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CPN opens two new entertainment venues

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is adding another chapter to the storied Oklahoma music history, opening two new entertainment venues. The Grand Event Center at Grand Casino Hotel and Resort opened in December and Firelake Arena in Shawnee will open in January.

Rodney Carrington was the first to perform at Grand Event Center on Dec. 27 and Dec. 28.

Other upcoming acts at The Grand Event Center include Heart on Jan. 31, Colt Ford on Feb. 1 and Billy Currington on March 7.

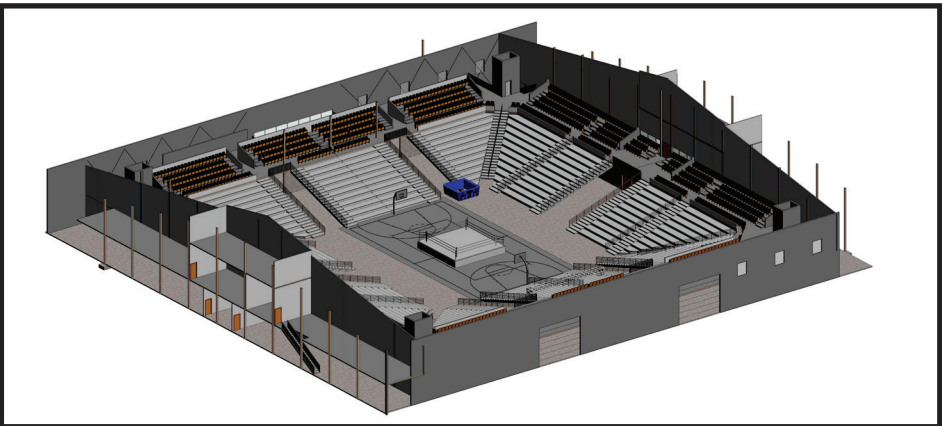
Xtreme Fight Night with special guest UFC fighter Johny Hendricks will kick off the events at FireLake Arena on Jan. 18. The Wanted will perform at Firelake Arena on May 17.

The Grand Event Center offers 2,000 seats and more than 15,000 square feet of concert space. Grand Casino Hotel and Resort will also add two dining options, Flame, a Brazilian steakhouse and The Grand Café, a 24-hour American diner. The dining venues will open Jan. 2014.



This rendering shows The Grand Event Center.

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort recently completed construction on a new 262 room hotel tower. The Grand Hotel includes a spa, meeting and convention space and will offer an outdoor pool and lounge summer 2014. The current entertainment space at



This rendering shows Firelake Arena. Firelake Arena will open Jan. 18.



Seating was being installed during this photo shoot in November 2013. The Grand Event Center will host a second concert in January.

CPN represented at 2013 White House Tribal Nations Conference

By Eva Marie Carney, District 2 Legislator

On November 13, 2013, representatives from a majority of the 566 federally-recognized Tribal nations assembled in the U.S. Department of the Interior amphitheater in Washington, D.C. as guests of President Barack Obama for the White House Tribal Nations Conference. I represented the Citizen Potawatomi Nation at the event and am sharing this brief report with you.

This was the fifth year the President has held the conference and my second as a participant. More members of the Cabinet attended this year than last, and I found them to be more straightforward in acknowledging the federal government's obligations to the Native Nations and the government's failures – in a whole host of areas – to meet those commitments. As you may know, there are some newly-appointed Cabinet members and I found them, particular Secretary Sally Jewell, credible about their personal commitments to follow through on what matters to Native people.

Last year I felt that it was an interesting, though not particularly substantive day. During "listening sessions" we as Nation representatives could raise issues and concerns. But last year those sessions were brief and there was little give and take. This year there

were more opportunities for Tribal leaders to speak, there was more interaction and commitment from government "listeners," and there was a great deal of ground to cover – from the impact on our communities of sequestration to the White House's proposal to cap contract support costs reimbursed to the Tribes, to the importance of bolstering Indian education initiatives, including providing increased financial support to tribal colleges and education as a key means of fighting poverty.

I attended the Economic Development listening session, which we were told was the most widely-attended breakout session. The items raised ranged from reminding federal officials of the basic special status of Indians and urging protection of Tribal e-commerce initiatives against state regulation (several California tribal leaders emphasized this point), to the need to fund and support water protection and other environmental initiatives, to the imperative of preserving fishing and hunting rights, to urging adoption of new jobs initiatives for Indian people. I had the opportunity to speak briefly and highlighted the CPN's ongoing efforts to have our fee land moved into trust so that we can secure this land as our homeland and pursue economic development initiatives on it, and urged the administration to continuing



The White House Council on Native American Affairs hears concerns from tribal leaders during the 2013 White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 13. (Photo courtesy of the Dept. of the Interior and www.indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com)

moving forward on land- into-trust applications. Notably, during the conference Secretary Jewell announced a goal of "Placing more than 500,000 acres of land in trust over the next three years," and stated: "I'm committed to making it happen."

An item of interest to our current and future law students was U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's announcement of a new component of the Attorney General's Honors Program – known as the Attorney General's Indian Country Fellowship. Under the new Indian Country Fellowship, highly-qualified law

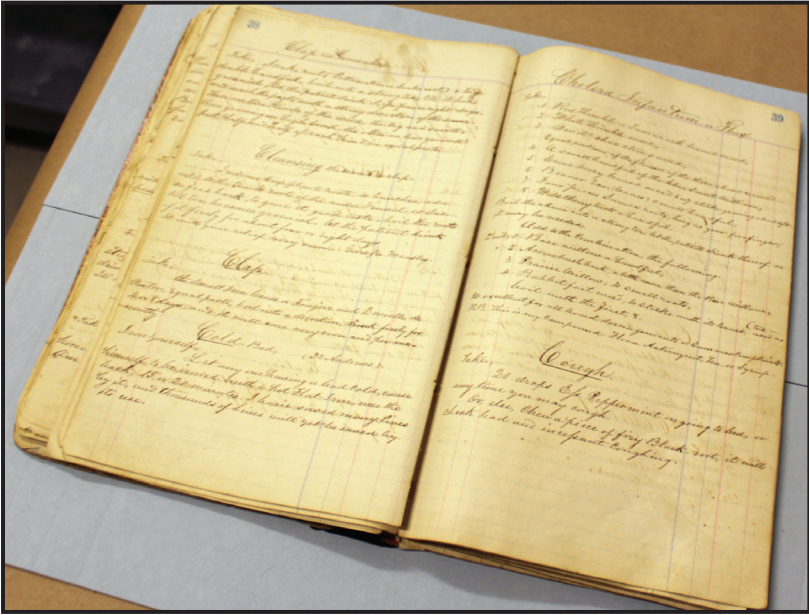
school graduates will spend three years working on Indian Country cases – primarily in U.S. Attorneys' Offices, but also with offices of tribal prosecutors. This will create a new pipeline of legal talent with expertise and deep experience in federal Indian law, tribal law, and Indian Country issues. And it will help to build capacity, combat violent crime, and bolster public safety in Native nations, said Attorney General Holder. I have high expectations for the program and will keep you posted as more information about this fellowship is announced.

The afternoon was devoted to a group listening session during which quite a number of Native leaders spoke. The day's proceedings (except the breakout sessions) were recorded and can be viewed through the U.S. Department of the Interior's website. The candid photos I took during the conference are posted to <http://goo.gl/OFGsOk> (you do not need to join facebook to view these photos, just copy and paste the link to your browser).



Taking a look at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center Archives

Not every piece of history obtained by the CPN Cultural Heritage Center can make it on to the museum floor. A medicinal journal which belonged to Joseph Napoleon Boursassa is one such item.



Joseph Napoleon Boursassa Medicinal Journal.

The journal, obtained from Boursassa descendant Elizabeth Hancock, was brought in during the Family Reunion Festival along with other ledgers from the prominent Potawatomi.

Boursassa was an original member of the Business Committee and was instrumental to negotiating the Treaty of 1861.

“Joseph Boursassa was from an incredibly influential family,” said Cultural Heritage Center director, Kelli Mosteller, Ph.D. “Joseph was hand-chosen by Isaac McCoy to attend school and Boursassa was appointed a position at the Choctaw Academy, an Indian school in Kentucky. People in the community sought him out for advice and information.”

Bourassa was born in Michigan and moved to the Chicago area at an early age. Due to his level of education, ability to speak multiple languages and oratory skill he was chosen as an interpreter on numerous treaties.

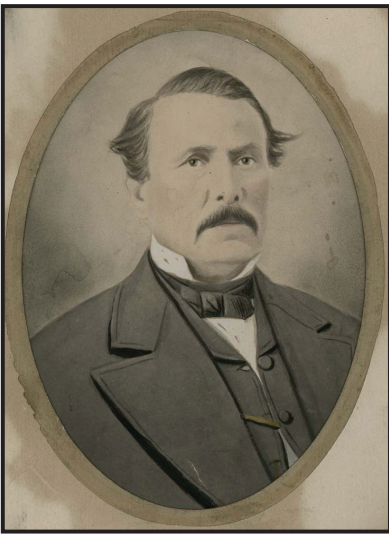
A lot of care and detail went into the hand-written journal. Each

page was alphabetized and the book includes an index. The contents include everything from cures for the common cold to cures for cancer and even a beer recipe.

“Boursassa compiled the contents of this book over several years as people sought him out for care and guidance,” added Mosteller. “A lot was done by trial and error and he needed a way to record and remember what advice he gave that worked.”

Some of these cures may not be as crazy as you’d think. For example, a cure for the common cold included running a warm iron over your back for 15-20 minutes. These days many of us will sip a warm beverage and place a heating pad on our chest when we’re sick.

“This information is from a time that is very important,” said



Joseph Napoleon Bourassa ca. 1850-1870.

Mosteller. “It helps bridge two time frames of our history; a time when people became literate and paper was available and a time before that when people had more oral traditions.”

Village Exhibit provides look at Potawatomi past

The Village Exhibit at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center provides museum

great way for our visitors to immerse themselves and understand how older generations

elements, like nails or glue. This traditional Potawatomi housing was one of several seasonal

families. Both contemporary and traditional objects on display bridge the gap between tribal history and the revitalization of traditional teachings, tribal art

forms and the gradual progression of the cultural transformation of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



The Village Exhibit also shows the seasonal lifeways of Potawatomi.

guests with a glimpse of Potawatomi culture. The exhibit features the daily life of Potawatomi before we were removed from the Great Lakes region.

“Being so far removed from the Great Lakes, many are unaware of traditional Potawatomi ways of life,” said curator Blake Norton. “From home construction and agricultural practices to seasonal

survived.”

The Village Exhibit is center stage at the Heritage Center, taking up the largest portion of the museum floor and providing examples of housing, farming and lifeways of the pre-removal Potawatomi.

The wigwam was created by hand and on-site using eastern white cedar, tamarack, basswood and birch bark that were harvested in

dwellings used throughout the year. “Given that we are in a prairie environment and among such tribal communities, many have the misconception that all Native Americans lived in tipis,” added Norton. “However, Potawatomi commonly migrated throughout the year in accordance with the seasons. Doing so, numerous and various styled homes were constructed.”

The exhibit also highlights maple syrup creation, farming and fishing.

“The exhibit is more than a look into the past. It also serves as a testament to the necessary adaptations made post removal. Transitioning from a seasonally-nomadic existence that included a combination of hunting, gathering and agriculture to a sedentary agrarian life definitely created challenges. Throughout the transition, certain ways of life altered, while others were lost completely, but many have survived to this day,” added Norton.

“We farmed, fished and collected maple syrup in the North and had to adjust once we moved to Oklahoma. We had to learn a new way to survive and a lot of those older skills and traditions have been lost because of that. This exhibit is a reminder of more than how we lived in the past, but also of what a shock it must have been to move from the wooded areas with abundant lakes and rivers of the North to the prairies of Kansas and Oklahoma,” said Norton.

This exhibit and others at the Cultural Heritage Center, is open to the public Tue through Fri from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection housed at the Cultural Heritage Center serves to educate, promote and preserve the history of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s founding




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and spiritual activities, we feel that our village exhibit illustrates a well-rounded variety. This is a

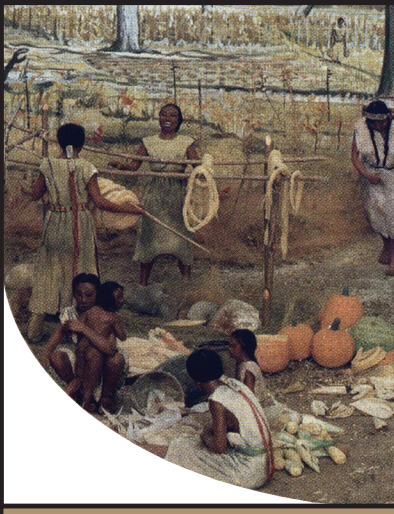
Michigan and transported to Oklahoma. The structure was built without using modern




BERRY PICKING MOON
Mnookme [spring] marked the initial phases of the Berry Moons. During Minkigies [Berry Picking Moon] these ceremonial and utilitarian foods were gathered in parties consisting of mainly women and older children from patches belonging to certain villages and families. Aside from nutrition, berries provided natural dyes for textiles and were used as jewelry and ornamentation prior to the introduction of glass beads. Edible varieties were eaten raw, boiled or dried for the colder months. Etmenegises [Strawberry Moon] was highly revered among Potawatomi, denoted by ceremonies honoring rites of passage for young women.




CRANE MOON
With the approaching Jekaukgises [Crane Moon] temperatures rose, the rivers and lakes thawed, and maple sap began to flow. Every mnookme [spring] Potawatomi would disperse into small familial syrup camps with each group claiming matrilineal rights to portions of maple forests. Traditionally, women directed these industrial sites that served both a personal and commercial purpose. Each camp functioned like a small factory with established production lines and duties. Maple syrup and sugar were used to season the daily fare as well as food and drinks for feasts and gatherings. Given its flavorful qualities, it was a prized and profitable commodity among Woodland tribes and foreign traders.



LEAVES TURN YELLOW MOON
Literally meaning “a shortening of the days,” Gijaweg [fall] was a time of harvest and preparation. Crops planted in spring yielded a bounty of vegetables and a variety of nuts (acorns, chestnuts and beechnuts) were gathered from village orchards. To supplement diets during famine and the winter months, Potawatomi people stored and protected food in basket-lined subterranean pits. To honor the season and Creator for which was provided, Potawatomi held a feast on the autumnal (fall) equinox. The feast commenced with the lighting of a sacred fire that was protected and attended to over the four-day event.



PLANTING MOON
Aside from being skilled hunters, fishermen and food gatherers, Potawatomi were successful agriculturalists. Villages used an ancient technique known as slash and burn to clear and convert forests into enriched agricultural fields. These fields were established in sizes and patterns that utilized the land’s natural shape. Tools made of bone, stone and wood were used to cultivate a variety of crops. Foods planted during Gengagises [Planting Moon] included peanuts, prairies, onions, melons and what we refer to as the “Three Sisters” [corn, beans and squash]. Women were responsible for carrying out the agrarian duties. However, it became a communal effort when preparing for ceremonial events.



ZISBAKWET
Depending upon its use, the sap from a variety of maple trees was used [sugar, red, box elder and silver]. However, due to their greater sugar concentration, sugar maples were favored. To begin processing, the maple tree was tapped, the sap collected in buckets and allowed to partially freeze, enriching the sugar within. The sap was then boiled down through various stages of heating and cooling creating zisbakwet [syrup]. The new syrup was stored as is or poured into large wooden troughs for granulating. Syrup could either be kneaded by hand or with a stirring paddle to achieve the desired sugar consistency. To create meewasik [sugar cakes], semi-crystallized syrup was poured into molds and allowed to harden.

Segnak—The Warrior History Lost

By Blake Norton, Curator, CPN Cultural Heritage Center

Segnak the Younger [Blackbird] is a name that carries both admiration and infamy throughout the annals of history. Bestowed a warrior’s heritage, Blackbird was the son of Segnak the Elder, Milwaukee headman known for his military and diplomatic coups during the War of 1812, American Revolution and early Northwest Indian Wars. Adhering to his lineage and fulfilling his own legacy, Segnak the Younger allied with the esteem Shawnee leader Tecumseh and his brother Tenskwatawa “The Prophet,” fiercely advocating the Native cause pervading the wars of the Old Northwest to vehemently repulse

Anglo-American encroachment and requite the atrocities committed against their brethren. Saluted as a warrior amongst his own, Blackbird’s actions and leadership during Tecumseh’s War and the War of 1812 carried far darker connotations to the fledgling, yet powerful new nation. With the defeat of Tecumseh and his confederacy at the Thames [1813], the United States diffused their Algonquin belligerents,

inevitably assuring victory. With dominance secured and a new era of Indian policy emerging, Blackbird’s anti-American exploits forced him into obscurity, motivating the aging and resourceful warrior to assume a new identity and heed the axiom “adapt or die.”

Eclipsed by both his predecessors and contemporaries, Segnak the Younger’s role as a key player in the War of 1812 cannot be contested. Despite his absence from the majority of records recounting this pivotal time, it’s those few that do exist describing his defense of Prophetstown, leadership at the Battle of Fort Dearborn and stand at Frenchtown that secured his legacy as a fierce warrior, a fact he eloquently summed up in an 1813 debriefing conducted by the British Indian Department. The contentious nature of the speech was in response to the British’s reproach of Blackbird’s brutal tactics during the War, despite awarding him a medal of honor for the controversial assault he led on Fort Dearborn less than a year

before. What the Crown’s officials continually failed to understand was that Segnak and his inter-tribal alliance were not merely grunts to the British or any other foreign cause, but belligerents of another nature who fought not only to resist but collect retribution



The Battle of the Thames, 1833.

for the nearly 200 years of unabated Anglo encroachment on their homeland. An eye for an eye, it was a fight begun by their fathers and deserving of an end at their hands.

“We have listened to your words, which words come from our father. We will now say a few words to you. At the foot of the Rapids last spring we fought the Big Knives, and we lost some of our people there. When we retired the Big Knives got some of our

did mischief. Last year at Chicago and St. Joseph the Big Knives destroyed all of our corn. This was fair, but, brother, they did not allow the dead to rest. They dug up their graves, and the bones of our ancestors were thrown away and we never could find them to return them to the ground.

I have listened with a good deal of attention to the wish of our father. If the Big Knives, after they kill people of our colour, leave them without hacking them to pieces, we will follow their example. They have themselves to blame. The way they treat our killed, and the remains of those that are in their graves in the west, makes our people mad when they meet the Big Knives. Whenever they get any of our people into their hands they cut them like meat into small pieces.

We thought white people were Christians. They ought to show us a better example. We do not disturb their dead. What I say is known to all the people present. I do not tell a lie.”

Employee Spotlight: CPN Eagle Aviary

Many of you have been following Wadase as we track her journey back into the wild. Those updates, and the care for other CPN eagles, are provided by CPN Eagle Aviary manager Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham. Here’s a look at how each of those ladies ended up on this particular career path.

Jennifer and Bree both began training to take care of eagles in

emotions around the eagles and stay centered. I can’t go in to feed in a rush or if I am upset about anything, they know!! You must be grounded.

Bree: How resilient they are, their strength and how intuitive they can be. Injured birds found in the wild, depending on their injury, can survive on the ground for weeks and still be a challenge to

Jennifer: No I do not have a favorite, but I do have favorite things that each eagle does. Like Archer follows me around the whole time I clean, or Shishibe (duck), sleeps like a duck every night, they all have very unique personalities. It is very humbling to be able to go in and spend time with these eagles each day.

What’s it like to track Wadase?

Jennifer: Amazing! We have been very fortunate to be able to witness her growth first hand along with our Tribal members and employees! I never imagined it would be this good! All the experts are amazed as well. The relationship and experiences Wadase has allowed us to share with her are priceless and will very likely never be replicated. Now that she has shown us she can fly from county to county, miles high and over 25mph it is even more incredible she chooses to return to the Aviary!

Bree: Like winning the lottery! I never imagined we would release an eagle this soon after opening and it is incredible to be able to follow her progress. It is the most exhilarating and nerve wracking thing I have ever experienced all rolled in to one. We had hoped we prepared her for being on her own and that we made the right decision to release her. We have toured the back roads of several of the surrounding counties as she continues to explore the surrounding territory. But it is always humbling that she returns here, to the aviary, on her own. I have never had something leave me as breathless as the first time I saw her coming down out of a thermal in the sky to roost at the aviary. I knew the telemetry was telling us she could do those things but seeing it first hand was incredible. Giving her the second chance to be an eagle, to carry our prayers to the creator and be a part of her journey is one of the most fulfilling things I have ever been a part of. It is a once in a lifetime experience and she continues to amaze me.

How much do the eagles eat and what do you feed them?

Jennifer: Our CPN eagles get a whole food diet, as close as possible to what they would naturally eat; rats, quail, fish. They eat about 12 to 14 ounces a day.

Bree: They eat about 14 oz. a day on average. During the winter that almost doubles and when the summer heat reaches 95 degrees or hotter they often skip a day because they have a fast metabolism and higher body temperature and they could actually overheat themselves by eating too much. The eagles always get a whole food diet much like what they would eat in the wild and a variety of different food. They eat rats, quail, fish and in the winter months some deer meat.

How would you encourage others to connect with nature in a safe way?

Bree: Unplug, get involved and get outside. It can be as simple as feeding the birds in the winter or visiting local wildlife areas. Get to know the wildlife in your region and find something that interests you. Spend quiet time near the water as it is a source of activity for wildlife and the joy of being outdoors is that you never know what you may experience on the same spot. Slow down to nature’s pace and see the beauty of the natural world around us from the most minute detail to the largest and how we are part of a larger universe and that all living things serve a purpose. There are many chapters like the Audubon Society to outdoorsman clubs in almost every city that are often good places to start.

Jennifer: Actually be out in it! So many people don’t take time to take a walk, sit by the water’s edge or watch the birds. Especially our young people, they need to reconnect with nature and outdoors, and if the Aviary can play a small role in that, well that’s all we can ask.

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handle the extreme Oklahoma weather?

Bree: They have the hardest time with Oklahoma summer. In their enclosures we have running streams that in summer months we can empty and fill with fresh cool water when the temperature gets into the 90’s and 100’s as well as a misting system that actually cools the enclosures almost 15 degrees. We also have shade fabric that provides extra shelter from the hot sun. In the winter we put up a large cover on the north side of the enclosure to offer as a wind break and they have shade fabric in addition to a 10 foot roof cover that they can get out of the snow and ice if they choose to do so. However, most of the birds sit right out in it. On the coldest day this winter, I believe it was only in the teens and I observed several birds bathing in the running streams.

Jennifer: The eagles don’t have much of a problem with winter weather; it’s the hot Oklahoma summers we have to worry about more. We offer cover if they want and misters in the summer, but they generally set out in all the elements, just as they do in the wild. It really makes you realize how resilient they are; of course they are made for it.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Eagle Aviary houses eagles rescued from the wild that are injured and cannot be rehabilitated. They will be taken care of for the remainder of their lives at this facility. The aviary allows CPN access to naturally molted feathers, which will be distributed to tribal members for cultural and religious purposes. In addition, the facility gives the CPN the means to save the Creator’s great messenger as well as the opportunity to reconnect our people to the living eagle.

The aviary construction was funded in part by a \$200,000 Tribal Wildlife Grant awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Tours of the aviary are available by appointment only. To schedule a tour please call Jennifer Randell at 405-275-3121.

experience.”

During this time, Trousdale admits that some choices made in her personal life left her with a significantly different outlook than she may have otherwise had.

“At that age, I had begun to take several risks and made unwise

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Employee spotlight – FireLodge Tribal Youth Program Coordinator BJ Trousdale

When one thinks about the toughest jobs of the more than 2,200 employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, services like the police and health clinics likely comes to mind. Yet to anyone organizing fifty or sixty teenagers in an after school setting, the notion of “toughest” takes on a whole new meaning.

Offering one of the only local

after school programs for tribal youth in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area, FireLodge Youth Council and The P.L.A.C.E are under the direct supervision of longtime tribal employee BJ Trousdale. A Tecumseh native herself, the Toupan family descendant credits her father Bob for teaching her the tribe’s heritage, a result of which has been her full-time service to the tribe

since 2001.

A 2000 graduate of Tecumseh High School, Trousdale left for college at the University of Central Oklahoma before returning three years later, where she began work in the Indian Child Welfare Department. Yet work for the tribe goes back to the age of 15, when she worked at the old Potawatomi Museum

and Gift Shop under then-director Esther Lowden.

“Under Esther and my co-worker Ginger Johnson, I learned many things about my culture, dancing and Native arts and crafts,” said Trousdale. “The next summer I was blessed to be able to work in the CPN Child Development Center under Donnette Littlehead where I gained a lot of valuable

Trousdale continued...

decisions which led to me becoming an unwed pregnant teen, an experience that makes me passionate about the work I do today. Despite that, my tribal family continued to support me and guide me as I took on the difficult task of parenting.”

Trousdale continued working though, remaining at the CDC where her newborn son attended. On top of this, she also began working nights and weekends at the tribal smoke shop until her graduation from Tecumseh High School.

After her time in Edmond, Trousdale returned to CPN as an intern in ICW under Director Janet Draper. One year later, following the completion of her Bachelor of Arts in Interpersonal Communication, she began work as a full time child welfare case manager.

CPN member playing the lead on the stage and in the classroom

By Penn State News

The following article is a reprint of an October 22, 2013 piece in the Penn State News. The original article can be found at www.news.psu.edu.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Andrew Adamietz, a College of Education senior studying secondary education, played the lead in a community theater production of “Les Miserables” this summer. In the process, Adamietz obtained a confidence-boosting experience full of learning and teaching that would prepare him for his future teaching career.

Adamietz has been performing in musicals since the sixth grade.

“The tribal families, desperation, struggles and environments I was exposed to really opened my eyes to the reality I hadn’t ever experienced,” recalled Trousdale.

Serving eight years in this role, Trousdale was approached by Draper about a more preventative notion for alleviating some of the issues FireLodge Youth and Family Service employees came across each day. Draper and other tribal leaders decided to develop a new tribal program sponsored by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation that sought to serve local Native American youth. The program was designed to provide participants with a structure that promoted positive life choices and after school activities.

“I was deeply honored to be asked to be the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program Coordinator, and extremely excited about its potential. I had previously

worked with the Soaring Eagles first offender intervention program at CPN, and I saw the impact collaborating with juvenile offenders and the challenging circumstances they faced,” said Trousdale.

Knowing the challenges facing her new task, Trousdale decided that in order to best serve the program’s youth, she would pursue her education and become a licensed professional counselor. She continues this academic pursuit to this day.

“We strive to guide youth to positive, future focused behaviors and help them to avoid negative, life-changing mistakes all the while supporting families and community entities that support the youth who enter our program,” added Trousdale.

“Our goal is to provide holistic cultural services to our youth in areas like good physical and mental health, support driven

education and job preparedness. Ultimately, we want to help them be part of well-functioning, stable and healthy families.”

Given her long time service as a CPN employee, Trousdale’s perspective on the tribe’s progress over the past two decades is important for perspective. While many contemporary employees only know the tribal programs and enterprises as they stand today near the intersection of Hardesty Road and Gordon Cooper Drive, Trousdale has been on hand to witness the changes as a worker and tribal member.

“FireLodge Tribal Youth Program has made progress, specifically in rebuilding community partnerships that in previous times, may have been lost when funding was not in place,” she said. “In addition to having several CPN departments that always supported our tribal

youth programs; we have made an effort to collaborate with tribal and non-tribal members. Native American youth’s experience in Oklahoma is unique because of our jurisdiction, thus we have to collaborate with everyone around us. I think that has been to our benefit.”

Currently under her charge are two distinct programs, though they collaborate and contain many of the same members. In addition to academic guidance from the staff, the Potawatomi Learning and Cultural Exchange (P.L.A.C.E.) teaches young people how to deal with the challenges they face in today’s world, including conflict resolution and dealing with the increasingly diverse American culture. Each year, the program takes up a cause that reflects this mindset. This year’s focus was Native pride, where the

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show,” Adamietz said. “There were children as young as 8 years old involved in the show



Andrew Adamietz.
(Courtesy Penn St. News).

who looked to people like me for theater etiquette as well as picking up the basics for performance.”

Jean Valjean inspired Adamietz to rethink his own life — the relationships he had, what he thought of himself and how he wanted to live his life.

“(‘Les Miserables’) is a story about a man that is not a hero and does not want to be, but is characterized as one nonetheless for just being a good person,” Adamietz said. “The show embodies the idea that ‘The time is always right to do what is right.’”

While Adamietz does not have any immediate future stage production plans, he does plan to expand his teaching moments and newfound confidence from the summer into a career. Adamietz is currently training to become a teacher as a Professional Development School intern at the State College Area School District.

After graduating, Adamietz wants to travel abroad to Cyprus to teach English to high school students through the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship. He plans on teaching for a few years before eventually beginning his graduate work in education policy.

January is Stalking Awareness Month

By Amanda Chapman, CPN House of Hope



January is National Stalking Awareness Month. Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and it can happen to anyone regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or personal association. The definition of stalking varies from one jurisdiction to another, but it is usually defined as a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause them to feel fear. Stalking is serious, often violent, and can

escalate over time.

Over 6.6 million people are stalked in one year in the United States. One in six women and one in 19 men have experienced stalking victimization where they felt fearful or believed that someone close to them would be harmed or killed. A stalker can be someone you know or not know at all. Most have dated or been involved with the person they stalk, this can range

from a man stalking a woman, a woman stalking a man, a man stalking a man or woman stalking a woman. Stalkers will use different actions to try to frighten, harass, intimidate, and control their victims.

Stalking may include:

- Following a specific person

- Driving by the victims place of residence , employment, school

- Calling, texting and emailing the victim persistently

- Threatening to harm victim, victim’s family, friends or pets.

- Leaving gifts, letters etc., at the victims residence, employment or school

There are several different things you can do if you or someone you know is a victim of stalking. First remember that what is happening is not your fault and that nothing you have done has caused that person to stalk you.

Contact a local victim services agency where advocates there can work with you to develop a safety plan for home, work and school in obtaining a protective order to forbid your stalker to have any contact with you. Talk to your family and friends about the stalking and provide them with as much information as possible. Document every stalking incident, take photos if vandalism is involved and contact your local law enforcement agency to report the stalking crime. Keep all emails, texts,

gifts, letters, etc. as these will be very useful when obtaining a protective order and useful evidence for law enforcement. Remember you are not alone and provide yourself with a group of people who care about you and your safety.

At the Citizen Potawatomi House of Hope, we serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking regardless of race, age, gender, sexuality or economic status. Our jurisdiction encompasses Oklahoma, Pottawatomie and Cleveland counties and we can be reached at 405-275-3175. If you would like to learn more about our program, please visit www.cpnhouseofhope.org.

CPN member was first Native American woman in U.S.M.C. Women’s Reserve

By Stacy S. Coon, CPN Cultural Heritage Center

As the country first entered WWII, the United States Marine Corps remained a small fighting force in comparison to its Naval and Army counterparts. At the decisive Battle of Guadalcanal the Marines suffered an extremely high casualty rate. Knowing he faced future battles that would be at least as bloody as Guadalcanal, USMC Major General Thomas Holcomb reevaluated the role of women in the Marine Corps in hopes of freeing more men up for front line duty.

Public law 689, signed in July 1942 with the vocal support of first lady Eleanor Roosevelt officially created the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve. The Women’s Reserve officially began operations in April 1943, but many women signed up as soon as the law passed the previous year. Southern Californian-based CPN member Catherine Vieux (Clinton) was amongst these early enrollees, and became the first Native American to serve in the USMC Women’s Reserve.

Vieux was a graduate of the Haskell Institute of Lawrence, Kansas prior to her joining the Marines. Following her graduation, she worked for the U.S. Department of Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs. During her employment with the BIA, Vieux served throughout her home state of Kan. in addition to posts in assignments in New

Mexico and North Dakota. She had been working as a typist for California-based Douglas Aircraft when she volunteered for the Women’s Reserve.

General Holcomb, asked by Life magazine about the nickname the members of the Women’s Reserve would get, referencing the Navy’s WAVES.

Holcomb dismissed the notion, saying “They are Marines. They don’t have a nickname and they don’t need one. They get their basic training in a Marine atmosphere at a Marine post. They inherit the traditions of Marines. They are Marines.”



Catherine Vieux (Clinton).

Vieux travelled across the country to New York City’s Hunter College for a four-week indoctrination course, where she was trained as a stenographer.



Vieux during her training.

Enlisting as a private, she told a Calif. newspaper prior to her enlistment that the Leathernecks reputation as fighters prompted her to choose the Marines over the Army and Navy. Her service lasted until September 15, 1945 when she, like many male and female service members were discharged following the war’s conclusion.

More than 800 Native American women served in the military during the war, with Native Americans as a whole being the largest minority represented in the U.S. Armed Forces throughout the conflict.



A local Calif. newspaper picked up Vieux’s story.

CPN Veterans Report



Bozho,

Should Americans be concerned about the budget cuts in our nation’s military? “You better hope we never have a war again,” said the House Armed

Services Committee chairman, Rep. Howard McKeon, R-Calif.

What does the Pentagon mean by “ready”? They say it means the armed forces’ ability to get the job done based on the number of

people and having the equipment and the training needed to carry out assigned missions.

An Army brigade, 4,500 members, is considered ready when it is fully manned and well trained with the right supplies and equipment in good working condition. Military units are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with one being the best. Usually a unit just returning from deployment would rate a 5 because of casualties and equipment missing or in need of repair. A unit can be deployed in less-than-full ready status, but it could do less, take longer and have more casualties.

The Air Force has grounded a

third of its active-duty combat fighter/bomber squadrons and the Army has only two of its 35 active-duty brigades fully ready for major combat operations. They prefer to keep 12 active-duty brigades ready for deployment at any given time and another 12 preparing for ready status.

Our forces, for the last 12 years, have been trained for counterinsurgency wars, like Iraq and Afghanistan, but now they need to train for different kinds of threats in other parts of the world. Budget cuts may adversely affect this needed new training. One solution is to tailor the budget cuts instead of making across-the-board cuts. I

hope we have the time to solve these pressing issues. Have you thanked a veteran today? Migwetch!

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. For more information about our organization and how to become a member, you can attend one of our meetings. Visit our website at: www.cpnveterans.org.

Daryl Talbot, Commander

Healthy habits: Tips for jumpstarting your New Year’s resolution to lose weight

Many of us will make the promise to slim down during 2014, but where do we start? CPN Fitness Center fitness trainer Sarah Lawrence offers some tips to make that resolution a reality.

What are some good exercises for beginners trying to lost weight?

Walking is a great exercise. If you have bad knees or hips, sitting in a chair and air boxing is a great cardio exercise. The most important thing is to increase your movement. For example, if you are going to an appointment that is on the second floor, take



Tribal members and employees are able to use the CPN Wellness Center throughout the year.

the stairs to increase your activity level.

What are some exercises/tips for those who are too busy for a long workout?

If you have a 10-15 minute break at work, use that time to walk around the building, march in place or do 10 exercises for a minute each.

What is a realistic expectation for weight loss?

In the beginning of weight loss, loss of inches comes before loss of pounds. When the weight loss

starts, a realistic goal is one or two pounds per week

How do you avoid giving up on your resolution after just a few months?

Working out with a buddy will help keep you motivated You can always have an accountability partner and you can cheer each other on to your goals. Remember, you do not have to change all of your habits. Just be one percent better today than you were yesterday. Slow and steady will help you achieve your goals.

Wadase Update – January 2014

By Jennifer Randell, Director, CPN Eagle Aviary

Wadase seemed to find a rhythm within the fall. Spending a few days at the Aviary and then a few days following the river, she was frequenting the areas she had previously explored and did not deviate far from that routine. Until, for reasons we cannot know, after the first week in November she did not show up as routine said she would.

A few extra days passed without her presence and thankfully we were able to download her GPS data. We did not see any current points until the map was expanded from her usual territory and to our surprise she had taken the longest single flight recorded in her life. She had made her way

just south of Maud, Oklahoma where she stopped in the flat reservoir areas. We went out to survey the area to see where she would be finding food and to see if we might spot her. There are few roads into the area directly where her GPS points were located but we were able to see marsh areas filled with water and an abundance of coots which are often meals for bald eagles. We were unable to spot her but did see a pair of adults hunting in the same vicinity she had been.

After satisfying our curiosity about the area we returned to the aviary. The following morning when we checked telemetry we learned that she had headed

for home just a few hours after we arrived in Maud. She was cruising 31 kph (19 mph) at 860 meters, she had beaten us home. Just before lunch she appeared out front in her usual spot. We were glad to see her back and



On her approach to grabbing a meal.

figured she would be hungry before the cold snap, but to our surprise she did not eat. While it might sound strange, we were very glad. After being gone for an extended amount of time, her not being hungry when she returned tells us that she is hunting very well on her own.

She ventured outside Pottawatomie County just before Thanksgiving and spent almost two weeks on the South Canadian River before returning home

Thanksgiving Day. That was the first time that we have actually spotted her flying so high that we couldn’t be sure it was her. The eagles in the enclosures began to call and she started to spiral down closer over the enclosures,



Picking up a meal.

with a fairly full crop but still took advantage of a warm meal on her platform. After the snow melted she fell back into the rhythm that she had in fall and as we approach the first official day of winter she has now experienced every season on her own. She has endured the spring, summer, fall and winter weather and seems to be thriving. Through all of her explorations, she has returned to the aviary and it seems that the odds are mounting in favor of this area becoming her permanent territory. Although, we know spring still holds the possibility for her to leave with fledging young eagles of the year but we are hopeful she continues to frequent this space. We will continue to monitor her progress. For more information or to read previous updates please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>.

calling back to the eagles inside. Telemetry had told us she was doing those things but being able to see her out there as she was intended to be was incredible.

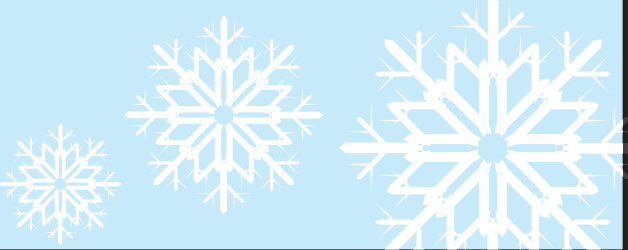
With the threat of severe weather moving in to the state it was a relief to see her as well. She spent the majority of her time the next two weeks during the ice and snow close to the aviary. Most days she would come in to eat by 10:00am and be gone by 3:00pm. A few of those days she arrived



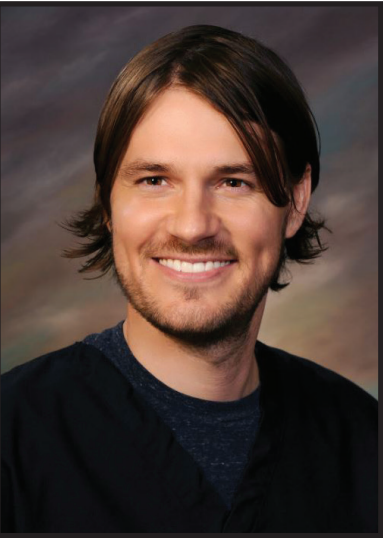
Wadase in full flight during her hunting.

Title VI Christmas Party

Tribal elders from around the area packed the house for the annual Title VI Christmas Party at the CPN Wellness Center.



CPN Dental Clinic completes construction



Visitors to the CPN’s South Clinic in recent months will have noticed the construction tarps and temporary drywall most recently adorning the Dental Clinic have been replaced by a newly refurbished office space. Featuring a staff of three full time dentists, two part time dentists, two dental hygienists, three dental assistants and two front office staff, CPN’s Dental Services are ramping up production to meet an overwhelming demand.

Currently the clinic serves approximately 500 patients per month.

Cherokee tribal member and CPN Dental Coordinator Chase Youngblood DDS sat down with the Hownikan to explain some of the services his department currently offers.

Why did you go into dentistry?

I always had an interest in health care-related fields. Once I began to look closely into the dentistry, I immediately knew that it was something that I would love to make a career of. Not only do I get to work with my hands in a creative and artistic way, but I also have direct patient interaction. I am able to challenge myself and learn new things constantly. I do not know of another profession that allows me to combine these things with the rewarding experiences of making a difference in patient’s lives. I truly love my job.

How long have you worked at CPN?

I have worked with CPN for two years. I previously served as the dental director for the Kickapoo Tribe and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I can say without hesitation that my experience working with the CPN has far exceeded any expectations I had of how a tribal health system can be run. The professionalism and competence of all employees from top to bottom is unlike any other place I have experienced. I think this allows us to provide a level of service that other tribal facilities do not.

How does working at a tribal-run clinic differ from that of a private practice?

I have never worked full time in private practice, so this is a difficult question for me to answer. In speaking with my colleagues, I can say that not having to worry about patient finances for all of our procedures makes a big difference in the services

that we are able to provide and further insures that our treatment decisions are made with their best and ideal interest in mind.

Are there certain challenges you face serving the CPN Health Clinic Patients that you normally wouldn’t deal with in a private setting?

The biggest challenge that we as a clinic face is the large service are that we are assigned to care for. The Shawnee Service Unit as defined by the IHS (Indian Health Services) makes up five counties. This means that we are designed to be providers for all Native Americans in this area. Our small clinic was unable to handle that workload. This resulted in a lengthy waiting list. The primary goal of our expansion project is to help us alleviate this waiting list and provide exceptional dental care to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Can you describe the new updates the Dental Clinic has undergone as of late?

We have recently completed phase I of our construction project. This project involved a complete renovation of the area directly south of the previous dental clinic adding 7 additional dental operatories. We were able to take advantage of some great government pricing options which allowed us to incorporate top of the line equipment and technology throughout our clinic.

Phase II of the construction project is now under way. This involves a complete remodel of our previous dental area and replacing much of our aging equipment. Once construction is complete we will have 12 treatment rooms allowing us to increase access to care dramatically.

For those interested, the CPN Dental Clinic offers preventative care, teeth cleaning, annual exams and routine dental work. For more information, please visit www.potawatomi.org/services/health/clinics or call 405-878-4835.

Leave a Legacy of Healthy Vision – The National Eye Institute

Diabetes affects nearly 26 million people in the United States. In addition, another 79 million people are estimated to have prediabetes, a condition that puts people at increased risk for diabetes. Many American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) are included in these statistics. According to the Indian Health Service, diabetes among American Indians and Alaska Natives has increased from 8 percent to more than 13 percent in the last decade. While this may sound discouraging, the good news is that a lot can be done to prevent diabetes and the severity of its complications, such as those that lead to vision loss and blindness.

Diabetic eye disease is a group of eye problems people with diabetes may face and includes cataract, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma. Diabetic retinopathy the most common diabetic eye disease, is the leading cause of blindness in adults 20–74 years of age.

“The longer a person has diabetes, the greater is his or her risk of developing diabetic eye disease,” said Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., director of the National Eye Institute (NEI). “If you have diabetes, be sure to have a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Don’t wait until you notice an eye problem to have an exam, because vision

that is lost often cannot be restored.”

Diabetic eye disease often has no early warning signs, but it can be detected early and treated before vision loss occurs. If you have diabetes in your family, you can leave a legacy of healthy vision by taking steps to prevent vision loss—controlling diabetes and getting a comprehensive dilated eye exam every year.

“In fact, with early detection, timely treatment, and appropriate follow-up care, people with diabetes can reduce their risk of severe vision loss by 95 percent,” adds Suber Huang, M.D., M.B.A., chair of the Diabetic Eye Disease Subcommittee for NEI’s National Eye Health Education Program.

Research has shown that when people with diabetes maintain good control of blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol, they can slow the development and progression of diabetic eye disease. In addition to having a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year, people with diabetes should do the following to keep their health on TRACK:

7.7 million people ages 40 and older have diabetic retinopathy. Will reach 11 million people by 2030.

95% of severe vision loss from diabetic retinopathy can be prevented by early detection, timely treatment, and appropriate follow-up.

Who is at risk?
→ All people with diabetes.

The longer you have diabetes, the higher your risk of getting diabetic eye disease.

How is it detected?
Through a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

- Take your medications.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight.
- Add physical activity to your daily routine.
- Control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol.
- Kick the smoking habit.

If you have diabetes, set your sight on healthy vision. Schedule a comprehensive dilated eye

What can you do?

Get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year.

Keep your health on TRACK:

Take your medications. Reach and maintain a healthy weight. Add physical activity to your daily routine. Control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Kick the smoking habit.

Where can you learn more?
Visit www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes

Source: National Eye Institute, 2013

exam. For more information on diabetic eye disease and tips on finding an eye care professional or financial assistance for eye care, visit www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes or call the NEI at 301-496-5248.

The National Eye Institute (NEI), part of the National Institutes of Health, leads the federal government’s research on the visual system and eye diseases. NEI supports basic and clinical science programs that result in the development of sight-saving

treatments. For more information, visit www.nei.nih.gov. The nation’s medical research agency includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and is investigating the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.

CPN Behavioral Health Services helps Native American community



With two clinics and 12 different departments, the Citizen Potawatomi Health Services offers a variety of facilities and programs to Native Americans and the tribe’s employees. While the CPN Health Clinics are the most visible manifestation of these offerings, programs like Behavioral Health play a vital role in the local health community. To learn more about this program, the Hownikan spoke with Anadarko, Oklahoma native and Kiowa-tribal member Glenma Stumblingbear-Riddle, Ph.D.

Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle has

served as the Behavioral Health Coordinator for the CPN since Sept. 2012 and is a licensed psychologist.

Why did you go into the Behavioral Health field?

My grandfather was an avid reader. We had deep conversations about current events, social justice issues, and common issues among American Indians. Also, while growing up in a predominantly American Indian town, I was well aware of the health disparities that existed among the American Indian population. I became very passionate about these issues and felt strongly about doing something proactive about it. After attending an outreach seminar that worked to recruit American Indians into the healthcare field I decided I would pursue psychology. I am very thankful to have the privilege to work with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to help reduce the health disparities and help provide the best quality care to patients.

Where are your degrees from and what are they in?

I have a Bachelors of Science Degree where I majored in

Psychology with a minor in Liberal Arts from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. I hold both a Master of Science Degree in Educational Psychology and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Oklahoma State University.

Can you describe the services provided by the Behavioral Health Program?

The Behavioral Health clinic provides outpatient services to CPN members and members of other federally recognized tribes. We conduct individual therapy, group therapy, marital and couples therapy, substance use assessment and treatment, medication management, smoking cessation, and outreach for CPN departments and community.

How does working at a tribal-run clinic differ from that of a private practice or a state-run facility?

Working at a tribal clinic differs greatly from working in a private practice or state-run facility. We are fortunate to have the support of the tribe to offer the types of programs and services that are needed to serve patients. We are

able to work closely with medical staff and other health service departments, which helps benefit patients. Specifically, this benefits the patients by being able to help them address all components of health and enhance physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Another key difference in working in a tribal clinic is that we are able to implement culturally relevant, sensitive, and competent services based on the patient’s level or interest in his or her culture. An example of this would be implementing smudging and dream catcher making with patients in a therapeutic manner. Research has demonstrated the importance and significance of offering traditional healing practices and cultural activities among American Indians. However, in private practice and state-run facilities these types of services are not commonly offered.

Are there certain challenges you face serving the CPN Health Clinic patients that you normally wouldn’t deal with in a private setting or in a state-run facility?

The challenges we encounter are

similar to challenges that other facilities face. Unfortunately, there is still stigma associated with behavioral health services, which limits some patients from seeking services that they need. We hope to continue to devise strategies to help reduce stigma and work to resolve other issues that limit a patient’s ability to seek services.

How many staff currently serves in Behavioral Health?

We are currently in transition and in the process of bringing on new staff members. At full capacity we will have a staff of two licensed psychologists, a licensed psychiatrist, two licensed alcohol and drug counselors, a licensed behavioral health counselor, a full-time administrative assistant, and a part-time receptionist.

The Audiology and Optometry Programs have moved to the CPN West Clinic, 781 Grand Casino Blvd., Shawnee, OK 74801.

Grand Casino loads up gifts at annual Santa’s Army toy drive

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort employees donated hundreds of toys this year for local children ahead of the 2013 holidays. The toy drive, known around the Grand as “Santa’s Army”, takes place each year in partnership with the Shawnee division of the Salvation Army.

Employees donate a toy, typically worth \$10, which also enters them into a drawing with their fellow employees. Those drawings, made during the Grand’s annual holiday party, are for a number of prizes including televisions, gift cards and other items. The more toys an employee donates, the better the chances their names are drawn for a prize.

Keeping with the staff’s gaming



JT Summerlin, Tedda Hogan, Lt. Phillip Canning, Kristen Roberts and Joe Garcia in front of the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort’s toy donation drive.

work, the annual party also hosts a bingo competition and a Texas Hold ‘Em game for employees.

Winners of those competitions donate 10 percent of their winnings to a local charity.



The staff of the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort donated hundreds of presents for this year’s toy drive.

Toys donated by the Grand’s staff are ultimately distributed to local families via the Salvation Army’s

Shawnee Branch.

CPN employees collect cans for community

CPN employee food donation feeds hundreds

Employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation set off in November collecting food stuffs and canned goods for the tribe’s annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive. Under the direction of the Employment and Training Department, employees from the tribe’s numerous departments and enterprises competed against one another in

gathering the heaviest and most numerous donations.

“These donations are important because sometimes, we all get lost in the shuffle of everyday life and forget that there are people out there who barely have enough to feed their families on a daily basis,” said E&T’s Gina Koch, who has spearheaded this year’s drive. “We need to remember that some people struggle to



E&T employee Angel Hybarger and Officer Kandi Cumbie load the boxes for Thanksgiving.



Just a portion of the 140 boxes loaded for individual families for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ask for assistance, whatever that reason may be.”

The food drive supplied 144 households or approximately 660 people for Thanksgiving alone. Each food parcel contained the ingredients for a fully traditional Thanksgiving dinner, turkey included. Those donations weighed in at more than 1.5 tons.

But the giving didn’t stop there. Employees ramped up their donations ahead of the Christmas



Members of the Housekeeping Dept. load food stuffs into cars for delivery ahead of Thanksgiving.

Firelake Express Grocery helps Salvation Army with Christmas meals



Each family received a gallon of milk, 12 eggs, a loaf of bread, a four pound ham, margarine and a bag of oranges. 415 bags of groceries were donated in the Shawnee and Seminole areas by FireLake Discount Foods.



Mike Lester, Bill Rumbo, Richard Driskell, Don Clay and Jason Boyce spent December 17 unloading donations from FireLake Discount Foods to the Salvation Army’s Shawnee, OK post.

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FIRELAKE GIFT SHOP



FireLake Entertainment Center’s Chad Mathews presents Saliyah London with an iPad Mini. Each year ahead of the holidays, FireLake Entertainment Center donates a gift to the Salvation Army-United Way After School program.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its employees contribute more than \$60,000 to United Way of Pottawatomie County

The United Way of Pottawatomie County will be able to continue funding for approximately 20 partner agencies in and around Pottawatomie County thanks to the generosity of Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its employees.

The United Way of Pottawatomie County received more than \$60,000 in employee contributions and the tribe in 2013.

“We really appreciate the support of CPN and its employees,” said Audrey Seeliger, director, United Way of Pottawatomie County. “These generous contributions allow us to provide services ever day of the year and without it we simply would not be able to.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation has made annual contributions to

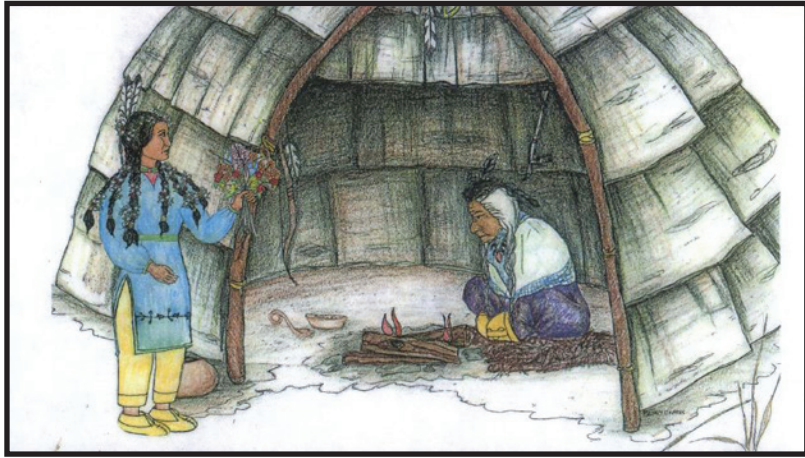


Nicole Sanchez, CPN employee and United Way board member, Audrey Seeliger, United Way Oklahoma and Vice-Chairman Capps come together for a photo for CPN's annual United Way donation.

Winter Story of Pondese

An old man was sitting in his lodge by the side of a frozen stream. His appearance was very worn and frayed, for it was the close of winter and his fire was almost out. His locks were white with age and he trembled in every joint. He sat in solitude as the days passed, the only sound was of newly falling snow outside.

One day, as his fire was dying, a beautiful young woman approached. Her cheeks were red, her eyes sparkled with animation, and a smile played across her lips. Her steps were quick and light, she carried a bouquet of wildflowers in her hand. On her forehead was a wreath of sweet grass.



“Granddaughter,” said the old man, “I am happy to see you. Come in and tell me of your adventures and what strange lands

you have been to see. I will tell you of my prowess and exploits, and what I can perform. You can do the same and we can pass the time together.”

He then drew from his sack a carved pipe. Filling it, he handed it to his guest. When the ceremony was concluded, they began to speak.

“I blow my breath,” the old man said, “and the streams stand still. The water becomes stiff and hard as stone.”

“I breathe,” said the young maiden, “and flowers spring up all over the plains.”



them away. The birds fly away from the water to distant lands. The animals hide from my breath and the very ground becomes hard as flint.”

I shake my ringlets,” responded the young woman, “and warm showers of soft rain fall upon the Earth. The plants lift their heads from the ground like the eyes of



children glistening with delight. The birds return with my voice and the warmth of my breath unlocks the stream. Music fills the groves wherever I walk, and all Nature rejoices.”

As they spoke, the sun began to rise and warmth came over the land. The tongue of the old man became silent as the robin and bluebird began to sing on top of the lodge. The stream began to murmur by the door. The fragrance of blooming herbs and flowers came softly on the vernal breeze.

As day broke, the character of the host was fully revealed to the young maiden. When she looked upon him, he had the icy visage of Pondese. Streams began to flow from his eyes, and as the sun climbed higher into the sky, he shrunk until he eventually melted away. Nothing remained of his lodge but the Trailing Arbutus, a small white flower with a pink border.



Language with Justin

By Justin Neely, Director, CPN Language Dept.

For the third year in a row, the Potawatomi Language Department and our Monday adult class went Christmas caroling in Potawatomi. We do this every year and usually go to the Elders housing at Father Murphy and in Tecumseh. We always have a good time and also collect canned goods for those less fortunate. This year was the first that we had pretty good weather. We sang a collection of tunes including “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer”, “Let it Snow”, “Silent Night”, “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and “Little Drummer Boy”. Migwetch to Randy and Sam and the class everyone sounded great.

On February 20 from 6-8pm at the Cultural Heritage Center we will be hosting our annual Winter Story Telling event. Many of our traditional stories such as ones involving Wiske or Nanabozho the Trickster are only supposed to be told in the wintertime. Some would even go as far as to say when snow is on the ground. But since we live in the South, it is often quite difficult to gauge when a snow will happen. This event is free and open to everyone. We will have refreshments and tell about 8-10 traditional stories. We hope you will come out and join us.

The Child Development Center again had their annual Christmas program. The kids in the daycare sang “Frosty the Snowman” in Potawatomi under the direction of Language instructor Randy



Randy Schlachtun leads the kids at the holiday pageant.

Schlachtun. Every year the kids do a great job, and 2013 was no exception. We are very proud of the job Randy does with the kids in the Child Development Center. Migwetch Randy.

Very soon he will start getting the kids ready for the Native American Youth Language Fair at the University of Oklahoma. There are usually about 35 different tribes and languages represented here. Last year we took home a trophy and entered the kids in a couple different categories, the highlight being when our students acted out a video submission of

the story “Turtle goes to War” in Potawatomi.

We just wrapped up our Beginner Classes and Conversational Potawatomi but will begin again in the New Year. We will start again on Monday, January 13 for the beginners from 5-6pm and Thursday January 16 for the conversational class from 3:30-5pm. All take place at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center and there is no cost for the class, only a will to learn ones language.

We also are continuing on with our online classes which are currently

on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. These classes are offered later so that folks who live outside of Oklahoma can join in. We hope those of you in the various districts will take advantage of this free opportunity to learn your language.

Anet Bodéwadmimwen

Wé ni je o kwe? Who is that woman? (Way knee juh oh kway)

Wé ni je o nene? Who is that man? (Way knee juh oh nuh nay)

Wé ni je o gigabe? Who is that boy? (Way knee juh oh

geegahbay)

Wé ni je o gigyago? Who is that girl? (Way knee juh oh geeg yah go)

Ngwes yawe. He is my son. (ngwus yow way)

Ndanes yawe. She is my daughter. (ndahn us yow way)

Nmeshomes yawe. He is my grandfather. (nmishoh mus yow way)

Nokmes yawe. She is my grandmother. (Noke mis yow way)



Executive and legislative positions up for vote in June

Candidates for executive and legislative seats have submitted their declarations of candidacy as of January 8, 201. Tribal elections are set to take place during the June Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Vice Chairman Linda Capps announced her intention to run for another term in her December 2013 Hownikan column. Capps, who has served the tribe's leadership bodies since 1990, said of her decision, “I have contemplated the economic environment that will be needed in the future to provide health coverage, housing and other services, cultural enhancement, infrastructure and acquisitions that will affect the portrait of a growing Nation. The challenge to remain a part of that planning process for four more years is compelling. I accept the responsibility and understand that if I am elected in June of 2013, there will continue to be a lot of work involved.”

Incumbent Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale has opted to run for a fourth term having also announced his intention in the December 2013 Hownikan.

“With the permission of the elders and the vote of the council I would very much like to continue in my position. Vice Chairman Linda Capps and I are up for reelection in 2013. I believe that our Executive team, including Chairman Barrett, has a very good balance of both talent and opinion.”

Legislators in Districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 are also on the ballot.

“To me, one of the most significant things I can do in my role as District 8 legislator is



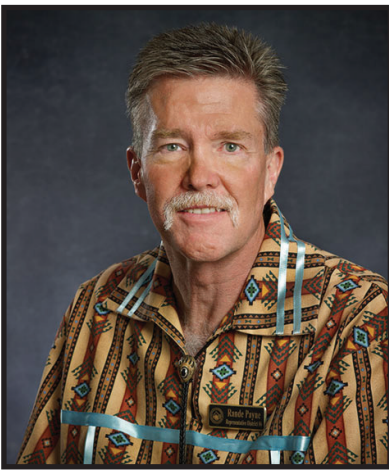
Vice Chairman Linda Capps.



Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale.



District 5 incumbent Gene Lambert.



District 6 incumbent Rande Payne.



District 7 incumbent Mark Johnson.



District 8 incumbent Dave Carney.

to build community. I believe I have accomplished a great deal with regards to this, but I have more work to do,” said District 8 incumbent Dave Carney. “I have had gatherings in the majority of the states I represent, but still would like to reach more members in Wyoming and the Dakotas. I believe that members are finding their government more approachable and that information that is important to District 8 members is flowing more freely than ever before.”

In District 7, Mark Johnson announced his intention to run again in this issue of the

Hownikan.

“I would like to announce that I will be seeking a second term as your Representative for District 7, the honor and trust that you bestowed on me in 2010 by electing me, is never taken lightly or for granted, I hope I have earned your trust.”

District 6's Rande Payne announced his candidacy for reelection as well. “At the risk of sounding self-serving, I enjoy it. I believe everything happens for a reason and I have always found purpose whenever I have been part of something bigger than myself. I am purpose

driven and I believe in Chairman Barrett's vision of CPN being a truly sovereign nation through economic development and cultural preservation. With the knowledge and experience I've gained in my first term I believe I am better equipped to contribute and I look forward to being an active member of the Legislature in striving to meet our Nations goals should the membership choose to re-elect me.”

In District 5, Gene Lambert also announced her intention to run for another term.

“As I have said before, we have come a long way and have yet

House of Hope's Willis recognized for fight against domestic violence

According to the statistics available from the non-profit Violence Policy Center, Oklahoma ranks 3rd in the U.S. in per capita deaths from domestic violence, with 61 percent of those killed by an intimate partner. Despite those sobering figures, the numbers might be far higher if not for the work of family violence programs that assist victims of domestic violence from such hazardous situations. One local Citizen Potawatomi Nation employee working on this issue is Kimberly Willis, a case manager with the CPN House of Hope.

A 2005 graduate of Dale High School, Willis initially played collegiate softball at Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Okla. before transferring to St. Gregory's University in Shawnee. After graduating from with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science, she spent one year at

her alma mater as an admissions counselor. Willis learned of an opening for House of Hope, and has been with the department as a case manager for two years.

“My heart bleeds for the individuals who have been through the trauma of abusive relationships, sexual assaults and stalking,” said Willis about her decision to take on such a challenging assignment. “Since I had worked for the tribe in the past, I knew it was a great place to be employed and where I could spend my time offering a helping hand to those in need.”

The workday at House of Hope varies from day to day. According to Willis, in addition to their normal duties, they can also spend their days in court rooms for protective order hearings or responding to calls from local police departments.

“Each day is different,” said Willis. “We do our fair share of clerical work and also spend time out on calls visiting and assisting clients in our three county



Kimberly Willis.

jurisdiction. Sometimes it's an 8-5 job, but it doesn't end when I get home, because even there, I am still on call.”

The federally funded Family Violence Program offers support to clients in Pottawatomie, Oklahoma and Cleveland counties, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or ethnicity. Clients do not need to be Native American to receive services, but simply need to reside in one of those counties and contact House of Hope for assistance.

“The job can be tough at times, but each victim deserves to feel valued, and our program may be the only support that victim has. Each little success, each little obstacle overcome, makes a world of difference to these individuals and these families,” explained Willis.

While House of Hope is a tribal-run program, its services are highly collaborative with local law enforcement and family services throughout its

jurisdiction. Just recently, Willis was named Advocate of the Year by the Pottawatomie and Lincoln County Coordinated Community Response Team for her work.

“I've worked harder than I have in my whole life this past year, but I have never felt so passionately about anything. I have been very fortunate to have a supervisor that trusts my judgment and has faith in me, and to have co-workers that are willing to help and support me. I have always felt very deeply for this cause, and to be recognized by my colleagues was probably the proudest moment of my life.”

To learn more about House of Hope and the CPN Domestic Violence Program, please visit their website or call 405-275-3176. For those in need of an advocate outside normal business hours, please call the CPN Police Department at 405-878-4818.

CPCDC's Shane Jett selected for CITI Leadership Program



Shane D. Jett, Executive Director at Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC) was chosen from more than 120 applicants nationwide to participate in the 2014 Citi

Leadership Program for Opportunity Finance. The ten month program, which begins in January, is sponsored by the Opportunity Finance Network and the Citi Foundation.

“I am delighted to be selected to participate in this prestigious program,” said Jett. “Networking with other successful CDFIs and exchanging ideas and best practices among fellow executives is just what our CDFI needs to take us to the next level of growth and expansion. I could not be more excited!”

Jett will join 49 other financial professionals who were selected from around the nation. He will participate in the Executive Leaders level course along with 11 other executives. Participants come from 21 states and the

District of Columbia and come from a variety of CDFIs specializing in sectors like real estate lending, microfinance, consumer finance and affordable housing-finance.

Jett was chosen to represent the CPCDC given his offices ongoing work to finance, promote, educate and inspire entrepreneurial growth and economic opportunities for the CPN tribal community as well as other underserved Oklahoma Native American populations. The CPCDC serves these communities by providing access to a number of services including financial education, access to capital, business development services, innovative capacity building practices and community development.

“Developed by CDFIs for CDFIs, the program supports professionals who strive to lead transformational - structural and systemic - change,” said Mark Pinsky, CEO of OFN. “OFN is excited to be able to offer this unique CDFI leadership program with the generous support of the Citi Foundation, which has supported the CDFI industry for more than 20 years.”

The Opportunity Finance Network is the leading network of private financial institutions which help create positive growth for communities, investors, individuals and the economy. OFN members are community development financial institutions that deliver responsible lending to low-income communities in order

to help them join the economic mainstream.

The Citi Foundation is committed to the economic empowerment and financial inclusion of low-to-moderate-income individuals and families. Around the globe, the Citi Foundation focuses its giving on priority focus areas like microfinance, enterprise development, college success and financial capability and asset building. At home in the United States, the Citi Foundation supports neighborhood revitalization program and works with partners and microfinance and enterprise development in order to help support environmental programs and innovations.

Secretary Jewell and Assistant Secretary Washburn visit the Citizen Potawatomi Nation



Chairman Barrett, Vice-Chairman Capps, Secretary Jewell, Representative Cole and Asst. Secretary Washburn.



Chairman Barrett presents Secretary Jewell with a Pendleton Blanket.



(From left to right) Representative Cole, Asst. Secretary Washburn, Secretary Jewell and CPN Vice-Chairman Capps.



Representative Cole, Secretary Jewell, Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chairman Capps.



Cultural Heritage Center Director Dr. Kelli Mosteller gives Secretary Jewell, Congressman Cole and Asst. Secretary Washburn a tour of the museum's displays.



Dr. Collard explains the economic impact of the recently reconnected rail line that will run through Iron Horse Industrial Park.



Chairman Barrett addresses the guests ahead of the HEARTH Act signing.



Congressman Cole was a leading force in the House of Representatives in securing the HEARTH Act's passage.



Asst. Secretary of the Interior and head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs explains the positive impact the law's passage will have on tribes like the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



Secretary Jewell addresses the attendees at the CPN HEARTH Act signing ceremony.



Chairman Barrett describes the tribe's interest in the importance of rail infrastructure in the areas surrounding the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



Clinic Manager Starla Griffith explains the tribe's Health Services during Secretary Jewell's tour of the CPN Health Clinic.



Secretary Jewell and Asst. Secretary Washburn listen as Economic Director Dr. Jim Collard discusses the Iron Horse Industrial Park.



The CPN Eagle Aviary's Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham describe their work to Secretary Jewell during her tour of the tribe's facilities.

CPN Police Department swears in six new officers

In an early morning ceremony at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court, Judge Phil Lujan swore in six new police officers that join the force with immediate effect. The additional officers David Earls, Steve Saxton, John Turner, Matt McLain, Raymond Joiner and Brent Stringer bring the force's total strength to 26.

only get better."

Two civilian members of the police department were also honored for their outstanding service. Dispatcher Tammy Horn was recognized for her work during the August 18 pursuit of a stolen vehicle by Officer Russell Ross as well a November

said Dr. Jim Collard, CPN Police Chief. "It goes without saying that Tammy is an asset to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Police Department."

Dispatcher Brian Scott was also honored for his work in helping secure federal funding that will pay for eight additional police



(From left to right) "Officers David Earls, Steve Saxton, John Turner, Matt McLain, Raymond Joiner, Brent Stringer are sworn in by Judge Lujan.

"These six will be assets to the tribe, both in the service they perform and in the professionalism they bring as officers of the law," Police Chief Dr. Jim Collard told the assembled guests. "As our tribe grows, so do the responsibilities this force is tasked with. This is a good time to be in this department. In my opinion it will

23 high speed pursuit by Officer Marian Harris. Due to her actions as a dispatcher in liaising with external law enforcement agencies like the Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Seminole County Sheriff's Office, both pursuits concluded with arrests.

"Her work speaks for itself,"

cars for the department.

"Brian helped with the writing on the grant which got us more than \$800,000 in funds that will go to the vehicles and other necessary material," said Chief Collard. "What you did was important and we wanted to show how much we appreciate it."



Dispatcher Tammy Horn was honored for her outstanding service in two separate pursuits that ended in arrests.



Brian Scott was commended for his assistance in securing Federal funding for the tribe's police department.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department was founded more than two decades ago to protect tribal assets and

employees, increase public safety and enhance the general well-being of the community.

CPN adds accompanying project to water study

In its ongoing mission to monitor the water supplies traversing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Office of Economic Development and the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) have added a supplemental project to the current three year water study.

With the added project, the CPN will gain a better understanding of the interaction of both ground and surface water near the North Canadian River. Ultimately the study aims to help the tribe determine potential flow paths and the relationships between the river and the CPN water supply field. Measuring instruments called piezometers will be installed near the existing gaging station located near Harrah, Oklahoma. The piezometers will allow CPN to monitor date in real-time that will be used to design a groundwater quality early warning system for the tribe's well field located in the North Canadian alluvial aquifer.

"We remain within the scope of our current comprehensive water study, along with continued support from Administration



The North Canadian River is the northern boundary of the tribal lands, but it also carries out polluted water from the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

for Native Americans (ANA) and USGS and the Oklahoma Water Science Center. But we were able to add the additional

project that will complement the work the USGS has already done," explained Asst. Director of Economic Development Kelley

Francen. "We're really excited about the additional information we'll get from this supplemental study, as it will definitely help

us prepare for future needs and challenges where water resources are concerned."

CPN initially partnered with the USGS in order to examine the quality of water coming out of the greater Oklahoma City area. The past years' drought exacerbated the need to understand the usability of water supplies used by tribe's citizens and enterprises.

Economic Development Director Dr. Jim Collard, has worked on similar water conservation projects in his previous posts across Oklahoma, Colorado and Missouri, and has stressed the economic importance of understanding how the tribe's water resources work.

"With the construction of Iron Horse Industrial Park, we need to know how much water is available," said Dr. Collard. "If we have a tenant whose production needs require a certain amount of water, it is important that we can give them an idea of exactly what we expect in the short and long term."

Scout, the chocolate lab of FireLake Golf Course

In April, FireLake Golf Course welcomed new Superintendent Derron Day to the staff. Day, of Muskogee, Oklahoma joined FireLake after previously having served in the same position at Muskogee Country Club.

"To step onto a golf green and recognize and diagnose a disease affecting its health is a science," said FireLake Golf Course Director Chris Chesser. "We've known about Derron's work at golf courses around Oklahoma. We know he'll immediately begin making FireLake one of the state's best public courses."

Assisting Day in his work on the course is another new staff member, Scout, the Chocolate Labrador. Scout is an important part of the golf course's operations, especially given FireLake Golf Course's numerous lakes. Canadian Geese, whose migratory path takes them across Oklahoma, tend to settle down near water sources instead of migrating. FireLake's ponds and creeks have become a haven for the geese, who are a hazard to the putting greens.

Golf course dogs like Scout are trained to chase geese and other vermin, like gophers, away from

the course's most vulnerable areas.

course dogs, at Tulsa Country Club and White Hawk in Bixby,

Since the move to FireLake, Scout has been a hit with the FireLake's



Scout, the terror of Canadian Geese everywhere.

"He's very good at tracking gophers," explained Day. "Labs have such a keen sense of smell that out of 20 holes, he can find the one that actually has the gopher."

Scout's parents were both golf

Okla. Scout has been with Day since he was seven weeks old. He trained alongside an older canine at the Muskogee Golf Course during Day's service as superintendent there.

golfers. He rides in golf carts, isn't afraid to chase geese into water and appears to have only one fear, thunder.

While golfers have grown fond of Scout, Day looks at his companion

as a tool to be utilized in making the course as high quality as possible.

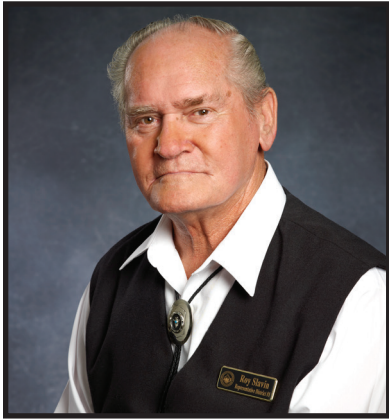
"He's just like anyone who works out here in my mind," said Day. "He's just an employee that we pay in a different fashion."

FireLake Golf Course is rated in the top 10 of daily fee golf courses in Oklahoma. The challenging course offers tight fairways lined with pecan trees, native grasses and lots of water hazards. Water comes into play on 15 of the 18 holes, including 11 lakes or ponds and a creek that runs through the middle of the golf course.

The greens, which have been converted to Champion Bermuda, average about 8,000 square feet in size with lots of undulations. The golf course's amenities include a putting green, driving range, snack bar, restaurant, and golf shop.

The course is open year round, weather permitting, with the exception of Christmas. Green fees are \$17, \$27 with cart rental. Discounted annual memberships are available to tribal members. To book a tee time or learn more information, please call 405-275-4471.

District 1—Roy Slavin



Bozho,

By the time you read this, the New Year will have begun and the holidays will be behind us. For those in District 1 and to my fellow Potawatomi around the country, I wish you all the best in 2014!

Also of note for our tribe are this year's tribal elections. Up for contest are the Executive branch positions of Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer and the Legislative seats for districts 5,6,7 and 8. As noted in the past few editions of the Hownikan, anyone wanting to run for those seats had to submit their declarations of candidacy to the tribal Election Committee by January 8.

We have a unique opportunity as members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to choose our tribal leadership, myself being reelected in 2013. Our government's efficiency can be seen in the growth of the tribe's services and enterprises over the past two decades. Most recently, CPN was selected by the Harvard

University's Honoring Nations program for our Constitution Reform Project, which created our current system.

I for one am proud of my role in our system as a legislator, but also as a voter. Too often the turn out for tribal elections is lower than we hope for. So I would like to encourage all my fellow Potawatomi to vote when possible. For those like my constituents, who are not always able to travel to the voting booth during the CPN Family Festival in June, our Tribal Election Commission provides absentee ballots well ahead of time. Ballot request forms will be in future editions of this newspaper as Election Day nears.

For those who wish to learn

more about our government, I encourage you to visit www.potawatomi.org/government. The page gives ample information on our three branches of government – executive, judicial and legislative. An interest in our Potawatomi government is extremely important considering these branches help shape the services and policies that affect our tribe's 30,000 members around the United States. As a legislator, I always enjoy getting input from my constituents, and I imagine my fellow legislators do as well. But I can only be informed if I hear from them, and my inbox at rlslavin@potawatomi.org is always open.

It goes without saying I am honored, as always, to be your District 1 legislator. I will close

this article with two requests. First, as a member of our CPN Veterans' Organization, I am very interested in hearing from fellow members of the armed forces, so please email me if you fit this profile. Secondly, if you do not receive regular correspondence from me, it is because I do not have your contact information. Due to privacy regulations, Tribal Rolls cannot give me your email or home addresses. So if you would like to keep up to date on the happenings around District 1, please contact me.

Igwien (Heartfelt thanks)
Bama pi (Later on)
Netagtega (Always painting)
Roy

District 4—Jon Boursaw



What does it take to get a bridge sign replaced? It is definitely easier said than done.

For decades there was a bridge over a creek on US-24 two miles of east of St Mary's, Kansas with signs identifying the creek as the "Bourbonais Creek" (note that Bourbonnais is misspelled). Several months ago the bridge was demolished and replaced with a more modern bridge. During the demolition the signs were removed. For several weeks after the new bridge was completed my brother Lyman and I observed that the signs had not been put back. Earlier this fall I was in a conversation with a couple tribal members, who are Bourbonnais descendants, and the topic of the signs came up and they asked me if I would see what I could do about getting the signs put back up. This is where the fun starts.

I first contacted the Pottawatomie County Public Works only to be told that it wasn't their bridge as it was in Shawnee County. So I then called Shawnee County Public Works only to be told that is wasn't their bridge as it was on a Federal highway and to call the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). After four calls to KDOT I finally reached an individual who listened. He quickly sent out an e-mail to his staff asking about the location of the signs and to have them put back up. The reply back was that the signs had ended up on the debris pile. Then I was told new signs were not possible as the new bridge did not meet the revised KDOT criteria, which says in order for a bridge to have signage it must be 250 ft. long and the new bridge was only 147 ft.

I also received the following from KDOT as part of the e-mail exchange: "Area 4 does not want the signs. We have enough signs to maintain as it is." One can only imagine my attitude at this point.

I was then referred to a higher echelon in KDOT where I was told that the only way we were going to have signage on the bridge was to have it designated as a memorial bridge. But that involved having a bill passed through the Kansas Legislature and we would have to pay for the



signs, estimated to be between \$1,600 and \$2,000 (if we wanted signs at both ends of the bridge—really??) I took the position of no way am I going to have this as a memorial bridge nor pay for the signs.

My reply to KDOT was: "I really do not consider, or intend for, this bridge to be a memorial. Actually the previous signs, and what we would expect to have as replacements, contained only the name of the creek. The creek happens to be named after a principal member of our tribe when we were located on the Pottawatomie Reservation before Kansas was a state. But we don't have any intentions or desire to have it named the "Peter Bourbonnais Bridge," rather Bourbonnais Creek as it was before. This bridge location is near what had been a crossing over the creek on the Oregon

Trail and was on Bourbonnais' land where he operated a saw mill, trading post, and toll bridge. This crossing also served the Military Road between Ft. Leavenworth and Ft. Riley. I still have a problem understanding how the process of going through getting a bill passed by the legislature is more economical for the State than just replacing the signs as they were before. And this does not include the cost of the tribe paying for the replacement signs...."

Surprisingly I received the following reply from KDOT: "After discussions internally at the Kansas Department of Transportation it was decided that we would place the Bourbonnais Creek signing at the US-24 location...." Sounds like we won—Wrong!

This was quickly followed with the following communicate from

KDOT: "We started to look into the naming of the Creek and there is a process that must be taken to change the name. Currently, all records have it as Bourbonais Creek and we cannot change the name without an official ruling from the National Naming Board. Once a ruling is made by them, that the name can be changed, is when we would sign the Creek with the name spelled the way you have it." Remember they were ones who misspelled it to start with.

I am now in the process of obtaining the necessary forms to request a name change from the National Naming Board and collecting sufficient documentation to verify the correct spelling of the name. Check with me next month on the status of the signage for the Bourbonnais Creek bridge.

District 4 Member Surveys. If you have not returned your survey I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience.

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District 2—Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikan (Hello friends)!

It's time to look back to take stock and to share plans and predictions for 2014.

2013 Highlights: I had a year full of trips and events held in District 2 and around the country—CPN meetings in *Galveston, Texas*, *Murfreesboro, Tennessee*, *Branson, Missouri* and *Baltimore, Maryland*; a trip to the NMAI Archives in *Suitland, Maryland*, a Spring visit to the NCAI headquarters in *Washington, D.C.*; the Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee; the Potawatomi Gathering of Nations in *Dowagiac, Michigan*; and the Fall Feast in our District 2 office in *Washington, D.C.* It was a joy to meet up with so many of you this year and to grow our community.

2014 Plans: Fellow legislator Roy Slavin and I will host a CPN tour of the *New York City* branch of the American Indian Museum and the Anishnabe exhibit on *March 15*; Stella Malone is working on a location for an *Orlando, Florida* meeting on *March 29*; Scott Holmeister is

securing a location in *Charlotte, North Carolina* for a meeting on *April 5*; Don Tenoso has offered to teach a moccasin making class in *Washington, D.C.* in the late *Spring*; another NMAI *Suitland, Maryland*. Archives tour in *June* is in the planning stage; this year's Family Festival in *Shawnee* will start Friday, *June 27*; and the Gathering of Nations will be hosted by Gun Lake in *Michigan*, starting *August 8* (the language conference will begin earlier that week). There will be another Fall Feast in *D.C.* in *mid-November*. And I would love to host a meeting in *Little Rock, Arkansas in fall 2014* but need help with a location; let me know if you can help! Details for all these meetings are or will be posted to my website and, for many, you will receive postcard invitations at your homes. Please join in if you can – and bring your families!

Milestones and Predictions.

1. *CPN Elections*

It was a great honor to be returned to office for a third term as your Legislator in June. I am grateful that Chairman Barrett was unopposed and will be leading the Nation for another four years. Two other critical elected positions are up for a vote this June: that of Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. Having highly ethical and highly experienced persons in these positions is critical to our people and to the Nation's forward progress. Linda Capps and D.Wayne Trousdale have indicated they will run for

further four year terms. I surely hope—and I predict—that they will be re-elected. Please make sure you vote in the June election (all of us vote for these National positions). Every vote counts and a strong voter turnout signals to candidates seeking re-election that their efforts are appreciated. Fellow legislator—and my "little" brother—Dave Carney also plans to run again for the District 8 position. He has traveled his large District extensively over his term and guided it with a steady hand and humor and I predict that he will be re-elected too. I hope to be serving on the Legislature with these good people through June 2017 at the least (when my current term expires).

2. *CPN Progress*

Our Office of Public Affairs has been doing a stellar job covering CPN initiatives—from the programmatic (like expanded health services in Shawnee and construction of more elder housing) to enterprise-based (like the opening of the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort and our recent grant award to explore development of sand/gravel mineral resources on tribal land.). I urge you to visit potawatomi.org (News and Events tab) for a look back on what has been accomplished in 2013 and to understand what is planned for 2014 and beyond.

In December we were recognized as among the first of the Native Nations to implement the HEARTH Act, through Legislative adoption and BIA approval of our own tribal land

leasing regulations: our tribal leaders in Shawnee hosted the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and others for a ceremonial signing event (you can watch the video of it on potawatomi.org). This authority will allow us to lease our lands to small businesses and spur our further economic development. The Legislature is now considering the Nation's first lease arrangement under this authority and I predict that a number of leases will be brought to us in the next few years.

3. *Civil Rights Initiatives*

A couple of my 2013 columns discussed the Washington Redskins "mascot" issue. The Oneida Nation has succeeded in raising the issue's profile and my prediction is that Redskins owner Dan Snyder will make the pragmatic business move and rebrand the team in 2014. Changing the name would thrill me personally—this quote says it better than I ever could: "Since the first Europeans made landfall in North America, native peoples have suffered under an array of stereotypes, misconceptions and caricatures. Whether portrayed as noble savages, ignoble savages, teary-eyed environmentalists or, most recently, simply as casino-rich, native peoples find their efforts to be treated with a measure of respect and integrity undermined by images that flatten complex tribal, historical and personal experience into one-dimensional representations that tells us more about the depiceters than about the depicted."

In June 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court issued the *Windsor* decision, recognizing that same-sex marriage is a civil right. While visiting the Pokagons during the Gathering of Nations, I learned that our fellow Potawatomi tribe is among the tribal nations that now perform and recognize same-sex marriages, joining at least 16 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. I hope that as a Nation we do the same in 2014, and recommend to you a couple of books describing the two-spirit concept among Native American tribes, *Brian Gilley, Becoming Two-Spirit: Gay Identity and Social Acceptance in Indian Country* (Univ. of Nebraska Press 2006) and Sue-Ellen Jacobs et al., *Two Spirit People* (Univ. of Illinois, 1997), as well as books by Walter Williams. These books are in my District2 library if you want to borrow them.

Please continue to share your thoughts with me and to contact me for any assistance you might need. Wishing all the best for 2014 to you and your families,

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District 5—Gene Lambert



Happy New Year to Everyone!

It is time to say "goodbye to 2013" and "hello 2014". Out with the old and in with the New Year. Resolutions are galore. What promises did you make yourself last year? How many

did you keep? Do you keep your word to yourself? Your self-talk is the most important. It determines your next move.

We let our past experiences file in our minds and use them as soil to recreate new thoughts and visions for times yet to come.

It has been nine years that you have allowed me to represent you as a Regional Director and six as your Legislator for District 05. I think about the years past, realize the present and grow with the future in mind for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

As I have said before, we have come a long way and have yet a ways to go. Things never stay the same. You are either going

forward or backwards. I choose forward.

It is my intent to ask for your support once again in the 2014 election.

I have been asked why I was running. There are so many reasons but as I sat to write them down ...the most important one that kept coming to mind was we are all family and there is nothing more important.

You know how you feel about your immediate family. You want to look out for them, be sure they are safe, well cared for, help when you can, just be there when you can't. Make the best decisions regarding their future. Try to see they are well

equipped and independent to live in this world. You care about them spiritually, mentally, and physically supportive as one can be to another without crippling or hindering their own growth.

You want to save for their future college education, have insurance should they become ill. I was there when we had nothing and I have been there through the walk of success, and contributing to the future of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

I did get thought to this decision to be sure I was running for all the right reasons. You just read them.

You may not always agree with me but you know I am

sincere. You know I will respond if you need assistance, I care about your difficulties and love to hear of and share in your successes.

You are my people, my family and District 5 needs continued representation from someone who has been there, who is here now, and will be there for you in the future.

Whoever you decide to vote for in 2014 is up to you. Either way, please take the time to vote. Don't be an unheard voice.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Legislator
Eunice Imogene Lambert
Gene Lambert, District 05

District 3- Robert Whistler



Bozho Nikan (Hello friend):

Here we are at the beginning of another year, and it is the start of the six month period that those of you with future and current college bound children need to start thinking about scholarships. Actually, the plan for college and desire to attend needs to start much earlier. By the time your son or daughter is in the fifth grade, they need to have a desire to attend college.

How do you create desire? Well, at one point in my past, I found that simply putting a photo of your most desirable item can be put on the bathroom mirror or on your refrigerator. It might be the picture of a nice boat, car, house, or taking an exotic vacation. You see it each time you look in the mirror or go past the refrigerator and it reminds you over and over of your goal. For children, I suggest you give them choices.

For example, a photo of a single ice cream cone and next to it a picture of a banana split. Then ask do you want this or this? As they get older you move on to things that are more important to them. Ultimately, you will get to the point where you can say, look to have all those things you need to go to college.

They have no real idea of those costs, but currently it will cost entering students this Fall \$11,900 for the first year if they go to an out of state school. It will be \$7,605 if they are going to school in state, while private schools charge \$27,293. At Harvard you would pay around \$40,000 per year. Bates College in Lewiston, Maine is the most expensive private school at \$51,300. In Pasadena, California the Art Center of Design would cost \$39,672. This information came from "The Franklin Prosperity Report" in 2012.

These costs do not take into account fees for books, supplies, room and board, meals, and transportation. Take a look at www.collegecost.ed.gov for more information on this. Over the last twenty years the cost for college has been rising at 7.7 percent each year, a significant rate and well above our current rate of regular inflation.

So, it is time to start looking for money and scholarships are

out there, that will take care of some of the money issue. This is a family project! The student and the parents must both be involved. Parents need to complete the FAFSA by January 1 of the student's senior year of high school and possibly each year. The FAFSA and scholarship process is free, so don't think you need to pay someone to help you through the process. Ironically, the wife of one of your fellow CPN constituents here in District 3 advised me at the last area meeting we held, that she is very familiar with the process and has offered to assist any of you needing a hand with this process. If you need help, give me a call and I will put you in touch.

For the last two years, I have seen two of our CPN members receive one of the two scholarships offered by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas. Each of these two students learned how to really go after those funds. There were a number of Texas students from various tribes who applied. But many submitted applications that were either incomplete or they didn't realize that each item listed as part of the application was important, and they omitted one or more things and thereby failed to be competitive.

Cara Cowen Watts, a legislator for the Cherokee Nation advises her youth on the steps needed

when applying for scholarships. Basically it answers the following:

What do they want on the application? Give them what they want and then add something extra!

Here is the detail on what she just said. Read the application carefully. Give yourself plenty of time to be sure it is complete. Watch the deadlines and mark them on a calendar if necessary to ensure they are not missed. Don't be too modest. Tell them and show them that you need the scholarship. Get references. Why you are special and what have you done that is out of the ordinary? For example, did you make your own regalia or have you been learning our language? You have something that is unique to yourself and that needs to be included.

Over the last few weeks, I have seen several news casts where companies were saying they had good paying jobs, but couldn't find qualified applicants. The problem is lack of education. Currently over 70 percent of most jobs being offered at entry level requires at least a two year degree. So we know that we need to be getting our youth motivated to get an education and a scholarship will help offset some of the expense.

Next issue, I'll give you some sites to go to for more information that will help. One that you can use right now for free scholarship searches is www.scholarships.com

In closing, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your representative. I am honored and proud to represent District 3. I still need to have a way to contact many of you, because I don't have your email address. Things do arise between Hownikan issues and by the time the next issue would be out, the information will be too late. So if you don't get email from me from time to time, send me your address and I will keep you up to date on what is going on in our district and with Texas Native American happenings.

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District 7—Mark Johnson



Bozho,

The arrival of the New Year gives us all a chance to reflect on the past and to look towards the

future as we make our way down our life's path. Regardless of our chosen careers, I believe everyone has a shared responsibility to help make our community, our family, and our tribe, better, stronger and more vibrant than it was when we arrived. With that said, I would like to announce that I will be seeking a second term as your Representative for District 7, the honor and trust I have by electing me, is never taken lightly or for granted, I hope I have earned your trust.

I have said to many of our members, that it is refreshing

to be a part of a government that works, I believe that over the last four years, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has made great improvements towards meeting the current needs of our members and growing smartly to meet the needs of our members in the future. Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale are also on the ballot this year, and I would strongly encourage you to support them, the leadership that they provide in the Executive branch is invaluable. When combined with the vision and leadership provided by Chairman Barrett, it is easy to see why the

government and other tribes look to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as a success story. It's hard to argue with results.

As always, it's never too early to start planning to attend the Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee on the June 27-29, 2014.

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 may need to access tribal benefits that you

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

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Legislative Columns

District 8—Dave Carney



Bozho, Nikan –

It is 2014 and time for another election season for District 8. As of the writing of this column (pre-Christmas) I am not sure who will be running against me.

I do know that most of the other incumbents will also be seeking re-election including, D Wayne Trousdale and Linda Capps. This creates great stability for the Nation in the executive branch – which is a really good thing.

One of the changes being considered in the legislature for the New Year is the method in which we conduct business. As you know, we have a sixteen member legislature with eight representatives from Oklahoma and eight from the other districts connected by means of teleconferencing equipment. This equipment is configured at our individual offices. We are discussing the possibility

of upgrading this 5+ year old technology to something more mobile and eliminating the need for a “sticks and bricks” office.

The savings in rent, heat and all of the other occupancy costs would then be spent on more outreach to our members. In the discussion of this topic, some of the legislators felt that their offices were underutilized. In our district, we have the fortunate problem of great attendance at our events – so many, that the office simply cannot accommodate the group. In 2009 I had the landlord remove some walls to create a large open space for us to meet. This proved to not be the solution I was looking for

as I had to scramble to re-locate a craft event to a church hall in 2010 due to so many RSVPs coming in. Subsequent meetings have been held at a Quaker meeting house, a Lutheran church, city recreational centers, senior centers and facilities being owned and operated by other tribes. This has worked our very well in general.

Occasionally I will meet members for coffee at my office to discuss issues or problems they may be having– Denny’s here we come! Also, the Nation has provided a toll-free number for members to utilize to reach out to their Reps. We will make sure this remains in place so that

folks can contact us easily.

I’m hoping to have some events in the summer of 2014 in places where we have not met before. This may include eastern Montana and Wyoming. I am in the process of gathering information about where this would make sense.

As always, I enjoy hearing from you. If you do not hear from me, I must not have your e-mail! Please consider contacting me so that you can be added to the updates.

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District 10—David Barrett



Bozho,

The Nation hosted a thank you for our employees this last December 13, 2013 at the Cultural Heritage Center. The all-day event allowed employees and tribal members to go to the reception to meet and greet old friends, make new acquaintances and thank those who make the success of the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation possible.

Having attended this appreciation for the last four or five years, I have cherished the opportunity to meet and greet these fabulous groups of people. For those unable make one of the meetings, I personally want to extend my hearth felt thanks to each and all of you. What I stated in the meetings was that I’m constantly bragging about our Nation especially the 2,200 to 2,300 employees on how great they work together.

I know everybody is not happy because I own businesses and ran corporations, but

when you see and hear people openly give thanks for having a job...that goes a long way.

We heard many telling about how long they had worked for

the Nation, with a few employees describing their 26 and 28 years at the tribe. One individual, who will be retiring in January 2014, will have 31 years under their belt. Congratulations to you!

The overall feeling that I received from the meetings was that employees felt that the Nation was a big family. Even those who had only been working five or six days were very excited to be included in the “Family”.

The Departments that were in attendance included FireLake Discount Foods, Firelake Corner Store Firelake Express Grocery, Travel Plaza, Health Services, Wellness Center, Firelake Bowling, CHILD Care, IT, Heritage Center, Housing, OEH, Court, Entertainment Center, Tribal Rolls, Pecan Farm, Climate Control, Grand Casino,

resort and Hotel, Golf, Attorney, Economic Development, Tribal Police, Accounting, Aviary, Ball Fields, R V Resort, Automotive, Administration, Firelake Designs, Public Works, Gaming Commission, Sod Farm, Roads, EPA, Realty, Language, Housekeeping, Purchasing, warehouse, Travel Self Governance, Community Development Corp, ICW, Electrical, Child Care, Human Resources, Tag Agency, Maintenance, Batch Plant, E&T, KGFF, Corporate Communication Title VI, WIC, Construction, and the Gift Shop.

I want to thank the First National Bank and the branch banks for their hard work also.

You can see by the number of departments that we have a lot of work to be performed on the

daily basis. I personally rank our Nation as great “Yes!” by all means, yet can we still seek excellence? You Bet Yah!

I hope everybody is starting off the New Year with good health, a new commitment to bringing families together and making amends with people. One never knows when you will regret not saying to a friend something you wished you had said or done sooner.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

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District 12—Paul Schmidkofer



Bozho Nikan,

I hope all of you had a pleasant and enjoyable holiday. I always look forward to these days. Time

for families spend time together and make memories. Over the years it has been fun to watch my children and grandchildren experience Christmas morning. I’m sure many of you feel the same way.

This past week at work I participated in our alumni panel discussion in the Pre-Engineering Academy. These have been going on for several years. It’s an opportunity for graduates of the academy to come back and share their experiences at college after graduating from here. We have grads who go on to many major universities to pursue degrees in engineering

and related areas. We’ve had quite a few go onto both major universities here in Oklahoma and many of the nation’s best universities including Ivy League schools. This year we also had the opportunity to here from one of our alumni from a military academy. She has been at the Naval Academy for a couple years now and has found her major. She will be majoring in Oceanography. I mention all this because she is also one of our own. Whitney Heer, some may remember an article on her a while back. She is doing fine and enjoying her experience. I just wanted to pass that along.

On a side note I also want to give a big thanks to Firelake Bowling. We recently had a fund raising activity there to raise money for cancer research. We had a great turnout and with the help of the bowling alley were able to raise a large donation to pass along and in the process had a great time. The staff there went out of their way to help us do this and it was greatly appreciated.

With the upcoming elections I also want to take this opportunity to express my complete support for both Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer Dewayne Trousdale. They both bring strong skills to the

executive branch. Both have been responsible for much of the growth the nation has experienced. I cannot think of anyone who could replace them in their current capacities. They have given countless hours and days to the nation with the only expectation being that the nation benefit. Remember that when you vote in June.

As always it is a pleasure and an honor to serve our great nation. I thank you for this privilege.

Bama pi,

Paul Schmidkofer

District 13—Bobbi Bowden



Bozho, Nikan

As 2014 begins I would like to take this opportunity to first of all wish you all a happy, healthy

and prosperous New Year.

Second remind you of a few things. Traditions and citizen benefits.

If you are planning to attend festival this year now is the time to start getting your regalia for Grand Entry. This was very intimidating for me for my first Family Reunion Festival, but participating in Grand Entry and wearing our traditional regalia is now one of my favorite traditions. It is a feeling of pride that no words can describe. We are so fortunate to have many knowledgeable people at the tribe that can help you

with instructions to make your own regalia and or order and purchase in time for festival. You may contact the Cultural Heritage Center and or FireLake Gift Shop for information. Also feel free to contact me at any time and I will do my best to point you in the right direction. I may be reached by email at Bbowden@potawatomi.org.

This is also the time to make sure your scholarship applications are turned in and complete. You must apply each semester. This is not limited to our children. Adults wishing to pursue or complete their college degrees (myself included) are also eligible.

The applications can be found online at www.potawatomi.org/services/education. Health aids are also available each year to all tribal members born on or before Dec. 31, 1976. This may be used for the purchase of prosthetic devices, eyeglasses, contacts, hearing aids, dentures, partials, crowns, wheelchairs, mobile chairs, CPAP machines, prescription sunglasses and mobile chair lifts & ramps for vehicles. This information is available at www.potawatomi.org/services/health/health-aid-foundation.

Our tribe’s Public Information Department has made

tremendous improvements to the website. I encourage you to visit the website often to find updated information. And those of you with social media please “like” our Facebook page also. This will keep you informed of upcoming events and progress our tribe is making.

I cherish to opportunity to serve you. Please contact me anytime I may be of help to you.

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Chairman—John Barrett



Bozho Nikan,

I hope that each of you had a joyous Christmas and New Year and that you took the time to connect with your families and share in our Potawatomi traditions. As we begin 2014 we can reflect on the joys and sorrows on the previous year. Although I have always enjoyed serving as your Tribal Chairman, 2013 was a particularly good and prosperous year for the Nation and I cherish each moment serving the Potawatomi more and more.

We have big plans for 2014 and I expect that we will see another prosperous year. You can be proud in knowing that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is leading the way with our tribal enterprises and self-governance work. I encourage each of you to reflect on the joys and challenges of the previous year and plan for 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the great things that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation accomplished in 2013.

- In January we completed work on the CPN Gym. The new building is home to our Tribal Youth Program, The P.L.A.C.E. The new building and program provide a safe environment for youth after regular school hours, during various school breaks and during the summer months. Youth can participate in additional educational activities and opportunities available to youth between the ages of 10 and 18.

- Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Women, Infant and Children program moved into a new 4,000 square foot building. The additional space allows CPN WIC to continue to provide supplemental food and nutrition services to participants in a more comfortable and confidential atmosphere. The new location includes a larger waiting area with a play room, a private breastfeeding room, WIC Café and additional office and storage space.
- Our Tribal Vice-Chairman, Linda Capps, was recognized as The Tumcseh Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year. She does most of the good work for CPN and the community and I get to take the credit. Migwetch to Vice-Chairman Capps for

her hard work and dedication. I am proud to serve with her and am pleased she is seeking re-election.

- The Ball Fields at FireLake opened in March 2012 and have exceeded our expectations. In 2013 they hosted more than 30 events, including college competitions, The Jim Thorpe Games and the USSA World Series.

- With the expansion of our casino and hotel we have already added more than 100 new jobs. We are the largest employer in Potawatomi County by more than five times and will add another 200 jobs in 2014.

- We are setting the example for other tribal governments and municipalities with our water plan. A grant from Administration for Native American’s, along with in-kind services from the United States Geological Services and tribal funds, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is conducting a three year comprehensive water study. The study will be complete in 2014 and the tribe will create an all-inclusive water plan to sustainably manage growth and water resources within its jurisdiction.

- In April CPN and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Raptor View Research Institute of Missoula and Comanche Nation Sia have joined forces to rehabilitate, release and track a juvenile bald eagle. Wadase has done well on her own and visits our Eagle Aviary often. We have enjoyed tracking her progress and watching her grow.

- Our Cultural Heritage Center continued to improve the exhibits on the museum floor and opened two new ones in 2013, the first being the “Seven Fires” exhibit. The new exhibit is updated and allows for 360 degree accessibility and additional details and portrays the Seven Fires Prophecy, a key part of the Citizen Potawatomi oral culture. Another new exhibit is the Marine Exhibit, which depicts a Potawatomi man spearfishing from a birch bark canoe on a Great Lakes waterway. The display contains detailed examples of tools and techniques used by the Potawatomi to survive and prosper in their traditional homes near the Great Lakes.

- Participants from the CPN Child Development Center competed in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair and won first place in the video competition for a video they submitted of them acting out the traditional Potawatomi story, “Turtle goes to war.”

- In May many of our neighbors were impacted by the tornadoes that ripped across Okla. I am proud

that our Nation and its employees stepped up to help within hours of the event. Our emergency management team assisted first responders, our employment and training program coordinated a supply distribution site and our enterprises found creative ways to donate supplies and money to assist the families in need.

- In June, as we do every year, we welcomed thousands of Potawatomi home for the Family Reunion Festival. More than 5,000 people from 39 states descended on the town of Shawnee the weekend of June 28-30 to celebrate their Citizen Potawatomi Nation heritage. The annual Family Reunion Festival attracts people from all across the United States and has a considerable economic impact on Shawnee.

- Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s newest resort and tourism destination is complete with the addition of the new 262 room hotel. The hotel is a 14-story tower with 262 suites, adding a total of 144,000 square feet to the property.

- We also opened two new event centers in 2013. The Grand Event Center will be offer 2,000 seats and more than 15,000 square feet of concert space. Grand Casino Hotel and Resort will also add two dining options, Flame, a Brazilian steakhouse and The Grand Café, a 24-hour American diner. The dining venues will open Jan. 2014. The current entertainment space at Grand Casino Hotel and Resort opened in Oct. 2006 and has seen a diverse group of award-winning musicians and comedians. Among the most popular shows were Gretchen Wilson, Merle Haggard, Wayne Newton, Ron White and Larry the Cable Guy. Grand Casino Hotel and Resort recently completed construction on a new 262 room hotel tower. The Grand Hotel includes a spa, meeting and convention space and will offer an outdoor pool and lounge summer 2014. Firelake Arena will offer 5,000 seats and more than 52,000 square feet of event space for concerts, conventions and community events. Firelake Arena joins other Citizen Potawatomi Nation enterprises, including Firelake Entertainment Center, The Ball Fields at Firelake, Firelake Bowling Center, Firelake Golf Center, Firelake Mini-Putt and Firelake Discount Foods, to add to the diverse Firelake region of entertainment options.

- The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a \$522 million economic impact in the state of Oklahoma for 2012. This economic impact includes \$68 million in wages and benefits, directly supporting more than 2,200 jobs, and purchases contributing to a \$377 million impact on the local economy.

There is an old adage that ‘a rising tide raises all ships.’ The Citizen Potawatomi Nation plays a major role in the success of Pottawatomie County and the state of Okla. We are a lasting partner of the state and community. Our success is good for both our tribe and for our Okla. neighbors.

- Citizen Potawatomi Nation and United States Congressman James Lankford gathered to dedicate the Iron Horse Bridge and celebrate an important milestone in the construction of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Iron Horse Industrial Park. After several years of planning and research, Iron Horse is getting closer to becoming a reality. The engineering is complete for phase one of construction and Arkansas-Oklahoma Railroad has completed restoration of Railroad Bridge crossing the North Canadian River. The vision for the Iron Horse Industrial Park is to provide a prime industrial location for both tribally-owned businesses and private companies. This will further diversify the tribal economy by providing assembly and manufacturing jobs. We are pleased to celebrate this important milestone with A-OK Railroad and look forward to the next phase of this project.

- Citizen Potawatomi Nation was one of three American Indian tribal government programs to be selected by the Harvard Project’s Honoring Nations program as All-Stars from the family of 112 outstanding programs that have been selected as honorees since 1999. The Honoring Nations program identifies, celebrates, and shares excellence in American Indian tribal governance. At the heart of Honoring Nations is the principle that tribes themselves hold the key to generating social, political, cultural, and economic prosperity and that self-governance plays a crucial role in building and sustaining strong, healthy Indian nations. CPN was recognized for the Constitution Reform Project, which resulted in a new constitution that provides the critical foundations for tribal political sovereignty, economic development, social well-being, and cultural preservation.

- The Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s clinics, after a review from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare, have received zero deficiencies for its health care programs and earned accreditation. The audits, self-imposed by health providers, seek to identify areas of their services that need improvement. We are very pleased with the hard work and dedication of our employees of CPN Health Programs. This accreditation and audit show that we are providing the very best health care possible to our tribal members. We should all

be very proud of the employees and health care providers for our Nation.

- Citizen Potawatomi Nation opened a new convenience store, FireLake Corner Store, at the intersection of Hardesty Road and Gordon Cooper Drive. The 5,000 square foot store replaces the convenience store previously located on the north corner of to FireLake Discount Foods. FireLake Corner Store is 24/7 and has 16 fueling stations.

- FireLake Corner Store offers 100 percent unleaded gasoline, diesel, fresh gourmet coffee, more than 20 flavors of fountain beverages, an ice cold beer cave, food concessions and cigarettes and smokeless tobacco items.

- In November we finalized our plans for an MBA program at Oklahoma Baptist University and signed a collaborative agreement between the two organizations to provide a corporate online MBA program for the CPN to offer to its members, employees and constituents.

- The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has recognized Citizen Potawatomi Nation for excellence in accounting and financial reporting. The award for fiscal year 2012 recognizes the tribe’s adherence to financial transparency and full accountability of the CPN financial resources. This award confirms that we’re taking good care of CPN’s money and meeting the highest financial reporting standards. Our tribal citizens can remain confident that we’re being accountable and handling their money in the most transparent and responsible way possible.

- For 2013 we received about \$43.6 million in grants from different Federal Agencies, including a grant for a Workforce Development Center, CPNPD officers and equipment and a tribal youth mentor program. These grant awards are, in large part, due to the hard work and diligence of our Directors and Tribal Self-Governance department. Migwetch to them for securing funding for these programs and projects.

We were able to accomplish these things because of the hard work and dedication of our tribal employees and because of the steady leadership of our Tribal Legislature. Again, it is my honor to serve as your Tribal Chairman and I look forward to accomplishing this, and more, in 2014.

Migwetch,

John "Rocky" Barrett
Tribal Chairman

Trousdale Continued...

participants were taught about the challenges of cultural stereotypes and how to combat their imposition.

“Our staff has doubled this year because of the increasing number of youth we are serving,” said Trousdale. “My co-workers whole-heartedly invest their time, energy, and really strive to give our youth the opportunities

they need to succeed in life. I’m beyond grateful for those who work in our program.”

Seemingly as popular, has been Trousdale’s supervision of the FireLodge Youth Council. The council, made up of local youth, allows participants to address issues they face rather than having adults oversee every aspect of instruction.

“We’ve found that the youth council is one of the most empowering and hopeful experiences these teenagers can have. They have more power than we do as adults in many circumstances when it comes to making positive, effective changes to their communities. They are involved in many decision making processes, and participants increasing

responsibility reflects in their everyday lives,” said Trousdale.

Trousdale’s role at the head of a collaborative body for tribal youth seems to fit, as she has been in similar circumstances many of the programs’ participants are today. Her experiences are likely why Director Janet Draper chose her in the first place, and are reflective of the youth programs’

ongoing success in shaping local Native youth.

If you would like to learn more about FireLodge Youth and Family Services, please visit www.potawatomi.org/services/community/firelodge-children-and-family-services.

Executive Columns



This is a great time of year to thank all of the people who are affiliated with the Nation in various ways. I want to begin by thanking the tribal members who are the core of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I have said it dozens of times in the past and, no doubt, will say it in the future...this great Nation belongs to you. You, as the core of the Nation, have the right to interact, ask questions, provide comments, and reap the benefits that are provided for you by the Nation.

Thanks goes out to our legislators who have performed a superb job during 2013. We are fortunate to have such competent and dedicated tribal members serving in a legislative capacity. Each of our legislators gives freely of their talents, time and resources. I commend their supreme efforts in reaching out to their constituents.

Along with our tribal members and legislators, I thank those who do business with the Nation on a regular and occasional basis. We depend on customers and clients at both our enterprises and at those programs that provide services to our Native and non-Native population. It is my sincere desire that each enterprise and program constantly strives to provide a quality product and service. I would hope that “quality service every time” is a common theme throughout the CPN.

And, of course, highly deserving of my praise are

our CPN employees. What great employees we have! It is common knowledge that I refer to them as the “best of the best”. They prove this on a daily basis. The Nation held our annual employee reception at the Heritage Center recently.

They gave brief comments about what the Nation means to them. Because the Nation has over 2,200 employees, it is quite time-consuming for each person in the room to talk; however, it is certainly worth the time and effort. Most employees were

can remember when our Nation had less than 100 employees, it is overwhelming for us to see most of our present employees in a time period of one work day. It is, indeed, a busy, lovely sight!

I’m thankful, too, for my family and my extended tribal family this season. Like many of you, when I see all my children and grandchildren together, I feel like I am one of the luckiest people on earth. In addition, I am thankful for my deep religious belief. It sustains me on a daily basis; regardless of the task before me or subject matter involved.

Migwetch,

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Just a small portion of the employees who gathered at our annual Employee Reception.

This year we ask the employees to give their name, department, and where they live. Many of

pleased to have the opportunity to say something positive about the Nation. For those of us who

Legislators are not able to retrieve your contact information from Tribal Rolls.

Please contact your Legislator so that you can receive important information about Citizen Potawatomi Nation and your Legislative District!

If unsure who your elected representative is, please visit www.potawatomi.org/government/legislature where you can find a district map and contact information for CPN’s legislators

Walking On...

Linda Joy Senkpiel (Brice)

Linda Joy Senkpiel (Brice), 62, of Bolingbrook passed away September 30, 2013. Loving wife of Cliff. Fond sister of the late John Allen (Judy) and former Mrs. Nancy Brice, Babe (Judy) Brice, Janice Burgess, Margie Budnick, the late Marlene Paszkiewicz, Marcia (James) Rager-Przechera, Ronald (Pat) Brice and Larry (Cheryl) Brice. Also survived by 43 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services took place at the Bolingbrook-McCauley Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.



Pearl P. Howard

Pearl P. Howard (Ogee), 92, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribe of Oklahoma, walked on in the path of righteousness entering into rest on November 23, 2013 in Manteca, California. She was born in Norman, Okla. in 1941 she relocated to Galt, Calif. where she met and then married the love of her life. She lived in Galt, Lodi, Ripon, seven years in Walnut Grove, and 32 years on Ryer Island. She moved to Manteca in 1987.

Pearl is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Don A Howard, her parents Willie and Thelma Wisdom and brothers Eugene (Mildred) Wisdom and Orvil Wisdom. She is survived by her daughters Juanita M Howard of Fair Oaks, Calif. and Wanda Lee Howard, Manteca, Calif. She is also survived by her Grandson Justin M. Howard (Krystal) and two great-grandsons, Brandon and Seth Howard of Roseville, Calif. Also, like daughters, she is survived by Maureen Hennessy of Fair Oaks, Calif. and Carol Shreder Waterbury, Connecticut.

Pearl was a devoted Mother

and Grandmother, she loved people and always had an open door to anyone in need. During her years in the Delta, she was actively involved in the Ryer Home Department, Women's Auxiliary, she loved playing bridge and hosted many bridge parties. She was also very active in the Solano County 4-H Club and was a community leader for the 4-H club at Ryer Island, teaching cooking and sewing. Pearl loved doing arts and crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and gardening. She loved flowers, especially roses.

Her memorial service took place December 2, 2013 at the Lodi Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her name to the Alzheimer's Association or the SPCA.



Roscoe "Rocky" LeRoy Baptiste

Rocky was born in Pawhuska, Okla., May 9, 1929, a member of the Potawatomi Indian Tribe. Rocky was the youngest of five sons born to Joseph Louis and Rose Marvel (Copaugh) Baptiste.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, helping to build an airstrip with the construction battalion SeaBees on Cubi Point, the Philippines. When honorably discharged in 1953, Rocky held the rank of Driver Petty Officer 3rd class. He met and married Maxine Eileen Reid in Toledo on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1951. He met Maxine while working for

her father at her family's logging mill. They had five children and 63 wonderful years together. Rocky enjoyed many hobbies, including hunting, fishing, target shooting, gun-smithing and golfing. He loved old western/war movies, especially the ones with John Wayne and Clint Eastwood. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a bigger than life smile. Everyone who met Rocky came away feeling they had just met a true friend. Rocky worked many jobs in his life from greens keeper on local golf courses to foreman for the millwrights. Along with his family he lived in many different cities and states, wherever the job took him. He always seemed to come back to the Woodburn/Gervais area, as this was where he had cultivated many life-long friendships. He is survived by: his wife, Maxine; daughters Regena Story, Ramona (Kevin) Kruger, Becky (Bill) Davidson; sons Joseph Baptiste and Steve (Darci) Baptiste; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren (with one on the way). Private interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery, with full military honors. A celebration of life will be held Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. at St. Louis Hall, 14013 Manning Road, Gervais. In lieu of flowers, Rocky asked that you make a donation in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project.



Donna Jean Canaday

Donna Jean Canaday passed from this life into eternity on Tuesday December 3, 2013 in Lexington, Oklahoma at the age of 58 years. Donna was born December 9, 1954 to her loving parents Jerry and Mable Bourassa in Purcell, Okla.

Donna was raised in Moore, Okla. and attended Moore High school. She has worked in the Oklahoma City area for the last 20 years while residing in the peaceful Wanette area on her families land for the past four years. Donna loved to raise chickens, rabbits and raccoons. She had a big heart for charities. She enjoyed giving her time to the Lions club in whatever capacity was needed. She also was a dedicated volunteer at the Wanette Cemetery for several years. Donna was known as a very giving individual. Donna also enjoyed genealogy. She was able to trace her families lineage back to the 1200s and publish a book on their history.

Donna's legacy is very much cherished and appreciated.

She is survived by her one son: Wesley and wife Robin Williams of Moore, Okla., her mother and father: Mable and Jerry Bourassa of Wanette, Okla., one grandson: Cory Williams of Moore, Okla., two brothers: Donald and wife Chris Bourassa of Piedmont, Okla. and Douglas and wife Marla Bourassa of Oklahoma City, Okla. along with a host of longtime friends and neighbors.

Donna is preceded in death by her granddaughter: Kayla Williams.

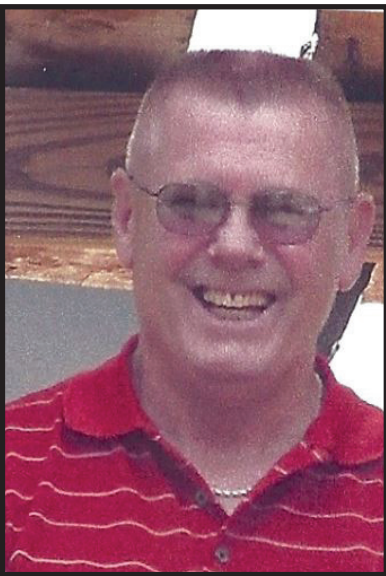
A memorial service was held December 10, 2013 at the Wanette Cemetery Chapel with Franklin Sturgill officiating.

Online guestbook and condolences are available at www.phillipsfuneralservice.com

The family chose Smith-Phillips Funeral Home with their services.

BURIAL ASSISTANCE

If you have a loved one who has walked on, please update their information in Tribal Rolls. Also, you may be eligible for burial assistance. Please contact the Tribal Rolls Department at (800) 880-9880.



Robert G. Slavin

Robert G. Slavin, 67, passed away December 17, 2013 at Unity Point Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

Robert is survived by his wife Connie of the home, two sons, Robert Lynn and Dennis, three grandchildren, sister Patricia Myers of Liberty, Missouri, brother Roy Slavin of Kansas City, Mo. and many nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceeded in death by his mother and father, Roy and Irene Slavin, brothers Clyde, Jack, Gary and Billy as well as his sister Virginia.

Robert served his country as a member of the U.S. Army in Vietnam. After his discharge he attended the police academy in Kansas City, Mo. and served in law enforcement throughout his life. He was proud of his Native American heritage as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He was given his Potawatomi name, "Mzhenkiwnene", meaning policeman, by his elder brother Roy.

Robert will be buried in the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery, Van Meter. Online condolences may be made at www.overttonfunerals.com.

To submit an obituary, please send a word document and a 300 dpi photo to HOWNIKAN@POTAWATOMI.ORG

Save the Date:

Saturday, March 15, 2014 in New York City!

We have arranged a 2 p.m. guided tour of the special exhibit, Anishnaabe Artists of the Great Lakes, at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian outpost in Manhattan (close to Wall Street).

We have just 40 slots so RSVP soon for this joint District #1/District #2 event (there will be a waiting list).

We expect to host a brunch beforeat a near by restaurant and are working out the details. Keep checking www.evamariecarney.com for more information.

- Bama pi, Legislators Roy Slavin & Eva Marie Carney (rsllavin@potawatomi.org and ecarney@potawatomi.org)

NOTICE TO ALL CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ALLOTMENT INTEREST OWNERS

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is interested with speaking to anyone who owns interest in a CPN allotment and would consider selling it to the Tribe. CPN is interested in purchasing this land to further enhance tribal programs and aid in the expansion of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It will also help to promote self-governance and reduce or stop further fractionation in Indian trust and restricted land. Furthermore, it helps keep allotment land, and the interests therein, in the ownership of the Tribe on behalf of tribal members.

If you are willing to discuss this issue further, or if you have any questions, please contact **Robby Jack** at (405) 395-0113.

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