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New location but the same quality service

Look for the CPN Tag Agency at 1305 S. Beard in south Shawnee

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag Agency has moved to a new location at 1305 S. Beard in south Shawnee. The new location is north of the CPN Administration Building and on the same (east) side of the street. Beard is Gordon Cooper Drive's name north of the section that was re-named to honor the late astronaut, who was a Shawnee/Tecumseh native.

The tag office closed for business on Thursday, February 9 and Friday, February 10, 2012 to facilitate the move. It re-opened for business on Monday, February 13, 2012 in the more spacious quarters, which occupies the office space of a one-time car sales lot.

The new office is located north of Hardesty Road. Anyone who needs directions can call the tag agency at its new telephone number: 405-273-1009. Notices have been sent to all Oklahoma tribal members' residences.

The CPN Tag Agency has three full-time staff members. The Tag Agent is Cheryl Tainpeah. She has been with the tag agency since the first day its doors opened for business in May 2005. In December, 2007, CPN



The CPN Tag Agency's (from left) Anita Bertram, Janice Gardner, and Cheryl Tainpeah pose at their new quarters at 1305 S. Beard St. in Shawnee.

tribal member Janice Gardner was hired as the tag agency assistant. Recently, Anita Bertram, previously part-time member of the agency's, was added as a full-time staff member.

The first Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag sold was on May 26, 2005. As of the end

of January 2012, the Nation has issued 8,950 auto tags, 171 farm tags, and 381 motorcycle tags. Personalized tags can also be ordered with the numbered tags. Soon, the agency will begin issuing tags for RVs and boats and specialty tags for veterans.

Part of proceeds collected on all new registrations is a school fee which is paid annually to Oklahoma school districts throughout the state of Oklahoma. The proceeds are channeled to school districts in which CPN members who register their vehicles through the Nation reside. In 2011, the CPN Tag Agency sent 168 checks to the school districts for a total of \$141,674.02. CPN officials believe that amount will grow as the Nation adds new tags to be registered.

Tainpeah said, "We register new and used vehicles by appointment, and the tribal member listed on the title needs to come in in person to complete the registration. We

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Walking On

Mary A. 'Alicia' Meerians



Mary A. 'Alicia' Meerians, 76, of St. Petersburg, Florida passed away on Friday, November 11, 2011 at The Villas of Bellear in Clearwater, Florida

She was born in Norman, Oklahoma, and moved to St. Petersburg in 1980 from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was a computer operator and analyst at St. Petersburg College and enjoyed the beach, playing tennis, and dancing.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin 'Joe' Wallace; one son, Jon M Meerians of Largo, Florida; one sister, Nora Jane Smith of Purcell, Oklahoma; and two granddaughters, Marissa and Chelsea.

She was predeceased by her parents, George and Octavia Clark, and her son, Ron.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home, 4100 16th St. North, St. Petersburg.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9365 U.S. Highway 19 North #B, Pinellas Park, FL 33782 or to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760.

An online memorial and guest book are available at www.gunterfuneralhome.com.

Paul Curtis Campbell

Macomb, Okla. - Graveside services for Paul Curtis Campbell, 49, Macomb, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2011, at Maxwell Cemetery in Ada, Okla-



homa. Mr. Campbell died on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at his home. He was born on December 2, 1962, in Ada, the son of Leon Kelly and Mary Spurlock Anderson.

Mr. Campbell worked as a roughneck in the oilfield for many years. He was married to LaDonna Campbell.

Paul was a big man with a big heart. He enjoyed being outdoors with nature, watching squirrels and deer, listening to birds, and just being at peace with his surroundings. He loved us deeply and totally and never let the opportunity to tell us so pass by. We miss him greatly.

Survivors include his wife: LaDonna Campbell, of the home; two daughters, Rebecca Campbell, Tulsa, and Doneva Kiprotich and her husband Kennedy of Tulsa; two brothers, Phillip James Campbell and Paul Dean Anderson, both of Shawnee, Oklahoma; three sisters, Thelma Campbell, Shawnee, Joy Martin and her husband Jim of Kansas, and Marilyn Annanders and her husband Mike of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; his mother, Mary Anderson, Shawnee; two grandchildren, Garrison Kiprotich and Kingston Kiprotich of Tulsa; one aunt, Jan Rey; two uncles, Don and Ron Spurlock; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Kelly; one uncle, Virgil Spurlock; one aunt, Margaret Edith Spurlock; one great-niece, Alyssa Campbell; and his grandparents.

An online guestbook is available at www.PhillipsFuneralService.com.

Candi Forthman Mayberry



Mount Ida, Arkansas - Candi Forthman Mayberry, 29, of Mount Ida, died on Monday, November 21, 2011. She was born on June 13, 1982, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. the daughter of Marvin and Teena Warneke Forthman. A 2004 graduate of Henderson State University, she was an insurance

agent and human resource specialist for S & P Insurance. She was active with the Mount Ida School PTO and was a member of Faith Tabernacle.

Survivors are her husband, Billy Mayberry; two children, Stormi Mayberry and Dawson Mayberry; her parents, Marvin and Teena Warneke Forthman; her paternal grandfather, George Forthman; her maternal grandparents, L.J. and Mary Warneke; her aunt, Sue Anderson and her husband, Lloyd, all of Mount Ida; her uncle, Ken Warneke and his wife, Darlene, of Norman; her cousin, Katelyn Warneke of Glenwood; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ronnie and Janice Mayberry, of Mount Ida.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 in Faith Tabernacle in Mount Ida with Brother Paul Burke officiating. Visitation was on Wednesday, November 23 from 9 a.m. until service time, at the church.

Interment was in Owley Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood.

Pallbearers were James Minton, Jeff Black, Tommy Woody, Gary Sibley, Brandon Jackson, and Jeremy Austin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Candice Mayberry Memorial

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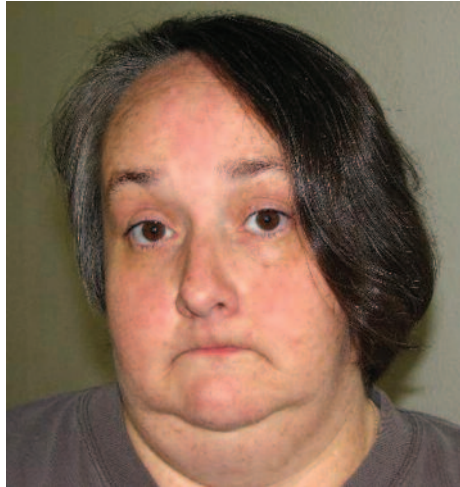
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Christy M. Fields

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Christy M. Fields,



42, of Shawnee, died on Thursday, January 12, 2012 in Shawnee. She was born on May 1, 1969 in Shawnee, the daughter of Leslie and Barbara Fields.

After the birth of her daughter, Christy obtained her GED and then her LPN license. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leslie Fields, and grandparents, Orey and Della Fields and Wanda Miles.

Survivors include her daughter, Della Fields; mother, Barbara Fields; sister and brother-in-law, Gina and John Moon; niece, Allyson Campbell; and great-niece, Tayla Campbell; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation was from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16 at Walker Funeral Service. To sign the guestbook online, go to www.walkerfuneral.com.

Samuel Anthony Umscheid

Samuel Anthony Umscheid was born on November 12, 1952 and passed away on July 30, 2011 after a long fight with cancer. Sam worked in the Health Department of the Unified Government for 25 years.

He will be remembered as a lobbyist for children's health and lead paint remediation. He testified twice before the Kansas State Legislature on the lead paint poisoning act which allowed KCKS to qualify for federal dollars for lead paint remediation and education.

Sam loved his friends and would open his home for dinner parties almost every night of the week; he had a smile and laugh for everyone he met.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved brother Pat. Sam is survived by two brothers, two sisters, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

Services were held at St. Peter's Parish, 815 E. Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, Missouri on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 11:00 in the morning.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Healthy Sprouts - Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environment, 619 Ann Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101.

Robert Cryer Jr.



Robert Lee Cryer Jr., 54, of Lumberton, Oregon died on December 22, 2011 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Services will be held at a later date.

Surviving are his mother, Dora Lee Cryer of Lumberton; his wife, Leigh P. Cryer of the home; a son, Brandon Cryer of Griffin, Georgia; two daughters, Jessica Roam of Hawaii and Brianna Cryer of the home; and a sister, Patty Williams of Wyoming.

Paula Louise Coyle

Paula Louise (Pappan) Coyle, 64, was born on November 10, 1947 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma and passed away on Tuesday



January 3, 2012 in her home in Sparks, Oklahoma. Paula was married on December 15, 1978 to Richard Coyle. She worked for seven years as a site manager for Project Heart.

Paula is survived by her husband of 33 years, Richard Coyle; children, Chuck Bradley and wife Carole of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Carrie Coyle and husband Billy of Oklahoma City, Tanya and husband Ambers Idell of Sparks; mother-in-law, Pansy Coyle of Sparks; grandchildren, Christina Nelson and husband Uriah of Edmond, Oklahoma and Cassidy Idell, Paige Idell and Braiden Idell, all of Sparks; great-grandchild, Uriah Nelson Jr. of Edmond; and countless family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday January 6, 2012 at the Chandler, Oklahoma Assembly of God Church with interment following in the White Dove Cemetery of Sparks. Arrangements were under the direction of Lehman Funeral Home of Wellston, Oklahoma.

Roy Otis Pappan

Roy Otis Pappan was born on December 23, 1922 and passed away on January 23, 2012, at the age of 89. The son of Weso and Nora (Maple) Pappan, he grew up in the Newkirk, Oklahoma area. He attended Pawnee Indian School until the ninth grade.

He worked in the bakery there where he had a key and could eat anytime and all he wanted. He thought he was in hog heaven with a good place to sleep, clean warm



clothes, and plenty of food.

He came to Newkirk schools his high school years, the school paid him \$6 to attend.

The Baconrind and Vanderpool families gave him a place to live during his ninth- and tenth-grade years. He lived on his own during his final two years of high school.

Newkirk grocer Charlie Lane allowed the young Roy Pappan to charge his groceries. When Roy returned home from serving in the Air Force, he paid his bill of \$18.

Mr. Lane said he knew Roy would be the one to pay his debt. Roy was a belly-gunner in World War II. His plane was shot down over France.

He worked for Chicago Bridge and Iron all over the world including Singapore, Thailand, Brazil, Italy, Puerto Rico, and the United States.

He was married to Colleen Mae Pappan for 66 years. She and their son, Roy Lee, preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, James, and his wife Patti of Georgia, and a sister, Ida Greiner, of San Marcos, California.

Charles Edward Newell

Charles Edward Newell, 65, of Kingston, Oklahoma passed away on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at his home in Kingston. He was born on Febru-

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ary 14, 1946 in Ada, Oklahoma, the son of the late Gerald LaReau Newell and Lois Corrine Sears Newell.

Charles was reared in Stonewell, Oklahoma, where he graduated from high school. He attended Oklahoma State University before joining the U.S. Navy. In 1997, he moved to the Marshall County, Oklahoma area, where he lived for the remainder of his life. Charles married Margaret Marie Madole on August 24, 2001 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. He enjoyed fishing and golfing.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Newell of Kingston; his children, Charles David Newell of Dickson, Oklahoma, Valerie Jennings of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Lori Russ of Grove, Oklahoma, and Gary Adkins of Seattle, Washington; five grandchildren; a brother, Robert Newell of Tennessee; and sisters Nancy Cameron of Stonewell and Karen Garrett of Moore, Oklahoma.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2011 at the Watts Funeral Home in Kingston. Interment was at the Kingston Cemetery. Casket bearers were Robert Newell, Ted Newell, Dennis Bettis, Pete Holland, Dennis Shirk, Roger Garrett, Richard Russ, and Gibson Russ.

Condolences can be sent to www.Watts-FuneralHome.com.

Michael Ray Leonard

Michael Ray Leonard, 57 of Lee's Summit, Missouri passed away on January 10, 2012 at Research Medical Center after a long illness.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit. Visitation was from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., with the service and burial immediately following. Burial was in Floral Hills East Cemetery in Lee's Summit.



Mr. Leonard's family offers a special thank you to the great team of skilled doctors who cared for Michael - Dr. Kelly Alford, Dr. Richard Muther, Dr. William Peterson, Dr. Daniel Murillo, and Dr. Ahmed Madi.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, The National Kidney Foundation, or Midwest Transplant Network.

Michael was born on May 22, 1954 in Sedalia, Missouri. He was married to wife Debbie for 32 years. Michael worked for Aventis for 30 years, retiring in 2004. He volunteered for many organizations and enjoyed helping others.

He was preceded in death by his brother David, sister Susan, and grandparents.

Survivors include wife Debbie, daughter Heather, son Brandon, and parents Harry and Barbara Leonard of Belton, Missouri.



Dear Oklahoma Potawatomis

I thank you for the privilege and responsibility

of serving Oklahoma (District #9) for a second full term.

I appreciate your support and trust in my ability to represent our Nation in her legislature. Each day, I see Oklahoma vehicles with Citizen Potawatomi Nation tags and realize that you are my constituents. It swells my chest with so much pride. Again, thank you!

If I can be of service to you, please call or write me at PWesselhöft@Potawatomi.org.

Rep. Paul Wesselhöft/Naganit (Leader)

SUPER SPARTAN RACING



Why is this man running? We'll tell Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Jerry Mitchell's story in the next edition of the *HowNiKan*. At age 63, Mitchell is running a Super Spartan Race.

The Super Spartan is 8.7 miles of mountainous trails (behind him in the photo at left) including obstacles, crawling under barbed wire, climbing over walls, trekking through rivers and mud, and running through fire and Spartans trying to knock you down. Not to mention dehydration that is intentionally planned.

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Enterprises, services gather applications, expand job-seeker pool

CPN hosts First Quarter 2012 Job Fair at Cultural Heritage Center

On January 17, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted its first job fair of the new year. Many of the CPN enterprises were represented including FireLake Entertainment Center, FireLake Grand, FireLake Discount Foods, The Travel Plaza, and First National Bank. Human Resources representatives were available to talk to applicants as they arrived and the Benefits Coordinator was there to present information and to answer questions about the many benefits available to CPN employees.

Attendees were able to fill out job applications at the computers provided at an application station. Many managers were able to conduct on-site interviews with promising applicants.

Attendance was excellent, given the limited time over the holidays to plan and advertise the event. At 10 a.m., before the doors opened, eager job-seekers were already lining up.

Kelly Francen, CPN Training Department Manager, coordinated the effort with the various CPN enterprises and Workforce Oklahoma. "The Nation has experienced a lot of growth recently, and that means many new opportunities for local residents and people in the surrounding communities are available. We wanted to showcase the many advantages of working for Citizen Potawatomi Nation," said Ms. Francen.

"We anticipate continuous, rapid growth here at the Nation throughout 2012. We plan to have quarterly job fairs during the year to help ensure we are recruiting qualified employees," Francen added.

Richard Brown, CPN Human Resources Director, echoed Ms. Francen's sentiments. "The CPN Job and Career Fairs are something we can call our own," he said. "It increases CPN's visibility with targeted employment audiences. It allows our hiring managers to screen applicants, collect resumes, and build an applicant candidate pool for current and future hiring needs. However, the main focus is to increase CPN's visibility in the local and surround-



Above, applicants use computers made available so they could file job applications online at www.FireLakeJobs.com during the CPN Job Fair itself. Upper right, CPN member Nicole Sanchez, marketing director for FireLake Discount Foods, discusses job opportunities with a prospective CPN employee. And, Job Fair organizers drafted Uncle Sam to deliver the message that, if you are talented and a diligent worker, the CPN wants you.



ing labor markets."

However, job fairs are not the CPN's only recruitment tool. Human Resources representatives attend many other job fairs at universities, schools, and other sites throughout Oklahoma during the year. They also work closely with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission through Workforce Oklahoma and use their services to help find qualified candidates. Open positions are posted and applications can be submitted online at the CPN website www.FireLakeJobs.com.

Al Serradell is the Manager of the Shawnee Workforce Oklahoma Center. Workforce Oklahoma provides jobseekers the opportunity to refine their resumes, applications, interviewing skills, or whatever they need to prepare them for the job market. "Working with a single entity in this type of setting allows Workforce to concentrate solely on a local business, to help partner with them in a way that allows our staff to better understand their needs," said Serradell. "We look forward to working with CPN at the next Job Fair in April."



CPN Veterans Organization



Bozho, Veterans:

We are starting a new year and would like to invite all Citizen Potawatomi Veterans to join our organization. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1830 (6:30 p.m.) at the Cultural Heritage Center.

I ran across a narrative written by Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC that I would like to share with you.

What Is A Veteran

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: A missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg, or perhaps another sort of inner steel - the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem.

You can't tell a vet just by looking. What is a vet?

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than the five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a

hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back **at all**.

He is the Quantico drill instructor who has never seen combat but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

**E-mail your
CPN legislator!!**

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Clinic Notes - East Clinic at CPN Headquarters & West Clinic at FireLake Grand



Dr. Ron Shaw



Dr. David Lovelace



Maggie Troxell



Lacey Strickland

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services continues to grow and improve services for tribal members. The new West Clinic opened on August 10, 2011, offering medical, laboratory, and pharmacy services. It has recently added Radiology to complete the compliment of medical services at that location.

CPN Health Services is staffed with 13 medical providers, including five physicians, two dentists, three nurse practitioners, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, and a cardiologist. The goal of the Health Services Clinics is to provide the best healthcare possible to our tribal members by meeting the majority of needs on-site, including lab, radiology, ultrasound, Holter monitoring, audiology, and same-day appointment slots for those urgent needs.

CPN Health Services welcomes our

newest medical staff members: Dr. Ron Shaw M.D., Dr. David Lovelace D.O., Maggie Troxell APRN-CNP, and Lacey Strickland APRN-CNP.

Dr. Ron Shaw M.D. serves as the Medical Director for CPN Health Services. Dr. Shaw is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. He managed his own private practice for a number of years in the Oklahoma City/Moore area, with his last six years being spent as a Hospitalist and Emergency Department Physician at Saint John's Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His vast experience and leadership abilities will elevate the level of services provided.

Dr. David Lovelace D.O., a graduate of Oklahoma State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, comes to us from Southeastern Oklahoma Medical Center

where he has been an Emergency Department physician for more than 23 years. Dr. Lovelace serves as Adjunct Faculty-Clinical Assistant Professor in the Family Medicine Program of Oklahoma State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine and a Preceptor for the University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine Physician Associate Program. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Ringside Medicine and serves as the Medical Provider for Mixed Martial Arts events.

Maggie Troxell APRN-CNP graduated from Saint Anthony Hospital School of Nursing then completed her Advanced Practice training at the University of Oklahoma. She is certified in Family Practice by the ANCC. Ms. Troxell has been credentialed at a number of large tertiary care facilities in Oklahoma City, including Saint

Anthony Hospital and Integris Southwest Medical Center. She comes to us from a large Cardiology Practice in Oklahoma City, where she worked for the past eight years as an Advanced Practice RN, Certified Nurse Practitioner.

Lacey Strickland APRN-CNP graduated with her Bachelors Degree and her Advanced Practice training from the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Strickland is certified in Family Practice by the AANP, she is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners.

This group of outstanding professionals will bring a dimension of excellence and service to the Citizen Potawatomi people.

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He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, palsied now and aggravatingly slow, who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrifices

his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, the greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say, "Thank you." That's all most

people need and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded. Two little words that mean a lot: "Thank you!"

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation would like to thank all veterans past, present, and future - the men and women who fought so bravely and lost their lives during WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, and peacekeeping. Let us never

forget our MIAs and POWs.

Remember to keep all veterans and their families in your thoughts and daily prayers. David Barrett

Treasurer

Citizen Potawatomi Veterans Organization

**FireLake Gifts Inside The
CPN Cultural Heritage Center**

Carol Haines' first book is on bookstore shelves

CPN member draws inspiration from her 'Journey Back to Fitness'

As confirmed by a study in the "International Journal of Obesity," post-menopausal women gain weight, specifically belly fat. Unlike their mothers, the baby-boom generation wants to fight back. For them, 60 is the new 40.

But, they ask, where do we go for our battle plan? Unable to find a program addressing the specific fitness needs of post-menopausal women, Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Carol Ann Haines took it upon herself to discover what it takes for female (and male) baby-boomers to live strong and healthy.

Haines' new book, "Living Fit After Fifty – A Guide for the Post-Menopausal Woman," is a compact guide for this large segment of the population. While focusing on what one needs to eat instead of what she should not eat, and on tips for exercising efficiently and safely, Haines' plan sets her readers up for success!

Haines says, "After decades of restrictive diets, let this guide show you a simpler, more enjoyable way to get and remain fit."

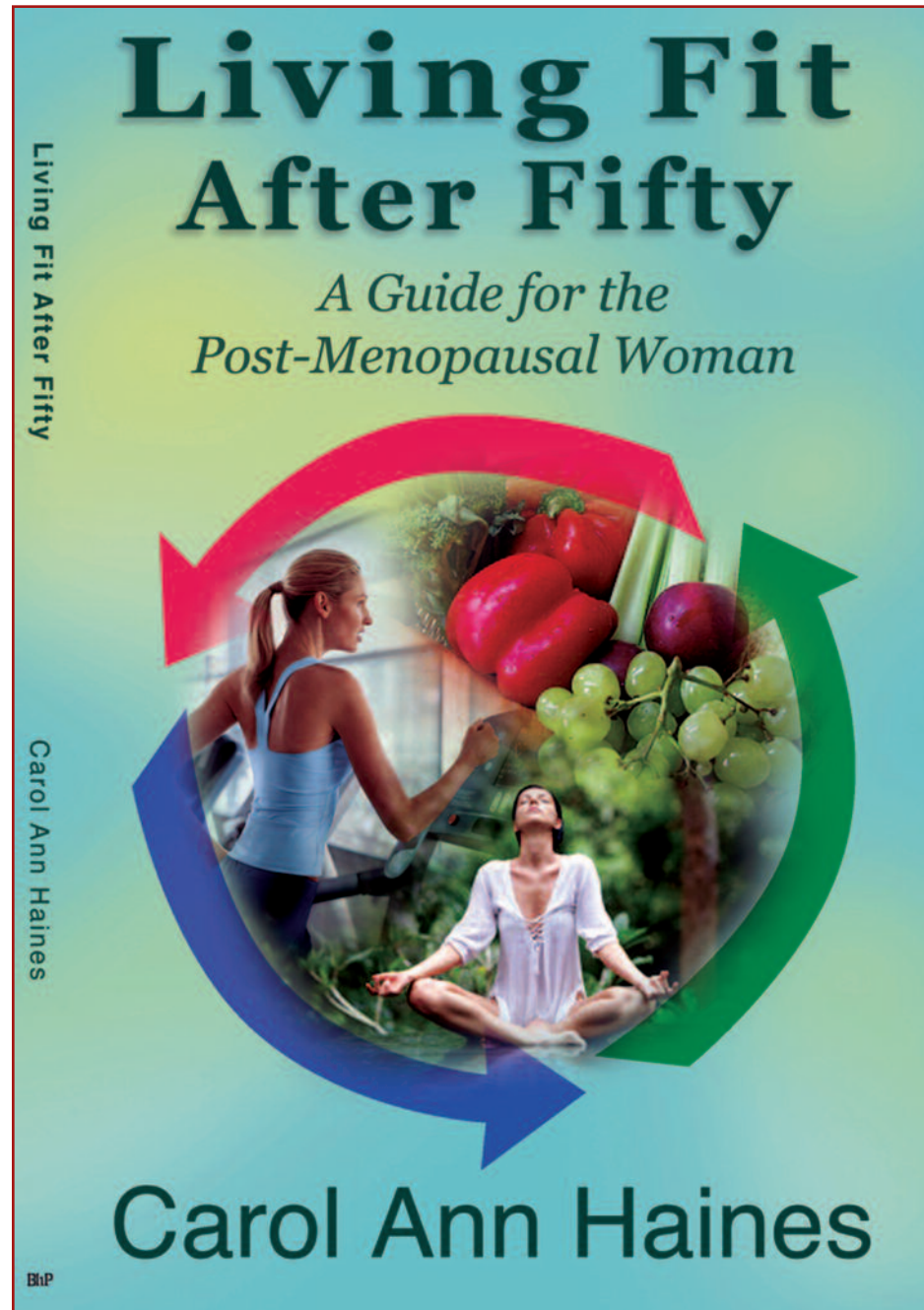
Haines brings a positive attitude, common sense, and a practical plan that can be worked into busy people's everyday life. She is a living example of the program, having incorporated it into her life with consistent, long-term results.

Haines says, "I believe the aging population will want to know about this book."

She adds, "What is different about my book is that it is not a fad diet full of restrictions and limitations. Instead, it focuses on what you can and should eat, about the benefits of getting fit so that you can live healthy, strong, and happy. It IS a positive, comprehensive, fitness guide for the rest of our lives."

Stacey Becker, a personal trainer and the Spinning and Cardio trainer for the University of California/San Diego swim team, offered this assessment of the book: "Carol Haines has written a book full of great ideas, solutions, and recipes to help navigate this interesting and, at times, irritating stage of life. *Living Fit after 50* provides a positive approach to handling menopause and the assorted goodies that come with middle-age, being hijacked by hormones, weight gain, assorted aches and pains, and handling all that life throws your way."

Haines says that she is sharing a lifetime



Living Fit After Fifty is CPN member Carol Ann Haines' first book. She drew inspiration from her successful battles with melanoma and 30 extra pounds.

of experiencing what is counter-productive to long-term weight loss and a healthy metabolism. She adds, "It also incorporates what I have learned from my son, who works as a personal fitness trainer, and has taught me how to live well."

At the time Haines wrote the book, she had maintained a healthy weight and body mass index (BMI, amount of body fat) for four years. "I eat more than I ever have and

do not feel deprived in any way. I enjoy my four times weekly workouts because they keep me strong, flexible, and grounded. I am now ready for any and all adventures," she said.

Living Fit After Fifty opens with Haines describing her age-47 battle with stage III melanoma (skin cancer). She spent many hours on the internet, searching for an alternative treatment. She decided on a depar-



Carol Ann Haines

ture from the norm - a treatment that consisted of a cocktail of toxic drugs, three hospital stays, extreme nausea, high fevers, and depression.

"These months were literally the worst of my life," Haines explains. "I had never been so sick and the reality of dying was very prominent in my mind. Through the lonely hours lying in bed sick and drugged, I never lost the will to live. I wanted my health back, to be able to do the routine everyday chores I was unable to do. I even wished I could get up and do the laundry, something I had always hated."

Beating the cancer left Carol Haines optimistic and excited about her future. But, it also found her 30 pounds overweight. She accepted help from son Ryan Haines. "He required that I work out five times a week, which was fine, eat six times a day, and stay off the scale for the entire six weeks. Eat all that food and not weigh myself? I thought he was crazy and told him I knew I couldn't eat like that."

Haines turned what she learned on that journey into *Living Fit After Fifty*, which, she emphasizes, is helpful and valuable for both men and women who have left the half-century mark in the rear-view mirror.

The book is available where books are sold, including at Amazon.com. (An e-book version is on the way.) It is also available from the publisher at www.bearheadpublishing.com.

Potawatomi Language Department

There are a lot of exciting opportunities available through the Language Department here in the new year. On Tuesday, January 24th, we are initiated a new beginner-level language class. It meets from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Cultural Heritage Center. The class is free, and everyone is encouraged to come on out.

Also, for those of you who do not live in the area, we are video-recording the classes and placing them online at www.potawatomiheritage.org.

We have started a beginner class online, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and an intermediate class from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

There are also a number of new classes at the Cultural Heritage Center. On Mondays, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., there are ribbon-working classes. On Thursdays, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., there is a class on loom-beading. In the upcoming months, look for more classes of various types.

We were not able to report on some exciting stuff from last month due to space limitations, so we would like to review some of those events. We went Christmas caroling on two nights for the Elders who live in Father Murphy Complex, the elders in Tecumseh, the 13th Street Citizen Potawatomi housing complex, the foster kids program, and the Veterans Organization's annual Christmas party. It was a lot of fun, and folks enjoyed hearing the songs in Potawatomi. We still have these songs online at www.potawatomiheritage.org if you would like to hear or learn a couple of Christmas songs in Potawatomi.

The kids in the Child Development center presented their annual Christmas Program. They did a real good job. They sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," "Silent Night," and "Walking In a Winter Wonderland." Everyone seemed to enjoy the show and gave a big shoutout to the kids for a job very well done.

We are continuing working on a series of children's traditional stories. At the end of February, we plan to host a Winter Storytelling Evening at the Cultural Heritage



CPN Language Program Director Justin Neely passes along Potawatomi language knowledge at a conference.

Center. It is scheduled for Leap Day – Wednesday, February 29th at 6:00 p.m. AS we finish them, the stories are being placed online at www.potawatomiheritage.org.

Also, we have started doing podcasts of skits in Potawatomi. We just finished our first one, and it has been placed online. So check out all the cool stuff we have online such as games, a dictionary, audio, video, and numerous other tools and information on the culture and language.

There are a number of our traditional stories which are only supposed to be told in the Winter time - especially those involving Wiske or Nanabozho, the trickster. So this will be an opportunity for folks to hear a number of these stories. Traditionally, it is believed that in the winter the spirits are asleep and the Earth is cleansed. So, this is

the time to tell these stories. We plan to have some food, and it would help us if, before the event, we can get a count of those who anticipate attending.

Another idea we are working on is a cultural immersion weekend in March. We would like to make it four days filled with such activities as beading, drumming, putting up a sweat lodge, ceremonies, language, dance, etc. We are considering a late-March date. We hope to have it at a location where folks can camp out during the weekend.

We will also place a number of hymns online in the next month or so. Remember to keep watching the website for updates on new classes as well as new materials being posted.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center



CHC Classes and New Family Display Area

Recently, the Cultural Heritage Center began hosting cultural classes in the evenings and on weekends. The first few weeks have been a huge success. More than a dozen people showed up for the first session of "How to Make an Appliqué Design Template." Several came back to take part in our "Ribbonwork: Small Projects" class, both taught by Leslie Deer. We plan to continue holding regalia-making classes that use our six new sewing machines.

We have reorganized what was once the Family Research Area of the exhibit hall into a space to display more items from the CHC's collection. Objects donated to the CHC over the years, including personal belongings, or those which were made by tribal members as well as original works of art donated to the Heritage Center over the years will be displayed.

We would like to encourage tribal members to lend items (within certain specifications) to the CHC to be displayed, especially for those who will be honored at this year's Family Reunion Festival. Generally, items will generally be displayed for six to 12 months so that we can showcase the family heirlooms of as many tribal members as possible.

If you would like to lend an item to be displayed in the family display area, please contact Stacy S. Coon at scoon@potawatomi.org.

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CPN opens 24 units of new elder housing in November 2011

Father Joe Murphy Phase III residents beaming over new homes

by Donna Schoenkopf

The classic white fence that borders the Citizen Potawatomi's Father Joe Murphy Elder Housing Complex gives the whole place a fresh, friendly look, and when you turn into the gate, the winding drive up the gentle hill reinforces that feeling.

The duplexes that line the street of the elder-housing complex are almost cottage-like brick-and-wood structures. Some have wind chimes or chairs on their front porches. One house has a child's large pink valentine on the door.

It's winter. The grass hasn't greened up yet and there aren't flowers either, but the place is so restful and calm and downright pretty! The topper (literally)? There are solar panels on the roofs. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation hasn't forgotten a thing.

Scott George, who will be showing me around, is the rental housing manager for both the family housing and the elder housing, totalling 110 units. He's been doing this for six years.

Up he drives in his white pickup. He steps out of the cab. He's tall, with a long braid down his back. He has a nice smile. He tells me we are to meet the Brenners first, and they are right across the street.

Doris Brenner is a pretty woman with a beaming smile. Her husband, Carl, joins her in the doorway. Soon we are in a bright living and dining room with beautiful natural woodwork that frames the doorways, thick carpeting, and brand-new neutral tile through the hall and down to the kitchen. We poke our heads into the master bedroom, very large with a nice big eastern window and a huge master closet.

Great closet space is one of the many things that the designers of these units have provided. Doris says that the closets are amazing. It's one of her favorite things.

The large bathroom has an extra-wide door; all the doors are wide enough for anyone in a walker or wheelchair to manage to get through. The tub has plenty of hand grips for easy in and out.

The home is energy-efficient, too. The Brenners keep their home on a constant temperature, and Carl says that often their bill is only about two dollars a day due to not only the solar panels on the roof, but the geothermal system that's in places as well.



Mary Powell stands at the sink in the beautiful, modern kitchen in her home in the Phase III area of the Father Joe Murphy elder housing complex. The CPN opened 24 new units of duplex housing in November 2011.

The beautifully appointed kitchen has new appliances, all energy-savers. The water-saving washer, Carl explains, actually weighs the load and adjusts the amount of water per load. A huge microwave, a self-cleaning stove, and a large refrigerator, lots of counter space, a kitchen sink under the west-facing window, and those nice tiles all make for a really pleasant cooking and laundry area.

In the back yard, Doris has planted pansies and asparagus. The pansies are weathering the winter nicely and still hold on through the cold.

Back in the living room, we talk about their pictures of sailing ships on the walls. Carl and Doris talk about the nine years they spent on the Lindy Sue, named after their two daughters. They recall some of their life in the Caribbean, and one scary time on the inland waterway of the eastern seaboard. They were faced with a bridge that couldn't be raised because of high winds. A narrow escape.

Doris says she belongs to a women's

drumming group and throws on a shawl she's made with the FireLake logo on the back. Carl jokes that he's the "squaw man" of the family, because Doris is the one with the Potawatomi heritage.

To qualify for elder housing, you must be 60 years old (younger, if you are disabled). Preference is given to Potawatomis, then to other Native Americans. Qualifications also include financial status. The units

are just under 1,000-square-feet, but seem much larger. There is a cap on funds from the federal government for the total square footage of the elder housing. All of that goes into considering the design of the homes.

Next on our visit is Anna McBroom who is sitting on her front porch with her little Maltese, Casper, at her feet. She has been reading a thriller and having her morning coffee. She has a rosy, cherub-like smile as she takes us into her living room. It's gorgeous, everything artfully arranged. Her walls hold an ornate mirror, candles, wrought ironwork filigree. You can tell she

has an artist's eye.

Anna has been here just over a year. She likes everything about her home, especially a large grassy space next to her unit.

Her housing plan is the mirror image of the Brenners' so we don't make the full tour. We step out to the patio and I can see how nice it is to have that open space next door. Lots of greenery and nature.

We talk about her visitors. Her son, Nathan Smith, visits often, she says. Having visitors was something that was considered very important by the tribe and given serious consideration.

Anna said her electric bill dropped from about \$70 a month to about \$40. The rent is controlled and is \$250 a month, and is capped at no more than 30 percent of income.

As we talk, Anna tells me that the most important thing to her about living here was the feeling of security and peace she has. It used to be difficult making ends meet and there had been a lot of worry. Then she had been introduced to elder housing through the Wellness Center. At first she wasn't so sure about the move, not knowing what to expect. She soon discovered that she had finally found her home.

We talk a little about how the tribe cares for its people and wouldn't it be wonderful if all people could have what the Citizen Potawatomis have. Not only do members of the tribe connect with their large families and know their history, but they, as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, care for each other, as all good families do.

And then it's goodbye, because we're off to visit Mary Powell.

As we park, Mary drives up. She's come from the Cultural Heritage Center, where she works. Mary is a recent resident and tells us she has more pictures to hang and things to arrange, but it looks great to me.

"It's my home," she says, and proceeds to tell us how she came to be here.

She tells us that she was one of the first people to get into the first phase of Potawatomi housing, years ago, and this has been her third move. She says she absolutely did not want to move a third time and had told Scott not to put her on the list of potential Father Joe Murphy Phase III

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Legislative Columns

District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

In my last article, I talked of an area gathering Districts #1 and #2 were sharing in New Jersey. The meeting was held at Parsippany, N.J. on December 3, 2011. It was well-attended and seemed to be much appreciated by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation members of the northeast, who seldom see anyone from our great Nation.

I hope to see them all, or at least some of them, at our next Family Reunion Festival at Shawnee, on June 29 and 30 and July 1, 2012. As you know, the tribal grounds at Shawnee are getting to be a great vacation destination, and the festival in June is the very best time of all to be there.

My one disappointment in the New Jersey trip was that the government has closed Fort Monmouth, and my wife and I did not get to visit the chapel where we were married so many (59) years ago. I hope to do more of these gatherings in my district. So, if you are in district #1 and have suggestions for locations, I would be happy to hear them.

As you know, if you read my articles in the *HowNiKan*, District #1 likes to honor our elders on their birthdays. We just honored a very special lady with a birthday luncheon at my office in Kansas City. Anna (Aunt Wilma) Mcauley was 98 on her birthday January 11, 2012. She was accompanied by her son Steven Mcauley and his wife. 'Aunt Wilma' lives in and cares for her own home, a home filled with a life time of treasures. She has a great sense of humor. One of my favorite memories of her occurred last year at her birthday party.



When asked about some future plan, her response was, "Honey, at my age, I don't even buy green bananas."

I will end this article as I always do, with a request for your contact information. If you do not receive e-mail or regular mail from me, it is because I do not have your contact information. I know most of you must think that, if you live in my district, I should have your name and address. However, that is not the case. Because of privacy issues, the Nation cannot supply me with that information so I must dig it out for myself.

Please, please, please, I can be reached toll-free at 888-741-5767. This number will always be answered at all times. Or, you can reach me by mail at 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64151 or via e-mail at rsalavin@potawatomi.org. At this time, I have contact information for fewer than a third of my members. Please help me change that.

Migwetch,
Roy Slavin, Rep., District #1



From left, Betty Hancock, Peggy Kinder, Anna 'Aunt Wilma' Mcauley. Betty Hancock is Peggy Kinder's mother; Anna Mcauley is her aunt.

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens and Other Readers,

This column is a tribute to the strong faith and goodness of Native women. Its inspiration is the recent history-making announcement that a Native woman, Kateri Tekakwitha, will be canonized by the Catholic Church as a saint, the first Native American saint, in 2012. Kateri was an early Catholicism convert, living in what is now upstate New York in the 17th century.

Kateri's father was a Mohawk chief and her mother a Catholic Algonquin. When she was 20, she moved to a Jesuit mission near Montreal, Canada, where she taught children and ministered to the elderly and sick. She herself became sick and died at age 24. Healings and miracles have been attributed to Kateri, resulting in her being declared "venerable" in 1948. She was beatified in 1980 by Pope John Paul II.

In December 2011, Pope Benedict XVI signed the decree necessary for her canonization. [Note: Her name is pronounced kă'tu-rē. Her Iroquois name, Takawkwitha, is often pronounced tek'u-kwith'u. You can listen to these pronunciations at www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tekakwitha (Merriam Webster online).]

The media coverage of the decision to canonize Kateri got me thinking of one of our own Potawatomi women who walked on this past year – Joyce Abel. Joyce, like Kateri, was a Catholic who ministered faithfully to the elderly and sick. Joyce, a Bourbonnais, got her degree in 1956 as a Registered Nurse, and after running hospitals and clinics in the Shawnee area, began work for her people. She devoted more than 30 of her working years to our Nation.

Among her contributions were that she designed and directed our Health Services Clinic and CPN Wellness Center, served as the Director of the Health Aids Program, and, at the time of her death, was designing the Assisted Living Program. Joyce was resourceful, dedicated, and kind. She touched a great many people throughout the country, with her birthday cards, comforting words, and ability to stretch a Health Aids dollar to ensure an elder received the mobility or



other equipment he or she needed to enhance daily living.

I am incredibly blessed to know other Potawatomi women who, like Kateri and Joyce, exhibit strong faith and goodness. They inspire me every day – from Corrie Warren of Virginia who is raising a beautiful family of 10 children (so far! – some are adopted, and she just gave birth to a beautiful daughter, Yoni), to my Aunt Agnes (who is also my godmother) who is just turning 85 and whom I had the honor of recognizing as the wisest in attendance at the Gathering held in Parsippany, New Jersey in December 2011, to our Vice Chairman, Linda Capps, whom I consider our Nation's heart. Their pictures and those of Kateri and Joyce appear at the end of this column and reflect their inner and outer beauty!

These women have also inspired the subject matter of the Third Annual District #2 Photo Contest. The deadline for submission of photo entries is April 15, 2012 and the subject is "A Good Woman." I will be the sole judge in the contest, and the prize is the winner's choice of a large Potawatomi flag, like the one each legislator proudly displays in his/her office, next to our American flag, or a Pendleton briefcase. You can send your entries to me via e-mail or regular mail, as you wish. No late entries will be accepted but multiple entries are welcome. I would love to see many of you participate! The

winning entry, along with a selection of other entries, will be in the *HowNiKan*.

Two last notes. First, send me your contact details. Building community is an e-mail by e-mail endeavor; please make sure you are included! Second, we will be visiting the Archives in Suitland, Maryland on Friday, March 23, 2012 with our Nation's Heritage Center Director and our Archivist. Please visit either the Nation's website and my legislative page there or my personal website, evamariocarney.com, for more details. RSVP if you are interested in going.

And, who says there is no such thing as a "free lunch"? I will be hosting a lunch starting at noon on March 23rd, just a few

blocks from the Archives, at the Taj Mahal restaurant (3610 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland). It will be a buffet, so you can eat what you like, and we can get to know each other better before the Archives visit.

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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cilities, it would be of great help. Some of the ones that can use funds through the year are as follows: Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Dr., Pine Ridge, SD 57770; St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, SD 57326; St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004-1001; and this elder center, Soaring Eagle - A Public Charity, 745 Indian Trail, Billings, MT 59105.

In the Native American culture, giving and sharing is natural in comparison to our current society of accumulation. It is a deep-thought belief with the Plains Nations that you really do not own something until you can give it away. I know that each of these groups will appreciate whatever you can send, and will thank you for your generosity. Your gift is also tax deductible!

For those of you living in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and who are looking for regalia supplies, or Pendleton blankets, beads, pipes, sage, sweet grass, cedar, jewelry, or other cultural items, a Native American store has opened in Hurst. It is only about four blocks from our District #3 tribal office. Paul Griffith, a Cherokee, owns Flying Eagle Trading Post. The address is 232 West Bedford-Eules Road, Hurst, TX 76053. The telephone number is 817-285-6383. Their website is www.FlyingEagleTradingPost.com.

Griffith has taken the time to mark his merchandise to show whether it was made by a certified or registered American Indian (AI), by a non-registered American Indian, or an artisan who has no American Indian affiliation. He does take items on consignment for a 15% premium. His prices are reasonable, and you save the shipping fees we all pay with the other American Indian suppliers, when using their USPS option.

On another subject, I regularly receive calls from tribal members asking if I know of any inexpensive source for prescription drugs. I recently received a mailer from Global Pharmacy Canada. They advised that they carry many of the drugs prescribed in the US, and have generic equivalents available only in Canada. These generic equivalents are not yet available in the United States. For example, they have Gleevec 100mg, 30 capsules for \$170.00, compared to \$1,338.00 here in the US.

If you don't have prescription drug insurance, you might want to investigate the possibility of using this service. Contacts are 866-850-6021, Fax 866-655-8460, and their website is www.gpchealth.com.



While I cannot vouch for this firm since I have no experience with them, you might want to check them out to see if they can provide you what you need at a lower price. Keep in mind that the drugs they offer are generic, and might be made in another country. However, much of what we tend to buy here in the US, with the exception of our prescription drugs, is made in China or elsewhere. That includes much of the food that we eat.

I hope each of you had a wonderful set of holidays this past month. Between now and the edition of my next column, no doubt many things will come up about Pow wows, other events, etc. If you are not on my CPN3Legislator@Yahoo.com e-mail list, send your contact information to me, so I can get that information out to you when I send out short notice distributions.

I thank you over and over for the honor of representing and serving you. We have a District office in Bedford, Texas. If you have a need to meet with me, please call and arrange for a time to come in. It can be in the evening or on the weekend. I will work with your schedule to the extent possible.

Bama pi (later),
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From bottom left and clockwise: CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps at 2010 Gathering of Nations, in Shawnee, Oklahoma; Agnes Barron with Pendleton honor blanket, in Parsippany New Jersey; Corrie Warren, taken at her home in Northern Virginia; Joyce Abel, R.N. (1936-2011), photo copyright 2011, The Shawnee News-Star; Agnes Barron, at her home in New Jersey; Vice Chairman Linda Capps (with Chairman Rocky Barrett) on the CPN Grounds in 2010. The center photo is a reproduction of a painting of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha by Father Chauchetière, completed between 1682 and 1693. It is in the public domain because of its age.

District #3 ~ Robert Whistler

Mno wepomgak! (Happy New Year):

December's *HowNiKan* had some good information from several of my peers, which I hope was useful or just a pleasure to read. Rande Payne mentioned how one of his constituents in District #6 has been helping the Sioux and other Nations in the North Plains the past few years. I visited several of the schools, including both the

Red Cloud School and the Oglala Lakota College in Pine Ridge, last May. These other tribal Nations living in the North Plains face some very harsh winter weather.

While we just went through our usual annual gift-giving to one another on December 25, this seasonal gifting tends to fade quickly. If you can find a few dollars to send to any of the schools or elder care fa-

District #4 - Theresa Adame

Bozho,

First let me start by wishing you all a Happy New Year! As I write, we are just packing up all the Christmas ornaments and decorations. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

We had a great attendance at the Elders Christmas Party in early December at the Rossville Center. We started the afternoon with a potluck lunch. The ham, carefully prepared by Joan Winters, was delicious, and the wide range of side dishes and desserts made for a great meal. We had approximately 75 citizens in attendance, and fun was had by all. It was a full afternoon of fellowship, games, and gifts. I hope to see more of you at next year's party.

It is getting to be that time of year again, when we begin planning for the Family Reunion Festival. If you have never attended and have questions, please feel free to contact me.

I will be starting sewing classes again in preparation for Festival. The 2012 Honored Families will be the Andersons, Beaubiens, Bertrands, Bourbonnaises, Ogees, Pettifers, Toupins, Wanos, and Yotts.

Every year the attendance grows as more



people use this time to get back in touch with their families and learn more about our heritage.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations now. Also, I offer a reminder to contact Tribal Rolls to make your reservations for on-site camping.

It is my privilege to serve you, so do not hesitate to contact me.

Migwetch,
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District #5 - Gene Lambert

The New Year has begun, bringing with it exciting new opportunities for upcoming events in the world of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. From the East to the West there will be more gatherings and meetings than ever before. All the legislators are out here organizing for 2012.

We have just scheduled the Arizona meeting to be held at the Botanical Gardens on April 1, 2012, from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We are making plans for meetings CPN members in Colorado, Nevada, and Utah. You will be getting your invitation soon. Every member in our District #5 is welcome to come and enjoy.

If you have not received your Potawatomi language name yet, please know that you can make your request during this time frame. It is important that you have your request in no later than two weeks before a meeting as there is a lot involved in getting "your name."

We also have our new website www.CitizenPotawatomiNationDistrict05.com for you to log on and see information about events and ceremonies online. Additionally,



the information is available on Facebook under my name, Gene Lambert.

It was a great year in 2011; let's look forward to an even more exciting year to come.

Thank you for all your support. I am excited to be able to serve you in the year to come.

Bozho,
Gene Lambert

District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho Nikan,

I do hope your holiday season was as awesome as mine. Being a grandparent at Christmas time, or anytime for that matter, is a special treat but it is especially delightful at Christmas. There's just something special about the eyes of a child filled with the excitement and enthusiasm of opening that next present. Maybe it's hope I'm seeing in their smiles and laughter.

I liken it to not knowing what lies ahead but being excited about it anyway. The Creator's greatest gift is life itself. How much more enriched would we be if we were to look at the gift of life the same as a child or grand-child looks at a Christmas present? Just a thought ...

Generally I don't get political, but there's something I wish to talk about that is somewhat political and goes well beyond just politics. It touches the very fabric of our soul and may be the biggest social issue of our time - Entitlements. We live in a place and a time where there are multitudes of excess and abundance. Many of these excesses are being used for political gain and

power. Add greed and squandering to the equation and moral decay begins to take over.

Hopefully you have been following an issue that hits very close to home. It's the matter of tribal disenrollments within several tribes across the country. The one closest to home and in the media spotlight is right here in central California. This particular tribe has amassed an enormous amount of debt and sees per-capita payment reductions, through disenrollments, as the solution to their overspending. The majority of the tribe's membership has become dependent on the entitlements, and no one wants to give anything up.

As Chairman John Barrett accurately states, "The definition of tribe is family." So, what we end up with in this scenario are families that are literally being ripped apart over political power and greed. It is terrible to watch the excess and abundance from the proceeds of a prosperous casino create such strife and turmoil among the members of the tribe.

Unfortunately an entitlement mindset fed

by free money has produced a monster. I know a couple of the families in the tribe personally, and they tell me it has been nothing short of devastating to their tribe. The local media is questioning whether the tribe even has the wherewithal to self-govern at this point and is suggesting that the Bureau of Indian Affairs step in to help resolve their issues.

I look at what's going on in my own backyard and start to look farther away to the state, federal, and global governments around the world. There, I see the same thing. Societies are either in collapse or smothered in political unrest and violence as entitlements dry up. I wonder, "What in the world are we thinking?"

I see it within my own family as parents have no expectations and fail to place responsibility on their children or provide needed guidance and discipline. As these children enter adulthood, the parents are still providing for them and these unprepared young adults struggle in the workforce. Their work ethic is weak or non-existent, and the life they've known to that point has all been paid for by the sweat of someone else's brow.

As I look at what's going on, the common denominator at every level is entitlements.

I am so thankful that our tribe does not do per-capita payments. I have seen mostly strife and misery within the membership of local tribes in my area as a result of per-capita payments. The leadership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has worked extremely hard to manage our resources wisely and provide assistance for those with real need. This is one of the greatest examples of real leadership that I have ever seen.

I think the Citizen Potawatomi Nations model honors our Creator and our traditional way of life by assisting our elders as their needs increase and investing in our future by training and educating our youth. I believe this is as it should be.

There is tremendous pressure on our society to accept entitlements. I place great hope in our future generations to break this cycle and just say no. I have seen some really talented and motivated young people lately with that entrepreneurial sparkle in their eye. It gives me great joy.

I had the opportunity to meet a very talented young tribal member last fall at our gathering in November. His name is Aaron Haynes. Aaron has a Bachelor's degree in



Business Administration with emphasis in Management. He also has a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a focus in Marketing.

I found Aaron to be very pleasant and easy to talk to. I believe he would be a great asset to any organization looking for help with Marketing. Publisher of Success Magazine Darren Hardy recently stated that the single most important aspect of any business is marketing. We are in the midst of a social media explosion! Aaron is currently involved in media marketing consulting and looking to join a team where he can put his marketing skills to work.

If you have need for a marketing expert or know of someone who does, please contact Aaron. You can reach him by phone at 858-449-0065 or e-mail at aaron.s.haines@gmail.com

If someone doesn't grab Aaron, I might have to seek his help with some media marketing projects as I continue to transition into the restaurant business. I have greatly enjoyed working with my wife and daughters over the last few weeks. Most of my time has been invested in setting up record-keeping, gift shop storage racking, and such, but I have spent some time on the restaurant floor with them. I have spent no time in the kitchen as Kim has made it clear that is her domain!

If you haven't provided me with your e-mail address already, I would appreciate having it. In the course of my transition from my former employer into the restaurant business I have had to rebuild my distribution list, and I would like to add you to it. Simply e-mail me at rande.payne@potawatomi.org

Please remember to visit www.potawatomiheritage.org for all the latest cultural information. The website is loaded with information and resources. Our language department is currently providing

online language classes for beginner and intermediate level Potawatomis. Days and times are listed on the website calendar.

As always I am honored to serve as your Representative.

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. - Proverbs 10:4 Migwetch!

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District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

It is time to make your plans to attend the Family Reunion Festival, being held June 29 through July 1 in Shawnee. Each year at the Family Reunion Festival, the Nation honors a group of its Founding Families. In 2012, the following families will be honored: **Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, and Yott.**

If you have not attended the Festival before, I would like to encourage you to do so. It is an experience that you will not forget, and an excellent opportunity to learn about your heritage and your Nation, catch up with old friends, or meet new relatives. In 2011, there were more than 5,100 in attendance.

On Saturday, April 7, 2012, I will host an open house event at the District #7 office in Clovis, California from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for you to visit the district office and meet with me and other members from the district.

It seems as though I receive a phone call every week asking about Health Care and what is available to our members outside of Oklahoma. Please visit the District #7 website at www.MarkJohnsonCPN.com. Click on the tab for the IHS Providers to find the listings of Health Clinics in the district where our members can access health care resources. If you don't have access to a computer, please give me a call and I will be happy to help you find the closest clinic.

The deadlines for Scholarship Applications will be here before you know it. Summer session applications and paperwork are due June 1, 2012, and fall semester applications are due August 1, 2012. It is never too early to get them filled out. For full-time students, up to \$1500 is available, and for part-time students up to \$750 is avail-



able. Also remember that students who receive a Tribal Scholarship are also eligible to receive \$675 for the fall and spring semesters from the Student Housing Assistance Program to assist with living expenses.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always, give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you might need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please, also take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact information so I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

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District #8 - Dave Carney

Mno Wepomgak (Happy New Year)!

2012 will mark the fifth-year anniversary of the revised CPN constitution. In 2007, the members voted in support of our new form of government by 83%. That vote gave more legislative and budget control to members living outside the traditional reservation land than those of any other tribe in the United States enjoy. The eyes of other native nations are upon us, as well as the scrutiny of those who study the government of indigenous people. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been honored for transparency in government by Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. I invite anyone who has an interest to view our meetings either live or in archive at www.potawatomi.org.

Our five-year-old form of government is in many ways like any other five-year-old – a work in progress. What will it look like in 15 or 20 years? I don't know, but I am proud of the work we have done thus far: putting land into trust for future generations to use for their needs, working on legislation to improve the quality of life for our members through programs and benefits, voting to fund the development of our enterprises to make the Nation a first-class travel and entertainment destination, and enrolling new members who will guarantee the future of the tribe.

The other side of our five-year-old government is distribution of information, preservation of culture and traditions, and fostering personal connections that are happening throughout the districts. Members come from diverse educational, social, economic, and religious backgrounds. However, when we come together in a room, we are bound by the common thread of being Potawatomi.

My part of the process has been very rewarding and very interesting. I've taken on a lot of different duties, and each one has value. I have assisted college-age members



in getting the right forms to the Tribal Rolls department for scholarships. I have talked several members through the health aids assistance program. I have met joyful children wearing ribbon shirts and shawls their grandmothers made, who were excited to hear the creation story. I've been humbled by the opportunity to give Potawatomi elders names and eagle feathers and to see the look of pride and connection on their faces. I have met a lot of terrific people in my two-and-a-half years as your legislator. Many I now consider friends.

As 2012 progresses, please consider coming to Shawnee for the Family Reunion Festival. It is always on the last weekend in June (June 29 and 30 and July 1, 2012) and is a very memorable experience. If time, finances, or your personal situation don't permit the travel, I encourage you to come to one of the events in District #8 this year. I hope to have events in Idaho, Oregon, and possibly Alaska this summer. Please take a look at www.dave-carney.com occasionally or contact me to be on my mailing list for details.

Migwetch (Thank you) again for the honor of serving you,
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Visit the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center

1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive - Shawnee, Oklahoma

Call 405-878-5830 - Sunday & Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho, Nikan!

BLOOD DEGREE

I authored a bill in the Oklahoma House of Representatives eliminating the blood degree requirement as a qualification to be appointed as the Native American Liaison to the office of Governor of Oklahoma. Current law states, "Any person appointed to the position of Oklahoma Native American Liaison shall be an American Indian of at least one-fourth blood."

My bill, House Bill 2563, would change the qualification so the law would be revised to read, "Any person appointed to the position of Oklahoma Native American Liaison shall be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and shall have valid proof of membership."

I believe any blood degree requirement in state government jobs is discriminatory and ultimately destructive. Blood degree, as Chairman John Barrett has said, is an artificial definition of an Indian that was fostered by the federal government to ultimately deny its treaty obligations by setting some arbitrary blood percentage as a requirement for tribal membership.

Most tribes rely on the historic 1893 Dawes Rolls to determine membership. If one is directly related to an Indian listed on the Dawes Rolls, then that person qualifies as an Indian. This is how the Citizen Potawatomi Nation determines citizenship.

If we allow blood degree to be legal and binding in Oklahoma or any other state, eventually Indian progeny, through intermarriage, would see their blood degree fall so low they could not qualify for certain jobs. Additionally, as the Chairman says, blood degree ultimately denies citizenship in the tribe and citizenship would no longer be afforded to future generations of Native Americans.

The position of Oklahoma Native Amer-



ican Liaison was created during the 2011 Oklahoma legislative session to replace the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. I strongly debated against dissolving this commission and voted against its elimination. Gov. Mary Fallin has not filled the position. I will author a bill that will make the liaison position a cabinet post.

Other Arguments

How can I be part Indian when I am not part citizen of my tribal nation? I do not have to live on tribal land to be a full member in good standing with my tribe. Potawatomi traditions declare that anyone who shares inherited blood with one of our Indian grandparents is fully Native American. How I define myself is presented in my poem:

Red Blood

On the outside,
Though my skin be so pale
The midday sun,
It burns and pains;
On the inside,
Indian blood churns
And flows through my veins.

Migwetch,
Paul Wesselhoft/*Naganit*

Notice - District #3 Residents

District #3 will host beading classes in 2012 on the following dates: April 21 in the Houston area - April 22 in the San Marcos area - May 12 in the Bedford area.

Classes are limited to 10 participants. Morning and afternoon sessions might be set up, depending on the number who register.

Please advise Bob Whistler via e-mail at RWhistler@Potawatomi.org if you wish to attend one of these classes. Include the number who will attend and the city where you plan to attend, along with your e-mail address and a phone contact.

Final details on the specific locations will be sent out on April 6, so registration closes on April 4, 2012.

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

A few months ago, all the legislators completed the course Rebuilding Native Nations, Strategies for Governance and Development, presented by the Native Nations Institute. The course depicted mainly the two different approaches that tribes are using in the development of their native nations.

The Standard Approach:

- *Decision making is short-term and non-strategic
- *Someone else sets the development agenda
- *Development is treated as primarily an economic problem
- *Indigenous culture is viewed as an obstacle to development
- *Elected leadership serves primarily as a distributor of resources

The Nation-Building Approach:

- *Native nations assert decision-making power
- *Native nations back up that power with effective governing institutions
- *Governing institutions match Indigenous political culture
- *Decision making is strategic
- *Leaders serve as nation builders and mobilizers

As you can see from looking at the above approaches, you would want our nation to be in the Nation Building Approach. You are right. This approach wasn't told to us by an outside source. When on Wednesday, May 29, 1985, the revised Citizen Potawatomi Nation constitution received approval and the annual tribal elections were set for June 29, 1985, these two events were really the starting point of moving our nation forward.

This revised constitution incorporated separation of powers, self-determination, and self-government. This new constitution did away with disfranchisement of voters, allowing all voting age members to cast their votes from all across our nation. Chairman John Barrett, newly elected as chairman in 1985, and the Business Committee took the plans for the new government and propelled our Nation forward.

In the early 90s, came self-governance. Then, in 2007, the voters secured the legislative branch to our new constitution.

Not all of our members have the oppor-



tunity to see first-hand the fruits of the vision that was acted on many years back. I, for one, want to thank all the leaders in the past who had to answer to "Why don't we have per capita payments?" They answered, "As a Nation, we need this seed corn to invest in the our future."

We have decisions being made by our own people, without relying on outside consultants or the federal government. The Nation has transitioned to a stronger third branch of government, our legislature, since early 2008. Our government has been functioning without missing a stride, maintaining that we have a good budget and within that budget there is money appropriated for categories that will advance our Nation.

We are using some of these funds to educate our people with the intension of keeping as many as we can in the Nation and stopping the "brain drain" that has us losing them to better jobs elsewhere. We look at grants that will supplement what we are already doing for our people or grants that would serve new needs for our people. We don't go after grants simply to enlarge our budget and don't serve a basic need of our people. We are bringing our Potawatomi language back, with more of our people learning our culture.

We employ around 2,000 people in our enterprises and services. We wouldn't be at this point in our nation-building if it weren't for the brilliant, dedicated, trustworthy, and loyal people who work for us. You don't realize how thankful we are to have these good employees until you have a chance to meet and visit with them on Employee Appreciation Day in December.

I am very comfortable with how the leaders of our Nation work together for the good of our citizens, not like federal government which can't even pass a budget and

control spending. We are very mindful of not overreaching and thus weighing all decisions for future obligations.

My "Thank you" goes to those who serve in the Executive branch, Legislative branch, and the Judicial branch of our government and to those who work for our Nation in any and all capacities. What a great tribe! Keep up the excellence that we strive for and deserve as a goal for leaders of great nations.

I want to close by saying that decision-making is strategic. We must answer such questions as "What kind of society are we trying to build?" and "How do we put in place the systems and policies that will attract and hold the people and the capital that the nation needs?"

We are on our way, shifting from reactive thinking to proactive thinking (not just responding to crises, but trying to gain some control over the future). We are shifting from short-term thinking to long-term

thinking (what kind of tribe do we want to be?). We are shifting from opportunistic thinking toward systemic thinking (looking at larger goals that fit into the Nation we are trying to create). And, we are shifting from a narrow-problem focus to a broader societal focus (fixing not just problems but communities and their cultural, social, political, and economic health).

These are some of the materials that were discussed in our course. You can see this by looking back at the leadership of the Nation that was started long ago. I know that at times we take two steps forward on major obstacles and slip back a step; however, this only means we are moving our Nation forward at all times - one step or two.

Migwetch,

David Barrett/Mnedobe

Legislator, District #10

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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

The Stress of Second Grade

Holiday breaks are always met with great excitement in our home. The boys pester us constantly with such questions as, "How many more days until we get out of school?" or "Exactly how many days do we get off from school?" Over the past few years, my son has asked these questions with more excitement than he does when asking how many days until Christmas or until the Easter Bunny comes. I'd like to chalk it up to kids being kids. But, unfortunately, my son struggles with phonics and reading. This makes school very hard for him.

This struggle began in first grade, continued through a summer of Sylvan, and then peaked midway through second grade. Conrad decided he wasn't going to learn to read, and that was that. I knew the potential to learn was there, but couldn't pinpoint all of the problems.

In our case, Conrad's teacher couldn't help but let him slip behind in first grade while the rest of the class moved forward. As a result, Conrad attended a summer of Sylvan tutoring to catch up. He grew angry and resentful about having to go to summer school. By the start of second grade, he had dug his heels in even deeper. He also began to smile less and think he wasn't good at anything - contrary to his incredible imagi-

nation and respect for others.

I learned that his friends didn't want him to sit at their table because they thought he wasn't smart enough. He was shunned on the playground because he would rather imagine a Legos or Star Wars battle than recite college football stats. He had fewer friends than he once did. A very funny and outgoing seven-year-old boy withdrew and would come home daily crying. He would tell me he "hated" school; all this because he couldn't read.

Four months ago, I took drastic measures, transferring him to a small Catholic school where he is now reading and finding that he is also good at math, cursive writing, and U.S. history. He comes home smiling and with tales of exciting things he is learning.

Mornings are no longer a fight over going to school. Rather, they are a battle over morning sluggishness. His new teacher and class work together to make sure that the entire class "gets it," either by sharing study tips or by learning in different ways (by seeing, by hearing, and by doing).

It also helps that the kids have a regular PE class, eat home-cooked lunches, and get 30-minute recesses. Most important, though, the school makes sure that daily school lessons are repeated in nightly homework and that the parent acknowl-

edges the completion of each homework assignment.

It's not that I wasn't active in my son's school work while he was in public school; it's just that I wasn't entirely sure how to teach him how to read other than by reading to him. There was very little homework that came home with him in first grade. Spending a summer listening to other parents and grandparents at Sylvan Learning Center gave me teaching ideas and reassured me that being at Sylvan was the first step to getting on top of the real problem. Learning is not a one-size-fits-all system.

Having a smaller class, one teacher, and students working together to help each other succeed has helped my son regain his confidence and his character. Sylvan also taught my son that he is not alone in his struggles at school; everyone learns differently and at different speeds. While sitting in the waiting room at Sylvan, Conrad discovered that all sorts of kids are in the same tough spot he is in - cool kids, not-so-cool kids, young kids and old kids, and even pretty and mean girls all need Sylvan tutoring.

And while both our boys still ask if there are going to be snow days in the coming weeks, they are both doing remarkably well in their respective schools (public and private). Sometimes, you simply have to ask for help to get ahead and act when something needs to change.

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Broadening the Tribal Scholarship Program to Include Elementary, Middle, and High School Tutoring Assistance

When I enrolled my son in Sylvan, I was told about the Osage Nation tribal program in Oklahoma and the Puyallup Tribe's program in Tacoma, Washington. Both tribes coordinate with Sylvan to pay the tuition for qualifying tribal members. Sylvan Learning Centers are nationwide and provide help with 1) initial student assessments; 2) identifying learning problems; 3) creating plans to bring students up in math, reading, and writing; and 4) teaching study skills.

Sylvan also helps high school students study and prepare for the SAT/ACT. Sylvan centers are individually-owned and are made up of education professionals and teachers who understand your child's learning style. The cost of Sylvan tutoring is high, but not too high for the help it pro-



vides you and your child. I spent almost \$3,000 last summer on tutoring. It was a turning point for my son and me. I've no doubt that he will need additional Sylvan tutoring in math someday when the problems get above my comprehension.

My intent is to see that our existing tribally-funded scholarship program be expanded to include Sylvan tutoring assistance. Right now, we have budgeted \$4.9 million for higher education scholarships. I would like to see an initial \$100,000 set aside from the existing budget and at least 100 children receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship this year at a Sylvan near them.

In comparison, the Osage Nation makes \$2,500 tutoring stipends available to individuals each year. They are awarded on a first-come basis. I think our tribe has the ability to develop minimal guidelines for applying for and awarding much more than \$100,000. However, until the need can be justified by the membership, it is hard to ask for a larger set-aside or annual tuition amount. That is why I am asking you to write your District Legislator and tell him or her now if you have a child or grandchild who is having problems learning in school, is failing a grade, and needs professional tutoring.

In an ideal world, we would have Donnette's childcare and after school programs replicated in every state. But, until then, parents need help now. If we can get in front of the educational hurdles our children face, we can help relieve the stress and make the path to college less frustrating. All Citizen Potawatomi kids should be confi-

dent that their dreams are within their reach, regardless of their current grade - from A to F and from Kindergarten to 12th.

Also, visit Sylvan to learn more: http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/parent_1_earning_resources.cfm.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

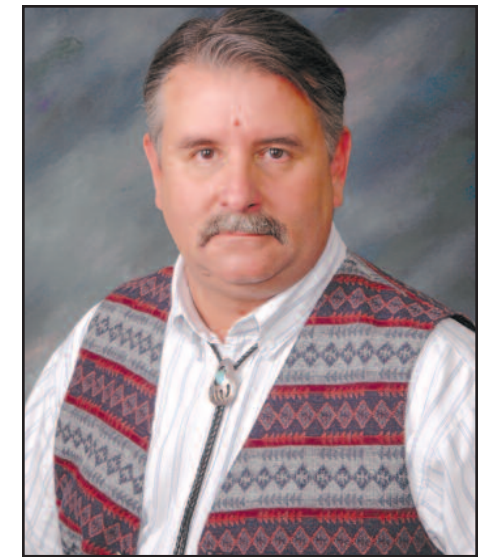
Bozho, Nikan,

Well last night, as I write, we had our first snow of Winter 2011-12 here in the Shawnee Area. Mostly, it was just a light dusting, which might have amounted to a quarter-inch in accumulation. But, it serves as a reminder that winter has arrived. We've been enjoying unusually moderate temperatures. We've even had a few days up in the 70s. After last year this is a welcome change.

The weather has also helped with some of the construction projects. The new bank is looking nice. It will be a nice addition to the enterprise inventory. Plus, it will help serve as an anchor for our planned growth on the east side of Gordon Cooper Drive. Things are changing back on the reservation, and people are taking notice. We have become one of the main economic forces in the local communities. Progress was slow to take hold, but has grown steadily for the past 10 or 12 years.

There are other projects planned in the near future, as well as long-term goals. All of this will help ensure our long-term survival as a nation. We constantly strive to be as wise as possible about what and when. But, suffice it to say, there will be a few things shortly down the road that will indicate where we are going.

I am up for re-election again this year, as I mentioned in a previous article. I just got word that I am running unopposed. This is



new to me. I hope it is an indication that tribal members see the same long-term goals as the legislature and executive branch. I appreciate the opportunity to see this through for another four years.

Some of the economic indicators are showing a possible recovery on the horizon. My gut feeling is that we might have turned the corner. I know in many parts of our country times are still hard. I pray for those areas nightly. Let us hope together that better times are ahead for all of us.

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

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag Agency Notice

All Citizen Potawatomi tribal members residing in the State of Oklahoma who are registering a vehicle for the first time that vehicle is registered must do so in person. We apologize for any inconvenience; but this is for the protection of tribal members who have registered their vehicles with the Nation.

Please contact the Tag Agency at its new telephone number 405-273-1009 or visit the agency's new office at 1305 S. Beard in Shawnee for information or to register your vehicle.

District #13 - Bobbi Bowden

Bozho Ninika,

Because the current economy has taken a toll on many of us, I would like to provide you some information on our Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation. They are here to help tribal members with credit repair and credit counseling, whether you are just beginning your financial journey or are in need of a financial health checkup. This department is here and eager to serve the people of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

In this edition I would like to provide you with an article written by Tina Pollard with the CDC:

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

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

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

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

The second curriculum is Credit When Credit is Due. This is a more comprehensive program that is presented in 12 lessons.



Chapter reviews follow each lesson and are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. When you successfully complete the program, you will be registered in a national database and sent a registration card identifying you as a graduate of this national standardized credit education program.

Additionally, you will receive three cards addressed to the three major credit-reporting agencies that will allow them to add a positive statement to your credit report, stating that you have successfully completed the Credit When Credit is Due program.

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

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

I hope you find this information helpful and informative and will take advantage of the service offered to tribal members. We are here to help each other succeed!

Wishing you all of the best!

Bobbi Bowden

Representative, District #13 (Oklahoma)

Secretary-Treasurer - D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I hope all is well with you and your families. I love the holiday season with all of its festivities, the gathering of family and friends, and of course all the great food. The change of season and the brief time off from work were most appreciated.

As much as I enjoy all of these things, I am also glad to get back to business and my routine. I won't miss searching for a parking space at the mall or the crowds of hurried shoppers. The start of a new year is also a great time to renew or resolve to make positive changes in our lives. I hope that we can all benefit from this opportunity.

Believe it or not, we have just completed the first quarter of our fiscal year. The Nation is doing very well based on the budget that was approved last fall.

We are always looking to challenge our directors and employees to be the best they can be. We have an excellent group of employees, and I believe that this is proven by our consistent performance financially and through the service sector which reaches out to so many of our tribal members. Our goal is to be able to increase the amount of services that we can offer while maintaining a strong financial position. If we keep a good balance, the Nation will be able to keep providing the services it does for so many of us.

If you don't live in the area, please pay attention to the publications showing all of the growth in our enterprises. There are several projects underway at this time, from ball fields to hotels. These new projects will not only add to the financial security of the Nation but will also add to the enjoyment of our people and the community. These are truly exciting times for us. I commend the



legislature for their vision and support of these endeavors.

We will continue to investigate new opportunities for enterprises that will benefit our people. Remember that, through the profits of our tribally-owned enterprises, we can continue to enhance and improve our programs for our people. Please consider doing business with your Nation's enterprises. We are a stronger people when we work together.

If you have a comment or suggestion about our Nation, please do not hesitate to contact me or a representative in the legislature. We have many fine people who care about your needs. Please let us know how we can be of service to you.

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

Migwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale/Netemgiwse
Secretary/Treasurer

Citizen Potawatomi Nation 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, McCloud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

Once again, I find myself saying that it is an extremely busy time at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Actually, we are always busy at the Nation, with some type of activity in construction, production, realty, development, or implementation. All of our directors indicate that their staff members are at full capacity with regard to workload. The hustle and bustle is quite evident as one walks down the hallways of the Administration Building where the government programs are housed or driving by the parking areas of the enterprises, visiting the tribal health facilities, and/or observing prospective employees enter the Human Resources department. It is a busy time, indeed, for the accomplishments of our talented employees. I am thankful for their diligence and I applaud their supreme efforts.

The latter part of 2011 was also a busy time for me in various professional endeavors. At the end of the summer, I was highly honored to be nominated to participate in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Citizens' Academy. The program offers members of the community a close and personal look at how the FBI operates. The program brings the community's civic, business, and religious leaders together to experience firsthand how the FBI investigates crimes and threats to our national security.

Participants learn about the various tools and techniques employed to carry out the FBI mission. Classes meet weekly in the evenings for at least three hours for up to eight weeks. They are taught by agents and experts from the FBI Laboratory and Training divisions.

There were approximately 25 attendees in the Oklahoma City FBI Academy this past summer and fall. The distinct honor comes complete with a graduation ceremony and a picture of each participant placed in the main FBI building in Oklahoma City. The whole experience is a once-in-a-life time opportunity, for which I am extremely grateful to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member's wife who nominated me.

Also, the fall of 2011 brought an end to my tenure as a Tenth District Community Development Advisory Council member for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas



City. I had the honor to serve on that committee from 2006 to 2011. We met twice a year during that time either in Kansas City or in a city where one of the Tenth District Branch Banks is located.

During my previous career as an educator, I had a deep appreciation for the Federal Reserve Bank system. When I first began teaching high school business courses in the 1970s, I often incorporated materials that were provided by the Federal Reserve system. I had a close contact at the Oklahoma City Federal Reserve Bank Branch.

Today, the Federal Reserve Bank still offers educational materials for schools. Their representatives are also available to visit schools and provide special programs (depending on location.) This link from my past to the present is significant to me in various ways. I have learned more than I ever thought possible about the Federal Reserve Banks, the central banking system for the USA. I am proud to have served on such a prestigious committee.

During November of 2011, my candidacy for consideration as a board member for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City Branch was evaluated. I will attend my first board meeting in January. I am humbled by the honor of serving on the board.

As your Nation's Vice Chairman, I want to be my very best. I want to be educated and informed and have a grasp of various job opportunities for our young people. I want to know about the familiar jobs and about the jobs that may not be so familiar.

By the way, our tribal member whose

wife works for the FBI sought that job over 25 years ago from an ad that was published in the *HowNiKan*.

I cherish the opportunity to be your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps

With Vice Chairman Linda Capps are, from the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, Tammy Edwards, Assistant Vice President & Community Affairs Officer, and Kristina Young, Vice President, Public & Community Affairs.



CPN members to vote on set-aside budget

Reps. Schmidlkofer, Wesselhöft re-elected without opponents



Rep. Paul Wesselhöft

Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislators Paul Schmidlkofer and Paul Wesselhöft have been re-elected to four-year terms without opposition. No one else filed for Rep. Schmidlkofer's District #12 seat or Rep. Wesselhöft's District #9 seat during a filing period that concluded on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

Despite that, Reps. Wesselhöft's and Schmidlkofer's names will appear on Election 2012 ballots, along with the annual referendum on the ballot for the budget for spending interest and earnings from the Nation's Set-Aside Funds. Thus, all eligible CPN voters will participate in this election.

Reps. Wesselhöft's and Schmidlkofer's seats are among those which represent all CPN members who live in Oklahoma. All



Paul Schmidlkofer

eligible CPN voters vote in elections for those legislative seats.

An in-person voting location will be open on Saturday, June 30, 2012, during the Family Reunion Festival, at the CPN courtroom in the Administration Building. CPN voters may cast ballots there from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A Ballot Request Period will begin on March 1, 2012 and end on June 10, 2012. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee will mail Absentee Ballot Request Forms to all members who will be eligible to vote in the 2012 election.

Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots can obtain an absentee ballot by mailing back the postage-paid request form that will be mailed to them.

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation Progress Marches On



Above left, the Ball Fields a FireLake is moving toward a late-March opening with a T-ball tournament. Above center, significant progress can be seen on the new First Nation Bank branch, located immediately north of the CPN Administration Building. Above right, work has begun on a new water storage tower, southwest of the FireLake Discount Foods parking lot.



Above left, construction workers have the new FireLake Grand Casino hotel four stories into the air, on its way to a 14-story height. Above center, progress is well underway on the CPN Eagle Aviary, located about a mile northeast of the CPN Administration Building. Above right, the new 16-acre FireLake will be home to geo-thermal heat exchange coils, along with paddleboat rides and a fishing pier. Right, the CPN has assumed operation of the new San Remo's Pizza at FireLake, located in the north face of the highly popular Bowling Center at FireLake, which opened in June 2012.

Photography: Nathan McKay, Richard Kunze, and Courtney Helms

Tribal Area Gathering - Austin, Texas - Lost Pines Resort - November 20, 2011

Oklahoma District Legislator Paul Schmidkofer, former Northern Texas Regional Coordinator Marj Hobdy, Traci Garcia, and Cindy Marshall.



Marie and Baldev Chaudhari reside in The Hills, Texas. Marie is a descendant of the Vieux family.

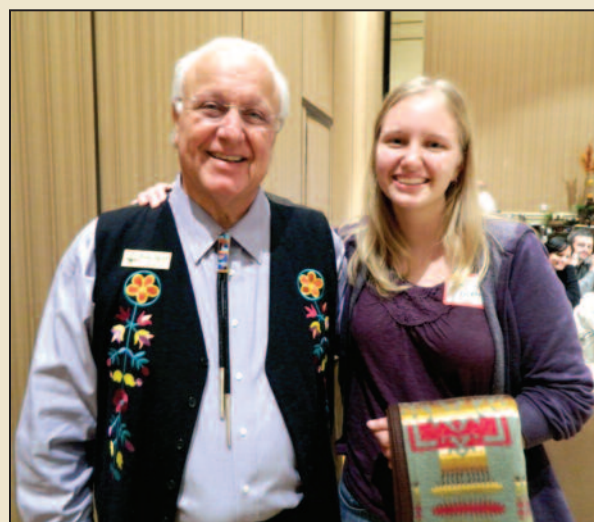


CPN Veterans: Oklahoma Legislator David Barrett, Patrick Madden, John Green, A.R. Walters, Kent Longo, & Bill Powell. Seated is Mr. Joe Marshall, WWII Veteran/ father-in-law to tribal member Cindy Marshall.

John Green and daughter Kallie live in Austin, Texas and are descendants of the Ogee family.



Debra McPeak with her husband Doug and their son Aaron are from Cedar Park, Texas and are members of the Rhodd family.



At 21 years old, Kallie Green was the youngest member present. Chairman John Barrett presents her a Pendleton saddle blanket.

Kent & Suzelle Longo traveled from Plano, Texas and are awarded the longest distance traveled award. Kent is a member of the Bertrand family.



John and Joyce Layman live in George Town, Texas. John is a member of the Hardin family.





Julian Wright of Buda, Texas and his father J.W. Wright of McQueeney, Texas are members of the Burnett family.



Susan Wesley is a Grand Prairie, Texas while her mother Marj Hobdy and her husband Ernest reside in Irving, Texas. Marj and daughter Susan are members of the Kahdot family.

Legislator Paul Schmidkofer, Legislator David Barrett, Mrs. Bob (Linda) Whistler, and Texas (District #4) Legislator Bob Whistler.



Melinda "Curley" Fink is shown with her son's Samuel Fink and Garth Nixon. They live in Leander, Texas.



Andrew Walters with his wife Cora and their daughter pose with Kelli Mosteller Perkins, director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, and Oklahoma Legislator David Barrett. Andrew's family lives in Spring, Texas.



D'Ann Dyer and Becky McClintic of the Darling family are shown with Scott Moore, D'Ann's fiancé.



Siblings Adele Giles, Francis Turley, and Lycurgus Turley are members of the Bowles family.

Mark and Susan Goodson live in Austin, Texas. Mark is a member of the Juneau/Vieux families.



The wisest member present was John Kremenak of Bryan, Texas, 84 years of age, who is a member of the Anderson family.

Tribal Area Gathering - Agua Caliente Resort - Rancho Mirage, CA - November 12, 2011



Chairman John Barrett presents Karl Simecka of Boulder City, Nevada the award for traveling the longest distance for the meeting. Karl is a descendant of the Shroepfer family.

Recognized as the "wisest" member in attendance, Mary Catron is pictured with her daughter Sharon Catron and granddaughter Michelle Scott. All are from Long Beach, California and are members of the Ogee family. Mary is 81 years of age.



Nadiya LittleWarrior and John Geary pose after the meeting. Nadiya, an artist, lives in Santa Clarita, California and is a member of the Ogee/Beaubien families.

Scarlette Almero poses with her mother Viva Palumbo. Both reside in Anaheim, California. They are descendants of the Bourassa family and relatives of Legislator Bob Whistler of Texas.



Patrick and Karen Melot of San Jacinto, California are the descendants of one of the largest Citizen Potawatomi families ... the Melot family.

Carol Haines and her son Aaron of Escondido, California are descendants of the Navarre/Degraff families. Carol's first book has been published. Learn more about it on page 7 in this *HowNiKan*.



Bob Price of Carlsbad, CA is pictured with Cheree Myers and Charles Clark, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Rolls Director. Bob lives in Carlsbad, CA and is a descendant of the Tescier family.

Vice Chairman Linda Capps stands with Gary Neddeau of Chino Hills, CA. Gary is the son of Don Neddeau who attends the Northern California meetings.





District #6 Legislator Rande Payne and District #1 Legislator Roy Slavin are shown with their wives Kim Payne and Julie Slavin. Rande and Kim worked diligently to coordinate activities and provide give-a-ways. The Slavins traveled all the way from Missouri to support the Southern California gathering.

Rande and Kim Payne, who live in Visalia, California, prepare the tables prior to the meeting. Rande is a member of the Tescier family.



Robert Perrill and his wife Sherese live in Yucca Valley, CA. Robert is a descendant of the Lewis family.

Christopher and Lillian Lawrenz live in Plano, California. Christopher is a descendant of the Richstatter family.



Chairman John Barrett presents David Crowe of Apple Valley, CA a Pendleton saddle blanket for being the youngest enrolled member present at the end of the meeting. David is 12 years old.



Charles Clark and Jason Greenwalt, staff members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, are pictured with Evan Greenwalt of Ontario, CA. The Greenwalt brothers are descendants of the Bergeron family. Charles Clark is a descendant of the Bertrand family.

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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Citizen Potawatomi Nation 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.

Potawatomi Cornerstone: The Battle of Fort Harrison

by Charles N. Clark/Kiktode
CPN Tribal Rolls Director

The first land victory for the American military in the War of 1812 occurred at the battle at Fort Harrison in Terre Haute, Indiana. It was an 11-day siege, lasting from September 4 to 15, 1812. At the time of the attack, there were 60 soldiers and civilians garrisoned behind Fort Harrison's walls. However, due to illness, only 15 soldiers and five civilians were physically able to engage the 600 Potawatomis, Miamis, Kickapoos, and Winnebagos who attacked the fort.

The fort was originally built under the command of Gen. William Henry Harrison and completed on October 28, 1811. This was during the time of growing concern as the Indians of the area were building a confederation to ward off America's westward expansion. Gen. Harrison built the fort to serve as a weapons depot to help protect the army's supply line through the area. The specific site was selected because of its strategic location overlooking the Wabash River.

One of the fort's first uses was to aid Harrison's troops in fighting the confederation of tribes under the leadership of the Shawnee Chief Tecumseh and his brother Tenskwatawa, The Prophet. The conflict became known as the Battle of Tippecanoe. Harrison's victory gave him the title "Old Tippecanoe." The fort was originally called Camp Bataille des Illinois; the name was changed to Fort Harrison in Harrison's honor by Maj. Joseph Hamilton Daviess.

After the Battle of Tippecanoe, Harrison left Captain Josiah Snelling in charge of the fort until May 1812. The War of 1812 became a conflict between American troops and the British Empire. There were several reasons for the war, but for the purpose of this article, one of the pertinent reasons was the British support for the North American Indians as a tactic for halting American expansion.

After the outbreak of hostilities, Harrison ordered Captain Zachary Taylor to assume command of Fort Harrison. At the outset, a force comprised of British, Indians, and Canadians had defeated American troops, motivating area tribes to attack the smaller forts in the area.

A band of Miami Indians crossed the



The painting above illustrates the advance on Fort Harrison by Indian and British fighters. The map, upper right, pinpoints the Fort Harrison site, while the second painting shows the fort in more idyllic times.

fort on September 3rd to warn Taylor that there was a large force of Indians headed his way. Later that night, a few shots were heard outside the fort. However, Taylor did not send out a scout party until the morning. It was discovered that two settlers had been shot that night. After the bodies were buried, the party returned to the fort.

The compliment of the fort was 50 standing soldiers, but illness had taken all save 15. A handful of civilian men were worthy of a fight as well, but the odds on retaining the fort seemed short. The fort's defenders were plagued not only by small numbers but also by a lack of enough ammunition to ward off an attack that they knew was going to be overwhelming. It is not known exactly how much ammunition the fort had at its disposal, but only 16 rounds were issued to each man, for a total of 320 rounds.

The war party appeared at the fort that day, under a flag of truce. Kickapoo Chief Namahtoha and 40 warriors approached the gates, asking for a meeting with Capt. Taylor the next morning. Taylor agreed, and the Indians retreated back into the woods.

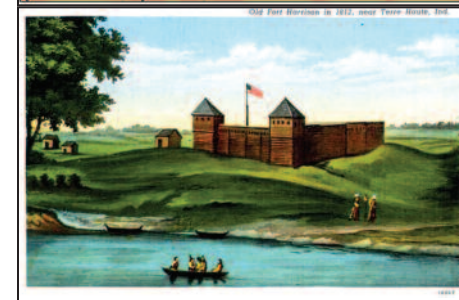
Later that night, a single warrior crept up to the fort and set the blockhouse on fire. When the sentries opened fire, the war party attacked. Taylor kept his wits, ordering Dr. William A. Clark and a few men to put out

the fire. Unfortunately, the barracks, which was attached to the blockhouse, had a large quantity of liquor stored inside. It quickly ignited, creating a fiery hell behind the stockade fence.

The situation looked hopeless, even to Taylor. In Taylor's report, he writes that the word ... "fire seemed to throw the whole of them into confusion..." Response to orders came slowly and was unorganized. Even two of Taylor's "stoutest men" jumped through the burning wall and deserted the fight. Taylor ordered the healthy to organize a bucket brigade and the sick and infirm took up weapons to defend the fort.

The fire burned a 20-foot section of fence on the west side of the fort. However, the fire lit up the area, giving the defenders the ability to see their foe. Even with just a small supply of ammo, the colonists fought aggressively, and were able to hold the fort, allowing the healthy among their numbers to build a make-shift wall to cover the damage from the fire.

The first casualty that night was a civilian who was firing from the roof of the barracks. Two others were wounded. Harrison's report described the deceased as "a little deranged, and did not get off the house as soon as directed, or he would not have been hurt." Harrison added that he



hoped that neither of the wounded men was dangerous or deranged, either.

A barrage of bullets, or "balls," and arrows continued through the night. Another man was killed when he got into one of the galleys on the bastions and fired over the fence, calling out that he shot and killed an Indian. He had left himself open and was shot.

Soon after, an unknown man came running toward the fort. Harrison gave the command to shoot him if he attempted to enter, suspecting that this was an Indian ploy. However, the man ran to the other side of the fort and someone inside recognized his voice. Dr. Clark told him to hide behind a barrel outside the fort until it was safe enough to get him in.

The doctor reported that "his arm was broke in a most shocking manner, which he says was done by the Indians, which I suppose was the cause of his returning. I think it probably that he will not recover."

The third casualty occurred outside the fort when Harrison caught sight of a man about 130 yards out from the garrison. His body was "cut to pieces."

At daybreak, the war party retreated just out of gun range. Livestock was collected and slaughtered for food in view of the fort's residents. The fire had destroyed

much of the food supply, leaving only a few bushels of corn. The residents were completely surrounded, with little ammunition. Most were ill and now facing starvation.

The war party "hung around for some time," according to Harrison's journal. The journal entry failed to mention for just how long. After the Indians left, Taylor held steadfast. He dared not venture out of the fort for fear of an ambush. As a result, the surviving parties subsisted on green corn for 11 days until Col. William Russell showed up on Sept 15th. Col. Russell was passing through the area at the time of the siege. His troops joined the 7th Infantry and local militia to provide relief for Fort Harrison.

In the end, five people were killed and three were wounded. Some Indians were killed, but it is unknown how many. Below is a partial list of soldiers and civilians garrisoned inside Fort Harrison at the time of the attack: Capt. Zachary Taylor, Commandant; Dr. William A Clark, Army Surgeon (He was commended by Taylor as acting with the greatest firmness and presence of mind in defense of the fort.); Drummer Davis, a deserter from the English army, who joined the Americans as a musician (After the war, he lived across the river and died in 1847.); William Bandy, a Virginian and soldier He lived in Fayette Township after the war.). William Cowen, killed in the fight; Josey Cowen, his brother, who died the next day of disease; Joseph Dickson and family, wife and children; Jonathan Graham and wife; Isaac Lambert and wife Julia; Mrs. Briggs and her daughter Mary; Mrs. Isaac Anderson and her daughter Matilda; Mary Dickson and Joseph Dickson, young children of Dickson who were in the care of their aunt, Julia Lambert; Peter Mallory and wife and children; and John Clinton Bradford and an infant.

CPN Housing Authority

The staff of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority invites you to visit their office at 44007 Hardesty Road, three miles east of the CPN Administration Building.

Get in-depth information on all of the Housing Authority's programs to help place Citizen Potawatomi members in better-quality housing.

Call 405-273-2833 or 800-880-9880 or contact the Housing Authority via e-mail at rbcarlile@Potawatomi.org.

Pile to contain 160,000 pounds of spuds

Guinness-record Potato Pile coming to FireLake Discount Foods

MONTE VISTA, Colo. - The Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (CPAC), Affiliated Foods, Inc., and FireLake Discount Foods have partnered to set the Guinness World Record for the most pounds of potatoes in one display. The record attempt was scheduled to take place at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake Discount Foods on February 15.

"Partnering with Colorado Potatoes was a no-brainer," said Dale Thompson, director of new accounts for Affiliated Foods. "More than 90% of potatoes sold at our grocery stores around the country come from Colorado, so it makes sense for us to attempt the Guinness World Record together."

The official record attempt was to include 160,000 pounds of potatoes, which is roughly four semi-truck loads. The spuds were to be displayed as a 12-foot high mountain range in honor of the potatoes' Colorado roots. Following the attempt on February 15, FireLake Discount Foods cus-



tomers will be able to purchase the record-attempting potatoes, as well as sample healthy potato recipes created up by a local chef.

"We are thrilled to be a part of this monumental attempt," said Jim Ehrlich, executive director of CPAC. "Potatoes are a staple in so many American households, and we hope that setting the Guinness World Record will help educate consumers

about the healthy benefits that potatoes offer. What better way to nourish your family than with award-winning Colorado potatoes?"

Colorado's San Luis Valley offers the perfect isolated growing conditions for nutrition-packed potatoes. The warm, sunny days and cool nights help eliminate pests and disease and create a smoother skin, richer color and deeper flavor. A medium-size Colorado potato has nearly half the recommended serving of vitamin C, more potassium than a banana, vitamin B6, essential dietary fiber and antioxidants, no fat, sodium or cholesterol, and only 110 calories.

Colorado-grown potatoes are sold in nearly all of Affiliated Foods' 800 grocery stores in seven states spanning from Arizona to Arkansas.

For more information about CPAC and the Guinness World Record attempt, visit www.coloradopotato.org or find them on Twitter and Facebook.

Trail of Death end among Top 12 Kansas Events

by Bill Blankenship - The Topeka, Kansas Capital-Journal

(Editor's note: One of the most momentous events in Citizen Potawatomi Nation history - arrival of tribal members in eastern Kansas at the end of the Trail of Death removal from Indiana - has been named one of the Top 12 Events in Kansas history. The Topeka newspaper reported on the unveiling of the list.)

As Kansas nears the end of its sesquicentennial celebration, Gov. Sam Brownback took another look back on the state's history and announced at Topeka High School the Top 12 Notable Kansas Events. The events, which included historical moments from the opening of the Santa Fe Trail in 1821 to the 1954 Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka that outlawed segregated schools, demonstrated "how Kansas has led the way throughout history," Brownback said at the announcement in Topeka High School's library.

A panel of historians from across the state selected the dozen key events that helped shape the state and country. "Kansas has often been in the forefront of the most important issues facing our nation and the

birthplace of many, many national movements," Brownback said, "and these events have a unique impact on our citizens and on people around the world, particularly in our country."

Members of Topeka High's debate and forensics squad introduced each event for the students and others gathered in the library. They are:

- Sept. 1, 1821: First party leaves Missouri headed for Mexico on the Santa Fe Trail. Such trails opened the nation to expansion.

- Nov. 4, 1838: Potawatomi Trail of Death ends in Kansas. Under the Indian Removal Act as many as 90 different tribes were removed to Kansas with hundreds of them dying during their first few years here.

- May 30, 1854: Kansas-Nebraska Act signed into law by President Franklin Pierce. This opened the territories for settlement and allowed voters to decide whether Kansas would be a free state or allow slavery, setting up the Bleeding Kansas days leading to the Civil War.

- Feb. 11, 1859: The Santa Fe Railway is chartered by the Kansas Territorial Legisla-

ture. Railroads connected the East to the West, bringing new settlers and determining the location of Kansas cities and towns.

- July 5, 1859: Women's rights included in the discussions of the Wyandotte Constitution. This was the first of several steps toward women getting voting and property rights.

- March 5, 1862: The Kansas Legislature formed the Kansas Agricultural Society. These organizations encouraged farmers to grow winter wheat, creating "the bread basket of the world."

- Sept. 5, 1867: The first load of cattle is shipped via rail from Kansas. Cowtowns emerged along the cattle trails and helped create the beef industry in Kansas.

- Jan. 1, 1881: Kansas adopts prohibition as part of the state's constitution. Kansas was the first state to do so, and temperance leader Carry Nation became known around the world.

- Jan. 26, 1925: Travel Air Manufacturing Co. established. Owners Clyde Cessna, Walter Beech and Lloyd Stearman created the "air capital of the world" in Wichita.

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Tribal Area Gathering - Districts #1 and #2 - December 3, 2011 - Parsippany Hilton - Northern New Jersey

Julia Slavin, District #1 Representative Roy Slavin's wife, ably greeted attendees and handled the sign-in table.



Visiting after the legislators' slideshow presentation.

The Tescier family, headed by Lenore Dusold, was very well represented.



Representatives Slavin and Carney with the youngest in attendance, a young Klein and member of the Tescier family.



District #2 Representative Eva Marie Carney with her husband Alan Cohen and their Juneau relatives -- Rep. Carney's godmother and aunt, Agnes Barron, and her cousins, Josette Adornetto and Matt Barron.



The wisest in attendance, Agnes Barron of Bloomfield, New Jersey, almost 85 years young, posed in her honor blanket with Reps. Roy Slavin and Eva Marie Carney (Mrs. Barron is Rep. Carney's aunt and godmother). Lenore Dusold, a New Yorker now living in Pennsylvania who is from the Tescier family, "missed" the honor of being the wisest by just six months and peeks over Mrs. Barron's shoulder in the photo.



Pennsylvanian David Guinn won a beautiful shawl made by Julia Slavin, pictured here with his (District #1) Representative, Roy Slavin. David also was honored with a travel bag for travelling the farthest.



The Anderson family travelled from Riverhead, New York.

CPN Housing gets \$2.14 million**More than \$400 million in Indian Housing Grants**

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has used previous years' HUD grant money to assist with construction of such projects as the new elders housing at Father Joe Murphy Complex.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced \$404 million in Indian Housing Block Grant allocations to nearly 300 tribes in 27 states. These funds are distributed each year based on a formula to eligible Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entities for a range of affordable housing activities. More than \$250 million in Indian Housing Block Grant funds are still to be allocated among Native American communities this year.

Indian Housing Block Grant funds are intended to primarily benefit low-income families living on Indian reservations or in other communities. The amount of each grant is based on a formula that considers local needs and housing units under management by the tribe or designated entity.

"These funds are making a real difference in tribal communities each and every day," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "Projects include affordable housing, infrastructure upgrades, community centers and safety programs that every community needs to thrive. These efforts are part of a broader commitment to ensure Native American communities can build their economies in response to their needs and as they see fit."

Eligible activities for the funds include housing development, assistance to housing developed under the Indian Housing Program, housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems. The block grant approach to housing was enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996.

Oklahoma

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority, Shawnee \$2,913,615

Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Wetumka \$108,768

Caddo Nation, Binger \$562,688
Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah \$29,585,193

Chickasaw Nation, Ada \$12,091,390
Choctaw Nation Housing Authority, Hugo \$11,460,710

Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee \$2,140,404

Comanche Nation, Lawton \$2,374,838
Delaware Nation, Anadarko \$87,051
Eastern Shawnee, Wyandotte \$84,612
Fort Sill Apache Tribe, Apache \$97,771
Iowa Tribe, Perkins \$92,952
Kaw Nation, Newkirk \$843,366
Kickapoo Tribe, McLoud \$512,825
Kiowa Tribe, Oklahoma City \$1,347,550
Miami Tribe, Miami \$55,261
Modoc Tribe, Miami \$123,013
Mvskoke (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee \$15,298,492

Osage Nation, Pawhuska \$1,816,328
Pawnee Nation, Pawnee \$582,877
Peoria Tribe, Miami \$1,671,765
Quapaw Tribe, Quapaw \$304,834
Sac & Fox Nation, Shawnee \$1,745,012
Seminole Nation, Wewoka \$1,615,791
Seneca Cayuga, Grove \$121,855
Shawnee Tribe, Miami \$50,399
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Okemah \$275,050

Tonkawa Tribe, Tonkawa \$526,834
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, Tahlequah \$889,334

Wichita Tribe, Anadarko \$474,217
Wyandotte Nation, Wyandotte \$563,175

Energy efficiency recognized**CPNHA earns award for new Fr. Joe housing**

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority has won the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) regional "Best Practices Award". The award was presented at the Greener Homes National summit in Denver, Colorado recently.

Robert Carlile, Housing Authority director, said, "We earned the 'Best Practices' award for our 10 new ENERGY STAR duplexes at the Father Joe Murphy Complex - Phase III. Each unit qualified with an average of an ENERGY STAR HERS (Home Energy Rating) index number of 58."

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation received \$2,745,831.00 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the project as a competitive stimulus grant. The Nation chose to use the funds to develop affordable 'green' housing for the elderly. The grant is part of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding which was a direct response to the economic crisis.

Its three immediate goals are: create new jobs and save existing ones; spur economic activity and invest in long-term growth; and provide safe, economical, and sanitary housing for elderly

The 10 duplexes have approximately 1100 square feet on each side for 20 units. They have two bedrooms, are handicap accessible, and are furnished with a refrigerator, range, dishwasher, microwave oven, garbage disposal, washer, and dryer.

The 'green' units are designed to be practical and conducive to facilitating economical and safe use by elders. The housing units are constructed with six-inch exterior walls, using polyurethane spray foam insulation. The R value for the walls is R-24 and for the ceilings is R-32.

Solar panels are installed on the roofs of the 10 duplexes. Each home has 10 panels, capable of producing 2.3KW DC, an average of 222kWh per month.

Each unit has a state-of-art geo-thermal HVAC heat pump with a programmable thermostat. The geothermal system uses the earth's energy to help heat and cool the buildings. These all-electric homes use all CFL and LED lighting and have ENERGY STAR-rated doors and triple-pane windows.

Facility opens in March**O'Connor to manage Ball Fields**

CPN member Jason O'Connor is eager to open The Ball Fields at FireLake.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials have moved a step closer to opening the Nation's new The Ball Fields at FireLake. They have hired CPN member Jason O'Connor to oversee operations. The Ball Fields features six diamonds that are configurable to fit the needs of several levels of both softball and baseball.

O'Connor plans a T-ball tournament to open the complex in late March.

O'Connor is a Shawnee native and a Shawnee High School graduate. He has spent most of his career working in the O'Connor family business, Harvey's Chevrolet/Cadillac, which the family sold in October 2011. The O'Connor family retained a second automotive business, OK Classics. It specializes in sale of classic autos and quality, recent-model-year previously-owned vehicles.

O'Connor coached his son's baseball teams over a period of several years. "I really loved being part of that community, going to the baseball fields, and seeing the interaction between kids and parents and how it builds better values," he explained. He played football and basketball in high school and in adult softball leagues.

O'Connor says this of his vision for The Ball Fields: "We will cater to Little League baseball, softball, and adult softball. Well (host) tournaments We will eventually host leagues on a nightly basis. We want to make it a fun atmosphere."

O'Connor calls the quality of the The Ball Fields complex unprecedented. "There's not a (complex) in the state of Oklahoma that can match what we have." O'Connor bases that judgment on many years of taking baseball teams to tournaments across Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas.

New Elder Housing opens, con't. from page 9

residents. She was settled in her place, and moves were stressful. She just wasn't wanting to uproot herself again.

But Scott kept her on the list, unbeknownst to Mary. Her present-day neighbors, who had already moved in, began telling her how wonderful the new elder housing was.

She began to get curious and finally came to take a look. She fell in love. If she did move into a new unit, she would have plenty of closet space and she wouldn't have her clothes hanging on doorknobs and racks. And then her daughter told her she'd help with the move. That sealed the deal.

"I do, I do, I do like the floor plan," she smiles. And the woodwork "has an elegance to it," she adds.

Mary points out all the savings on her electric bill because of the solar and geothermal systems. She says she even has en-

ergy-saving light bulbs. And? "And free basic cable," she adds with a smile.

We talk about how far the Citizen Potawatomi have come in the years since she's been working with her people. How Chairman Rocky Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps have turned a vision of how things should be into a reality. "I am so appreciative of the tribe and Linda Capps and Rocky," she says. "This is where I'll be when it's time for me to walk on."

We say goodbye and walk around the building to the back. There is a pretty pond there, nestled in the hillside, surrounded by trees. Scott dammed the runoff from heavy rains, which have created the pond. "We're putting tables and benches there for folks and their families," Scott says.

They've thought of just about every-



Top left, The CPN Housing Authority's Scott George pauses in Anna McBroom's living room with her. Top right, the residents love the small pond the Housing Authority has created. Above left, Mary Powell's living room in her new Father Joe Murphy complex home is a very welcoming retreat after a day at work at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Above right, the Brenners greet reporter Donna Schoenkopf at the front door to their new Father Joe Murphy complex home.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Family Reunion Festival 2011 - June 29 & 30 and July 1

The Honored Families for the 2012 Family Reunion Festival will be the Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, and Yott families.

Tag Agency Moves, con't. from page 1



The CPN Tag Agency is now serving tribal members from this facility at 1305 S. Beard in south Shawnee.

encourage tribal members to call and make their appointment so we can review the required documents, identification, and necessary forms to register their vehicle or motorcycle."

"Some tribal members may have to drive many miles to visit the tag agency, and we want to make sure they are properly registered in a timely manner and they return home safely," Tainpeah added. "Appointments allow our staff to prepare and complete renewal and other information that has come by mail."

After the vehicles or motorcycles have been registered the first year, the CPN Tag Agency sends renewal notices to tribal members as a courtesy at the end of the month prior to the month in which the member's tag expires.

Tribal members have throughout the expiration month to renew by paying in person or by mail. Tribal members who do not

receive a renewal notice should contact the tag agency for verification of address and information to renew the registration.

Any change of address needs to be in written form from the owner of the registered vehicle. Vehicle owners may visit the tag agency office to complete a Change of Address Form.

All registered vehicles are filed by tag number, and each tag number registered needs to be listed on the form. Customers will also be asked to have their CPN tag numbers ready so we can pull their vehicle information.

All CPN license plates are to be returned to the tag agency if the vehicle has been sold or is no longer registered to the tribal member for some other reason.

Please drop by to see our new building or call if you need directions at the new tag agency number at 405-273-1009 or 800-880-9880.

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The companies they created continue today.

- April 14, 1935: A massive front darkens the entire Midwest in clouds of dust on Black Sunday. The Dust Bowl devastated farms across the Plains until soil conservation practices were introduced.

- April 1, 1938: Rural electrification reaches Kansas. This allowed Kansas farms same technology as cities across the nation.

- May 17, 1954: The Supreme Court of the United States announces its unanimous ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. The high court's striking down of the doctrine of separate but equal public schools helped launch the Civil Rights Movement.

Brownback told the students he hoped they would consider the state's historical highlights but "also look forward to how we

can make the world a better place."

The panel selecting the 12 Notable Kansas Events include: Don Chubb, Topeka; Virgil Dean, Kansas Historical Society; Gayle Garrelts, Hays; James Hoy, Emporia State University; Bob Keckeisen, Kansas Historical Society; Nathan McAlister, Royal Valley High School; Leo Oliva, Woodston; Mary Regan, Finney County Historical Society; J. Schafer, Kansas Public Radio; James Shortridge, University of Kansas; and Raymond Wilson, Fort Hays State University.

The sesquicentennial ended on Kansas Day, January 29, the date in 1861 that Kansas was admitted as the 34th state in the Union. For more about the Top 12 Notable Kansas Events and other sesquicentennial information go to www.kansaspedia.org.