herself, while she ran the family store. After we graduated she went back to college and earned a Bachelors in Psychology, she always loved helping people. Once she had grandchildren they became her passion. One morning, she collapsed, we found her unconscious, in her home. We waited and prayed for three days, when we got the unexpected news that she was brain dead. That's when LifeShare stepped in and told us that it was time for her to help someone else by being an organ donor. We had absolutely no idea what miracles our mother could perform even after she wasn't with us

anymore. Thank you, LifeShare, for helping us through a difficult time, and for showing us how much one life could help not one, but three others.

Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives. Please make your decision to donate life, and then tell your family!

Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your Oklahoma driver's license or state ID card, or register online at www.lifeshareregistry.org. If you don't have a license, or state ID card, and do not have internet access, call 800-826-LIFE (5433), and ask for a donor registration card.

@GOOD for life.

To Southern California CPN Members,

I am pleased to see that Rande Payne is seeking the legislative seat in District #6.

The district will be better served with a new representative.

**Sincerely,
John 'Rocky' Barrett
Tribal Chairman**

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation
2010 CPN Slate of Candidates
February 2nd, 2010

Vice Chairman:	Alan Becker Linda Capps
Secretary-Treasurer:	D. Wayne Trousdale
Legislative District #5:	Michael Carter Eunice I. Lambert
Legislative District #6:	Charles M. Goyer "Chuck" Rande Payne
Legislative District #7:	Thomas B. Finks "Thom" Jeanine Gaines Mark A. Johnson
Legislative District #8:	David Carney "Dave" Clyde Bruce Slavin

This letter is to certify the above listed slate of candidates for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Tribe of Oklahoma June 26th 2010 Election. The certification indicates the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee has approved the slate of candidates on Tuesday February 2nd, 2010.

The tribal government will mail Absentee Request Forms to all members who will be eligible to vote in the 2009 election. Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots can obtain an absentee ballot by mailing back the postage-paid ballot request form that will be mailed to them, filling it in, and mailing it to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

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 26, 2010 at the polling place.

Voters should remember that the Ballot Request Form must be postmarked no later than June 6, 2010. 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 26, 2010.

Frapp Family Reunion 2010

At the 2010 CPN Family Reunion Festival, the Frapp Family will be one the honored families.

Attempting to gather a large turnout of Frapp family members, George Adamietz, a member of the Frapp family, has created an e-mail account for people to ask questions and to help them make arrangements to attend Festival 2010.

The e-mail address is FrappFamilyReunion2010@gmail.com.

Please feel free to ask any questions about the Festival or the Frapp family. Thank you so much.

Re-Elect Representative Dave Carney District 8

AK, ID, WA, OR, MT, WY, ND, SD, and NE

In my six months in office, I have:

- Opened a District Office in Olympia, WA to meet CPN members and guests from other Nations. Developed an in-office Native American Library.
- Developed and kept updated a website for the district members to stay informed as to services, events and issues involving our district and our members:
www.dave-carney.com
- Surveyed members to determine priorities and future events for our area.
- Personally contacted 55+ Indian Health Services facilities in AK, WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, NE, ND and SD to confirm their commitment to serving local CPN members and eligibility requirements. See "Clinic" tab on dave-carney.com for specific information.
- Hosted CPN Events which have included: an open house, a language class, viewing of Trail of Death (1838) video, a drum making/crafts and genealogy workshop. These events were led by myself and subject experts from our District 8 family.
- Begun building working relationships with other legislators through committee work and legislative meetings and events.
- Answered your requests for assistance and information and done my best to serve you.

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FireLake employees give even when times are tough

"When you reach out a hand to one, you influence the condition of all." That United Way slogan has touched hearts of Citizen Potawatomi Nation and FireLake Enterprises employees. They helped achieve the goal by fostering a growing partnership with the United Way. In 2009, the CPN's and FireLake Enterprises' employees contributed more than \$50,000 to the United Way of Pottawatomie, Oklahoma County. Additionally, many employees participated in the United Way Day of Caring mission.

Charitable giving is down during these tough economic times. However, when the employees of CPN and FireLake saw the need in their community, they did not hesitate to give from what they have and to donate many hours to help those less fortunate. I am proud to say that since 2004, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's employees have been one of the largest contributors to (Pottawatomie County) United Way," said Brad Peltier, director of marketing and public relations. "We hope to build on that momentum each year because United Way

is an integral part of improving the quality of life in our area."

"The United Way appreciates the support of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation," said Casey Bell, United Way drive chairman. "CPN is a tremendous corporate partner, and they continue to demonstrate a compassion for those in need in our community."

Every donation to the United Way, regardless of size, benefits the community. Based on the belief that everyone should have an opportunity for a good life with a stable job with enough income to support a family and a healthy lifestyle, the United Way focuses on education for youth to achieve their full potential, on financial management to promote stability and independence, and on improving health for a long and happy life.

The employees of FireLake Enterprises and CPN have urged others to take the time to donate and help in their community. Anyone wanting to learn where and how he can help can visit United Way's Website at www.LiveUnited.org.

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attend and help plan other events, and find resources such as timelines, who is your Census Tribal Partnership Specialist, and what Complete Count Committees are already up and running.

Sign up with your e-mail address and zip code to take advantage of all the site has to offer. Sign up on your first visit to IndianCountryCounts.org and join the NCAI Census initiative as a volunteer, as your tribe's Census Tribal Liaison, as a tribal leader who's committed to a full count in 2010, as an organizer, or as a community member looking for a way to help..

When the federal government first recognized American Indians on the 1860 census, their official population nationwide stood at roughly 44,000. By 1950, they numbered 343,000, and in the 2000 census, the American Indian population was 4 million. It is a trend that the bureau expects to continue. By 2050, the nation's native population could surpass 8.6 million, or 2 percent of the U.S. population.

Of the 4.1 million American Indian and Alaskan Natives identified in the 2000 census, tribal affiliations of over 1 million were "not specified." While lack of education on how to fill out the form is part of the problem, Harjo cites some structural problems with the census questionnaire

that led to the missing information.

"Question number 9 [on the census questionnaire] is the race question, and that's the biggest issue," said Tim Harjo, the American Indian partnership specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau in Los Angeles. "There are only 19 boxes to write in the name of your tribe. But, many tribe names require more than 19 boxes. And then there are people who write-in their tribe, but it's a traditional name that the data processors don't recognize, so that doesn't get counted. That's a lot of (federal grant) money that was lost (to the tribes that are undercounted)."

Census counters in Oklahoma are reporting more tribal participation among the state's 37 federally recognized tribes for the 2010 Census, federal officials say. They are specifically encouraged by the number of Complete Count Committees – early indicators of participating tribes. In 2000, two tribes participated; for the 2010 Census, 35 tribes have taken part.

Counting Indians in Oklahoma will be challenging since the state's 37 federally recognized tribes live outside an official reservation area. Recent U.S. Community Survey figures put eight percent in the state of Oklahoma's 3.6 million as American Indian, figures show.

Letter to the Editor

Dear HowNiKan,

Hello, please, can someone help me find out some information on my father's side of the family? I lost all of my photos of my dad, grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

My relatives on my father's side are all Potawatomi tribal nation. My grandparents are Cora and George A. Gregson. Cora's maiden name is Livex (I think). They lived in a very small town called Trousdale, Oklahoma.

My father was the youngest. I am not sure how many siblings he had, but I believe there were a lot of brothers and sisters. Here are some of the names I have. I am not sure who the oldest is or the order they go in: Fannie, Betsy, Roy, Glen, Harold, Norma Jean, and my father, Davey Lee.

Mt father's sister, Norma Jean, married Whymnan Catlege. I think they lived in Eufaula, Oklahoma. I was told my grandfather died in 1959; my grandmother, Cora, maybe in 1961 but not too long after

I was born, which was May 4, 1961.

When I did some research on my own, I found out that, somewhere along the line, we are related to the Brunos and the Bourassas. My father and mother went their own ways when I was young, and I wasn't able to be in contact with my father.

Please, if anyone has information about my family members or photos of them, I would love it if you could please let me know. My daughters – I have four – have never seen a photo of their grandfather.

I love and miss my Dad very much. He passed away on July 4, 1983.

I am excited about what information I can learn. Then, my daughters can get to know my father's side of the family. Then, they can stand proud like I did.

Thank you.

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Thank You Letters

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you so much for the financial help you have provided for me over the past years. The money you have given me has truly helped me complete my college degree. I am now an elementary school teacher, and loving my job each and every day.

Thanks so much for helping me through college. I appreciate it very much and can't thank you enough.

Abby Heisig

Great-great-granddaughter of Mary Ann

Adell Bourassa

Grand Prairie, Texas

Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for all the money I received when going to college. With your help, I have accomplished my goal in graduating college with a Bachelor's in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing.

Thanks again,

Tamara Dyer,

Hominy, Oklahoma

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District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan,

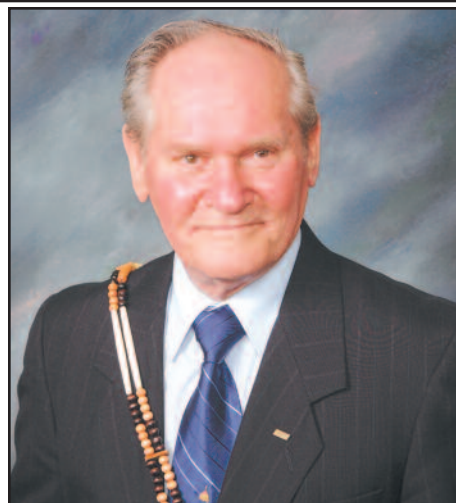
Christmas is just past and still fresh in my mind. Christmas is for the children in families and for us great-grandparents. On Christmas Eve, I was helping my four-year old great-granddaughter, Mollyann, put out reindeer food for Santa's reindeer. In case you don't know, reindeer food is oatmeal and sparklies; the oatmeal is for the reindeer to eat, the sparklies so they can find it. And, of course, the milk and cookies are for Santa.

Imagine her surprise and excitement Christmas morning when the reindeer food was gone, the milk glass empty, the cookies were gone, and a note from Santa thanked her for thinking of his reindeer.

District #1 had our first "Wisest One" birthday celebration on January 10, 2010 for Anna W. McAuley. Anna's birthday was January 11, as she celebrated 96 wonderful years. Thank you all for the cards you sent, Anna opened and read each card and commented on where it came from (by state). This representative and his wife were honored to be a part of this beautiful day.



Wisest One Ana McAuley opens birthday cards and letters in top photograph and poses with Rep. Roy Slavin in the photo at bottom.



While planning birthday celebrations for our Wisest Ones, we were saddened to learn that one of our Wisest Ones, Virginia Lee Lenius, walked on on December 30, 2009. We offer our deepest sympathies to her daughter Linda and the rest of her family.

While on this subject, if you have elders in your family who are on the tribal rolls and who will reach their 90th birthday or more during the year 2010, please let me know so we can recognize them and honor them on their birthday.

In the previous *HowNiKan*, there was a small article, and I want to repeat it here verbatim.

Senior Citizen Support Network

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has begun a program funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. This program will assess the needs of the elder members of the Nation. The focus of this program is to identify tribal elders who need assistance to maintain an adequate standard of living, whether that is in the home, in an assisted living facility, or in a nursing home.

The program is looking for tribal members to volunteer to spend time with our elders. We feel the elders are an invaluable source of wisdom and deserve respect and care. The CPN is asking members of the Nation to assist in identifying elder tribal members who need assistance.

One of the program's first goals is to identify tribal elders who reside in nursing homes. Program officials ask that, if you are an elder living in a nursing home or know of an elder who lives in a nursing home or assisted living center, that you contact Thelma Campbell, RN at 405-273-

5236, ext. 269.

This is such an important issue that it requires all of our interest and participation to make it succeed. I have long been in favor of the Nation operating a nursing home or an assisted living facility for our elders. This is a much better plan!! - one that has the capacity to serve many more people. Thanks to the foresight of Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps, this plan has become a reality

Please think of your family members

and friends, and if there are elders among them needing assistance to maintain an adequate living standard or who are living in a nursing home or assisted living facility, please notify Thelma Campbell RN at 405-273-5236, ext 269, e-mail me at rslavin@potawatomi.org, or call me at 888-741-5767

REMEMBER OUR SENIORS ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET, TO BE CHERISHED AND PROTECTED.

Igwien (Heartfelt thanks)

Bama pi

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikan (Hello, friends) -- Happy New Year!

I hope you and your families enjoyed the holidays and are settling in for a good year. We had a lovely holiday season, somehow made less hectic by the fact that our daughter and I didn't get back to the States from China until Christmas Eve. I think what happened is that we streamlined our decorating, meal-planning, and baking, etc., and it made for a simpler time, focused on the essentials and not all the extra bells and whistles!

Here's a new annual tradition in District #2 - a New Year contest. This first contest was inspired by our time in Beijing, when I used my Citizen Potawatomi Nation ID to be admitted to the building that houses Chairman Mao's embalmed body, lying in state. A picture of the building is part of this column; no pictures were permitted inside the building, unfortunately!



Here are the rules: E-mail me with the details of a time when you used your CPN ID - the most interesting or, touching or funniest story will earn the prize of a Pendleton blanket. And, I will publish entries in the May column. Contest deadline is April 15, 2010.

I like using my CPN ID because I'm proud to be a tribal member, it connects me to my ancestors, and because it educates the folks, I show it to about Native peoples



and their rights and privileges. (The Chinese security police to whom I showed my CPN ID probably didn't get that education, but hopefully others do!)

If you don't have a CPN ID, please log onto our Website (www.potawatomi.org), choose Services, and then choose Tribal Rolls. On the Tribal Rolls page, scroll down, and click on "Download an ID Request Form." You will need to have a photograph that shows your face clearly, but it will be returned. Complete the form and mail it to Charles Clark in Tribal Rolls. Your membership/ID card will be provided by return mail. If you have received a Potawatomi name and Tribal Rolls has it entered in the files, that name also will be noted on the ID card.

On another note, please check my Website (www.evamariecarney.com) by mid-February for a virtual tour of the 40 objects we have asked the Smithsonian archivists to show us on February 12 at the archive facility in Suitland, Maryland. The CPN archivist, Blake Norton, consulted on selection of the objects; there were about

600 to choose among.

My Website will include archival information for the 40 objects, such as type of item and materials, where collected and from whom (if known), and detailed photographs. Some of the objects we selected hail from Chicago and Indiana, others from Kansas and Oklahoma. Among them are beautiful beadwork moccasins, a bowl with dice, a prescription stick, and brooches and bags. I think you will find the items very interesting and hope that, for those of you who do handwork, you will find the patterns used inspirational to your own projects.

Blake Norton identified the water panther, thunderbird, and other traditional depictions on several of the objects selected.

There is still room for folks who are able to make the visit to the archive on February 12, which is a Friday afternoon, to see the items in person. Please e-mail or call me today with a request to be added to

the list!

Thank you for the honor of representing you. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns I can help you with. I continue to need District #2 citizens to come forward by e-mail or phone call to let me know you are out there in District #2.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to me: I very much value the new connections, and in some cases enduring friendships we have forged over the last year-and-a-half. I hope that we are on our way to forging a District #2 community, and I look forward to future connections and friendships and community activities.

Bama pi ('til next time),
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Clockwise from upper left, here are more photos from Rep. Carney's China trip. First, we see a magnificent view of the Great Wall. Next is a photo of a rickshaw bicycle tour guide (with Ms. Carney and her daughter, Elise Cohen), taken in Beijing. An idyllic scene on the West Lake, Hangzhou, with the Liuhe Pagoda in the background. Finally, Rep. Carney and daughter Elise pose in the famous Tiananmen Square.

District #3 - Robert Whistler

Ahaw, Nikanek (OK/Attention, friends),

This month, I felt that some warnings are needed. Many US citizens are in dire need due to lost jobs, homes, and family support. Unfortunately, some are doing things that they would not normally do. In a number of cases, their intent is to find funds for food or shelter for their family.

In my immediate area, the drop box to

pay utility bills at city hall has been pried open and the contents removed. Two satellite USPS mail boxes at a strip mall and in front of a US Postal facility have been broken open and the contents removed. All happened at night long after the regular hours of pick-up.

If you plan to use this kind of off-site, handy facility to either pay a bill or send

out mail, it is suggested that you use the drop box just before they pick-up the contents for the day. The USPS commented to our city that their boxes are probably being broken into to get either US Postal money orders or gift cards which have no name and can be used by the bearer.

The next item is about bogus virus warnings that are breaking through your normal anti-virus on your computer. Even when you have an anti-virus program on your computer, if you open the wrong e-mail you could get hit with one of the new malware programs that have been created.

If you determine that you have been infected with a bogus one that is attempting to sell you a fix, you need to get it corrected as well as reported. The incident should be reported to both the Texas Attorney General's Office dealing with consumer fraud and the FBI.

There is a Website for those. Go to: www.TexasAttorneyGeneral.gov. Then, go to the area marked "Consumer Protection" and fill out the form. To fill out the FBI form, the Website is www.IC3.gov. There has been so much fraud in this area that the FBI set up this special site to track the information.

In my case, I have found that if we use Internet Explorer we get a banner saying we have up to 35 infected areas. They show a variety of Trojans and other threatening items. It goes on to say we need to buy "AV-PRO 3 - Scanner.com at a cost of \$39.00." In talking to CPN Information Technology services and security, they advised me this is bogus and a tool needs to be located to remove the attacker. If you know someone who is good at fixing these types of things, give him a call. You may be able to resolve the issue yourself with some directed help. I am in the process of attempting that myself.

In addition, I have ceased using Internet Explorer. I now use Mozilla Firefox as my internet browser. Simply go to www.firefox.com and download the program if you think this might help you. It is free.

For anyone who may be a novice on computers, keep in mind you should have



only one anti virus program at a time on your computer. There are some free programs, such as AVG and Moon Secure (<http://tiny-url.com/5n2fs7>). However, you are better off buying a regular software program. Best Buy and Fry's in our area have regular promotions where you can buy the software and then use rebates to bring your final out-of-pocket cost to almost nothing.

In follow-up to my column last month, Eliza Berger one of our CPN family members in the north-central part of Texas suggested a text written by Lin Yutang - "My Country and My People." She said it will give even more information on the heritage and culture in China, should you have an interest in digging deeper.

In closing, let me say that if you have comments or ideas that will benefit others in our Nation, please pass them on for consideration to be included in one of our articles.

I again want to say I am here to serve you well and am honored that you have given me the opportunity to serve the Nation and you.

Bama pi,
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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends

I hope all of you have been safe. I don't know that I can remember a blizzard that made such high snowdrifts. I am ready for some warmer and dryer weather.

I want to thank all the people who were able to make it to my open house. We had a great turnout, and it was my pleasure to meet many of you for the first time. However, I was a little surprised by one of the attendees. A woman who had been my neighbor for many years showed up. It was great to catch up, and I had not known she is a CPN citizen.

I also met people from my church parish and introduced people who are related, and they got to share photos. If you were unable to attend but would like to visit the new location, please contact me. We can set up a time to meet.

Our next gathering was for a shawl workshop at the end of January. I want to continue to help those who are attending the festival to get their regalia together. If you are on my e-mail list, you will be notified.

If there is a native artist whom you would like to share with others, please contact me. We will set up a workshop to



teach other tribal members.

If I you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

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District #5 - Gene Lambert

February is a time when we all think about St. Valentine's Day. This is the time to recognize not only our spouses, fiancés, committed relationships, and children, but also the love we share with those around us who make our lives better.

It reminds me of - and maybe some of you remember - a gathering we had back in 1999 or 2000. Tempe Mission Palms hosted our meeting in February that year, and I decided to create center pieces for 13 to 14 tables. As you might or might not remember, we always had tickets to draw after each meeting to determine who won the right to take the center pieces home.

I was very creative that year (Ha!) and decided to honor Valentine's Day at our Potawatomi Gathering. We were always looking for a new theme. There was a Potawatomi man from Globe, Arizona who had never been to a meeting and did not know there were other people of his clan here. It drew tears of excitement when he was able to meet and see people of his own



for the first time. It was a great day for him.

The local newspaper had acknowledged our meeting of 5,000 people. (We were all surprised at the number, because there were maybe 160 people in attendance.) Chairman John Barrett inquired where they got such a number. It was beyond me but I was responsible for the meeting

preparations. "I have no idea," I sheepishly responded.

We were all sitting down at our tables as I greeted everyone and introduced our speakers. Chairman Barrett was in the middle of sharing the tribal successes and forecasts for the future as we listened intently.

The centerpieces on the table were made up of a large clear vase with red, heart-shaped glass at the bottom, gold fish, and a live plant at the top to oxygenate the fish. What a great and unusual center pieces, I thought. No one has ever done this at any meetings I had ever attended.

However, one minor detail changed the feeling of pride to embarrassment. When I sealed the top with Elmer's glue, I did not anticipate the dripping of said glue into the water where the fish were swimming.

One by one they turned over on their sides, floated to the top and died - right there during lunch. Originality turned to disaster in a matter of minutes.

However, we still had the drawing and the vases - with and without fish - went home with the winners.

The following year, one tribal member came to me so excited. Do you remember when I won the center piece from last year? Yes, absolutely, I said, remembering how humiliating the moment had been.

"Well," she said, "I have a gold fish that is almost a foot long now. He is so beautiful. Thank you. Thank you. It is the first time I ever won anything, and I still have the fish. His name is Henry."

Now, I have selective memories. Instead of remembering the 13 or 14 fish that gave their lives on the tabletop that afternoon, I can remember one very happy person with a large and healthy goldfish.

Moral to the story: We can never go back...but, if you must...remember the good things. You are in charge of creating your own memories.

Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day.

District #6 - Ron Goyer

Bozho, Nikanek,

We hope that all our Potawatomi family had a great holiday season and will have an even better New Year to come. As with every new year, we look forward to what can be and what will be changing. As I look to the new year, it is time for me to focus on my personal career.

With that said, I will not be running for re-election for the District #6 office in June. However, my father, Chuck Goyer, will be running here so that he can continue the good work he started many years ago. I would like to say that I am thankful and appreciate all the support and kind gestures that our District #6 Potawatomi have shown this office and me over the past two years. It has been a learning experience, and I have many memories that will not be forgotten.

In the months to come, there will be opportunities to meet with him to ask questions and voice your concerns. Between now and June, we are planning multiple open debate forums with any other candidate running for the District #6 office. This will help all of our regional members decide for themselves who is best qualified for legislator of our district.

If you have any questions, please feel



free to call my Dad on his cell phone at 760-888-7144.

In closing, chi-migwetch for giving me the opportunity and the honor of serving as your Legislator for our great Nation.

Migwetch,
Ron Goyer
District #6 Legislator
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District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

What a difference a few weeks make. It seems like just yesterday when everyone was bustling about, getting ready for Christmas, and looking forward to the New Year. Speaking of which, I hope and wish for all of you and our tribe the very best blessings in 2010.

January 13, 2010 was the deadline for filing for several legislative positions as well as the Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurers positions. I understand that there are several filings for all of the available positions. That should make for a spirited election.

One of the legislative seats that will be up for re-election is the seat I currently hold in District #7, which encompasses Northern California, Northern Nevada, and the entire state of Hawaii. The district contains many tribal members scattered over a whole lot of real estate and a fair amount of the Pacific Ocean. Originally, I was elected unopposed and was very surprised that no one else ran. It appears that is about to change.

I think that is a good thing and wish my fellow candidates in the 2010 election the very best. The fact that more people are getting involved is wonderful thing, and I hope the trend continues.

On that note, I'm going to ask everyone in District #7 to consider voting for me as your representative in the CPN legislature. I have served in the past as a Regional Director for several years prior to my election to the legislature two years ago. I've learned much about our government and hope that I have represented you honorably and with honest intention. I've learned a lot about ceremony, how to make regalia and dance, and what an honor it is to go into the dance circle and understand that this form of celebration and camaraderie is hundreds of years old.

My platform is fairly simple. I wish to represent my district in a manner that will serve the best interests of my tribe and its people. The biggest asset a tribe has is its elders and children. It is my strongest wish to honor and serve to the best of my ability those two groups in particular.

Please contact me at 530-889-2241 or tfinks@potawatomi.org if you have questions or suggestions. All of the other legis-



lators and I need your feedback in order to understand your needs and thus serve you better.

If you have been following the distribution of government funds to our tribe through grants, you already know that we have been granted a fairly large amount of money from various agencies. These funds will go a long way to further grow our tribe by assisting the elderly and providing for housing and medical equipment improvements, expanding our participation in green energy, and many other directions. If you have questions about these, please let me know.

This past week I received a phone call from tribal member Roger Ogee. Roger wanted me to know that both of his sons play lacrosse in a league that is 87 members strong in Livermore, California. He also coaches in this league. I was very surprised and very happy to hear his news. If you aren't familiar with lacrosse, it is one of the oldest and fastest games and is sometimes bone-jarring. It is one of the oldest Native American games known to man.

Both of Larry's boys wear the CPN seal as a patch on their uniforms to honor their tribe and family. Hats off to these boys and their dad, (don't forget mom). They honor us all.

Migwetch,
Thom Finks



CPN members Sam (#39) and Jack Ogee (#13) engage in some bone-jarring lacrosse action for their Livermore, California team.

District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho and Happy New Year!

We are now at the beginning of a new decade filled with new possibilities and great potential. It is an exciting time to be part of such a great organization as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I appreciate the opportunity to represent the members of District #8 and to work with our executive leadership and my fellow legislators.

Just a few months ago, I won the run-off election. However, it is time to declare my candidacy again, for a full four-year term as your District #8 legislator. I have met many of my constituents in person, on the phone, and online. We have had a few events which allowed us to enjoy each other's company, and I believe many of us are feeling a bit more connected to the Nation.

I have done my best to answer your questions and requests and to listen to you about your lives, what is means to you to be Potawatomi, and what you need from our tribe. I hope you feel that you have appropriate representation, and I ask that you return me to the legislature for that full four-year term.

While on the topic of the June election, I would like to alert our members to the fact that the Vice Chairman position is also on the ballot. I don't need to tell any of you who have had interactions with Linda Capps how blessed we have been to have her as part of the executive team. She has both a great intellect and a great heart. Her



years of experience, her in-depth knowledge of the issues at hand, her connections, and her empathy for all the Nation's members make it a "no-brainer" to retain her in her current role.

One of the first things I put together when elected was a survey of members in District #8. Its purpose was to determine our priorities as a district and learn what events members would be most likely to participate in. These surveys were distributed at events at the District Office and through e-mails and the U.S. mail to any members for whom I had an address. The results were as follows.

Respondents by state: 75% Washing-

ton state, 18% Oregon, 3% Montana, 3% Idaho, and 1% Alaska.

Priorities for District 8: 41% stated that healthcare was their top priority, followed by 27% listing higher education as number one. Cultural education was third with 18%, and housing assistance and genealogy were tied at 7%.

Types of future events: Get-togethers and Native American spiritual/religious events such as namings were tied at number one with 27% each, followed by language classes at 18% and craft and genealogy classes, tied at 14% each.

I am also gathering information on professional licenses or certifications the members in our district hold. If you are a licensed professional and would be willing to be a resource (pro bono or at cost) for other members in our district, please communicate with me. Since most professional licenses are issued by each state, it is

unlikely that you would be inundated with requests for assistance. However, it would be wonderful to know where the Nation's human assets are.

As I have stated in the past, one of my priorities has been to obtain information my constituents can use about benefits and resources. Please go to my Website (www.dave-carney.com) for information and forms to access benefits from several CPN programs. Please go to the Indian Health Service Clinic tab to learn about accessing healthcare and dental care in your area. While navigating the site, please go to the contact tab and send me your contact information. I will be very pleased to send you information and keep you involved in current events in our district.

Megwetch,

Dave Carney/*Kagakshi*

Legislator, District #8

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District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho,

Yes, I have walked among giants! The World War II veteran and others from his or her generation are said by former news anchor Tom Brokaw to be "the greatest generation." I wholeheartedly agree with that assessment.

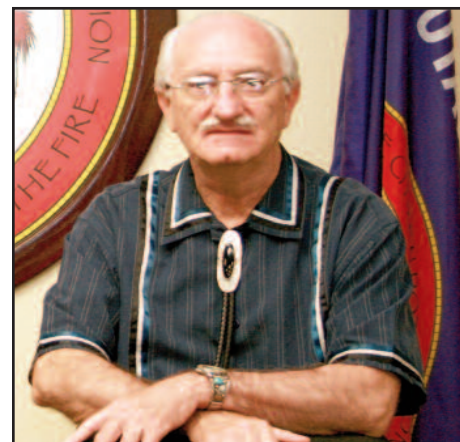
I am personally convinced that the nation's morals, morale, and economy are in such shambles and her enormous monetary debt will burden if not crush generations to come because my father's generation is no longer leading our schools, universities, corporations, states, or federal government. My generation and the generation after me are in charge; we still have not learned to delay gratification.

In 1924, the Snyder Act gave citizenship to American Indians, which made us eligible for the draft. More than 44,000 American Indians - out of a total population of less than 350,000 in the United States at that time - served with distinction in World War II between 1941 and 1945. More than 40,000 Indian people left their reservations to work in various war industries and invested more than \$50 million in war bonds.

It is to that great generation and her military veterans that I dedicate my following poem.

I Walked Among Giants

I walked among giants,



Creatures of renown,
Great ones they were.
These men of might
Walked the earth,
Communed with us.

They were brave when bravery
Had to make a difference.
Daily, they die.
They fade away by the thousands.
Soon, they will be extinct.
They left their mark, though,
For all time.

During the great world disruption,
They performed gargantuan feats.
These titans saved the planet,
Preserved a way of existence.
Daily, they die.
Some served behind the lines.
Some were killed in the fight,
Others captured, tortured.

The remains of some were never found.
Some were maimed in body, others in
brain.

Most lived to see a new day, a new
world.

Now, these colossal ones
Serve as pallbearers for their own.
They can barely carry the load.
Some hobble with canes.
Some are bent over with years.
Some can only watch
With dim eyes from wheelchairs.
Their eyes see three colors blur
And slowly descend into the dirt,

Dust to dust.
Daily, they die.
They are almost a lost breed.
Some are written about,
Most are not.
Some, were my uncles -
Others, my countrymen.
One was my father.
I can tell my children
And my children's children:
That for a time on earth
I was privileged,
To walk among giants.

by Paul Chrisstarlon Wesselhöft

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

American natives' foods are considered by many American Indians as the triad called the "Three Sisters": corn, or maize, beans, and squash. An interesting fact about this food trio is that they are all interdependent on one another. Beans grow up the corn stalks and add the nutrients (nitrogen) to the soil that the others need to grow. Squash is planted between them to keep the weeds out.

All three of these foods originally came from the indigenous people of Mexico and Central and South America, and then slowly made their way north to our Natives.

American Natives were reasonably healthy before the European invasions. They lived on the land, and in some areas cultivated rich soils and grew crops. For the Bison-Hunting Natives who were always on the move, their diets were mixtures of the meat that they hunted and the plants, berries, and fruits that were found everywhere that they went. This country was a bountiful place hundreds of years ago, and Native people survived quite nicely.

After the invasions, everything changed, and none of it was good for the Natives. They were sent to reservations to starve. Food meant for them was diverted by agents to themselves, their families, and friends. Or, they outright sold it for profit.

The Native people in the East were the first to be affected by the European outsiders and their gluttony. The vast natural and developed native food supplies were quickly devoured by the new people. These people were convinced that this wondrous new land was theirs to take and



use as they pleased.

Long wagon trains of Pioneers wiped out the natural food sources along the way West. As for farming among Native Nations, it becomes quite difficult to grow or hunt just ahead of the oncoming settlers or the Army. Once the railroad were in place, Buffalo Bill Cody and others killed off nearly the entire bison population, leaving little food for the Plains people. Until the land and gold rushes of the 1800s, most Native people in the far West and Northwest still had adequate natural food sources.

How do we stand as Native Tribes with our food sources? Very few Native people are successful commercial farmers. The Southwestern Nations still grow a colorful collection of corn, harvest cactus, and chilies. Many of the tribes have casinos now since there is very little good land for

growing crops. Some tribes in Minnesota harvest wild rice. Some in Northern Plains states, such as North and South Dakota, Idaho, and Montana, are raising cattle and tapping into the renewable energy market with wind turbines and solar power.

The Northwestern Nations of Washington and Oregon raise salmon and grow berries and grapes and also have geothermal potential. But farming and hunting are still treasured by most Natives. A wise traditional saying left by our ancestors about our food sources was to eat what you raised and killed and use the other natural resources for food and shelter.

Native Americans have always been good stewards of our natural resources and first in line to protect against wastefulness. With American agricultural land decreasing and lands not afforded water along with the normal problems of weather, disease, droughts, and fires and flooding, we need to continue to be aware of wasteful-

ness that goes on everyday. The U.S. Agriculture Department says each American wastes one pound of food each day.

Native Americans have always respected Nature. We took care of the Earth and used only what we needed. Native Americans used natural resources (trees, water, stones, and bison) to meet their needs.

Think about this when you go to the grocery store. Buy what you will consume. Don't allow what you might over-buy to go to waste. When you prepare a meal, cook what you will be able to eat or take the next day as left-over. Label your left-over in order to consume it before it spoils. I know for some of us we could benefit from lease intake (I'm talking about myself, here).

I hope all of you will have or have had a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Migwetch,
David Barrett/*Mnedobe*
Legislature, District #10

District #11 - Lisa Kraft

NEEDS: Small Things Really Do Matter

Those who know me well would describe me as an outcomes-driven person; I work best by using measurable results, things that work and things that don't, to plan for progress. Therefore, I rely on the past to make correlations to the present. This natural tendency causes me to think a lot about my grandmothers and the lessons they taught me, knowingly or unknowingly. Each in her own way, these strong women planted desire in me to fill the needs of others where I can and to use any result as reasoning to keep on trying.

When I write a monthly column about things that are on my mind, I do so with the hope that it will lead to making a connection with other tribal members. It is a primary responsibility of a legislator to be thinking about ways to meet constituent needs. I can only be effective in meeting the needs of others when they demonstrate a need, ask for help, and then utilize the assistance offered.

My non-Potawatomi grandmother, Treva B. S. Bradley, passed away in 1991. She was the most energetic woman I have ever met, next to our tribal Vice Chairman Linda Capps. As a young girl, my Grandma Treva introduced me to the system of bartering for goods and services to fill the basic needs of others; she personified reciprocity - the act of fairly giving and taking.



Grandma Treva drove a car until the day before she had a heart attack and at an age when most of her friends had stopped driving altogether because of age-related setbacks. She would taxi her friends around Shawnee everyday. In return, several of those friends would gift her in tribal commodities. Grandma Treva would have caches of blocks of Velveeta cheese and lunchroom size cans of peanut butter and Crisco in the pantry. You see, her friends had a real need to get around town and Grandma had a real need for friends; they all needed to get out of the house, assert their independence, and socialize.

There was rarely a time when I went to Grandma's house that she was not baking or cooking up those commodities into delectable treats. She would then package

them as edible gifts back to her carpool friends. She would also deliver these treats to her friends at the Rebekah Lodge and those living in nursing homes. In thanks, a few of her friends would repay her kindness by giving her the brightly-colored foils and cellophane wrappings from their flower arrangements, so she could wrap her treats in pretty packages for others. Again, it was a system of mutual give-and-take. So, no matter what the need or how big or small, we all do have needs.

In 2009, tribal members asked again for help with spaying and neutering costs for their canine and feline family members. This request led Vice Chairman Linda Capps and me to sponsor a resolution for the donation of \$10,000 to Saving Pets At Risk (SPAR), a non-profit charitable organization in Shawnee. I am happy to report that approximately 60 tribal member families have utilized this tribal service. Within the past six months, SPAR has coordinated spay/neuter services with professional veterinarians to surgically sterilize 66 dogs and 35 cats and deliver the

necessary pre-surgical vaccinations.

The tribe has been able to help tribal families meet their family obligations by covering this cost of service, and at the same time, assist the local community with their efforts to reduce pet overpopulation. Together, several needs have been met, and whether or not it is construed as a minor need, the need is very real to those who have it.

Because of this direct result, I am encouraged to ask the legislature to consider sponsoring another bill for a donation to SPAR and ask for the spay/neuter services to be expanded into other states - not just Oklahoma. For me, the outcome of this effort is a real inspiration and proof that the tribe continues to fill our members' tangible needs, big and small.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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District #12 - Paul Schmidtkofer

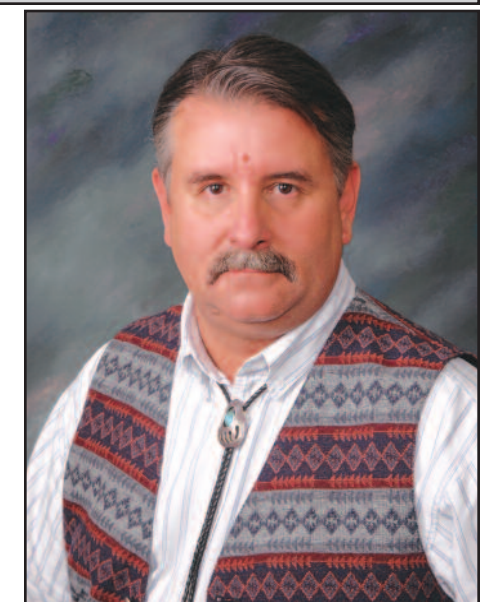
Bozho, Nikan!

In my previous article, I talked about how the bad spell of weather we experienced on Christmas Eve might have caused some of us unexpected problems. It seems almost every year we get a heavy snowstorm that causes problems. Power outages seem to be the worst result of these storms. Well, I'll be if we didn't get a second dose this year. And, to make matters worse, it started off as an ice storm.

I guess that's just part of living in Oklahoma. During both of these storms, for some reason, I got to thinking about our ancestors and how the hardships they must have endured shaped what we have become as Potatomis. I thought of the Trail of Death and all the agony associated with it. Our ancestors had to have been determined people. What a sad chapter in our history that was.

I also thought of the challenges we face today and how they still serve as cause to endure. While they do not begin to compare to that which happened in our past, I think our past had to have been part of why our Nation continues to fight for what was once ours. We should be proud to be Potatomis.

I invest in our local community by volunteering in several civic and community



organizations. One is the Boy Scouts. I've volunteered for quite a few years with scouting. Recently, I was at our local district's awards banquet where other volunteers are recognized for service to the youth and local communities.

Well, in scouting, the adults tend to keep track of how many years they've been registered. A local man, Mr. John Merrill, celebrated 90 years of continuous service to scouting, he is 104 years old. Each ten years of service, you get a service pen.

When he achieved 80 years of service, Scouting officials had a design for that service pen. However, none had ever been made. So, they had to special order it for him.

Come to find out, they don't have a design for a 90-year pen, either. So, they have to design one and have it made especially for him.

I mention this because, once again, it caused to think. If you live here in Oklahoma, you are aware of the problems some of the tribes seem to have on a regular basis. It seems that, every four or five years, some have what appears to be an organizational collapse. You hear about how their programs are being closed and employees are being laid off or terminated.

When you look at the success we've had over the years, it is because we have had relatively stable leadership. Some changes

from time to time, but there is continuity through it all. Sometimes, I don't know if we've been lucky or just determined. I really suspect the latter. Either way, I am thankful for those who have served our nation over the years and to those who have served it for multiple years or terms.

Spring is just around the corner - a time of year when we see the signs of nature's life resurfacing after a long winter. As I've grown older, I've begun to look forward to spring more and more. I know the warmer temperatures are coming back, something that serves to encourage my joints.

As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve our Nation. If I can be of help, please feel free to contact me.

Migwetch,

Paul Schmidlkofer

Representative, District #12

Secretary-Treasurer - D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

Welcome to the New Year. I don't know where the first 10 years of this century have gone but as they say, "Time flies." With the holidays behind us, it seems that everyone has rolled up their sleeves and all are working with a focused intent.

We did have quite a cold spell here at the Nation with blizzard-like conditions moving in on Christmas Eve and the snow not disappearing until three weeks later. I can't remember when snow has been on the ground that long around here. The temperatures were bitterly cold and the utility bills were unusually high.

At times like these, it is very important that we keep a watchful eye on our elders and that they have all they require to stay safe, warm, and fed. I am very proud that our Nation puts such a priority on our elders and youth to make sure that they are properly taken care of. I realize that we can always do more and that is what we are striving to do.

We are continuing to work through every issue that a slower economy yields so we can ensure that our enterprises perform as well as possible financially. That being said, the Nation continues to be on very solid footing with its investments, and we are always seeking new ventures to bring more profit dollars back to our people.

Remember that, through these profits, the Nation is able to provide the many



services to our people that they have grown to expect and that they deserve. With a Nation as large in population as ours, and growing, we have to grow our returns every year just to keep pace. It is our intent not to just keep pace but to grow our services and benefits for our people. Please pray for our continued success.

This is an election year for my position as your Secretary/Treasurer. I have filed for re-election and would greatly appreciate your vote. I have served the Nation for the past eight years as your Secretary/Treasurer and ask your permission to continue.

I hope and trust that you have been happy with the results of my work on your

behalf. I thank the Elders of our Nation for their counsel and confidence in me to safeguard the assets of the tribe. Let me assure you that I take this position very seriously and am humbled by the faith you have in me. Please afford me the opportunity to continue to grow the value of your Nation's assets.

If you have a comment or suggestion about our Nation, please don't hesitate to contact me or your Representative in the Legislature. We have many fine people

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

My fellow tribal members,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Vice Chairman of this Great Nation. As I prepare for the upcoming election in June, I vow not to be sidetracked in fulfilling my day-to-day duties at the Nation. It is very important that you understand how I feel regarding this commitment.

During this harsh winter season, I am compelled to convey the following account of how one particular group has excelled. The two recent ice storms that hit Oklahoma, one in December and one in January, present an opportune time to share with our readers the importance of our "snow and ice removal crew." The extent of cleanup that accompanies an environmental calamity at the Nation is often monumental.

The ice and snow storm of Thursday and Friday, January 28 and 29, especially had a significant impact on our Nation. Although it was not the worst storm of its kind during my tenure at the Nation, there certainly was damage to trees and other vegetation. The Realty Department's field representative monitors property damage throughout our jurisdiction following each storm. Meanwhile, our maintenance and emergency staff assess any structural damage.

Many of you know by now that Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry declared a State of Emergency for all 77 Counties with the onset of January's storm. This is the second time that a storm of this magnitude has hit Oklahoma within the past six weeks. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation rarely shuts down operations at headquarters; however, a wise decision was made by the Chairman during the afternoon of Thursday, January 28, to announce the end of the work day at 4:00 p.m. and to close the headquarters building, the clinic, child development center, employment and

who care about your needs, please let us know how we can be of service to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation, please give me a call, I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your Nation's administration as your Secretary/Treasurer.

Migwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale/*NETEMGIWSE*

Secretary/Treasurer



training offices, Title VI elders program offices, WIC offices, and other programs for the next day. He kept open the grocery stores, convenience store, travel plaza, and two casinos. The enterprises were kept open in some instances with a skeleton crew.

What a blessing the Chairman's decision was for so many of our employees who were stranded at their homes Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday. Thousands of Oklahomans were without electricity beginning on Thursday of that week and continuing through the weekend. Many Oklahomans faced the first part of February without electricity. Several hundred CPN employees were impacted by this outage at one point or other.

The clean-up crews often face brutal weather conditions while they strive to stay ahead of the downpour, whether that is ice, snow, or rain. During the Christmas storm, our snow- and ice-removal crew worked on Christmas Eve, Christmas day, and the day after Christmas while most of us were home to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Their emergency day often begins prior to 6:00 a.m. while foot and vehicle traffic is at low ebb. Theirs is not an easy task, but they forge ahead to accomplish their goal of providing safe conditions for employees, customers, and occupants at the Nation's offices, enterprises, and housing facilities.

It is a matter of considerable labor and difficulty to complete the jobs that are designated for our snow- and ice-removal crew. I salute these employees who are very good at their full-time jobs during the regular work week, and do excellent work when they are called to fight the inclement elements of nature.

Richard Driskell, Director of FireLake Discount Foods, is on target in his message to administration after the January storm:

"I just wanted to let you know what a great job the clean up crew did with our

parking lots and sidewalks at each store today. They were here before 6 a.m. and stayed late to get them cleared off. We have some of the best people that work for the Nation. Crews from OEH, Farm, Roads & Bridges, Maintenance, Construction, and Housekeeping did a super job! I can't say enough about their dedication."

This is just a sample of instances of greatness that CPN employees display each and every day. With the weather being so bitterly cold and miserable, Richard Driskell's comments seem a fitting show of appreciation for our snow and ice removal crew.

As usual, I cherish the opportunity to be the Vice Chairman of your great Nation, and I sincerely appreciate the CPN employees who help us achieve the status of "great."

Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend),

I hope all of you are "wintering well," as they say here in Indian country. It has already been a hard winter. Here in Shawnee, Oklahoma, we had some very bad ice and snow storms that closed the roads and left our area without electricity for several days.

Our members who live in the southern part of the reservation area lost power for five days of last week (late January and early February). The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Utility Authority recently installed backup generators for Rural Water District #3, our public water system, so they did not lose water service, and many had propane or natural gas service, but there was still extreme hardship.

Those CPN citizens who were not on our water system lost water service, and many have total-electric homes, so it has been very rough for them. The Nation's Housing Authority provided as much temporary housing as we had available, and many were able to stay with family in the northern part of the county.

The Nation is working on an emergency plan to deal with this in the future. The first priority is a connection between our water system and those small-town systems that do not have a water tower to provide a backup water source for them. We are also reconsidering our emphasis on total-electric homes and are looking at ways our people can have gas or propane emergency



systems financed through the Nation or our banks. We will keep everyone posted on the Website (www.Potawatomi.org) and in the *HowNiKan*.

Election time is here again. The Election Committee is working hard to get everything done on schedule. I thank them for their many hours of work and many years of capable management of the Tribe's elections. They are an independent body created under the Tribal Constitutional Amendment of 1985 and have served our voters well.

They face a repeated problem, however. There is more than enough work to be done without deliberate disruption of the process, as they are experiencing now. Again this year, Diana Brasfield, the same woman who filed an improper affidavit of

candidacy last year, has done so again. Every year she runs for some office on the platform that we did not change our Constitution in 1985 that gave each of you the right to vote by absentee ballot, believing that her relatives who were in office in 1984 are still in power.

If you recall, she is the one who delayed the last Constitutional Amendment that created the new Tribal Legislature for months with a bogus protest to the BIA. All are absurd claims, but she uses the free advertising given to candidates to make wild promises and malign incumbent tribal officials.

Her latest tactic on her internet site is to impugn the memory of my mother, who died in 1983. Pretty low stuff that keeps getting lower. This year the Election Committee has ruled that she is not a valid candidate, which she has vowed to appeal. Her own admissions of regular receipt of Osage Nation per capita payments violate the rules for Citizen Potawatomi Nation citizenship under our Constitution.

This is a very important election coming in June. If you are voting by absentee ballot, please send in your requests. I urge each of you to examine the candidates who are on the ballot and vote your best judgment of their qualifications. Some very bright and capable people are running. I have an advertisement in this issue of the paper about a candidate.

In response to the messages of concern that many of you communicated to me, including the majority of the Tribal Legislature, there is new policy for use of the *HowNiKan* in the election. This policy follows the Election Ordinance more closely.

Last year, two of the Tribal Legislators, Ron Goyer and Thom Finks, used their free column privileges in the *HowNiKan* to

support the candidacy of Thom Fink's brother for Chairman. To make it more fair this year, elected officials must use advertising to support other candidates or promote their own elections, just like their opponents have to do. Our Election Ordinance gives all Candidates one free ad each that is labeled as political advertising. As always, elected officials are free to communicate all other thoughts or information to their Districts or the entire Tribe, just not political ads disguised as government information.

Look for some new additions to the Tribal Area Gatherings this year. Our emphasis will be on our Potawatomi culture. We hope to teach some new songs, start some new drums, and have a lot more Potawatomi ceremony. You can help us do this by locating good places in your area where we can build a little fire, set up in a circle to hold ceremony, eat a small meal, and have enough places to park.

It is nice, but not absolutely necessary, that we have some privacy, but it is a better ceremony if we don't have traffic and gawkers. Also important is a place for us to have a dance. This will require a bigger area. So, if any of you have relatives or friends who have land out away from town, please ask them if they will let us dance there. There is, of course, no alcohol or loud behavior, and children will always be included. We will leave it cleaner than we found it, I guarantee!

We will be in some new cities this year, especially back east, so watch for the schedule.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve you as Tribal Chairman. Thank you for help and advice. Jagenagenon.

Migwetch,
John 'Rocky' Barrett

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New Citizen Potawatomi Nation Citizens

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcomes these new Tribal Members:

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Attention 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 405-598-0797. 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.

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Winter in Oklahoma



An Oklahoma City one-day record of 14 inches of snowfall immediately before the holidays delivered the coveted White Christmas to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters area. It also created a lot of extra work for some CPN employees, as seen in those photos shot by CPN Maintenance Director Bill Everett, a CPN member.



FireLake Grand Casino officials have begun marketing availability of the casino's events center for community events. This composite photo, created by Assistant Public Information Director Nathan McKay, shows the events center prepared for a recent Red Cross fund-raising event. Groups interested in using the center can call Tammie Thomas at 405-964-7263.

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Collections Corner

Hello, All!

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to the CHC to view our new Visitors area! We are still putting some last-minute finishing touches on it. But, for the most part, it is finished and definitely makes for a great addition to the Cultural Center. Whether it is for tribal members visiting Tribal Rolls or visitors waiting for a tour of the Cultural Center, we want everyone to have an opportunity to relax and enjoy our interpretation of Citizen Potawatomi Nation history in its many forms.

I would also like to take a second opportunity to welcome a new employee on board. Mr. Jeremy Arnette will serve as the Collections Assistant here at the CHC. Jeremy came to us from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. He is currently working on his Master's in Public History. Jeremy will be assisting me with my many duties here at the CHC. So welcome aboard Jeremy!

Also, any veterans submitting veterans pictures, documents, memorabilia, etc. for the Veterans Wall of Honor, I ask that you speak directly to me to submit any of these items. We require you/your family members to fill out a Release of Information form to give us permission to use your images on the VWOH. Without this form, your items will not be submitted. And, to prevent pictures, documents, and/or memorabilia from being lost or misplaced, I ask that you please speak directly with me in order for them to get processed in a timely and efficient manner.

Migwetch.

Stacy Coon

FireLake Gifts

We had a super Holiday season here at FireLake Gifts! Thanks so much to all of our customers who supported us through the Christmas season. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Once again, we are offering "specials of the month" on some of our fantastic products. We are only a short time away from



one of the next biggest Holiday gifting days: February 14 (Valentine's Day!). Every sweetheart needs some beautiful Native American made jewelry.

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The gift shop is also working on a new shawl display that will really showcase the entire assortment of beautiful shawls that we have available.

We are still taking applicants and suggestions for Potawatomi Artist of the Month and will be doing so on a continuing basis. We want to share the talent and creativity of our tribal members with all of the newspaper readers and the community. We would like to invite any Potawatomi tribal member to contact us for an application to be the featured artist in an upcoming issue of the *HowNiKan* as well as have the opportunity to display and sell selected works in the gift shop.

Art in all forms is acceptable (paintings, beadwork, jewelry, quilting, etc.). We will have the chosen artist's creations on display at FireLake Gifts for her designated month. If you are interested, please contact us at the e-mail address below.

We look forward to seeing you soon at FireLake Gifts!

Penny Coates

Manager

FireLake Gifts

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The online store is going full swing, and we look forward to serving more of the CPN membership nationwide. Find us online at <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org>.

FireLake Gifts is located inside the CPN Cultural Heritage Center at:

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Shawnee, OK 74801

(405)275-3119

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Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

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School District for many years. She was a resident of Brooks Manor Apartments in West Columbia for 17 years, where she enjoyed playing games and working puzzles with her friends and neighbors.

She is survived by her daughter, Nelda Brown of Las Vegas, Nevada; grandson, Aaron Brown of San Diego, California; granddaughter, Shawna Brown of Las Vegas; brother, Earl Gene Macon and his wife, Joyce of Angleton; nephews, Eddie Macon and wife, Carol, of Houston, Leldon Macon of Angleton, Travis Boaz and his wife of Willis; nieces, Jeanne Alexander and husband, Terry, of Angleton, Nancy Cleveland and husband, Dennis, of West Columbia, Angela Hoepner of West Columbia, Brenda Macon of Houston, Cheryl Jez and husband, A. L., of Alvin and Dana Boaz Hadauia of Willis.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in the Activities Room at Brooks Manor Apartments in West Columbia with Bro. Jim Walker officiating. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. at Cedar Lawn Haven of Rest Cemetery in West Columbia.

Andrew J. (Andy) Hernandez

Andrew (Andy) J. Hernandez passed



away on December 24, 2009 at his home in Yakima, Washington at the age of 81. Andy was born in Horton, Kansas on October 30, 1928, the fourth child of eight children born to Percy and Ruth (Rhodd) Hernandez.

Andy traveled to Yakima in 1941 at the age of 13 with his dad and older brothers, Henry and Percy, to establish a home. After several months, Andy was sent back to Horton, alone, on a train, with a single Snickers bar in his pocket, to get his mother and remaining siblings to join his dad and brothers in Yakima. Questioned about the "one candy bar," his comment was "There were some good people on that train."

Andy graduated from Yakima High School in 1946 and served in the Army National Guard from 1947 to 1950. He married Helen K. Hernandez in 1947 and they had four children: Kathy, Chrissy,

Danny and D.C. He retired from the Washington State Highway Department in 1990.

His joys were his children and grandchildren; he was very proud of them all! He embraced his heritage as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and attended many tribal functions with his brothers and sister. He also enjoyed car races, hunting, fishing, being 'Mr. Fix-it' and dancing with his love, Dorothy. He was admired for his strong work ethic by his long time friends and family.

Andy was preceded in death by his only wife, Helen; parents Ruth and Percy; brothers, Percy and Bob, and sister Alice.

Survivors include his companion; Dorothy Lloyd; his children; Kathy Crampton and her husband Steve, Christine McCorkindale, Daniel Hernandez and his wife Liz, and Denice Gardner and her husband Craig. He also had nine grandchildren: Jamie, Trevor, Jason, Casey, Brook, Erin, Mario, Danielle, and David and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his siblings Lucille Dwyer, Henry Hernandez, Florence Gress and her husband Red, and Paul Hernandez and his wife Jean, numer-

ous nieces and nephews, and many, many close friends.

Viewing and visitation were held on Tuesday, December 29 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Keith & Keith Funeral Home at 902 W Yakima Ave. A memorial and celebration of life were held on Wednesday, December 30 at 11:00 AM at Keith & Keith Terrace Heights Chapel at 2807 Terrace Heights. A reception followed the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to North Star Lodge Patient Help or the charity of your choice.

His children would like to make one request: "Call your Dad."

Faye (Yott) Brooks

Faye (Yott) Brooks, 78, went to be with our Lord on Monday, December 28, 2009. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on December 31, 2009 with visitation on Wednesday, December 30, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., both at All Faiths Mortuary 2850 S. Seneca, Wichita, Kansas.

Faye Brooks was preceded in death by her parents, E.A. and Linda Yott; her husband; Ernest (Bud) Brooks; her brother, Sonny Yott; her sister, Virginia

McCullough; and a grandchild; Charles Allen Brooks.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Shipman and her husband Dennis of Viola, Kansas; a son, Robert Brooks and his wife Melody of Wichita, Kansas; grandchildren Kelly Shipman and Bud Brooks, both of Wichita; and a great-grandchild, Joslyn Grace Cox.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harry Hynes Hospice, 313 S. Market Street, Wichita, KS 67202-3805.

Ralph Edward 'Bull' Nocktonick

Ralph Edward 'Bull' Nocktonick died on the evening of January 6, 2010. He was born at home on June 4, 1943, the son of Joseph 'Punk' and Louise Katherine (Tork) Nocktonick.

He attended Topeka, Kansas High School then joined the Navy during the Vietnam War. He served on the destroyer USS Walker as a Machinist Mate from 1961 through 1966. Then, he went to a trade school in Beloit, Kansas.

In 1983, Ralph married Janice Clouse. She survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Megan Marie Nocktonick, Topeka; a stepson, Troy Clouse, Nashville,

Tennessee; a grandson, Dagen Clouse, Lawrence, Kansas; four brothers, Joe, Albert, Rich, and Lou, all of Mayetta, Kansas; and a nephew, 'Little Joe'.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a stepson, Dion Clouse.

Visitation was from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel. A Drumming Ceremony followed in Mayetta. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society, Kansas Chapter, 555 N. Woodlawn, Bldg. #1, Suite 113, Wichita, Kansas 67208. To leave a message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

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sons with audio embedded in the presentations. If you hit "View Slideshow," it will let you hear the audio.

Games: There are several types of games which incorporate the language into them, such as matching games, Tetras, Pong, and several other types.

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A Citizen Potawatomi Winter



Oklahoma's second snow-and-ice storm of Winter 2009-10 moved thrush on Thursday, January 28. On Sunday, January 31, *HowNiKan* editor Michael Dodson captured the winter scenes around the CPN's facilities. Photos 1, 2, and 3 show the snow at points around the Administration Building.

#4 - For obvious reasons, there were no children using the playground equipment near FireLake Discount Foods.

#5 - A Speed Limit sign in the Administration Building parking lot sported some impressive icicles.

#6 - Who knew that Squirrel Creek, at the east edge of FireLake Golf Course, could look so beautiful?

#7 - Speaking of FireLake Golf Course, this is what its east side looked like.

CPN Artist of the Month - Penny Coates

Penny Coates was born and raised in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She is the second daughter of Jim and Mary Lou Post and is a Citizen Potawatomi descendant of Mary Ann Anderson and Antoine Bourbonnais.

In September 2008, she married her Shawnee high School sweetheart, Andrew Coates, and returned to Shawnee after more than 35 years. In January 2009, she became the manager of FireLake Gifts in the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

Penny says, "I enjoy working with the artisans, vendors, and customers. I also enjoy the honor and privilege of being able to share my heritage with customers and visitors."

Throughout Coates' 30-plus year career as a master floral designer and event planner, she has taught the art of floral design in two community colleges, managed floral shops in Texas, Minnesota, and Missouri; participated in many events, design competitions, and served as a designer/speaker for industry trade events. She is a recipient of the AWG National Merchandizing Award.

Over the past few years, Coates has begun to study her Potawatomi heritage more in depth. "My mother, Mary Lou Jenks Post, has shared stories of her grand-

mother, Ozetta Bourbonnais, and what life was like growing up in Oklahoma Indian Territory," Penny said.

For the CPN Family Reunion Festival this past year, she helped gather artifacts to furnish and decorate the Bourbonnais cabin, now located alongside the Cultural Heritage Center. Coates described that venture as "a joy that will be an ongoing project. To be a part of this wonderful heritage has renewed my spirit."

Coates believes that each person has a spirit of creation within us. She added, "Through the years I have learned there are many forms of artful expression. I believe that I am sharing a part of myself with every piece of art I create. I love expressing my native heritage with drawings of feathers, eagles, dancers, and Potawatomi life. I try to respect creation and life-path choices with my art and enjoy incorporating intricate designs and patterns in my work. I generally prefer to work with ink to achieve the detail I want in my art."

Coates thanked her father, Jim Post for her artistic ability and the love of art that he passed on to her. "Recently I finished a project for my son, W01 James Aaron McClung," she said. "In this piece of art, I want to show honor and respect for his

accomplishments and service for our country. The picture is of eagles, Blackhawk helicopters, and the American flag."

Coates named the piece "WE DA SE WEN," which means, "Bravery is to face the foe with integrity." She plans to present it to him at his formal graduation

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2010 Tribal Area Gatherings

1. February 20, 2010, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.* – Houston, Texas - The first area meeting of 2010 will be held from 10 a.m. until ?? (usual time 3 p.m.) Saturday, Feb 20 at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center, 2301 N. Millbend Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380, Phone: 281-367-1100. (Note: This is NOT the same location as in recent years. Previous meetings were at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott)

2. February 27, 2010 – Dallas, Texas – The Crowne Plaza Dallas/Market Center, 7050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247, Phone: 214-630-8500

3. March 6, 2010 – Las Vegas, Nevada – Suncoast Hotel & Casino, 9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89145, Phone: 702-636-7050 or 866-816-7111 (Toll-free)

4. March 13, 2010 – Kansas City, Kansas/Missouri - Hilton Kansas City

Airport, 8801 N.W. 112th St., Kansas City, MO 64153, Phone: 816-891-8900

5. March 14, 2010, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Rossville, Kansas - CPN Community Center, Rossville (There will be a Naming Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at the CPN Community Center.)

6. March 20, 2010 – Doubletree Hotel, 407 Chestnut Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. Phone: 423-756-51507.

7. March 28, 2010 – Phoenix, Arizona

8. April 10, 2010 – Northern Calif.

9. April 17, 2010 – Northwest USA

10. April 24, 2010 – Southern Calif.

11. May 1, 2010 – Virginia

12. May 8, 2010 – Northeast USA

13. May 15, 2010 – Denver, Colorado

14. May 22, 2010 – Arkansas

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will begin at 10 a.m.

NATIVE EXPLORERS

If you are Native American and curious about Ice-age vertebrate fossils (e.g., saber-toothed cats, mammoths) or Cretaceous-age fossils (e.g., dinosaurs) and enjoy being in the "great outdoors", this scientific expedition is for you. You can also earn three hours of college credit.

For three days at the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) campus, students will work side-by-side with faculty and students (graduate and medical) to study anatomy and its' relevance to the disciplines of paleontology and medicine. In addition, students will prepare for the field portion of this exploration by studying topographic and geologic surface maps, learning about fossil preparation and identification, and preparing for wilderness survival.

In Utah, students will spend 10 days with OSU-CHS faculty and students to gain hands-on experiences in prospecting and collecting fossils and visit significant fossil localities. Staff and administrators of the U.S. Forest Service, Manti-La Sal National Forest, will introduce students to their protocols for the management of natural resources (Range and Wildlife Management) and the preservation and protection of historic sites (dinosaur track ways and pictographs and/or petroglyphs).

The primary objectives of this experience are to promote and increase the number of Native Americans in science and medicine. This opportunity will expose participants to careers in graduate and/or medical programs at OSU-CHS as well as the U.S. Forest Service.

For more information or to apply contact Dr. Kent Smith (see lower left box)

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- > Studying Anatomy
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**FIELD ACTIVITIES
(24 JUNE - 3 JULY)**

- > Prospecting for Fossils
- > Collecting Fossils
- > Visiting Paleontological & Archeological Sites
- > Watching Wildlife
- > Identifying Plants/Animals
- > Camping (primitive) & Hiking
- > Wilderness Survival

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Health Aids Crossword Puzzle

In the December 2009 *HowNiKan*, Health Aids Foundation Director Joyce Abel wrote about the good that continuing to challenge one’s mind in later years of life can do for keeping one alert and healthy mentally. Abel pointed out, “There is a lot of work being done on ‘Brainwork’ these days because Alzheimer’s disease has become a major health problem, especially for our elders.”

She added, “There is an information brochure called “Staying Sharp” which can be downloaded from www.AARP.org and another one titled “Maintain Your Brain” at www.ALZ.org. And, there is a variety of things to stimulate brain activity. Among these are playing games such as crossword puzzles, chess, cards, trivia, etc. Use image association to remember names. There is also the choice of learning a new language or playing, or learning to play, a musical instrument.”

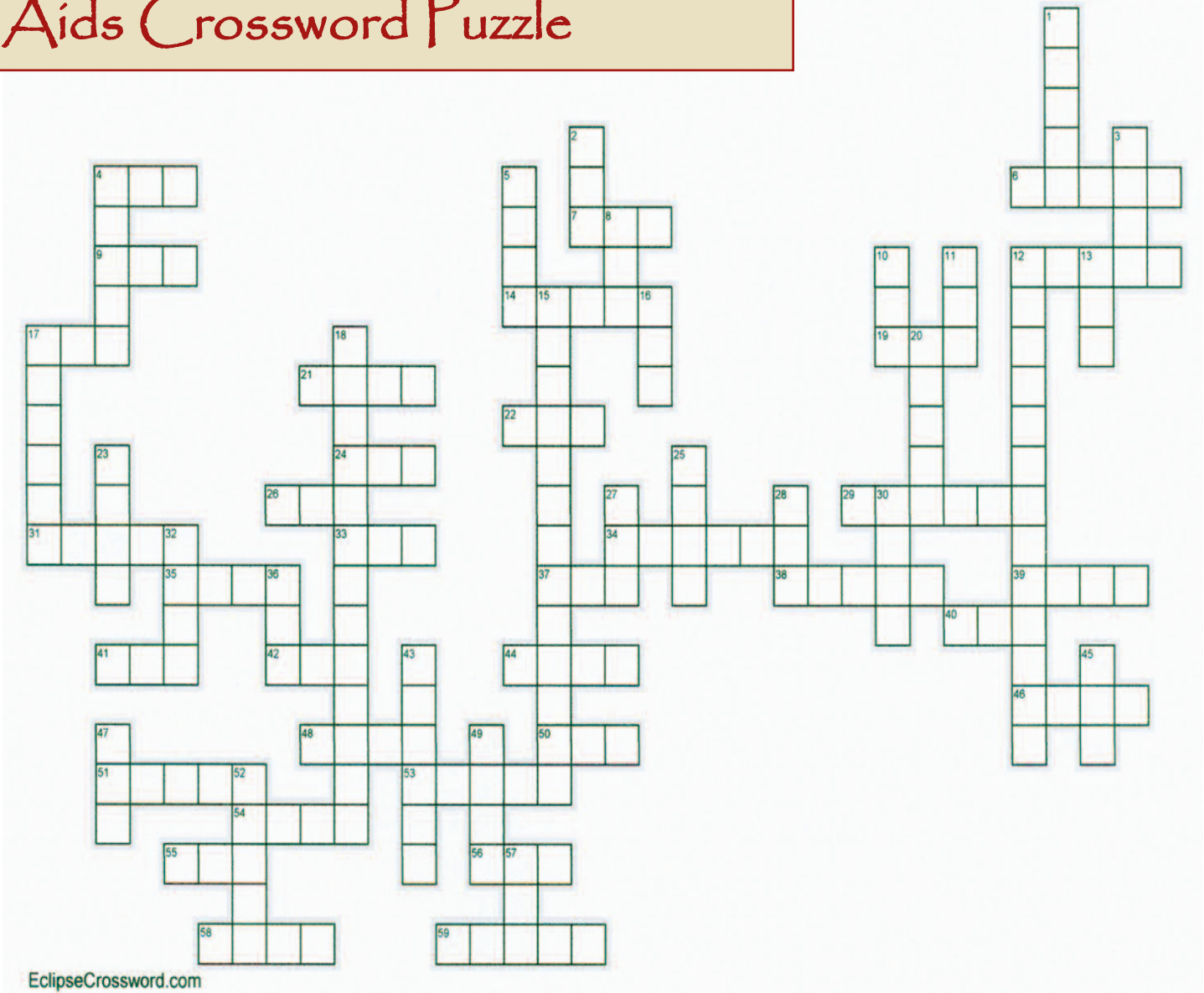
As part of this effort to remind CPN elders to exercise their minds, the Health Aids Foundation presents a crossword puzzle they can use as ‘brainwork’.

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on March 17, when he will officially become a UH-60 Blackhawk pilot in the U.S. Army.



Artist-of-the-Month Penny Coates had FireLake Gifts festively decorated to celebrate St. Valentine’s Day.

Visit FireLake Gifts, inside the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, for a wide range of unique gifts.



- Across**
- 4. Cold-water food fish
 - 6. Accounting entry
 - 7. Acquired
 - 9. Building annex
 - 12. Consumed
 - 14. Big bombs
 - 17. Social insect
 - 19. Fr. saint (abbr.)
 - 21. My word!
 - 22. Cattle member
 - 24. Feverish
 - 26. Oolong
 - 29. Grasp
 - 31. Got up
 - 33. Tennis play
 - 34. Vitality
 - 35. Greek portico
 - 37. Cut grass
 - 38. Type of 8 down
 - 39. Young 48 down
 - 40. Stadium cheer
 - 41. Mining mineral
 - 42. Corn unit
 - 44. At another time
 - 46. Boleyn or Bronte
 - 48. Ghost actress Moore
 - 50. Gymnast's goal
 - 51. Continental currency
 - 53. Brants
 - 54. Roman date
 - 55. Compass point
 - 56. Old comedian Buttons
 - 58. Expression
 - 59. Smells
- Down**
- 1. Palomino or roan
 - 2. Small dog
 - 3. Go by car
 - 4. Crown
 - 5. Prayer word
 - 8. Bullfight cheer
 - 10. Fuel
 - 11. Envision
 - 12. Willy-nilly
 - 13. Definite article
 - 15. The latest, like the news
 - 16. Infiltrator
 - 17. Blood disorder
 - 18. Welfare employees
 - 20. Indian lodge
 - 23. Trudge
 - 25. Toboggan
 - 27. Conifer
 - 28. Change color
 - 30. Facial expression
 - 32. To be (Latin)
 - 36. Fruit drink
 - 43. Icy
 - 45. Antelope
 - 47. Work gang
 - 49. Bartlett, for one
 - 52. Attack
 - 57. Pride