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Fire takes out FireLake Golf clubhouse, San Remo's

Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials have moved swiftly to lessen inconvenience from a Sunday morning fire that destroyed a 28-year-old building that housed the CPN-owned FireLake Golf Course clubhouse and the San Remo's restaurant owned and operated by Shawnee residents Tony Velu and Lazzi Mustani. John 'Rocky' Barrett, CPN chairman, announced that a pre-fabricated structure will be used to house the clubhouse until a permanent replacement is constructed. That structure will be placed on the hill east of the CPN's Cultural Heritage Center.

Until that pre-fab structure is in place, the pro shop will operate from a building immediately east of the destroyed structure. Chris Chesser, manager of golf course operations for the CPN, said that FireLake Course "will not miss a beat because of the fire."

Chairman Barrett said that the Nation does not plan to replace the restaurant space that housed the San Remo's Italian restaurant. "The lessee/operator has agreed to move to the new pizza shop on the north face of the new FireLake Bowling Center,"



Fire rages out of control in the FireLake Golf clubhouse late on the morning of Sunday, January 30, 2011. (Photo by CPN Safety Director Tim Zientek)

Barrett said. "His pizza has a very good local reputation already."

The remaining San Remo's employees will be absorbed into the Nation's casino

food operations.

Chesser asked that any organization that had scheduled a tournament at FireLake Golf Course in 2011 help his staff rebuild the schedule. "If you had a tournament scheduled at our course this year, please call us at 405-519-5428 or 405-585-1503," he said.

The fire began in the kitchen area of San Remo's at about 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 30. Golf course employee Terry Williams was in the pro shop with the three-year-old son of another employee when he heard a "popping noise" at about 11:48. After determining that the noise was from a fire in the restaurant upstairs, Williams took the youngster to safety and returned to retrieve the money in the pro shop cash reg-

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Walking On

Loren J. Mesaros



SOUTH BEND, Indiana - Loren Joseph Mesaros, 82, of South Bend passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2010 at Morningside Nursing Center. He was born on June 16, 1928 in South Bend, the son of the late Joseph and Celia (Higbee) Mesaros. He was a lifetime area resident.

On June 15, 1952, in Niles, Michigan, he

married the former June Coffinger, who died on March 21, 2009. Left to cherish his memory are his sisters, Sandra K. Warren and her husband John and Judith J. Colon and her husband Max, both of South Bend; his brothers, Bill Mesaros and his wife Angie and Glen Mesaros and his wife Susan K., both of South Bend; and several nieces and nephews along with great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

Loren served his country with honor in the United States Army Air Corp in WWII. He retired from the Mastic Corp., where he worked as a machinist. He also worked for Leo Applicators and the Drewrys Brewery.

Loren was a caring brother and very neighborly man, who was always willing to help when it was needed. Loren loved the outdoors, fishing, gardening, and all animals and wildlife. He'll be dearly missed by all.

The path we walk is splendid and diverse. The journey is fulfilling and memorable. See you when our paths merge once again.

John Wayne Twigg Jr.

John Wayne Twigg Jr. passed away in Topeka, Kansas on December 2, 2010, just



short of his 70th birthday. He was born on December 16, 1940 in Nevada, Missouri, the son of John Wayne Twigg Sr. and Alice V. (Adams) Twigg.

He was known as J.W. among his family and friends. He never married, but J.W. was lovingly known as Uncle Jay by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He enjoyed time with his family, his church, and his dogs. J.W. also enjoyed reading the newspaper. He especially found joy in finding job prospects for himself and family members in the classified section. J.W. loved taking log drives through the areas in which he lived. He liked to go to drag races, sometimes taking trophies home.

He began his elementary education in Plains, Kansas, and then graduated from Baldwin High School in Baldwin, Kansas in 1959. He continued his schooling at Kansas University for one year then transferred to a technical school in Kansas City, Missouri, completing his degree in electronics. Working in this field took him to Iowa, Florida (to the NASA program), Atari (in Silicone Valley in California), and Hughes Aircraft in Los Angeles. In later years, he lived in Woodland and Placerville in California before moving to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian elder housing complex in Rossville, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Allois Potter, sisters-in-law Linda (Sparks) Twigg and Phyllis Twigg; and his

nephews Douglas Potter and Rex Twigg.

He leaves behind his sister Karmin McCrory of Davis, California; two brothers, Harold of Woodland, California and Frank of Sacramento, California; many nieces and nephews; an uncle, Frank Adams of Liberal, Missouri; and many cousins.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at the Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, 712 9th St., Baldwin City, Kansas with Pastor Tony Cash officiating. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. that same day at Worsley Cemetery south of Bronaugh, Missouri. Family and friends were requested to meet at the cemetery.

The family suggests expressions of sympathy be in the form of memorials to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box #64, Baldwin City, KS 66006. E-mail condolences may be left for the Twigg family at www.Lamb-Roberts.com.

Julieonha Ruby McCracken



Julieonha Ruby McCracken, age 17 months, of Ashland, Wisconsin, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010 at her residence with her loving family near her side.

Julieonha was born on July 14, 2009 in Ashland, the daughter of Charles R. and Crystal L. (Osness) McCracken. She was a

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little angel to everyone she came into contact with, always with a smile. The love she brought when everyone was together was amazing. Her big sister loved and took very good care of her. We all know she is in Heaven with our Lord and Savior, His newest little angel.

Survivors include her parents, Charlie and Crystal McCracken of Ashland; maternal grandparents John and Maria Osness of Ashland; paternal grandparents Michael and Peggy McCracken of Anchorage, Alaska; paternal great-grandmother Martha McCracken of Anchorage, Alaska; big sister Makayla McCracken of Ashland; special aunt Dawn Osness of Anchorage, Alaska; special uncles Michael Jr. and Timothy McCracken of Anchorage, Alaska; many other aunts and uncles; and a very special cousin, Robert Hausser Jr. of Wasilla, Alaska.

A funeral service for Julieonha was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2010 at Grace Bible Fellowship, Washburn, Wisconsin, with Pastor Keith Vik officiating. Interment happened at a later date.

Visitation began at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 3 at the church and continued until the hour of service.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Mountain Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Ashland and Mellen. Online condolences for Julieonha's family may be left at the funeral home's website www.MountainFuneralHomes.com.

William Albert Nadeau

TECUMSEH, Okla. - William Albert 'Bill' Nadeau, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, a beloved husband, father, and Staff Sergeant of the Army during World War II, passed away Friday, January 28, 2011, at the age of 90. He passed with his oldest daughter, Janene Graber, caring for him. Bill Nadeau was born on August 13, 1920, the son of Lillian Nadeau Carston and was raised by his grandparents, Sarah and Joseph Nadeau. He graduated from Harjo school in 1939.

In November 1942, he joined the Army. He served in Okinawa for three years and was honorably discharged in January 1946. Upon his return home, he met and married his first wife, Dorothy Faye Gates, on December 26, 1948. She preceded him in death on December 26, 1969.

While working at Tinker Air Force Base, he met Evelyn Myers, and they were married on April 1, 1971. She preceded him in death on August 6, 2007.



He and Evelyn were active members of American Legion Post 260 in Tecumseh. He was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church in Tecumseh. He also was an esteemed Citizen Potawatomi Elder. One of his greatest joys in life was working the farm and his cows. He loved working the dirt and tending his cattle. He retired from Tinker in 1983. He also enjoyed dancing and in later years mowing the lawn at his home. He always wanted to make sure it looked good for all the people who drove by on Highway 9.

He is survived by his three children, Janene Graber of Tecumseh, Elaine Williams and her husband Wesly of Moore, and Bryan Nadeau and John Davis of San Francisco; a sister, Vinita Clowdis; seven grandchildren, Russell Brandon, Todd Brandon, Michael Surdick, Michelle Surdick, Matthew Surdick, Janelle Williams, and Myles Nadeau-Davis; three great-grandchildren, Callie, Kooper, and Issac; three step-children, Jim Myers and his wife Sharon of Tulsa, Skip Myers and his wife Ronda of Tecumseh, and Verdonna Spann and her husband Johnny of Altus, Oklahoma; six step-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Nadeau's funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2011 at Walker Funeral Service, 201 E. 45th Street, Shawnee. Viewing was from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday January 30, 2011. No family members were present. Burial was at Resthaven Cemetery.

Anyone who knew Bill knows he liked to laugh, appreciated people, and was usually late for supper because of loving to visit with people. Dorothy used to say,

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Expressing Multiculture Through Multimedia



Students in the California Voice program, overseen by CPN member Jeanine Gaines, pose on the newsroom set of a Sacramento, California television station.

By NIEA Member, Jeanine Gaines

(Editor's note: Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Jeanine Gaines' story about the California Voices program, which she operates for the Fresno, California-based Center for Multicultural Cooperation, was featured in a recent edition of the National Indian Education Association's nationwide publication. Additionally, Ms. Gaines was recently a guest on the CPN radio program "The Native American Speaks." That program is archived on the Public Information Department page on www.Potawatomi.org.)

Native Voices is an initiative of the Center for Multicultural Cooperation designed to train young people using new methods for cultural documentation, to preserve Native beliefs, language, and values, and to share the perspectives and contributions of local Native elders.

The Center for Multicultural Cooperation has several different programs including California Voices, Hmong Voices, Latino Voices, and Veterans' Voices. When Jeanine Gaines (Citizen Potawatomi Nation) began working for CMC, she realized that the youth leadership, service-learning, and youth development aspects of the programs would be very beneficial for the Native students in Sacramento. The program meets over 60 of the California State Educational Standards, and was funded by the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

During the past two summers, students from Sacramento area schools representing 13 different tribes produced mini-documentaries about issues that affect them as American Indian students, including the high school drop-out rate, being of mixed her-



Jeanine Gaines

itage, gangs, and access to fresh foods. They also interviewed Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills.

These projects help to mobilize young people to become civically engaged, use technology to serve their community, and envision a brighter future for themselves and their families. They were also able to attend local film premieres and visit a local news station. In addition, time was built in to attend local powwows and gatherings and meet with elders. At the end of the summer students premiered their films to over 400 community members.

Native Voices has been partially funded in Sacramento for summer 2011, and Program Manager Jeanine Gaines and Native Voices Coordinator David Gaines (Cheyenne-Arapaho) are hoping to expand the program to other areas soon. For more information, please contact Jeanine Gaines at JGaines@cmcweb.org or check out the Center for Multicultural Cooperation's website at www.cmcweb.org.

How I Got the Job: Amy Guerich, 26

(Editor's note: Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Amy Guerich was featured in the January 4, 2011 edition of the Kansas City Star, discussing her recently-obtained position as a financial planner.)

The job: Financial planner

The employer: Based in Overland Park, Stepp & Rothwell, Inc., is a financial planning and investment advisory firm now serving clients in 24 states. The firm is a "fee-only" organization, meaning it does not sell products or charge commissions. Instead, clients pay only for service and advice. The annual retainer fee is based on a percentage of the client's earned income and assets under management.

My role: I recently was promoted to financial planner, and now have direct oversight for a segment of our firm's clients. In this new role, I create and monitor financial plans that incorporate all aspects of my clients' personal financial situations. I also act as each client's personal advocate throughout the process. I meet with my clients quarterly.

How long have you been in this position? Since October.

How long have you been employed by this organization? I started as an intern in the summer of 2005, just before my senior



year at Kansas State University.

How have previous positions and your education helped you prepare for your present role? Stepp & Rothwell was my first employer out of college. I believe that my summer internship between my junior and senior years served as a three-month-long job interview. It also prepared me for my first full-time position as an analyst here after graduation. In the analyst role, I sup-

ported our team of financial planners in designing financial strategies for Stepp & Rothwell's clients. My work ranged from property and casualty insurance analysis, report preparation, and mortgage loan refinancing research to mutual fund research. I graduated from K-State with a bachelor's degree in personal financial planning in May 2006. My education gave me the technical knowledge base that I needed to succeed at Stepp & Rothwell.

How did you get this promotion? I had been preparing myself for this promotion by learning and training on the job for almost five years, so when an opening became available, I knew I was ready to take on the added responsibilities. I had also taken over the same position on a temporary basis when one of our firm members was away on maternity leave, so my superiors already knew that I could handle the job. One Monday morning, not long after this position became available, two of the three principals called me into one of their offices and made their offer. Then, we finalized everything in writing.

What was the most important influence in your ability to achieve this position? I had shown initiative, enthusiasm, loyalty, and ability in my previous position,

and those qualities were noticed by the principals in the firm. Also, our firm always puts our clients first, and that motivates me in my position every day.

Has anything else been of help in your career so far? I got involved in the Financial Planning Association of Greater Kansas City when one of our firm's members was on the board. I've been an active member of the FPA for five years now and am entering into my fourth year of service on the board of directors. Because of this association, I have an opportunity to represent the firm, and I've learned a lot about what others in similar jobs are doing. The leadership development that results from this involvement helps in all aspects of my life.

What is your best advice for others interested in moving up? After you find the right fit, work hard and think like an owner. As an owner, you are personally invested in the organization's ultimate success. The leaders in the organization will see that and be committed to promoting you for the good of the organization.

Where do you go from here? Since I graduated from college, my long-term career goals always have involved advancing within the organization at Stepp & Rothwell. I am committed to the long-term success of our firm and our staff. I also want to continue to further my education.

by Sue Dye Babson, Special to The Star

New Citizen Potawatomi Nation Enrollees

Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials and members welcome these newest CPN enrollees, listed here in alphabetical order by last name. The Nation's current enrollment is 29,323.

Katelyn Michelle Advincula, Ronald Delaine Baker, Audrey Loris Baker, Sloan Edwin Baker, Aftyn Patience Hannam Baptiste, Kierstyn Leigh Barber, Zane Thomas Barber, and Jordyn Taylor Barber.

Also, Jayce Austin Scott Baser, Logan James Basgall, Jasmine Nicole Beach, Lafe Allen Beach Jr., Tristan Loy Beach, Elizabeth Jean Bennett, Rachel Marie Bergeron, and Tucker Wilson Bourbonnais.

Also, Larry Brice, Kierra Marie Brodine, Stephen Charlies Buck, Alexis Nicole Buck, Jackson Adam Burnette, Clementine Elise Burnette, Emily Elizabeth Caldwell, and Erin Elaine Caldwell.

Also, Jonathan Dale-James Caldwell, Trenton Alex Canter, Colten Fisher

Cantrell, Emily An Cargill, Kelsey Marie Carnahan, Garret David Cote Carnahan, and Logan James Carnahan.

Also, Addison Hailey Carter, Rhianna Nicole Clark, Augustus Jake Coates, Rebecca Kay Cockburn, Paden Lloyd Coe, Trenton Louis Coe, Lillian Marzella Collins, and Crystal Dawn Cooper.

Also, Dylan Patrick Cooper, Allyson Leanne Cooper, Trinity Noelle Cooper, Jonathan Edgar Davis, Jackson William Davis, Randy Lee Devenport, Mitchell Woodrow Dilley, and Marinna Noel Dilley.

Also, Joelle Rose Dilley, Amy Diane Dodge, Blakelyn Johnna Drewrey, Zakk Casey Eikenberry, Wenona Fay Eliopoulos, Evan Kendall Ellinger, Elyssa Mackenzie Ellinger, and Zoe Jayne Epley.

Also, Angela Marie Eronson, Isaiah Nathanael Estep, Evan Joshua Estep, Breken Zander Estep, Miranda Ann Farris, Joel James Francoeur, Colton Michael

Franzoy, and Caleb Luke Franzoy.

Also, Milah Rae Franzoy, Jennifer Lynn Fritts, Khristopher Wayne Frost II, Kimberly Ann George, David Douglas Gilbreath, Gaelle Gilbreath, Lesly Ayleen Gilbreath, and Audrey Marie Gonzalez.

Also, Sophia Marie Goodin, Tara Farris Gordon, Thomas Patrick Gordon IV, Hunter Lee Greenwalt, Forest Edward Greenwalt, Hayden Robert Greenwalt, Gideon James Greenwalt, and Josiah Andrew Greenwalt.

Also, Macyn Dawn Greenwalt, Dustin Price Griffiths, Derick Price Griffiths, Sophie Isabella Guerrero, Ashley Kristina Hafner, Kassie Nicole Hall, and Gabriella Elizabeth Rose Hammons.

Also, Noah Samuel William Hammons, Kristine Dylan Harbison, Matthew Tyler Harman, Joshua Steven Harman, Reagan Linn Harris, Addison Paige Harris, Rylie Kate Hillis, and Hayden Scott Holmes.

Also, Katlyn Sue Holloway, Mabree Don

Hooper, Lonnie Gerald Howard, Chase Gerald Howard, Summer Lachelle Howard, Athena Morigan Huff, Haven Caitlynn Hyatt, and Britton Harold James.

Also, Eadie Rian Jobe, Wannassita Kamequkua, Braxton Thomas Keese, Jayden-Marie Rose Keys, Tyler Ray Kilgore, Madison Elizabeth Killough, Jake Ryan Kroutil, and Raynee Lee Kueneman.

Also, Katarina Kay Lockwood, Water Bay Long, Terry Lewis Manker Jr., Nicholas Michael Manker, Hannah Hailey Jordyn MacLean, Harli Jayde MacLean, Renee Manker, and Brandon Lee McAllister.

Also, Jonah Zane McAllister, Arran William McAllister, Terri Ann McGrath, Lucia Breana McGrath, Sasha Thiel McGrath, Callie Kathryn McGrath, Amy Renay McCleskey, and Ryan Lee Melott.

Also, Lane Garrett Melott, Jessica Leigh Meyer, Lane Cooper Mize, Payton Kay
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Potawatomi Language Department

A Potawatomi Tale: The Spirit of Winter Departs

An old man was sitting in his wigwam, near a frozen stream. It was near the end of winter, but not real cold. His fire was nearly out. He was an old man and was sitting alone; his braids were long with age.

One day while his fire was dying down a young maiden Mnokme approached and entered his wigwam. Her hair was wrapped with trailing arbutus, and she carried fragrant flowers in her hand. "Jipteben," said the old man. "Biden! Tell me your adventures, and what strange lands you have seen. I will tell you of my deeds, and what I can perform. You shall do the same, and we will amuse each other."

The old man then took out his pipe, filled it with sema (tobacco), and handed it to his guest. They each smoked from the pipe and then began their stories.

"I am Pondese, the Spirit of Winter," said the old man. "I blow my breath, and the streams stand still. The water becomes stiff and hard as clear stone."

"I am Mnokme, the Spirit of Spring," answered the young woman. "I breathe, and flowers spring up in the meadows and the woods."

"I shake my locks," said the old man, "and snow covers the land. The leaves fall from the trees, and my breath blows them away. The birds fly to a distant land, and the animals hide themselves from the cold."

"I shake my ringlets," said the young woman, "and warm showers of soft rain fall upon the earth. The flowers lift their heads from the ground, the grass grows thick and green. My voice recalls the birds, and they come, flying joyfully from the South. The warmth of my breath unbinds the streams, and they sing the songs of summer. Whenever I walk, a trailing arbutus emerges. This



The trailing arbutus is the Potawatomi tribal flower.

is the tribal flower of the Potawatomi and an indicator that Spring is coming as it is the first flower which comes out in the Spring time."

And while they were talking thus, a wonderful change took place. The sun began to rise. Gentle warmth stole over the place. Pondese, the Spirit of Winter, became silent. His head drooped, and the snow outside the lodge melted away. Mnokme, the Spirit of Spring, grew more radiant, and rose joyfully to her feet. The robin and the bluebird began to sing on the top of the lodge. The stream began to murmur at the door, and the fragrance of opening flowers came softly on the breeze.

The lodge faded away, and Pondese sank down and dissolved into tiny streams of water, that vanished under the brown leaves of the forest. Thus the Spirit of Winter departed.

This traditional story is adapted from a version by Henry Schoolcraft. But, I have also heard it told in the Forest County Potawatomi Community.



CPN Veterans Organization



Bozho, Veterans,

Well here we go - a new year, and there is lots to do. We must plan the banquet to honor Vietnam veterans and search out the names of our military men and women who have returned or will soon return from fighting overseas and welcome them to join our Veterans Organization.

I would like to have a Veterans License tag that coincides with our CPN tribal tag. However, I haven't brought this up with the administration, yet. But, it doesn't hurt to ask.

Now, since this is a new year, it's time for Veterans Organization membership renewal. Please send your renewal dues of \$20.00 to: Veterans Organization, 1601 Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. We will return your membership card as soon as we have received the membership fee.



Commander Keith Cagle speaks at the November 2010 banquet honoring Korean War veterans.

I wish all you a prosperous and Happy New Year in 2011.

Keith Cagle, Commander
CPN Veterans Organization

POTAWATOMI REGALIA-MAKING

On Sunday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m., we will have a craft event at which we will be making REGALIA – specifically hand feather fans and chokers for men and women.

Materials will be provided.

For discussion, please bring along any regalia you've worn or would like to wear at a CPN Family Reunion Festival.

A variety of desserts will be available for snacking and we'll have coffee (and root beer for children).

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2747 Pacific Avenue, Suite B21
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Please RSVP by phone or e-mail - Legislator Dave Carney District #8
1.877.335.4395 - DCarney@Potawatomi.org

YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU!

Due to privacy concerns, CPN legislators are not routinely given your street addresses. So, you as CPN citizens need to reach out to them!

If you are a CPN member and would like to receive regular e-mailings of information from your Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, please send him or her an e-mail the legislator's e-mail address.

Please include your name, e-mail address, home phone number, cell phone number, and street address.

You can find your legislator's address and e-mail address at www.Potawatomi.org/Government/Legislature/default.aspx/.

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www.Potawatomi.org

To schedule the CPN
Veterans Organization
Color Guard, contact Herb
Holton at 405-598-5984 or
e-mail him at
herb39h@valornet.com.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center

The New Year brings with it some new developments at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. In January, Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Kelli Mosteller took over as director of the Heritage Center. A native Oklahoman, she returns home from the University of Texas at Austin, where she has spent six years working toward a Ph.D. in American history.

Mosteller is writing her doctoral dissertation on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It is titled "Place, Politics, and Property: Negotiating Allotment and Citizenship for the Citizen Potawatomi, 1861-1891." Her work focuses on the tumultuous years following the treaty signed in 1861, which established the Citizen Potawatomi as a distinct band, the allotment and citizenship process, and finally the migration to Indian Territory. "This is such an important period in our history," Mosteller notes. "There are moments of heartache and tragedy but also great examples of perseverance."

History, and Potawatomi history in particular, has always been an important element in Mosteller's life. Her grandmother, Elva Lou (Weld) Wall, was an artist, amateur historian, and the family genealogist. "She had a large glass table in her dining room. I used to love lying under it watching her read over papers that were scattered about or painstakingly working on the family tree," Mosteller recalls.

Mosteller's summers were filled with the usual childhood activities of swimming, sports, and fun with friends, but summertime also meant beading classes



CPN member Kelli Mosteller is the new director of the Nation's Cultural Heritage Center.

and writing camps for Native American students. "When I was eight, I wrote and illustrated a book called If I were a Bison. That really sparked an interest in reading and writing about Native American culture that I never really lost," she said.

Mosteller carried her interest in the past with her to Oklahoma State University, where she studied history and art history. After spending some time studying abroad in Italy, she decided to pursue Native American history as her career and applied to the graduate program at the University of Texas. She is very excited for the opportunity to engage with the history and culture of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on a new level in her new position at the Heritage Center and looks forward to serving the CPN community.



"The Native American Speaks"
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or KOKC-AM (1520)
or www.Potawatomi.org

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and team uniforms!!

CPN Legislative Actions

(Editor's Note: These resolutions were considered by the 16-member Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislature at its meeting on November 3, 2010.)

I. Resolution 11-25-R&G: A resolution approving the rescheduling of the Quarterly meeting of the Legislature from Thursday, November 25, 2010, to Wednesday, November 3, 2010. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

II. Resolution 11-26-R&G: A resolution confirming the appointment of the members of the Election Committee and designation of Gary Bourbonnais as chairman of the committee. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

III. Resolution 11-27-LCoE: A resolution

of enrollment into the membership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

IV. Resolution 11-28-J&PS: A resolution approving a one-time funding request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Judicial Services. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining

V. Resolution 11-29-HHS: A resolution approving the submission of a grant proposal under the Title VI Part A (Grants for Native Americans) and Part C (Native American Caregivers) offered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining

Citizen Potawatomi Nation DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

The U.S. Department of Justice reports that the rate of domestic violence against Native American women is the highest of any racial or ethnic group in the United States.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Violence Program welcomes our services to people of any race, age, or gender.

You can help support domestic violence awareness by participating in our poster contest, funded through Indian Health Service grant programs.

For more information on domestic violence you can contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Visit www.thehotline.org or call 1.800.799.SAFE (7233) for anonymous & confidential help 24/7

\$300 Prize

Submit one original piece of artwork to be judged. The theme should focus on domestic violence awareness and prevention. Entries can be photography, drawing, painting or computer graphic work, to not exceed 12" x 18" in size. To participate, you must be at least eighteen years of age and an enrolled member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

One winner will be chosen, receiving a \$300 prize. Entries must be received by **March 31, 2011.**

For more information, please contact Kendra Lowden: (405) 275-3176 or kendra.lowden@potawatomi.org

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Domestic Violence Awareness Poster Contest (Please include this form with submission)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Tribal Enrollment Number: _____

I, _____, allow the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to use the image created for this art competition to be used in various advertisements including but not limited to billboards, posters and flyers promoting domestic violence awareness.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Please send submissions to:
FireLodge Children & Family Services
Attn: Kendra Lowden
1601 S Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801



VI. Resolution 11-30-NR: A resolution approving the fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and requesting trust acquisition of the (ON-reservation/NON gaming) Gary Brown property. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining

VII. Resolution 11-31-J&PS: A resolution supporting the organization of the FireLodge Youth Council and authorizing the Council to join the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Network. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

VIII. Resolution 11-32-NR: A resolution adopting the revised Tribal Pre-Disaster Mitigation plan for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining

IX. Resolution 11-33-NR: A resolution approving the fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and requesting trust acquisition of the (ON-reservation/NON gaming) Bayles property. Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

X. Resolution 11-34-HHS: A resolution approving and supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women, Infants and Children (WIC) department's infrastructure funding request to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Passed 15 in favor, 0 opposed 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

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Library Musings

Eileen MacDonald wrote a book called Shoot The Women First. Just because they are female does not mean they are ladies. It's true that the women in prison for killing their children, serially killing men, or seducing adolescent males resulting in their pregnancies are female but calling them ladies is a stretch. I knew about three ladies in my lifetime. None of them were related to me and two of them did more for the Citizen Potawatomi people than my non-Potawatomi mother, or my five Potawatomi sisters, or my ten sisters-in-law. That doesn't make me a misogynist. I like 'em! I really do, but I'd be a fool to suggest I understand them.

In fact, I joined the Marines at seventeen and met some of the most attractive females in my life. Especially Jeannie, Jenny, Jonnie, and Joannie. All of those women are veterans in their seventies with the right to be treated with the honor and respect due those who serve their country before themselves.

I'm sorry, but I don't buy into the lonely, loyal wife, girlfriend, or significant other waiting for their sacrificing spouse after seeing so many servicemen receiving their "Dear John" letters. For the sake of argument, consider that the prolonged absence and experiences the veteran endures does not destroy the relationship. Does that entitle the eventual spouse to interfere with the spouse's organization (for example: The Citizen Potawatomi Veteran's Club)? I think not! Nor is it an excuse to commit an anti-cultural act by anyone in a position of leadership.

If I am in the White guys world, sometimes I am intimidated enough to keep my Potawatomi cultural teachings subdued. Occasionally I even turn to certain aspects of the White culture for enjoyment and enlightenment. I like Rudyard Kipling's poem about The Ladies when he says:

When you get to a man in the case
They're like as a row of pins –
For the Colonel's Lady and Judy O'Grady
Are sisters under their skins!

You don't need to know the debt the Citizen Potawatomi owe the "Colonel's Lady).

I watched the Helzburg Diamond commercial the other day where the woman talks about her man "putting up" with her behavior. In my case, my wife has put up



with mine for 49 years.

That triggers a memory of the teen-aged females I supervised in a Junior College JTPA program. I noticed the young males carrying their tools AND the females tools to their worksites. I innocently [sic] asked the males how much they were being paid. When they replied, I asked them how much the females were being paid, they realized all were being given the same amount of salary but they were carrying extra weight unjustly. They then made the decision to not carry the females tools.

A short time later I noticed the females acting in a flirtatiously coquettish manner. When I pointed this out to the young males, they stopped acting love-stricken during working hours. At this time the females began to harass and tease the males to a point of anger causing further problems with the work assignments.

I gathered them together, asked them about their home life and found out that when their mothers wanted their fathers to act in a certain way, the mothers would make the fathers uncomfortable often to the point of anger. By way of making peace, the fathers would do what the mothers wished. Then I sent them back to their work assignments, to which they returned, except for a small group of females requesting a conference with me.

They asked to stop teaching the males that way. Of course I played dumb and asked them ; What do you mean?

They responded that I was making it hard for them to get along with the males

on what they saw as a social (or a possible social) level. I then told them that they were being unfair and needed to treat the males as co-workers and save the social activities for outside of work because then I wouldn't need to point out their behaviors. We got a lot more work done after that and I still have the poem they created, signed, and framed, in my office.

Maybe that's what Henny Youngman's response to the question: "Who was that lady I saw you with?" of "That was no lady. That was my wife!" is appropriate here. So, what's the point of all these tales? In each tribe, there is a cultural custom of the elders being cared for, the veterans being honored and respected, and while it may be distasteful to some "ladies first" is not only a saying from a foreign culture, but a culture that has been trying to destroy us for over five hundred years. **It is disrespectful!**

It is every bit disrespectful as former Vice-Presidents, talk-show hosts, John Wayne, and perhaps even Past Presidents who avoided serving their country under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It is not that type of person that protects you, your culture, or society. Making a mistake because you don't know the culture is forgivable. Making a statement after you know about the culture is a deliberate act. Are you Potawatomi because of the benefits or the traditional culture and Potawatomi heritage?

In most tribes there is an awareness that the veterans protect the tribe. We constantly need to keep that in mind and there is a pride the veterans feel when their function is recognized. Doolittle and his men admit that they had pretty good reunions for ten years, but that it changed considerably when their wives got involved, How many of those wives went on the raid on Japan? Bama pi,

Jerry W. Lewis/Nswemakek

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Tyler Bray tosses four TD passes for Vols

North Carolina Tops Vols, 30-27, In 2 OT

NASHVILLE, Tennessee – North Carolina defeated Tennessee, 30-27, in the Music City Bowl on December 30. The win elevated the Tar Heels' final 2010 season record to 8-5 and dropped the Volunteers to 6-7.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Tyler Bray was 27-of-45 passing for Tennessee for 312 yards and four touchdowns. However, Bray also tossed three interceptions, with one of these, in the second overtime, costing the Vols a shot at scoring in that OT. A few plays later, North Carolina kicker Casey Barth rammed home a 23-yard field goal for the winning points.

"Just when you think you've seen it all, you haven't," said Tennessee head coach Derek Dooley at the conclusion of a four-hour game that was pushed to double overtime after officials reviewed the expiration of regulation and determined that one second should be put back on the clock. Tarheels kicker Barth had used that one second at the end of regulation play to connect on a 39-yard field goal that tied the game at 20, giving his team a reprieve that resulted in the Tar Heel victory.

The bowl pairing of the two border-state teams made partial amends, perhaps, for Tennessee's abrupt cancellation earlier this year of a home-and-home agreement that would have brought the Tar Heels to Knoxville in 2011 and the Vols to Chapel Hill in 2012. Tennessee opted to get out of the agreement over concerns that the Tar Heels might prove too difficult an opponent during Tennessee's current rebuilding mode. That concern proved prophetically correct in front of a record Music City Bowl crowd of 69,143, the vast majority of whom cheered for Tennessee.

Fans watched both teams score touchdowns in the first overtime before freshman UT quarterback Tyler Bray tossed an interception in the second. That allowed Barth to seal the win for the Tar Heels with a short field goal.

"I thought I had seen it all in Baton Rouge," lamented Dooley, referring to Tennessee's other heart-breaking loss this season, the one to LSU in October that was made possible as Tennessee defensive players frantically attempted to substitute on the final play of regulation.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Tyler Bray, the Tennessee quarterback, answers media questions a few minutes after his Vols fell to North Carolina in double overtime in the 2010 Music City Bowl.

This time, however, North Carolina's offense benefited from a center and quarterback who apparently snapped the ball one second before time expired even though their teammates were in disarray in failing to get a field goal unit onto the field before time appeared to expire.

Before the nightmare ending, Tennessee appeared to have pulled out a come-from-behind victory when Bray threw an eight-yard TD strike to Justin Hunter with 5:16 left to play. But Daniel Lincoln's PAT was blocked by defensive end Donte Paige-Moss, leaving the Vols with a 20-17 advantage that would prove not enough.

The Tar Heels and Vols swapped possessions in the waning minutes before North Carolina began a final drive from its own 20-yard line with 31 seconds remaining. Quarterback T.J. Yates threw the ball downfield to wide receiver Dwight Jones at the North Carolina 48. Referees flagged Tennessee's Janzen Jackson for a personal foul on the play, advancing the football by penalty to the UT 37.

Two plays later, with the clock at 16 seconds, running back Shaun Draughn carried the ball to the UT 18-yard line. North Carolina had no time outs remaining and the

clock quickly evaporated to zero as the field goal unit attempted to run onto the field while the offensive unit appeared completely confused. Tennessee fans and players erupted in euphoric celebration while North Carolina players seemed to accept a narrow defeat.

But Dooley feared something might be amiss. "When the clock hit zero I had a sick feeling. I didn't celebrate this time like I had at LSU," said Dooley. "It was chaos again." Officials ultimately cleared players and fans from both teams away from the field and announced that the final play would be reviewed.

Ultimately, Dooley made no excuses for the loss, despite the controversial way the ending unfolded. "We had a lot of chances prior to the end to win the game," he stated. "I left a lot of guys hurting in our locker room. But, I hope the feelings they have about this game and some other games this season will linger. I hope they've bottled this feeling up and will do something with it come next season."

Bray finished his freshman season with 125 completions in 224 pass attempts, a 55.8 completion percentage. He threw for 18 touchdowns and saw 10 of his passes

picked off. He had a yards-per-attempt average of 8.25 and a passer efficiency rating of 142.73.



Scenes from a Season: At top, Tyler Bray prepares to unload during the bowl game. In the middle photograph, he is upended on a hard hit after delivering a pass against Mississippi State University. At bottom, he has the Vols offense lined up in the shotgun formation in the Music City Bowl loss. Bray was 4-and-1 as a starter in his freshman season.

Honoring Nations recognizes CPN's 2007 constitutional revision

Harvard University honors Citizen Potawatomi Nation

The Harvard University Project on American Indian Economic Development sponsors an **Honoring Nations** awards competition to celebrate, document, and disseminate information about the stories of the outstanding programs in self-governance that are daily emerging from the Native nations. Among those Indian nations being celebrated through the latest Honoring Nations awards is the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The CPN's award recognizes the advances achieved through the Nation's 2007 constitutional revision, which extended direct legislative representation to CPN members across the United States. The CPN application for the honor pinpointed the desired results of the change in governmental structure: "The new Constitution provides a stronger foundation for, and gives life to, tribal political sovereignty, economic development, social well-being, and cultural preservation in an effort to give life to self-governance and self-sufficiency."

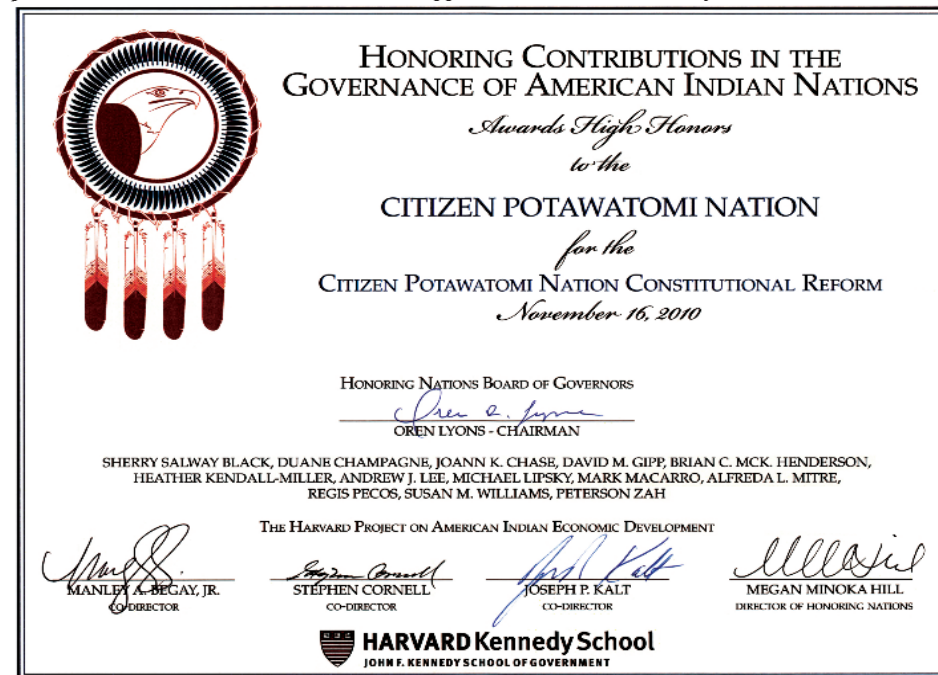
The changes work toward achieving those goals by seeking solutions to weaknesses in the previous, five-member Business Committee structure. First, the reform addressed the lack of participation and tribal identity among tribal members living outside of the Citizen Potawatomi's former reservation. Second, the reform addressed the challenge of decentralizing governmental powers beyond a local, five-member, Business Committee that functioned as both the executive and legislative branches of tribal government. Third, the reform addressed a need to remove the legacy of Federal domination and paternalism whereby the Federal government maintained veto authority over certain tribal actions.

Through a vote of more than 82% approval, Citizen Potawatomi Nation members put in place a 16-member legislature with eight members (including the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer) chosen by at-large voting in Oklahoma. The remaining eight members each represent a district and are elected by CPN members who live in that district (see legislative districts map on page 24).

Except for its meeting held during the Nation's annual Family Reunion Festival, the legislature uses technology to gather for



Dennis Norman and Catherine Curtis of Harvard University's Honoring Nations program present award to Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett, and CPN Self-



its sessions. The eight members who represent Oklahoma come to the legislative chamber in the CPN Administration Building. They are joined via video conferencing equipment by their eight colleagues from around the U.S.A. The Nation makes these legislative sessions available to its members live and in a recorded archive on its website, www.Potawatomi.org.

Some three years into implementation of the constitutional changes, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is already experiencing positive fruit of the change. By giving tribal members the opportunity to elect representatives from within their own community, the new constitution has given distant tribal members a reason and an opportunity to actively participate in their tribal government to address issues that are critical or unique to the tribal members residing in their area.

This is vital to a dynamic, successful future for the Nation because just 35% of the Nation's nearly 30,000 members live in Oklahoma. Representation from around the U.S.A. offers improved access to up-to-the-minute information about the needs and desires of tribal members who live great distances from Oklahoma and the Nation's seat of decision-making. The new Constitution gives outlying tribal members both a reason to participate and a vested interest in the future well-being of the tribe.

The constitutional revision also devolved CPN governing authority. Creation of the expanded legislature not only spreads more authority and responsibility to members outside the tribe's former reservation, it creates a true separation of the legislative and executive powers of the tribe. While the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-

Treasurer remain members of the legislative body in order to maintain some necessary continuity and leadership as the full role of an expanded tribal Legislature develops, the executive members no longer represent the majority of the legislative body.

The changes also enhanced the Nation's opportunities for future development in ways that might not have been immediately apparent. Creation of the expanded legislature allows for greater diversity of expertise and specialization. With its diversity, the expanded legislature has links to industries not centered in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma allowing the tribe to consider new means of economic development of tribal resources.

For its part, the Honoring Nations program highlights tribal government successes. It helps expand the capacities of Native nation builders by enabling them to learn from each other's successes. The high public visibility and news coverage of Honoring Nations also permit non-Native policymakers, the media, and the general public to see what Native nations are actually doing in the drive for self-determination.

Established in 1998, Honoring Nations' experiences are the foundation for the teaching, advising, and policy analysis from the partnership between the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development (Harvard Project) and the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona.

At the heart of Honoring Nations is the principle that tribes themselves hold the key to positive social, political, cultural, and economic prosperity - and that self-governance plays a crucial role in building and sustaining strong, healthy Indian nations. Honoring Nations serves as a vehicle for shifting the focus from what does not work to what does, fostering pride and confidence in the ability of American Indian governments to make positive contributions to the well-being of their respective communities and citizens.

The program is also founded on the idea that Native nations can benefit from having greater access to innovative ideas and effective governing approaches. Honored programs serve as important sources of knowledge and inspiration. The Harvard

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Legislative Columns

District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan,

2011 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2010 is now history, and an interesting year it was. The Family Reunion Festival in June, the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in August (hosted by the CPN), and several large naming ceremonies made 2010 a very exciting year.

The Reunion Festival, as always, was very special with games, competitions, and the opportunity to make new friends and meet new family members. And of course, there was all the great food prepared by the CPN staff. District #1 did not fare so well this past year in the hand games. However, be aware that we will be back again this year with another strong team. If you have never been to a Reunion Festival, think of June as a great vacation time and the CPN festival grounds as a great destination.

Then came the Gathering of Nations in August, hosted this past year by the CPN. How exciting it was to have all the great Potawatomi Nations in one place, meeting the leaders of these other nations, and hearing them speak of the progress their nations are making. This year, the Gathering will be hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community - a growing and diverse community located in the heart of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I am very much looking forward to visiting this community again.

Of the two naming ceremonies I was honored to attend in 2010, one was in Bentonville, Arkansas and hosted by District #2 legislator Eva Marie Carney. It was held in a beautiful park in Bentonville. The prayer circle was placed near a small waterfall in a secluded area of the park. Several members from the area received their Potawatomi names.

The second was held at the home of CPN member Robert Pearl in Columbus, Ohio. The prayer circle there was placed in a timbered area of the Pearl acreage, where several members of the family received their Potawatomi name from Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

Currently in the planning stage for District #1 is a regional-type meeting in the Syracuse, New York area. The date and lo-



cation for this meeting will be announced later. CPN member Dr. Robin Kimmerer, professor at State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker. When details are solidified, I will notify everyone by e-mail or snail mail. Also for those of you living in the New York/Pennsylvania area who would like to receive your Potawatomi name, this would be a great opportunity. If you would like to have your name, please let me know. We can work out the details.

As I wrote this, we were preparing to celebrate the birthday of one of our elders in District #1. Anna McAuley (Aunt Wilma) celebrated that birthday on January 11, 2011 (01/11/11). As I have mentioned in previous articles, District #1 likes to honor our elders on their birthday. If you or a family member is going to celebrate a 90th birthday or more, please let me know so we can make arrangements to visit and celebrate with them on their special day.



Migwetch,
Roy Slavin, Rep. District #1

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, friends)!

It's time for the 2nd annual District #2 New Year contest. Last year, folks submitted stories about their use of CPN ID cards. This year's contest is inspired by my friend and running partner Cathy, who is not Potawatomi but attended District #2's October 2010 visit to the NMAI Archives and calls herself a Potawannabe. During a New Year's weekend run in Royal Oak, Michigan, Cathy "ran into" Potawatomi Blvd. and snapped the photo below for me.

This year's contest is to find a "Potawatomi" location somewhere in District #2 and send me a photo of it. You are invited to use your creativity and imagination on this one! The most touching, inspiring, fun, or interesting location and photo (as judged solely by me) will win a Pendleton blanket and recognition in the *HowNiKan*.

You don't have to live in District #2 to win, but the photo must be of a location in one of the 13 states or the District of Columbia that make up District #2. Contest deadline is April 15th, and I will publish entries in the May column. If you are not sure about which 13 states make up District #2, log onto my website, www.evamariecarney.com, and click on "Our District"; the states outlined in black are District #2 states! You can send the photo by e-mail attachment or in the regular U.S. mail.



For fun I'm also announcing the contest under "Events" on my Facebook page, so you can visit that page to refresh yourself on the details. I'd be pleased to have many more Potawatomi Facebook friends (our community is growing). So please "friend me" today (and put CPN in your friend request message).

In mid-December, I was treated to lunch by Chairman John Barrett, who was in Washington for meetings with the Justice Department and the Obama Administration. We had a very interesting discussion, ranging from construction progress in Shawnee, to some of his many ideas for Tribal initiatives and enterprises that will benefit our people, to the meeting he attended with Attorney General Eric Holder and other Justice personnel. (For details on his appointment by Attorney General Holder to the Tribal Nations Leadership Council, comprised of group of tribal leaders from around the country who will advise on issues critical to tribal communities, (see <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2010/December/10-ag-1443.html>.) It's an understatement to say that we are fortunate to have such a versatile Chairman.

Thank you very much for the outpouring of cards and notes for Dr. Henry McCauley of Maryland, who turned 97 on December 20th. We've got another opportunity to celebrate a significant birthday - Geneva Hunter of Florida celebrates her 94th in

mid-February. If you can, send cards and notes for Mrs. Hunter to my attention (e-mails work, too, as I can print them out). I know she will appreciate them! Also on the topic of birthdays, if you know any Potawatomi elders in our District who are celebrating 90 years or better, please let me know so that I can help coordinate our recognizing their wisdom and achievement!



Dr. Henry McCauley holds one of the "97th birthday" cards sent to him by fellow Potawatomis.

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.

District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho,

As your representative, in addition to writing an article for each issue of the *HowNiKan*, I enjoy reading what everyone else writes about, too! In looking back at all of the columns that have been written, it is obvious everyone has a fundamental objective that comes through over and over. That objective is to help you in some shape or fashion. It might be about a tribal benefit, an upcoming event, what is happening in your district, or in Indian Country, or any one of a hundred other things.

I believe that you look to us to do that, along with handling the obvious duties of being a legislator and being your voice when we are functioning in our legislative capacity.

In several of my past columns, I have asked you to send me an e-mail contact so that I can send you information that I receive that could benefit you or a member of



Dr. McCauley at a family dinner in Baltimore held to celebrate his birthday

Did you know that, for all my "whining" I still have only 350 or so e-mail/regular mail addresses for folks in District #2? In late December, I sent out holiday cards to everyone in the District for whom I have a "snail mail" address. If you didn't get a card, please write to me with your address. I need to grow my mailing list but can't without your help!

Bama pi ('til next time),
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your family. Each of us gets information that may be about an opportunity that has a closing date that will happen before the next issue of the *HowNiKan* will get to you. Several of the other district representatives have made similar requests and my counterpart in District #2, Eva Marie Carney, has even placed a small ad in the *HowNiKan* asking for this same kind of information.

Due to privacy concerns, the main tribal office cannot just send us your personal information unless you approve. So even if you have given it to them, we do not have access unless you have sent them a note, saying to forward that information to your elected representative.

Several weeks ago, I received notice of a scholarship that could be used by one of our CPN students, attending or getting ready to attend college.

After I sent out an e-mail announcing

this scholarship, I contacted tribal rolls and asked how many CPN members were currently receiving a CPN scholarship at a specific college here in the city of Denton, TX. I was given a list of fourteen names. In going through my e-mail address book, do you have any idea how many of these fourteen can be reached by me by e-mail to tell them about that scholarship opportunity? Exactly two!

I need your help! I can't do my best for you and neither can the other district representatives unless we have the ability to reach you with this kind of information. So please, drop me a note to my e-mail address below. That way you can receive information that I send out on very short notice about jobs, scholarships, meetings, pow wows, a change in a federal or Texas tax law, benefits, etc.

I am honored to be your district representative and am here to represent and serve you proudly and to the fullest extent. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Bama mine,
Bob Whistler/Bmashi

District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As I write, the weather is turning cold and we are entering a new year. We had a great Christmas at the Adame household, I hope that you did too.

In case you missed the article in the last newspaper, the senior support network is expanding to Kansas, with the addition of staff member Joan Winters, a Topeka native. She will serve the CPN citizens who live within a 50-mile radius of Rossville, performing health-related checks on CPN elders and some household tasks for them. I look forward to meeting Joan and to the expansion of this project.

It is also time to start your new regalia for the 2011 Family Reunion Festival or, in some cases, finish last year's project. Classes have started again for just this purpose. We will be meeting again for classes to make shawls and other regalia.

We are going to add a class on making a "sleeve purse." It is the style of purse you may have seen hanging in the Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee. Peggy Kinder, who made the regalia on display in Oklahoma, will be teaching that class. Please contact me if you are interested so I can have enough supplies on hand. Peggy tells



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me these are very easy to make. And, she is a great teacher.

It looks as though, from the calls I am receiving, that there are going to be several people going to Festival this year for the first time. I can not stress enough the difference manner of dress makes in going into the arena at Festival. I was always taught not to wear shorts to church, to take an umbrella when it rains, and, the newest one, black is now fashionable for weddings.

Just like we dress for any other event, we

should dress appropriately for this. I know many of you have never had any sort of regalia. I can remember someone saying, as she was admiring mine, "I love it but I could never wear that. I have never worn anything like it." My reply was, "Surely you have worn a skirt and blouse before." That gave her a new perspective and something to think about.

Spring is just around the corner, and we will have clean-up again at Burnett's Mound. If I don't have your e-mail address

for notification of this and other events just send me a note to TAdame@Potawatomi.org to be added. Please don't hesitate to call me with your questions; it is my privilege to serve as your legislative representative.

Migwetch,
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District #5 - Gene Lambert

Happy New Year!!!

I cannot believe another year has gone and they DO seem to fly. Do you remember when you thought you would never turn 16 or 21 years old? When you did, ... then you started to dread 30, only to discover that it was a short walk. Forty-years-old came a little faster, and 50 was just ahead.

Depending on where you are in life as you read this article, you might remember and if you are too young you might want to give it some thought for future.

When I hear someone say he has plenty of time to do the things he wants to do, because, after all, he is young, I try to take that young 25-year-old and have him look back at how quickly the 25 years he has lived have passed. Then, I tell him to take that 25 years and put it on the other side. Wow!! Now, he is 50 years old. It never fails to widen his eyes, and the mouth drops open as he gets a glimpse of reality in time.

This is just a little reminder to do what you can to live for today as if there is no tomorrow and plan as if you will live forever.

There was a list of things to do this year that didn't get done and a hundred people to call who never made the list. It seems that is what happens today with work, family, and maintenance of life in general. We even seem to lose touch with our spiritual side as life spirals on.

I have received a list of do's and don'ts, many times over the years. This one was written by a 90-year-old, and I wanted you to take a moment and think about this as you participate in the 2011 year of new experiences and opportunities. I certainly did! This is something we should all read at least once a week. Make sure you read to the end. It was written by 90-year-old Regina Brett and published in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.



Ms. Brett wrote: "To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more: 1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good. 2. When in doubt, just take the next small step. 3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. 4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch. 5. Pay off your credit cards every month.

6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree. 7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone. 8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it. 9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck. 10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present. 12. It's OK to let your children see you cry. 13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about. 14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it. 15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.

16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind. 17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful. 18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger. 19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else. 20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special. 22. Over-prepare, then go with the flow. 23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple. 24. The most important sex organ is the brain. 25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: In five years, will this matter? 27. Always choose life. 28. Forgive everyone everything. 29. What other people think of you is none of your business. 30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.

31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change. 32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does. 33. Believe in miracles. 34. God loves you because of who

God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do. 35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

36. Growing old beats the alternative - dying young. 37. Your children get only one childhood. 38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved. 39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere. 40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need. 42. The best is yet to come. 43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up. 44. Yield. 45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Make this the best year ever and really think about what YOU can do to make it that way.

I love my people and wish for you all everything your heart desires in this our NEW YEAR.

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District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho, Nikan,

The New Year is well under way but still fresh with the hopes and dreams of new beginnings. It was a great Holiday season, and now it's time to get on with making this year better than the year before.

I'm excited to announce our Spring Fling - Open House on March 26th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be the perfect opportunity for folks in the District to come see the District office and get together with other Potawatomis from the District. It is also the perfect opportunity to share your ideas and get involved with future events. Invitations will be going out soon!

I've had the opportunity to help a couple of folks with enrollment questions over the past few weeks. In both cases, I was told they just weren't sure where to go for information. Folks, that's what I'm here for! Please e-mail me or call me. It gives me great pleasure to assist with whatever the need might be. Even if you don't have a specific need and just want general information, I will do all I can to assist you. Researching for your needs or questions helps me gain additional knowledge, thus making me more effective as your Legislator.



Another request I've received recently is where to go for family tree information. I received an e-mail from a Tescier decedent that had read in the *HowNiKan* that I am a Tescier descendent and wanted to know how we were related as he didn't know much about his past. Because of the resources at my disposal and using Family Tree and Ancestry.com, I was able to determine that my great-grandfather John I. Tescier and his great-great-grandfather Anthony Tescier Jr. were brothers. It was a great experience for me in helping him learn a little more about his Potawatomi ancestry. The Tribal Archives and Library at

the Cultural Heritage Center have a vast array of information available for everyone. Please e-mail me or call me, and I will do my best to help you find the information you are looking for.

While I have not been able to compile a complete list of Indian Health Services facilities within the District, I was able to direct a local constituent to an IHS clinic near her. Her inquiry was "just in case" and hopefully she never has the need to visit the clinic, but she agreed to give me a report on the quality of the care if she goes there for treatment.

Unfortunately, I have not been successful in finding an IHS provider in Orange County. For whatever reason, Orange County, with a population of more than 3 million people appears to have no IHS facilities. According to the 2000 Census,

there were 77,000 Native Americans living in Orange County. Wouldn't you think there would be an IHS clinic there? The closest I could get an Orange County constituent to an IHS clinic was about 75 miles. Depending on the time of day, 75 miles in Southern California could be a three-hour drive! If there is anyone with information that could help others, please e-mail me or call me so I can pass it on.

Wishing you and yours all the best!

Migwetch!

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District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

With the arrival of 2011, many new changes are underway in District #7. I believe that one of the most important aspects of being your district Legislator is facilitating information flow between the members I represent and the Nation. To help with that, I have set up a District #7 website at www.markjohnsoncpn.com. It gives you easy access to everything from benefit application forms to Potawatomi history and language resources.

Some information is password protected, so please just send me an e-mail or give me a call, and I will assign you a password to access the information. Under the District Events tab, I would like to not only list future meetings, but also local events in the District that you think may be of interest to other members. So please get that information to me. Please visit the website and give me any ideas you may have or any other information you would find helpful.

The District office has also been acquired, and I have been hard at work getting it set up serve the members in District #7. The office is located at 1565 Shaw Ave., Suite 202 Clovis, CA. Fresno County has the second largest Citizen Potawatomi community in District #7 behind Sacramento County. I encourage the members to make use of this resource and stop by and visit. I will be scheduling regular office hours, but for now, give me a call if you would like to stop in so I can make sure I am there.



Once again, I want to say that I am always available to help you with any questions you may have, and help you access the benefits that are available to you. All e-mails and phone calls will be answered promptly. I will do my best to help guide you through the available benefits or to answer any questions you may have about our Nation.

Once again, please visit the District #7 website at www.markjohnsoncpn.com, and if you do not have access to a computer, give me a call and I will be happy to work with you, or provide you with additional information.

Please take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

Migwetch,

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District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Nikan,

Depending on what source you look at, the Potawatomi numbered about 2,600 at the time of initial contact with Europeans. Now, our Nation alone, the Citizen Potawatomi, is nearly 30,000 strong. In the lore and legend of the Nishnabe (Original Man), there are many prophets and periods marked by Seven Fires who tell the People of events to come. One prophet tells the people about settling where food grows on water (the Great Lakes area). One warns of the coming of the Europeans and destruction of the Indian way of life, and so on.

The final prophet tells of a time when the people will come together again, get back the old ways using what they have learned through their travels and hardship - and thrive. If you look around the Citizen Potawatomi Nation today, it certainly seems to be that time of the seventh fire - that time of revival.

While much of the country is suffering from terrible economic conditions, with businesses closing and high unemployment, there are signs of life and growth at the Nation. Currently, the new arena, clinic, and family entertainment center (FireLake Bowling) are in various stages of construction. These are assets that will be used and enjoyed not only by this generation, but by our children and our children's children.

That's not to say that the CPN enterprises have not been impacted by the economy, they have. However, the effects of the economy have been mitigated by wise management of the operations' expenditures and by the efforts of our administration and staff to apply for and obtain all the Federal money possible. I jokingly told a local Indian from another tribe that, while the economy is bad, it is a good year to be an Indian. He smiled broadly and said, "It is always a good year to be an Indian."

In January, there will be a Naming at the home of Dr. Steven Lynch in Beaverton, Oregon. It is shaping up to be a perfect number of folks (less than 10) who have asked for me to name them. I am planning



another in March or April in western Washington. As you know, the Potawatomi have no "medicine people." The ceremonies belong to everyone and anyone can name others once they have received their name. I understand that there are some people who question this practice. To paraphrase Chairman Barrett - "That's how WE do it."

I would like to mention that this is something to be taken seriously, and there are protocols to be followed around asking for a name, the ceremony itself, and the feast afterward. Most important, there are time and thought that go into the name selection. The person giving the name also collaborates with the Nation's language department or a native speaker concerning the Potawatomi name. Please don't ever put someone on the spot and ask to be named with little notice. This is something you will always have; it requires serious consideration.

I am considering a craft get-together in March at the newly remodeled District Office in Olympia to make regalia fans with feathers, and elkhide-wrapped handles and beading. If this is something that you are interested in or have experience with, please reach out to me. I welcome any assistance in putting this event together.

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District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho, Nikan!

Native American Appreciation Resolution

The United States government recently endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This international law recognizes the rights of indigenous people, including their rights of self-determination, property, and culture. This is a significant development and accomplishment for Native Americans in Oklahoma and throughout the United States.

As an Oklahoma State Representative, I passed a resolution in the 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature which recognized the great accomplishments of Native Americans and their contributions to Oklahoma. I hope you appreciate the Resolution which reads as follows:

A Resolution memorializing Native Americans and the American Indian nations, celebrating the annual Red Earth Day, supporting the Sovereignty Symposium, and commemorating the opening of Oklahoma's premier Native American Cultural Center and Museum.

WHEREAS, American Indians long lived and prospered in organized societies, developing their own forms of government for millennia before contact with Europeans; and

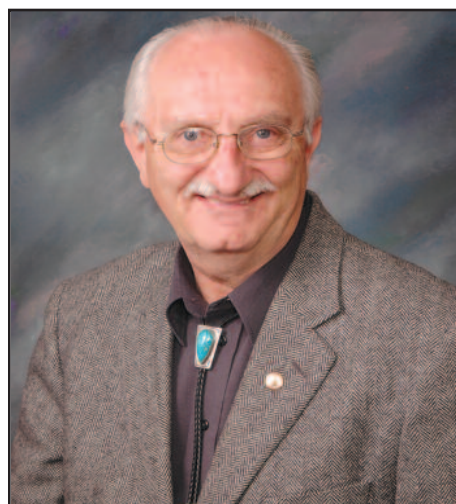
WHEREAS, Native Americans have stewarded, protected and maintained a natural ecological balance on the North American continent for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, tribal cultures demonstrated some of the basic democratic philosophies that would later be embodied in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, we need to remember the contributions that our forefathers found here among the Native Americans and from which they borrowed liberally; and

WHEREAS, in colonial times, English legislation prohibited unauthorized confiscation of Indian land; and the Proclamation of 1763 appropriated the entire area west of the Appalachians to native Americans; and this policy was duly adopted by the United States; and

WHEREAS, when American Indians controlled the balance of power, first European settlers and later United States citizens were forced to consider their views,



and to deal with them by treaties and other instruments; and

WHEREAS, when American Indians lost their power, they were forced by the Federal government into treaties which relinquished ownership to millions of acres of land and valuable natural resources. In exchange, the United States was to protect reserved lands, rights and resources as well as provide services to Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Removal Act of 1830 marked the beginning of a long series of coercive policies. During the westward expansion, many gruesome wars ensued and atrocities were committed by both Indians and white people; and

WHEREAS, some Indian tribes and many white people regrettably participated in the enslavement of African Americans and fought a great war to, among other issues, ensure such practices ended; and

WHEREAS, losing their Civil War against the United States, some tribes regrettably lost further rights of sovereignty to certain lands; and

WHEREAS, by 1887 most Indians were forced onto reservations, frequently lands which were strange to them; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government's mistreatment of the First Peoples of this nation and destruction of traditional tribal communities and economies are among the most horrific stories in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the United States government's Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was a monumental step in establishing programs for the advancement of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, citizens today regret the violence, maltreatment and neglect inflicted on Native Americans by former generations and seek Indian's forgiveness for various injustices; and

WHEREAS, reconciliation and healing among all Americans is paramount and in the best interest of our United States; and

WHEREAS, the voices of tribal and spiritual elders in each generation reminded their people of their rightful roles and authorities as self-determining and self-governing Indian nations; and

WHEREAS, thankfully the so called, "red man" endured - never as subdued in spirit as in body, and despite all the injustices and hardships, American Indian communities and cultures have survived and thrive today; and

WHEREAS, collectively, Indian history is our history and should be part of our shared and remembered heritage; we should respect the aboriginal peoples and treasure the many contributions of their descendants; and

WHEREAS, when we forget great contributions to our American history - when we neglect the heroic past of the American Indian - we thereby weaken our own heritage; and

WHEREAS, American Indians are entitled to economic independence, revitalization of traditional culture, protection of legal rights and autonomy over tribal lands and nations; and

WHEREAS, every tribe and nation is special, contributing its own customs and culture and possessing its own traditions, storytelling, history, language, dress, powwows, and songs; and each tribe's celebration of its culture is a kaleidoscope of feathers, jingle dresses, jewelry, buckskin, colorful shawls and blankets - all set to the rhythm of the same drum; and

WHEREAS, while some American Indians have dark skin, others do not; some wear vestiges of their cultural or tribal apparel; others do not, each American Indian is a unique individual and defies stereotyping or any single description; and

WHEREAS, the name "Oklahoma" literally means "red people" and Oklahoma has the second largest American Indian population of any state; and

WHEREAS, many of the 252,420 Native Americans living in Oklahoma today are descendants from the original sixty-seven tribes inhabiting Indian Territory; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to

thirty-nine American Indian nations with elected leaders and citizens that speak over twenty-five different Indian languages and these thirty-nine Indian nations are headquartered in the state, more than any other state; and

WHEREAS, American Indian tribes in Oklahoma contribute 8 billion dollars annually to our state's economy, and are collectively one of the state's largest employers, and other than the state, provide the highest number of social services to Oklahoma residents in every county of the state; and

WHEREAS, chiefs, chairmen, governors and leaders from each tribal nation, as well as state leaders and federal officials meet annually in a Sovereignty Symposium, which is the only one of its kind in the United States. The Sovereignty Symposium brings leaders, Indian and non-Indian, together to work for a common cause, work to reach understandings on all sides of an issue and work to pool economic resources for a greater state; and the Sovereignty Symposium discusses and works toward improved education and health and the well-being of all Oklahomans as well as working toward a diversification of the economy, protection and conservation of natural resources and the development of Oklahoma's tourism through American Indian cultural collaborations; and

WHEREAS, to this day, Indian self-determination and self-government in Oklahoma and throughout the United States are strong; cultures and customs are preserved; factual history is told and taught; biographies are recorded for posterity; Native languages are instructed and passed on to new generations; arts and commerce are shared; seasonal ceremonies are conducted and annual events like Red Earth Day are celebrated; and museums such as The Native American Cultural Center and Museum are built to provide volumes of history and literature for all and it will house and preserve important paintings, sculptures, crafts and artifacts of the past and present;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT THE Oklahoma House of Representatives memorializes the American Indian and declares its appreciation for the contributions of Oklahoma's Indian nations, leaders, and citizens. The legislature supports the Sovereignty Symposium, cel-

celebrates Red Earth Day and commemorates the opening of Oklahoma's premier Native American Cultural Center and Museum.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be presented to museums and distributed to the

executive leadership of every tribal nation headquartered in Oklahoma.

Migwetch,

Paul Wesselhöft/Naganit

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

The Nation is no different than anyone of us on taking care of our own equipment, homes, and cars. All of these need maintenance if we use them daily. Some of our assets will need to be traded, with new or different ones purchased, if they no longer serve our needs.

As I was visiting with Susan Blair (CPN Chief Financial Officer) a few days ago, she had informed me that the Nation's accounting software - "Sage PFW" - was replaced as of October 1, 2010. A couple of the main obstacles that led to the transition were that the old software had approximately 200 different databases which encumbered accounting in just looking at vendors to determine whether we had paid them. Searching through all those databases was not productive time spent. Another main drawback was that we couldn't run a consolidated financial statement for our combined enterprises.

As the new accounting software - Navigator - began to take over, accounting was tasked with not only making sure the conversion was accurate but also that they didn't lose any information or data. There have been some glitches, but they were caught and corrected.

Here are a couple of highlights of our new accounting software that Susan discussed with me: "We will be able to run, on any day of the week, a current financial statement, current as of that date. Looking up vendors by departments isn't time-consuming, and the process of requisitioning a purchase was enhanced through our new accounting software."

Why am I talking about this topic? Many people might have the same feelings as the people with whom I worked when I was a Financial Controller for many years. They would say, "You're just bean counters." Usually, the people who said that were salesmen trying to make a point that they were making history and accountants only recorded it. To me, accounting is the



backbone to any functional business. You must have accurate information at necessary times to plan and move your Nation forward.

As your Legislator, I appreciate the ongoing effort that our accounting people do everyday. Even though it may appear to go unnoticed, that is not the case. Thank you for your hard work.

It is my pleasure and honor to have served these last few years, and I am looking forward to the upcoming years. As your representative, I cherish the time of working with my fellow legislators, and the Nation's executives, managers, and employees. The Nation's people are blessed with great talent and many hidden talents that are utilized each day without notice.

Our new year will bring forth many new structures and programs that will be exciting to see. I can't wait. Let us all keep the unity that we share now to advance our Nation to greater accomplishments and allow others to see our tribe as a model to strive to achieve those attributes in which we seek excellence.

Migwetch

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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Potawatomi Proud

This may sound silly, but allow me to reintroduce myself. I was born at Mission Hill Hospital in Shawnee, Oklahoma more than 40 years ago. The hospital stands on the old Bourbonnais allotment across from the Cultural Heritage Center and overlooks our festival grounds. My sister and I were delivered by the same doctor who delivered my mother and in the same hospital. My mother is a Caldwell and my Potawatomi father is an O'Connor. My Grandpa O'Connor's family was raised at Sacred Heart, where my Grandma Ara Mae also went to school with her siblings.

Looking back, I was lucky to have two independent grandmothers active in my upbringing. They imprinted my character in a number of ways. My Grandma Treva (born in 1911) taught me the value of voting and being politically aware, speaking up for myself and what I perceive to be right, and working hard to get ahead. My Potawatomi Grandma Mae (born in 1922) taught me the value of family tradition, how to smile through life's adversities, and to appreciate everything I had even if it was second-hand. During their lives, my grandmas lived through monumental events in American history - the Great War or World War I, women's suffrage movement and the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, Great Depression, New Deal, Dust Bowl, World War II, elimination of child labor, civil rights movement, and many more.

Being raised by multiple generations and regular interaction with my grandparents made me a better person than had I grown up without their generational wisdom and character insight. I think grandparents are essential in the upbringing and everyday lives of children! Without living history, children can grow up spoiled and in the dark about society and the manners they need to get ahead. Grandparents reinforce these notions.

I remember my grandparents with such fondness that my admiration carries over to their parents who shaped them. With respect to my Citizen Potawatomi lineage, my Grandma Mae (Ara Mae O'Connor, nee O'Bright) was the daughter of Rose Mable Christy and Andrew Jewett O'Bright. They were married in Shawnee in 1920 with Mable's grandparents standing in as wit-



nesses. Both of Grandma's parents were Citizen Potawatomi.

My Grandma's mother's parents were Mary C. Peltier (CPN #73) and John Christy. Mary Peltier was the daughter of William H. Peltier (CPN #71) and Rose Marcus. William H. Peltier's dad was Alexander B. Peltier (CPN 1872 #113). Grandma's dad's mother was Madeline Cummings (CPN #815), who descended from Samuel Cummings (CPN #805) and Francis Collins, nee Weld. Francis' parents were William H. Weld, Jr. (CPN #214) and Margaret Smith, nee Ogee (CPN #607).

To make things even more interesting in the Cummings-Weld-Ogee line, Samuel Cummings was first married to Mary Weld, the sister of his second wife, Francis P. This brings in the Potawatomi families Brant and Kime. In fact, my dad and his siblings and cousins still have their interests in the original Cummings allotment which is part of our tribal individual trust holdings.

My family connections don't stop here. While my Potawatomi Grandma Mae married a non-Indian, a Navarre Citizen Potawatomi married my Grandpa O'Connor's brother. This is not hard to imagine since they all grew up together at Sacred Heart. I am reminded of my dear Potawatomi cousin Susan Greene, nee O'Connor. She is bursting with Potawatomi pride down in Florida and shares timeless treasures of photographs when she has her strength. She has given me copies of photos of her family at Sacred Heart to help me document my own heritage. I also keep a photo on my desk at work she graciously gave me of my father, Patrick, when he at-

tended St. Benedicts Catholic School in Shawnee. My son (to the right) resembles him.



I love talking about history and heritage. I hope many of you will reach out to Tribal

Rolls and begin compiling your own list of family connections. The allotment rolls are a great tool to use. It won't be long before some of you learn how your own family contributed to our great tribal Nation through their active citizenship. You will see Potawatomi pride spread throughout your entire family as you are introduced and reintroduced to extended kin!

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

Bozho Nikan,

Well we are off to a new year. It's my desire that we all have a happier and more prosperous year this year. It's always kind of nice this time of year. We all get a fresh start, the slate is clean - 12 new months, waiting to be experienced.

This seems like a good time to start planning your next year, doesn't it? In the past, I used to like to try to plan things well in advance - where we thought we might go on vacation, for example. I would start pricing any big purchases that we might be contemplating.

These days, I've learned to just roll with it. My grandkids drive most of my plans now. So, lots of my activities are dependent on when they are around. Considering that I seldom know more than a few days ahead of time, I just try to keep a few good ideas in reserve and play it by ear.

One thing I've found is that they seem to enjoy it more when they think they are making all the decisions. There is an old saying that goes something to the extent of "Grandkids are the reward for not strangling our kids when they were younger."

It's funny how our priorities change over the years. I've always enjoyed kids, mine as well as others'. But, in the past, planning seemed essential; these days, like I said, I just play it by ear.

In my previous column, I reminded all college-age members to start planning by contacting the Tribal Rolls department and getting their scholarship paperwork started. Hopefully, many of you have. For those who might have forgotten over the holi-



days, this is another reminder.

Just remember, choices you make early in life have profound effects on your future. Invest some time and energy in a solid education and reap the rewards the rest of your life. We as a people, Potawatomis, have always been an ambitious bunch. So, continue what is your heritage and start building for your future.

Election season is upon us again in the tribe. Be sure to either get an absentee ballot or plan on voting in person. There is a tremendous investment here at the nation that belongs to all of us. We didn't get here by accident. It only takes a few minutes, and it helps protect everything we have accomplished.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.
Bama pi and migwetch,
Paul Schmidlkofer

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Each year the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's administrative office begins plans for the summer Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP). By the middle of March, tribal members who will be 18 to 21 years old as of June 1, 2011 and who have a correct address in tribal rolls will receive a letter regarding the PLP program. Since 2003, our Nation has sponsored approximately six to eight students each summer to come to the Nation's headquarters to learn about the tribal government and the day-to-day operations of the tribe.

The significance of this year is that it will be our last year for the students to be housed at what we call the Sharp property. By summer 2012, the Sharp house will be designated as the clubhouse facility for the new CPN RV Park that is planned for the location. The PLP students who are chosen this year will have the pleasure of being housed in the facility where PLP students have lodged since 2005.

No doubt, there are countless memories of laughing, cooking and eating tasty food, working on projects, swimming, and conducting both serious and light-hearted discussions that exist within those walls. It is my hope that the most important memory of living in the Sharp house for six weeks is the quality time spent with CPN tribal members and sharing the experience of learning more about the Nation as a whole.

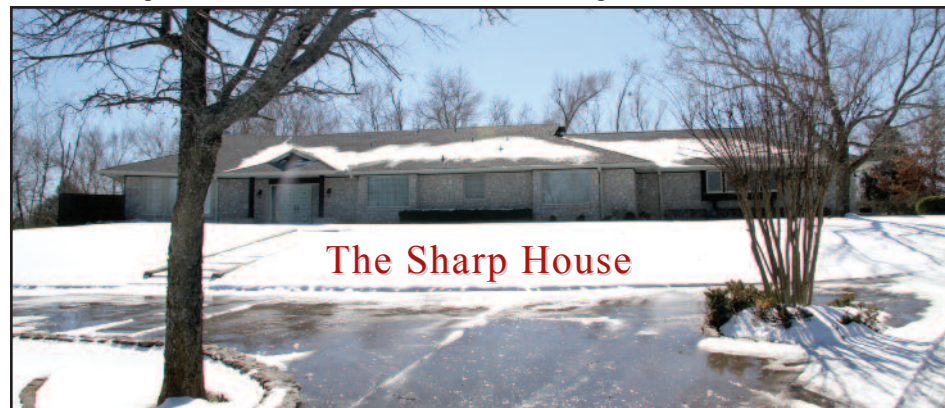
Family Reunion Festival 2011 is scheduled for Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26. The 2011 reunion families are the Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Willmet, and Vieux families. Festival 2012, scheduled for June 29 through July 1, will feature the Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, and Yott families.



This information might influence potential PLP students as they decide which year to apply for the program.

The students are brought to the Nation the weekend prior to the Festival. This year's students will be arriving in Shawnee on Sunday, June 19. Their departure date will be Saturday, July 30.

As in the past, the Nation will pay for transportation to and from the headquarters. The students will receive a work stipend Monday through Friday for the six-week period of the program. A portion of this stipend may go toward food and/or recreational expense, but most of the money will be saved for a final payment to be used for school expenses. Food that is consumed at the Sharp house is provided by the Nation; however, the students are expected to cook and prepare the food for their own meals. The overall PLP housing experience offers a similar environment to most college dormitory settings. Margaret Zientek, tribal member and CPN employee, has served as the dorm parent since 2005. The PLP coun-



selor also stays at the property with the students; therefore, adult supervision is provided at all times.

For those students who are contemplating applying for the PLP program this year, please wait for your correspondence from headquarters which you should receive by the middle of March. After that time, if you have not received a letter, you may contact the administrative office at headquarters to request an application form. The numbers

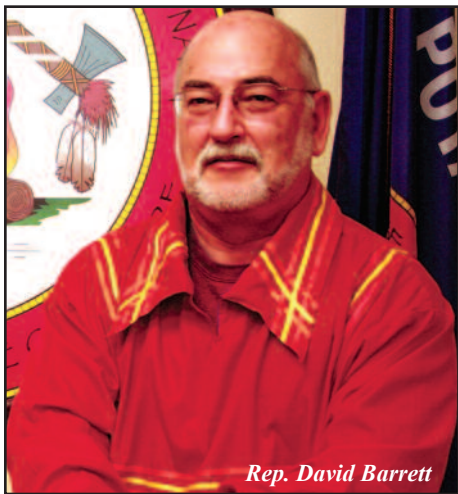
are 800-880-9880 or 405-275-3121. You may ask for my office and speak to Denette Summerlin, my administrative assistant, or me.

I hope the winter is kind to you and that you are safe and warm. As usual, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps

Barrett, Kraft, Bowden to serve new four-year terms

Three CPN legislators re-elected



Rep. David Barrett



Rep. Lisa Kraft

The legislators who occupy Seats Nos. 10, 11, and 13 in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislature have been re-elected to new four-year terms without opposition. Reps. David Barrett of Shawnee, Lisa Kraft of Stillwater, and Bobbie Bowden of Choctaw will be sworn in to begin serving those new terms during the General Council meeting on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

The trio is among the eight CPN legislators who live in Oklahoma and are elected by those members of the Nation who live in the state. The legislators in Seats 9 and 12 also live in Oklahoma and are elected by the members who reside in the state. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer also live in Oklahoma and are vote-casting members of the legislature. However, all of the Nation's eligible voters cast votes in elections for those positions.

Because a decision must be made on approving expenditure of the annual budget for the earnings of the Trust Fund, all eligible CPN voters will receive a ballot that contains that question. Eligible voters in Oklahoma also will receive a ballot with the uncontested races for the three legislative seats on it.



Rep. Bobbie Bowden

Absentee ballot request forms will be mailed to all eligible voters soon. The deadline for receipt of voted absentee ballots by the CPN Election Committee is 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2011, in the committee's post office box. Postage to return the voted ballot is paid.

Chairman John Barrett reminded CPN members, "Your vote is the most important right and duty of your legal tribal citizenship."

*To schedule
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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is Hiring!!

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's new FireLake Bowling Center will open soon. The Nation is seeking highly-qualified people to fill two of the key positions there – **Manager** and **Bowling Maintenance Worker**.

The essential Job Functions for the **Manager** are: Overseeing activities directly related to service(s) provided; Managing staff, i.e. preparing work schedules and assigning specific duties; Determining staffing requirements, and interviewing, hiring, and training new employees, or overseeing those personnel processes; Planning and directing activities such as sales promotions and coordinating with other department heads as required; Determining goods and services to be sold, and setting prices based on forecasts of customer demand; Inspecting work areas and operating equipment to ensure conformance to established standards in areas such as cleanliness and maintenance; Training workers in proper operational procedures and functions and explaining company policies; Informing workers about interests and special needs of specific groups; Applying customer/guest feedback to service improvement efforts; Resolving customer complaints regarding worker performance and services rendered; and Requisitioning necessary supplies, equipment, and services.

The **Manager** should have these qualifications: Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning and resource allocation; Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services; Knowledge of relevant equipment, policies, and procedures for the protection of people, data, and property; and Knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, and training.

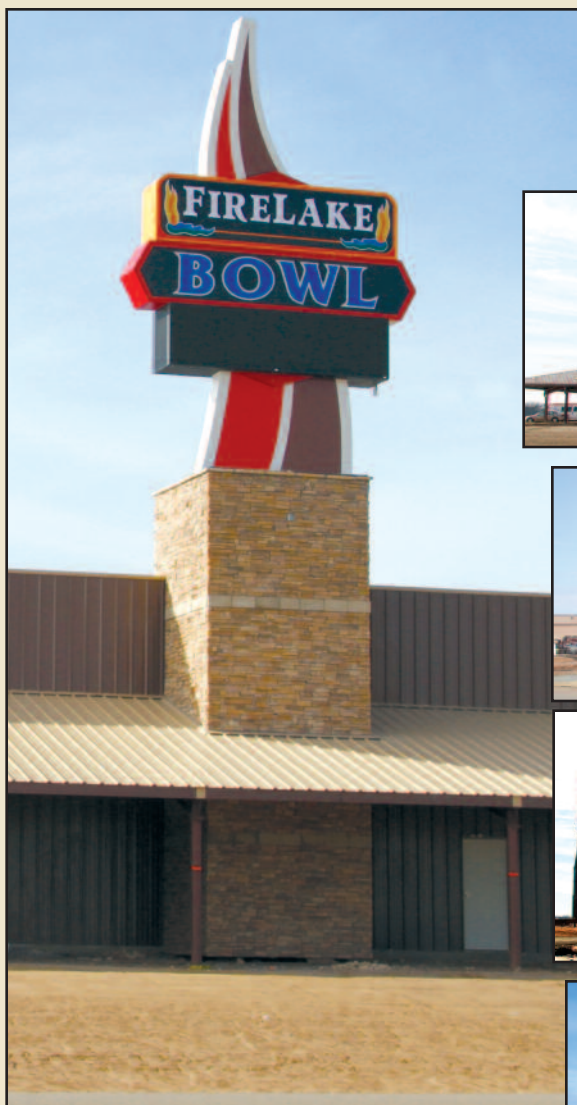
The **Bowling Maintenance Worker** will perform work required to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or other structures in good repair. The position's essential job functions are: Performing routine maintenance on equipment and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed; Repairing machines or systems using the needed tools; Determining causes of operating errors and deciding what to do about them; Possibly installing, servicing, and repairing mechanical equipment; Adjusting functional parts of equipment and control instruments using hand tools; Aligning and balancing new equipment after installation; Estimating repair costs; Inspecting motors and belts and replacing them when needed; Ordering parts, supplies, and equipment when needed; Performing routine preventive maintenance to ensure that equipment continues to run smoothly; and understanding service and repair manuals.

Minimum qualifications for consideration for the position of **Bowling Maintenance Worker** are: High school Diploma or G.E.D.; Preferably, five years or more experience in a related field; Basic knowledge of standard operating procedures for mechanical equipment; Knowledge of Servo Air-Driven Equipment; and Preferably, experience working on Brunswick Bowling Equipment.

To apply or learn more about these and other career opportunities at the CPN, go to www.FireLakeJobs.com or call 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880.

Progress Marches On: CPN Construction Projects

*Photos by Elliott Clay
and Michael Dodson*



Construction on several projects is moving along. At top left, to its lower right, and immediately below, work is moving ahead on 20 new living units at Father Joe Murphy complex. Immediately above, the pad for a small shopping center, to include a First National Bank branch, continues near the CPN Administration Building.

Far left and adjacent to it, work on the new FireLake Bowling Center, which will include San Remo's Express Pizzeria and a Subway, is nearing its final stages. The new arena, which will be home to concerts, livestock events, and other events, is ready to resume following a break for winter weather.

And, at bottom left and bottom center, the new clinic located immediately west of FireLake Grand Casino, has its exterior work nearly finished.



CPN member Mary Beth Jager receives MSW from Washington University in St. Louis

Mary Beth Jager, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in December 2010. Ms. Jager received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the Brown School of Social Work, with a concentration in Social and Economic Development in Native Communities. She was a recipient of the Kathryn M. Buder Scholarship. As a Buder Scholar, Ms. Jager participated in numerous events including the Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow and Native Heritage Month.

Ms. Jager was co-chair of the American Indian Student Association, a student-run organization that strives to increase awareness and understanding of American Indian Nations, culture, history, and policies while promoting equality and healthy relations.

In the Summer of 2010, Ms. Jager completed her concentration practicum with the Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS) at American University in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Carroll



College in Helena, Montana in 2006 with a BA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Mary Beth Jager is the daughter of Michael and Sonia Jager. She grew up in Bend, Oregon. She currently resides in St. Louis with her husband Jedediah Fox.

Happy 97th!! Anna McAuley



On January 11, 2011 (01/11/11), Citizen Potawatomi Nation elder Anna McAuley celebrated birthday #97. Above, Anna reads birthday cards from CPN members. At right, she poses with CPN District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin at her party. And, she enjoys a moment of celebration with District #1 resident Peggy Hancock Kinder.



Walking On

James Lee Brown, Sr.

SHAWNEE, Okla. - James Lee Brown, Sr., 65 years young, was born on November 27, 1945, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the son of George W. J. Brown and Dorothy Lessley. James passed away from this life to be with the Lord on February 9, 2011.

He was preceded in death by twin grandchildren, one brother-in-law, two nephews, and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Jeri Brown; four sons, Christopher (Brown) Davis, Patrick S. Brown, James L. Brown, Jr., and George 'Buster' Brown; a daughter, Dianna Thompson, all of Oklahoma; six sisters, Jessie Dixon, Susan Garcia, Terry Juarez, Mildred Everett, all of Oklahoma, and Sharon Stull and Karen Hawk, both of California; a brother, Larry Brown, of Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews; and many friends.

James attended school in Dale, Oklahoma and Shawnee. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He had many interests: building storm shelters, V.P. of Pottawatomie County R.E.A.C.T. in the early '80s, and C-Street Exchange in Ardmore.

James served as a police officer for the



Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He loved sitting and watching the leaves on the trees as they danced in the wind; loved hunting with his sons; he loved karaoke; and he loved his three cats; Trouble, Chance, and Stumpy. (He called them his watch cats.) He loved traveling, camping, and visiting family and friends.

James was a wonderful man and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. A celebration of life was held at 1 p.m. on February 16, 2011 at 328 S. Chapman in Shawnee.

New enrollees, con't. from page 4

Mooneyham, Layla Layne Moore, Charles Andrew Stockton Morey, and Manuel Da Lomba Neves III.

Also, Maxihikio Manuel Neves, Pauline Deanna Neves, Bryant Kenneith O'Bannon, Olive Bleu Oden, Wendell Connor Osborn, Ryder James Payton, Justin Elliott Peddicord, and Allison Kathryn Perry.

Also, Madison Shae Perry, Caleb Michael Perry, Reagan Elizabeth Peters, Judy Ann Perry, Austin Taylor Pollard, Katie Hope Pollard, Monica Lynn Pratt, Chesnee Lynn Pratt, and Cooper Jackson Pratt.

Also, Chase Allen Puckett, Mollie Ann Ray, Elise Garretty Replogle, Michael Lee Rice, Derek Thomas Rice, Marlee Rane Robbins, Stevie Dwayne Running, Christian Marie Savory, Colton Justice Savory, and Casey Allen Schimmel.

Also, Kellie Marie Scholl, Heather Cherie Schwartz, Zoe Elizabeth Sherrill,

Jonathan Thomas Simpson, William Allen Siemens, Emily Elizabeth Siemens, Taylee June Slavin, and Patty Jo Smelser.

Also, Thomas Allen Smelser, Dylan Smith, Jessica Gayl Sparrow, Johnny Lee Swarb, Justin Alan Swarb, Laura Beverlyann Taylor, Jacob Mikail Tijerina, Aaron Mikai Tijerina, Zachary Mikah Tijerina, and Jonathan Michael Tredick.

Also, Christian David Tredick, Macy Ann Turner, Beverly Ann Tyree, Amelia Ann Tyree, CeCelia LeeAnn Tyree, Derrick Thomas Vanover, Taylor Elizabeth Vanover, Karen Elaine Van Vleet, Justin Michael Van Vleet, Joshua Lang Ware, Cole Anthony Warren, Ty Haydon Weir, Stanley Brent Wesselhöft, Jared Austin Wesselhöft, Shelby Elaine Wesselhöft, Lauren Annaleigh Wesselhöft, Taylor Rae White, Chesley Justin Wick, Adrian Clarence Williams, Dorian Philip Williams, and Jet Rae Winn.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CPN FAMILY VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Stalking: Safety Planning in Public

Planning for safety outside the home may involve changing your routine, being proactive, and asking others for help. At work, other employees could serve as look-outs, or they could screen incoming calls.

Changing your routine might throw the other person off your trail. Examples of changing a routine include leaving earlier, going to a new gym, and driving different routes. Change your work hours or days, if possible.

Walking to your car could put you in danger, but if you plan ahead, you might be able to lower that risk. For example, if you change where you usually park, the other person will be less likely to locate you. You might ask a friend to walk you to your car. You can park in a well-lit area.

Travel to and from locations using roads where many people travel. If your abuser or stalker follows you, drive to a police department or fire station. If those places are not available, go to a mall or other busy location where your abuser will be less likely to follow you.

It might be embarrassing to let other people know that someone is stalking you, but the person stalking or abusing you is the person committing a crime. Talking to the people you interact with might save your life. People to talk to can include workers at your child's daycare, your minister, professors, and other people you see throughout the week. You can establish a code word or phrase with all of these people so that, if you are in danger, they would know to phone 911. The Violence Prevention Victim Advocate can help you talk to these various people.

Stalking: Safety Planning at Home

How you plan for safety in the home will depend on whether the abusive person lives with you. If you live with the person, you will need to think about what has happened previously, identify the riskiest situations, identify potential weapons, and plan how to keep safe or escape. For example, many cases of violence occur when the abusive person is abusing substances. A plan might include putting the car keys in your pocket when the person first begins drinking, avoiding the kitchen, and making an excuse to leave.

The plan will depend on the needs of the individual, but there are some general things to consider. If there are guns in the house, you will need to avoid those rooms. Kitchens contain many items that can be used as weapons. You do not want to run to an area of the house where there is no escape. If you have children, have a code word that would tell them to go next door and call the police.

If the person does not live in the house, you might consider ways to improve the security of your house. You can decide to cut down bushes that hide the view from the street, install motion-detecting exterior lights, or add dead-bolts. You can add dowels to window frames so no one can open the window from the outside. You can ask the police to do a walk-through and share ideas about how to reduce risk. Neighbors can be engaged to help keep an eye out for your stalker or abuser, and phone the police if they observe the identified person.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Violence Program

Member of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

This message was supported by monies awarded by Indian Health Services

Kansas 'Lunch & Learn' is Success

On February 4, 2011, District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame hosted a "Lunch and Learn" event for Citizen Potawatomi Nation elders. It allowed the elders to learn about the Senior Support Network.

Adame invited Joan Winters, RN, Kansas Coordinator for the Senior Support Network, to speak to tribal elders about the program. Winters explained that the Senior Support Network is a program designed to help tribal elders learn about and get in touch with the resources that they need. Winters also explained that the program provides in-home services as well such as weekly medication set-up, wound care, vital sign and blood pressure monitoring.

Additionally, light housekeeping is available, according to Winters, if an elder is unable to do it himself/herself for a short time. Winters is available on a Monday-through-

Friday, 8 a.m.-to-5p.m. basis to answer any questions elders might have.

Adame added, "You can also utilize Joan as an 'Ask-a-Nurse' service if you have medical questions."

Despite snowy weather, the event was attended by more than 30 CPN members at the District #4 Representative's office in Topeka, Kansas. Adame put out a large spread of food including sub sandwiches, fruit, chips, drinks, and desserts. In addition to providing information about the Senior Support Network, the lunch gave elders a chance to reconnect with other tribal members.

Adame and Winters hope to have more events like this in the future to provide tribal members in the area a chance to stay in touch and stay healthy.

New CPN Video Honors 108-year-old Member

The first of several video presentations being prepared by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Public Information Department has been posted on the Nation's website. The URL for this video is <http://www.potawatomi.org/video/teresab-day.mp4>.

This first CPN/PIO video presentation honors 108-year-old CPN member Teresa (Slavin) Reed and chronicles the birthday celebration held for her in Wheeler, Texas in November 2010. Ms. Reed, who is the oldest living Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, was born on December 6, 1902. The video honors Ms. Reed's dedication to the teaching profession, telling how she taught in Pampa, Texas schools until she



This screen capture shows the opening credits of the new video presentation about CPN member Teresa Reed's 108th birthday celebration.

was 70 then moved to the Southwest USA to teach on an Indian reservation.

Videos about CPN musician Brandon Pruitt and the Veterans Organization are in production.

The CPN Menagerie



This month, we add these to the sightings of free-roaming animals and birds who share the space around CPN headquarters. CPN member/employee David Bourbonnais encountered the bobcat family. The wild turkeys were seen in a field adjacent to the CPN Administrative Building. And, the recently-awakened-from-hibernation turtle was walking along Harrison St., which borders FireLake Golf Course on the east.



SPRING INTO HEALTH HEALTH FAIR

2011 Native American Health Fair

April 8, 2011

12 Noon - 6 p.m.

FREE lunch from 12 Noon - 2 p.m.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Center
806 Nishnabe Trail
Rossville, KS 66533

SPEAKERS:

Kathy Sterbernz, RN, BSN from Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center
"Diabetes and the Native American"
at 2pm

Patricia Torrez from "Lighten Up!"
"Reiki and other Energy Therapies"
at 3pm

Both speakers will also have a booth set up at the Health Fair to answer questions!

Participating Businesses

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| * Citizen Potawatomi Nation-SSN | * PRN Home Health |
| * Hamilton Relay | * KS Telecommunications |
| * St. Mary's Chiropractic | Access Program |
| * American Red Cross | * Heartland Hospice |
| * Shawnee Co. Health Department | * Midland Care |
| * "Lighten Up!" | * Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation |
| * VA-Veterans Administration Topeka | Health Center |

FREE DOOR PRIZES!!

Dillon's gift card, Target gift card, rolling cart, Home health basket, first aid kit, Gift certificate to St. Mary's Chiropractic, 15-minute Reiki session, a plant, and much more!!

Bring in your old and expired medications for an extra raffle entry!!

Call Joan Winters, RN for more information at (785) 584-6401

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

Child Development Center Students Celebrate Christmas

The Infants Class is performing to “Baby’s First Christmas” to kick off the celebration.



The Toddler Class performs to “Step into Christmas” - a song from the 70s.

Members of the Two-year-olds Class performed to “Sleigh Ride,” from the 80s.



The Three-Year-Old Class members performed to “Merry Christmas to You” - a Christmas song from the 90s.

The Pre-Kindergarten Class performed to “Here Comes Santa Claus” - which was popular way back in the 50s.



Kids from the After-School program sang “Bring him Home, Santa.” The children pictured are Riley Logsdon, Will Hilton, Ryder Kinsey, and Colton Ingamire.



The Color Guard from the Third Combat Communications Group (Space Command) escorts the colors in and posts them.

GOLF COURSE FIRE, con't. from page 1

ister and safe.

Williams said heat, smoke, and flames prevented his re-entering the building to save golf clubs or merchandise. Chairman Barrett added, "The fire had penetrated the roof before the fire department arrived, and the entire building burned in

about one-half hour in high wind."

The destroyed building was constructed in 1982, with the intention of its serving as an elders center. It was never used for that purpose. FireLake Golf Course was constructed shortly afterward. The 'downstairs portion' of the building had served as a golf course clubhouse/pro shop. The part atop the hill was home to several restaurants over the years.



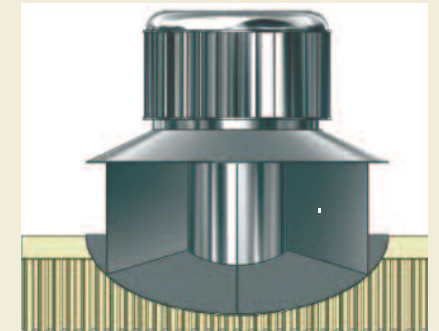
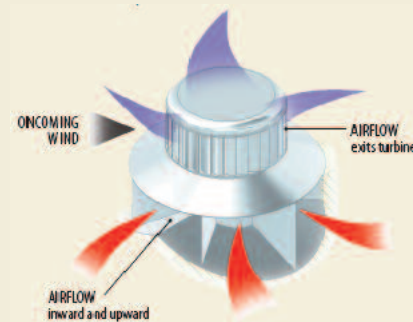
Above, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett surveys the damage as the fire rages. Other photos illustrate the damage wrought by the blaze and the firefighters' efforts to extinguish it before it could spread.



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"He'll be late to his own funeral." We think he'll be on time. We'll all miss you.

Lita L. Standage

Lita L. Standage passed away on January 3, 2011.

Her family was with her. She was retired from NV Energy and was an accountant there for 25 years.

She is survived by Regan L. Foster, David L. Foster, Terry A. Foster, and Sandra O. Foster. At Lita's request, there was no service.



Harlan Lowell Cook

Memorial services for Harlan Lowell Cook, 36, of Arp, Texas were held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2010 in Bailey & Foster Chapel in Palestine, Texas with Danny Rodriquez officiating. Mr. Cook died January 23, 2010 at his home in Arp, after a long struggle with cancer. He was born on August 8, 1973 in Palestine, the son of Lowell (Tony) and Janet Cook.

Mr. Cook was a veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry and served in Kuwait after



Operation Desert Storm. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Nursing at Tyler. He had been employed with Trinity Mother Frances Hospital and East Texas Medical Center in Tyler as a registered nurse. He was an enrolled tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Indian Nation of Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Raymond Lowell and Mary Cook and Jack Nadeau Sr.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Dana Heil Cook of Arp; son, Lance Cook of Palestine; brother, Chris Cook and wife Leslie and children Caroline and Carter of Humble, Texas; sister, Catherine Cook of Lake Charles, Louisiana; grandmother, Kathryn Nadeau of Abilene, Texas; aunt, Courtney Cook Bell of Palestine; and numerous other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Colorectal Research Fund of the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home. To view online, leave condolences, or sign the guest-book, go to www.BaileyAndFoster-FuneralHome.com.

John Dietrich

SHREVEPORT, LA - John Dietrich drew his last breath with a calmness and without pain on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 12:15 a.m. GOD's intervention and answering all those prayers allowed John to die with the same dignity with which he lived.

He was fighting colon cancer and was very courageous and met death with the confidence and trust in GOD that he is now healed. John, a Native American of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, was born on October 14, 1934 in Topeka Kansas. He was a business consultant for Native American Economic Development and represented many tribes in their efforts for economic independence.

John Dietrich will be lovingly remembered always by his best friend, partner, and companion for 33 years, Fran Burdette. His loving daughters, Darlene DuBois and her husband Dennis, Donis Ruggieri and her husband Mark, and son John Dietrich II, brother and best buddy, Charles 'Bud' Dietrich and his wife Brenda all survive him.



He has nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

His remains will be cremated and, on a summer day and a sunny beach, will be scattered to the wind as he wished. A private service will be held at Aulds Funeral Home at a later date.

The family expresses their thanks to Dr. Robert Massingill for his compassion and Grace Home for their care.

CPN earns Harvard U award, con't. From page 1

University Project on American Indian Economic Development experience shows that they are drawn upon by communities throughout Indian Country and far beyond.

Honoring Nations invites applications from American Indian governments across a broad range of subject areas: education; health care; resource management; government policy development and reform; justice; inter-governmental relations; and economic, social, and cultural programs. A Board of Governors comprised of distinguished individuals from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors guides the evaluation process, in which up to ten programs are selected for "High Honors" or "Honors." All honorees receive national recognition. At each stage of the selection process, programs are evaluated on the



At left is a copy of the certificate presented with the CPN's Harvard University Honoring Nations award. Above, Catherine Curtis and Dennis Norman of Harvard University look on as Chairman John Barrett and James Bishop of the CPN Information Technology Department explain the legislative video-conferencing system.

basis of effectiveness, significance to sovereignty, cultural relevance, transferability, and sustainability.

To date, Honoring Nations has recognized 102 exemplary tribal government programs, practices, and initiatives and held four tribal government symposia. To facilitate the dissemination of best practices, honorees receive financial awards to share their success story with other governments. The Harvard Project also produces reports, case studies, and other curricular materials that are disseminated to tribal leaders, public servants, the media, scholars, students, and others interested in promoting and fostering excellence in governance.

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CPN Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers.

The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development.

For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.