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Top photo: An eagle feather sits on a tree branch after a rain at the CPN Eagle Aviary in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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## Adult Protective Services looks out for most vulnerable on World Elder Abuse Day

The United Nations declared June 15 World Elder Abuse Day to highlight an issue that will only increase as elderly populations grow. It represents the one day a year the world acknowledges abuse and neglect of older generations.

Defined by the United Nations “as a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person,” elder abuse can take many forms. It can be physical, psychological, sexual, neglectful or financial, and is often under-reported due to victims’ fear of hurting loved ones. With the global population of those 60 and older estimated to double by 2050, the issue is only set to become more prevalent.

While Citizen Potawatomi cultural traditions center on reverence for one’s ancestors and elders, the issue is present at the Tribal level. If a Tribal adult is unable to make decisions concerning their health and welfare, CPN Adult Protective Services caseworkers will seek out family members to serve as a guardian. If one is not available, APS workers will — on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation — file for temporary guardianship until a court appoints a permanent one.

Often the first ones to notice the mistreatment of Tribal elders are frontline CPN health care employees, including community health representatives or first responders like Tribal police officers. For a long time, even if they suspected elder abuse, there was not a dedicated department to turn to for the next step of assessing and addressing its occurrences.

That is how CPN Indian Child Welfare Director Janet Draper became involved.

“Someone called me because the abuse sounded like what someone would call in for a kid, so that’s how I started helping on this,” Draper said.

The calls kept coming.

“Once they knew someone was looking into it, my phone didn’t stop ringing,” she said. Draper now leads CPN’s Adult Protective Services Program alongside her responsibilities as Indian Child Welfare director. She focuses on four specific kinds of actions found amongst the elders she serves: financial abuse, neglect, physical abuse and psychological abuse.

As a longtime child welfare advocate, one would think Draper has seen it all. However, aging adults face unique challenges. Unscrupulous guardians may siphon off retirement or Social Security payments, or family members exploiting their resources may commandeer their home. Draper recounts instances where grandparents’ homes became flophouses for children and grandchildren, living rent-

*What does* **ADULT ABUSE** *look like?*

KNOW THE SIGNS

### FINANCIAL ABUSE

- Lack of amenities that the victim could afford
- Vulnerable adult “voluntarily” giving inappropriate financial reimbursement for needed care and/or companionship
- Caregiver has control of adult’s money but is failing to provide for their needs
- Caregiver “living off” the vulnerable adult
- Adult has signed property transfers (Power of Attorney, new will, etc.) when unable to comprehend the transaction

### NEGLECT

- Lack of basic hygiene
- Lack of adequate food
- Lack of medical aids (medication, glasses, teeth, hearing aids)
- Lack of clean appropriate clothing
- Home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, or having fire safety hazards
- Home without adequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, working plumbing and electricity)
- Person with dementia left unsupervised
- Bed bound person left without care
- Untreated pressure “bed” sores

### PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE

- Caregiver isolates the adult (doesn’t let anyone into the home or speak to the adult)
- Caregiver is verbally aggressive or demeaning, controlling, overly concerned about spending money, or uncaring

### PHYSICAL ABUSE

- Inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores or burns

\*Information from Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect, University of California, Irvine.

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free while their elder’s mental and physical health deteriorates. Often they will refuse to sell the house and enter a nursing home or assisted living center because their descendant would lose their place to stay.

Sometimes, an aging adult’s developmental disabilities or mental health issues impair their ability to make sound decisions about their well-being. Draper noted many of the elders she monitors have a trusting nature.

“You’ll go up to their door to do a wellness check and knock, and you’ll hear from inside someone answer, ‘Come on in. It’s unlocked,’” Draper said. “They are so trusting, but what if it was someone with bad intentions?”

She cared for her aging father for many years, eventually moving him into her home. To see elders in similar circumstances who are taken advantage of by loved ones and left alone without support is a challenge for the longtime child welfare officer.

“I love my elders. Sometimes they’re easier to work with because they often want some help. A lot of the time, they’re lonely and just need someone to talk to. They call me pretty regularly,” Draper said.

She is currently working on a grant application to help increase the budget for CPN’s Adult Protective

Services. If approved, she will train other caseworkers in APS techniques and common elder abuse issues.

“Something I learned with my dad — when you really can start to tell they’re heading downhill mentally is to look at their checkbook,” she said.

Elders from a generation who balanced their household budgets to the penny continue to do so well into their golden years. When Draper receives a call on an APS inquiry, she will often ask to review their checkbook.

“You can almost see the day they’ve gotten sick because their handwriting in previous entries is crisp and legible. Then there will be a day where the numbers and letters aren’t staying inside the lines, and the math doesn’t add up,” she said. “It’s usually a sign they’ve gotten sick, and when you’re older, your mental facilities start to go, and you can see it in their writing.”

In other instances, Draper will ask the person if they have eaten anything the day they make their inquiry. Typically, the elder will answer in the affirmative, but the kitchen or dining room indicate no signs of food.

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# VISITING OKLAHOMA DURING FESTIVAL

Citizen Potawatomi Nation offers many recreational activities for the entire family, but even more exist in the surrounding area. Make a full-fledged trip out of visiting the Tribe, and stay a few extra days. Tourist attractions in downtown Oklahoma City, the surrounding suburbs and Pottawatomie County make Oklahoma a top tier destination.



## Downtown Oklahoma City

**Oklahoma City Streetcar:** The streetcar is a new, fun way for visitors to travel around downtown OKC. There are two loops: one for the greater downtown area and another for Bricktown. The Arts District, Automobile Alley, Midtown, Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Red Earth Museum and OKC National Memorial & Museum are all along the tracks. Find the routes at [okcstreetcar.com](http://okcstreetcar.com).

**Bricktown:** This special area of downtown OKC offers unique attractions unavailable anywhere else. Take a ride on the Bricktown Water Taxi, visit the American Banjo Museum, see a movie at Harkins Theatres or play laser tag at Brickopolis. With restaurants along the canal's waterfront and hotels a few blocks away, Bricktown means family fun in the summer. Get details at [bricktownokc.com](http://bricktownokc.com).

**Myriad Gardens:** The Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory is one of OKC's most beautiful places to spend the summertime. The outdoor area includes a playground, a dog park, splash fountains and more. The conservatory houses tropical and desert plants along with a waterfall, all viewable from a sky bridge. There's more information at [oklahomacitybotanicalgardens.com](http://oklahomacitybotanicalgardens.com).

**OKCMOA:** Cool off with a trip to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. With a wide variety of mediums and styles, there is something for everyone. It also houses one of the largest collections of glass artist Dale Chihuly's work, displaying the beauty of light and color. This summer, the museum exhibits an assortment of French artwork with pieces by Van Gogh, Monet and more. Details at [okcmoa.com](http://okcmoa.com).

## Around the OKC metro

**Adventure District:** Located in northeast Oklahoma City, the Adventure District offers plenty of attractions. The Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden, Science Museum Oklahoma and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum sit slightly down the road from one another, and each provide a memorable learning experience. Find out more at [okcadventure.com](http://okcadventure.com).

**National Weather Center:** A state famous for its unpredictable weather, Oklahoma is the home of the National Weather Center on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman. The NWC accepts tours scheduled in advance, which include trips to the storm prediction center, the National Weather Service Norman Weather Forecast Office and a severe storm laboratory. Contact information at [ou.edu/nwc](http://ou.edu/nwc).

**Pelican Bay Aquatic Center:** Located near Edmond's EC Hafer Park, Pelican Bay Aquatic Center is a great place for fun in the sun. Cool off riding the slides or playing in the pool. The water park's café offers snacks and meals ranging from quesadillas to snow cones. Pelican Bay also schedules cabana rentals for larger groups. Find out more at [pelicanbayaquatics.com](http://pelicanbayaquatics.com).

**Elevation Trampoline Park:** The Elevation Trampoline Park in Moore gives visitors the chance to jump for a slam dunk. Its sport courts give space for volleyball, dodgeball, dunkball and more — all in the air. Trampoline surface covers the floor and parts of the walls creating more than 7,000 square feet of jumping space. Visitors can also practice tricks and landing in its giant air bag. Details at [elevationtp.com](http://elevationtp.com).



## Pottawatomie County

**Wes Watkins Reservoir:** Less than a half-hour from CPN headquarters, Wes Watkins Reservoir in McCloud offers two recreation areas with tent and RV sites. Ramps into the water make boating easy, and overnight campers can walk to all of the amenities — grills, pavilions, restrooms with showers, docks and more. Search "Wes Watkins" on [travelok.com](http://travelok.com) for details.

**Pottawatomie County Museum:** Housed in the former Santa Fe Depot built around the turn of the 20th century, the Pottawatomie County Museum displays portions of the area's past, which includes CPN. Native American regalia and a three-dimensional display of the railroad's development through time are only a couple of pieces that make up its exhibits. Visit the museum's website at [pottcountymuseum.org](http://pottcountymuseum.org).

**Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art:** The Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art's artifacts and artistic pieces from around the world take visitors through time. The ancient Egyptian mummies that are part of its collection make this museum a unique Oklahoma experience. Regalia and other Native American art on display also show the history of the museum's land in Shawnee. Find more details at [mgmoa.org](http://mgmoa.org).

**Downtown Shawnee:** Discover downtown Shawnee lined with local restaurants, art galleries, and shops selling everything from clothes to antiques. Grab lunch at Hamburger King, which opened over 90 years ago, sift through superheroes at Bibliotech Books and Comics, grab a coffee at CPN member-owned The Gathering Place or see a movie at the Hornbeck Twin. Find more at [visitshawnee.com](http://visitshawnee.com). 🔥



# 2019 Family Reunion Festival art contest

Wide varieties of Citizen Potawatomi Nation artists — youth, professional and amateur — attend the CPN Family Reunion Festival each summer. The Festival's art contest welcomes them all to show off their talent to other Tribal members, whether they paint, practice photography, bead moccasins or build sculptures.

### Adult contest

Registration runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday inside the main entrance of FireLake Arena located on the west side of the building. The artwork will go on display along the outer hallways of the same area.

The adult contest consists of the amateur and professional divisions and is open to those 16 and older. Participants should submit their piece as a professional if they have received payment for that type of work. Otherwise, artists may enter as an amateur.

The amateur division includes two categories: painting/drawing and other.



*Entries into the annual Festival art contest range from traditional pieces such as Tribal drums to modern-style paintings.*

Artists may submit three pieces across all categories. Submissions do not have to be Native American themed, and the contest accepts all types of art, including regalia.

Judges evaluate the amateur pieces, but Tribal members at Festival vote on the winner of the professional contest. Both take place between noon and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday inside the arena. Each citizen receives one vote.

Winners are announced at General Council, which begins at 3 p.m. First, second and third place winners of the amateur contest, as well as the winner of the professional division, receive cash prizes.

All artists must use their claim ticket to pick up their art themselves directly following General Council as they are leaving the arena.

### Youth contest

The youth art contest consists of four age groups: 5 and younger, 6 to 9, 10 to 12 and 13 to 15. The Tribe hopes it inspires younger artists to continue their craft into adulthood.

The youth contest takes place inside a tent directly south of the CPN water

tower next to FireLake Discount Foods. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Each artist can submit up to three pieces.

All mediums of art are welcome and not required to be Native American themed. Youth participants must create their pieces before Festival and within the last three years.

Organizers announce the winners in the contest's tent. CPN awards first, second and third place ribbons in each category; all participants receive a FireLake gift card.

Children should take their art with them as they leave the tent.

There are plenty of other contests scheduled throughout Festival weekend including traditional hand games, softball, chess and checkers, billiards, pistol matches, dominos, horseshoes, dance, golf, 3-on-3 basketball and mini-putt. ♠

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
*Art Contest*

**ADULT CONTEST**  
Must be 16 or older

AMATEUR

PROFESSIONAL

Winners will be announced at General Council

**YOUTH CONTEST**  
Four age groups

5 & UNDER

AGES 6-9

AGES 10-12

AGES 13-15

Winners will be announced in the contest's tent

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# Family Reunion Festival powwow etiquette

The annual powwow is the main event of Citizen Potawatomi Nation's summertime Family Reunion Festival. It begins with Grand Entry, where attendees honor their ancestry and relatives, and then leads into dances for honored families. Several powwow rules regarding clothing, personal space and dancing exist. Knowing these expectations makes participating more comfortable and fun.

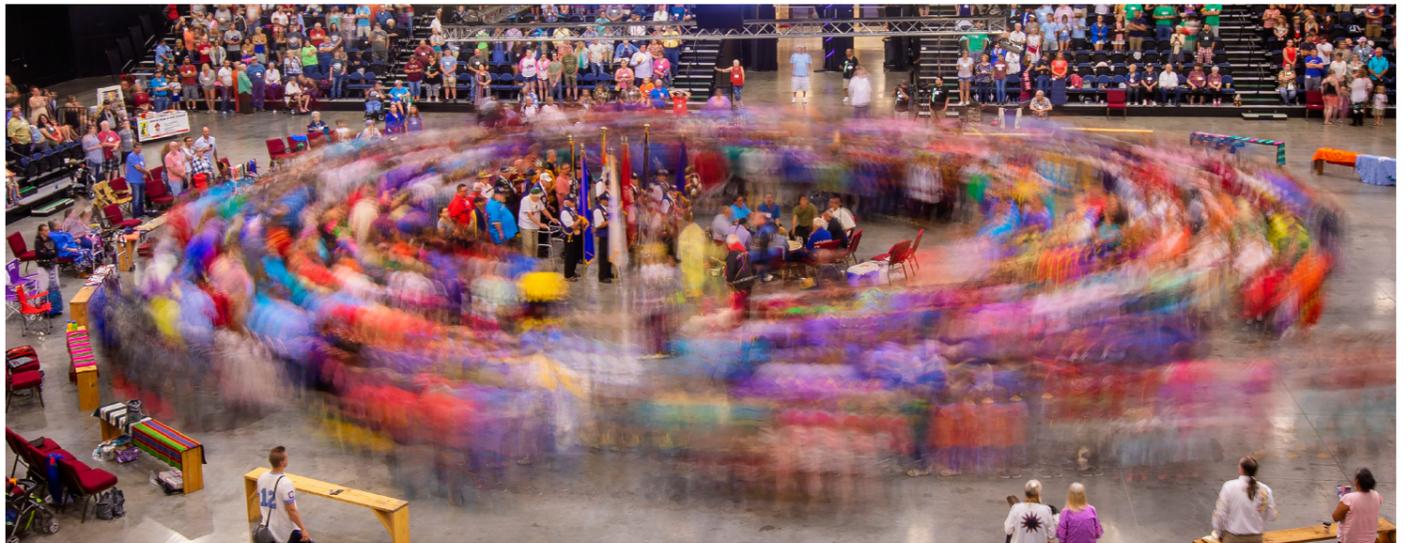
## Clothing

Tribal members are encouraged to wear regalia. Flip-flops, tank tops and shorts are not permitted in the arena; keeping legs and shoulders covered shows respect for tradition in the sacred space. Those not following the dress code should remain in the stands and not enter the arena.

Women should dress in a long skirt that reaches down to the ankles and a top that covers the shoulders as well as carry



*Etiquette is an important part of Grand Entry at the annual Family Reunion Festival powwow when Tribal citizens come together to celebrate their Potawatomi heritage.*



*Grand Entry 2018.*

a shawl. Men should wear slacks and a ribbon shirt that covers the shoulders. Purchasing a button-up shirt and sewing the ribbons onto it is acceptable. Everyone should wear close-toed shoes at all times.

## Boundaries

Those staying in the stands should not cross the boundary line on the outer edge of the dance circle. There is a walkway behind the row of benches for the dancers. Move around the outside of the seating, and respect others' personal space.

Parents should watch their children during the powwow to ensure they do not overstep important boundaries, including the drum circle, dance arena and more.

Dancers often mark their spots on the benches with a blanket or piece of cloth. Move past these areas, and find a section that remains untouched. They also often place pieces of regalia not currently in use at their seat. Do not handle another Tribal member's regalia unless invited to do so; it is highly disrespectful. Many of the pieces were passed down between generations, represent family legacy and hold special meaning.

Dogs should remain outside the arena borders at all times.

## Cell phones

Obtain permission to photograph and video dancers and those inside the arena, including posting those images to social media. Listen to the event emcee for times to put phones away.

Do not step down into the arena to video others or livestream the event. Those seated in the stands should remain there for any photographs or videos. Respect others' privacy.

The dance arena is a sacred space, and dancers often equate powwow participation with praying. Do not disrupt the momentum of the dance circle to capture photos or videos, and be mindful of personal space. Allow others the chance to connect and reflect. It is also frowned upon to take photographs of dancers preparing for competition.

## Dancing

Grand Entry begins at 8 p.m. Be present and prepared at that time. Keep in mind that a significant amount of people are required to coordinate Grand Entry; please be patient and flexible as well.

Those arriving after dancing has started should wait for their chance to join.

Do not push or work past others to join a particular group, which may require waiting for an intertribal song.

First-time dancers should watch head dancers or others in regalia to learn the steps and get in the rhythm of Grand Entry. An individual's family song is also an ideal spot to begin.

After stepping into the dance arena, always move clockwise in a circular motion, despite it sometimes being a long way around. While dancing in groups, women precede men.

Everyone should stand during the opening songs to honor traditions and ancestors together.

The emcee provides instructions throughout the entire event, especially during unforeseen circumstances. Powwow dance demonstrations for all Tribal members are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, 10 a.m., in the dance arena.

Questions regarding protocol are always welcome. An information booth will be located near the arena, and other Tribal members who have attended and danced before will gladly provide instructions or suggestions. ♪

## 2019 POTAWATOMI GATHERING BUS TRIP

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide free bus travel to the annual Potawatomi Gathering for Tribal members and their immediate families. A chartered bus will leave the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters, 1601 Gordon Cooper Drive in Shawnee, at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019, and the bus will leave to return home on Sunday, August 4, 2019. The bus will arrive back in Shawnee on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

A \$50 per passenger refundable deposit is required. Tribal members who attend Gathering will be responsible for obtaining their own passport, food, lodging and incidentals expenses.

To reserve a seat on the bus and obtain more information about the hotel room blocks, please call Brandy Oswald at 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880. You may also send an email: [travel@potawatomi.org](mailto:travel@potawatomi.org).

There is limited seating available. The deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Wasauksing First Nation at Parry Sound, ON, Canada, will be hosting the Gathering this year.

Website - [wasauksing.ca](http://wasauksing.ca)  
 Facebook - [potawatomigathering2019](https://www.facebook.com/potawatomigathering2019)  
 Twitter - [potawatomi2019](https://twitter.com/potawatomi2019)  
 Instagram - [potawatomi2019](https://www.instagram.com/potawatomi2019)

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# Citizen Potawatomi Nation's inaugural Graduation Celebration Banquet

By Tesia Zientek, CPN Department of Education Director

On Saturday, April 27, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted its first Graduation Celebration at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. The CPN Department of Education invited students graduating from high school, undergraduate, graduate and vocational programs to register for the event several months in advance. Thirty-one graduates from as far away as California attended the event along with their family members and friends for a total attendance of 118.

Before the festivities started, Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham from the CPN Eagle Aviary brought *Myanabe*, the glove-trained golden eagle, offering eagle blessings to the graduates and their families. To start the event in a traditional way, Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett explained the process of smudging and the origins of the four medicines (tobacco, sage, sweet grass and cedar). Ladies drum group *Dewegen Kwek* sang an invitation song while I had the honor of smudging all

of the guests who wanted to participate. CPN Language Department Director Justin Neely offered a prayer over the graduates and their guests in Potawatomi. Then, we enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by FireLake Bistro. Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chairman Capps each offered inspiring words of congratulations and encouragement.

Next, we unveiled this year's gift for the graduates. Since we hope that this event becomes an annual celebration, we wanted to ensure that each year's gift is unique and special. Because CPN is blessed to have many gifted artists, we decided to commission a piece of art each year and create limited prints for the graduates who attend the event. This year, Cloud Hamilton, or *Ankwet wzhó'cye ge kwe* (The Woman Who Paints Clouds), created the work. Cloud is a figurative painter from Southern California who graduated from California State University Channel Islands in 2016 and participated in the Potawatomi Leadership Program in 2013. Cloud's painting depicts a fist holding a bundle of sage with the Potawatomi word *Mishkoswen* appearing beneath

the image. According to Cloud, "This illustration is inspired by strength and resilience. The raised fist expresses resistance, solidarity and unity. The hand holds a bundle of burning sage, which symbolizes our inner strength (*Mishkoswen*). As Potawatomi people, we smudge to cleanse and purify before the ceremony, and now is a time to cleanse and prepare for something new. You have been preparing for this new journey, so take your steps with confidence knowing your ancestors have your back. We are the keepers of the fire; channel your fire with intensity and authenticity!"

To pair with this year's art theme, each student also received a bundle of sage.

Internship and Project Coordinator Channing Seikel, who led the effort to plan and prepare for this celebration, announced each graduate and the degree they earned. As graduates came up to receive their gifts, the room erupted in applause to honor their achievement. Each graduate posed for a photo with Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Finally, we invited all graduates to gather for a group photo.

As they stood together, *Dewegen Kwek* drummed a beautiful honor song that roughly translates to "I see Potawatomi people doing things in a good way."

At each table, guests had an opportunity to write down their words of encouragement for future graduates. A lot of meaningful advice was shared, but Sherry Hazelton, who graduated with her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Oklahoma Christian University, gave the following wisdom: "I encourage you to keep going and never give up no matter how difficult the road may be! You are capable of achieving anything you put your heart and mind to. Your efforts not only represent you, but they depict how strong our Native American roots are."

Next year, we hope to have even more graduates join our celebration. We have advertised for an Education Art Contest that will allow us to pick next year's featured art piece. For questions about how to register for the event or how to submit artwork for the contest, please email [college@potawatomi.org](mailto:college@potawatomi.org) or call 405-275-3121. ♡

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## Veterans report



*Bozho*  
(Hello),

A 1968 Ford Mustang will be on the auction block on June 15 at the OK Classic Auction at FireLake Arena along with appropriately 100 other muscle and classic cars and memorabilia. All

proceeds for the sale of the Mustang will be donated to the CPN Veterans and tax deductible to the high bidder.

For Festival, our CPN Veterans Organization meeting will occur at the FireLake Golf Clubhouse on June 29 at 9 a.m. We will have a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday afternoon. Please see the Festival schedule for more details.

*Migwetch*  
(Thank you),

Daryl Talbot, Commander  
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 405-275-1054 ♡



CPN Veteran Organization's David Barrett and Troy Graham.



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# Language update

By Justin Neely, CPN Language Department Director

It's been a very busy time in the language department. We have been working hard on our new online dictionary at [potawatomidictionary.com](http://potawatomidictionary.com). We are adding audio, example sentences, images and even video daily. We are hoping to be able to release a mobile app version of it by Festival. If you haven't checked it out, please do, and give us some feedback as its still in the beta version right now.

We started a new adult class on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Heritage Center. For those who live farther away, we are also streaming it live in the Facebook group, [cpn.news/langFB](https://www.facebook.com/cpn.news/langFB). Also, if you happen to miss it, the classes will archive there as well.

The department is very excited to announce that we have our first student for our Tecumseh High School class. We

have been teaching the language online with students in Wanette for the last couple of years and are now able to offer the language in Tecumseh for world language credit. Students anywhere in Oklahoma can take the Potawatomi language for world language credit. Instead of taking two years of Spanish or French to graduate, students have the option of taking Potawatomi. All it takes to make it available in your Oklahoma school district is contacting the superintendent and drafting a short letter to the board of education. The class requires access to the internet as well as a person to sit in with the students to make sure they are staying on course.

I will be traveling to Wichita, Kansas, June 2 to give a talk on the clans with folks in the Kansas region. So, I look forward to seeing everyone there. Also, right around the corner is Festival, so we will start talking about upcoming classes in the very near future. ♡

#### Potawatomi words

*Tkaboya* (tuh-kah-boe-yah) — a cool liquid

*Gezhaboya* (guh-zha-boe-yah) — a warm liquid

*Mbish* (mBeesh) — water

*Posboya* (pose-boe-yah) — a strong drink

*Mkomiyaboya* (mkome-ee-yah-boe-yah) — an icy liquid

*Mnwaboya* (mun-wah-boe-yah) — a good tasting liquid

*Binaboya* (been-ah-boe-yah) — a clean liquid/clean water

*Winaboya* (ween-ah-boe-yah) — a dirty liquid

*Wishkebabo* (weesh-kuh-bah-boe) — pop

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THIS ELECTION

## Tips to prepare for Grand Entry

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Family Reunion Festival serves as an opportunity for Tribal members to learn and participate in Potawatomi culture, and the Saturday evening powwow is the highlight of the weekend. Preparing for this year's Grand Entry is easy with dance lessons and regalia classes scheduled throughout Festival.

### Dance lessons

CPN Department of Education Director Tesia Zientek and other Tribal members lead powwow dance lessons during Festival, and all ages are welcome to attend.

"Our goal is for people to have a safe, comfortable space to practice dancing and being respectful in the circle," Zientek explained. "The head male dancer and I cover general powwow etiquette and answer powwow-related questions."

Instructors demonstrate traditional step and the round dance then invite participants to practice them in the powwow arena.

"The men's drum group also attends to provide our beat," Zientek said. "Any interested males are invited to come sit at the big drum to try it."

Zientek recommends watching YouTube videos of other Grand Entries to learn more about what the Festival

powwow will look like as well as checking out resources provided in this month's *Hownikan* and on the Nation's website, [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org).

"In general, however, listening to the arena director is an important way to be prepared and ensure that you are behaving appropriately," she said.

Find details on this year's dance classes in the official Festival schedule located in this edition's insert.

### Regalia classes

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center hosts regalia classes on Friday and Saturday of Family Reunion Festival including pucker toe moccasin, shawl, men's sash, fringing, applique and more.

Festival attendees must register for classes ahead of time at the CHC. Please note, these classes quickly reach capacity, and several require a charge to cover the cost of supplies. Staff recommends arriving early to sign up for the classes.

Learn more about the CHC regalia workshops offered during Festival in the schedule of events.

### Other regalia options

For those who may not feel comfortable sewing and creating their own pieces of regalia, the Citizen Potawatomi



*The Family Reunion Festival powwow brings CPN members from across the world together to dance and honor Potawatomi traditions.*

Gift Shop located within the CHC sells ribbon skirts and blouses for women and girls as well as vests, ribbon shirts and sashes for men and boys.

Numerous CPN members also set up booths to sell their creations on Festival grounds, including members of the local Potawatomi women's drum group, *Dewegen Kwek*. The drummers

have worked together since last year's Festival to create the pieces of regalia at their booth, which includes children's skirts, vests and ribbon shirts, adult ribbon shirts and more. The proceeds help fund the women's travel to the annual Potawatomi Gathering, which is taking place this year in Canada.

Reva Wolf, *Dewegen Kwek* member, is thankful their regalia provides fellow Tribal members the opportunity to dance during the Festival's Saturday evening powwow, especially when it is their first time in the arena.

"Even if you don't know anything, participate in the contest; it's fun, and it gives you a chance to dance," Wolf said.

For many, the Saturday evening powwow is a way to honor ancestors and serves as a time of prayer.

"When I dance, I think of all of the powerful Potawatomi who came before me and all of those who will come after me," Zientek explained. "That is why it is so important to me to be as respectful as possible as I share this experience with my fellow Tribal citizens."

To ensure all dancers and attendees are respectful of traditions, read about proper powwow etiquette featured on page 4 of this issue. ♠

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- **Family** - Married with four children.
- **Education** - BS in Engineering and MBA with an emphasis in Finance.
- **Occupation** - Engineer/Investor/Activist/Small Business Owner.

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# CPCDC hosts open house and offers financial services during Family Reunion Festival

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation relocated in January 2019 from the second floor of the First National Bank & Trust Co. building in Shawnee, Oklahoma, to its current location at 1545 Gordon Cooper Drive near Tribal headquarters.

Those attending Family Reunion Festival can take advantage of credit and budgeting sessions, student loan counseling and small business consultations offered through its knowledgeable staff. Employees will be available by appointment and during the enterprise's open house on Friday, June 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Financial fitness is the cornerstone for living a balanced and secure life, and if properly managed, can ensure a secure tomorrow," said CPCDC Consumer Lending Manager Tina Herndon.

### Festival services

The CPCDC's task is to finance, promote, educate and inspire the entrepreneurial growth, economic opportunity and financial well-being of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal community and other underserved Native populations through its resources. The CPCDC staff look forward to the Tribe's annual event and consider it an opportunity to engage with CPN members on a large scale.

"During Festival, we have a rare chance to meet face-to-face with CPN business owners to help them strategize how to accomplish their entrepreneurial vision," Herndon said. "Our commercial team is extra eager to help budding businesses realize their potential and help guide them to making their business dreams come true."

The CPCDC provides services that extend beyond typical investors, and it has greater loan approval flexibility compared to traditional credit institutions. During Festival, CPCDC staff can assist CPN members with their budgets, credit and student loan debt as well as provide small business consulting.

"Our experienced commercial loan professionals are also entrepreneurs, so this provides an extra incentive for them to stay up-to-date on any law changes that affect business owners," she said. "Our commercial team are trained to identify weaknesses and strengths and to form a strategy for success. We also work closely with a robust referral network to help our entrepreneurs thrive."

Herndon recommends Festival attendees who want to participate in the CPCDC's services to make an appointment and bring valid forms of ID. Walk-ins are welcome, but those with an appointment will receive priority. To schedule an appointment, call 405-878-4697.



The CPCDC's new location expands its capability to serve Tribal members during Festival.

For those unable to attend Festival, the CPCDC can provide all of its resources via the phone. However, the CPCDC requires remote clients to have a valid email address to send and receive pertinent documents.

### Database

As an extension of the CPCDC's dedication to serving Tribal members, Community Development Corporation Office Manager and Credit Counselor

TaRena Reece is requesting information to create a database of CPN member-owned businesses across the United States.

Tribal citizens with businesses can provide the CPCDC their information during Festival, but for those who are not able to attend, the CPCDC requests completing the questionnaire at [cpn.news/database](http://cpn.news/database).

Learn more about CPCDC's resources at [cpdc.org](http://cpdc.org).

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# What's new around CPN

Recent Citizen Potawatomi Nation economic development milestones include new casino games, healthy living and more.

## Grand Casino Hotel & Resort

The Grand Casino Hotel & Resort now offers more ways to enjoy an evening out or weekend away than ever before. The south event center hosts karaoke every Friday night from 9 p.m. to midnight and a live band on Saturdays. The Grand Spa's services include massages, body wraps, manicures, pedicures, facials and more. Six Tesla charging stations as well as spots for other electric vehicles sit on the south side of the property waiting to power up cars at no cost.

Since the Bureau of Indian Affairs' approval in August 2018 of Oklahoma House Bill 3375 that allowed establishments to introduce ball and dice games, the Grand welcomes visitors to play its newest offerings. Both roulette and craps are available on specially crafted tables made in-house. The casino opens one craps and one roulette station seven days a week from 4 p.m. to 3 a.m. Second stations open at 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Bets start at \$5, and during peak times, patrons sign up on a waiting list for their chance to roll the dice or spin the wheel.

The Grand's new conference center opened at the end of January, offering spaces for convention breakout sessions or small group meetings for up to 200 people. The center is accessible through both the casino and an exterior door to the parking lot. The building also serves as a public storm shelter. Information on concerts, hotel rentals, spa packages and more is at [grandresortok.com](http://grandresortok.com).

## Blue Zones certified

The Blue Zones Projects aims to make the healthy choice easy, not just on an individual level but throughout the community. As a leader in the Shawnee area, the Tribe took responsibility in all levels of its enterprises, including making them healthy spaces for employees.

As the largest employer in Pottawatomie County, CPN felt an obligation to add to the well-being of its staff. First National Bank & Trust Co. became the first bank certified as a Blue Zones-approved worksite in November 2018. Since last June, Blue Zones designated FireLake Wellness Center, CPN Health Services and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort healthy worksites as well.

Considering the broader community and consumers, CPN sought the endorsement of other establishments. The organization recommended FireLake Discount Foods as the first Blue Zones grocery store in the county in May 2018. Over the past year, the Grand Café and Grandstand



*FireLake Golf Course's new puppy Brodie plays with the patrons, showing off his golfing skills.*

Sports Grille, both located at the Grand Casino, became approved restaurants.

## Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation moved to new offices inside the former First National Bank & Trust Co. building next to Tribal administrative offices. The CPCDC helps Native-owned businesses across the country with finances, offering services including loans, connections with training, credit counseling and more.

It welcomes Festival attendees to its open house Friday, June 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Read more information about the corporation's services available during Festival on page 9. Visit the CPCDC online at [cpcdc.org](http://cpcdc.org).

## FireLake Golf Course

FireLake Golf Course always offers something new, whether the shelves of the pro shop display the newest putting gear or the café cooks up a new dish. The event space hosts two evenings of live entertainment and dinner each month, featuring some of the best musical and comedy acts in the OKC metro in the past year.

FireLake now houses two course dogs to look over the fairway. In March, FireLake Golf Course welcomed its new puppy, Brodie — a co-worker with its other dog, a chocolate lab named Scout. Scout began in 2013. Now, he is teaching Brodie how to chase geese away and what else to look for out on the greens.

## House of Hope

CPN's domestic violence program, House of Hope, increased its service area from two to five counties, adding Lincoln, Oklahoma and Seminole counties to Pottawatomie and

Cleveland. HOH provides resources, safety planning, shelter, court advocacy, crisis intervention and more to anyone experiencing intimate partner violence across central Oklahoma.

HOH also offers weekly support groups and eight-week parenting classes for those exposed to dating and family violence. Their office number is 405-275-3176, and the 24/7 crisis number is 405-878-4673. Visit [facebook.com/cpnhouseofhope](https://facebook.com/cpnhouseofhope) or [cpnhouseofhope.com](http://cpnhouseofhope.com) for more information.

## Workforce Development & Social Services

CPN Workforce Development & Social Services' programs help those looking for work and unconventional students finish their education. Offering career training, education counseling and a computer learning lab, Workforce recently filled another gap in the greater Tribal area.

The GED testing center at Workforce Development & Social Services celebrates its anniversary this summer. It has been the only GED testing site in Pottawatomie County since it opened and has scheduled over 150 tests for students ranging from Oklahoma City to Okemah and Stillwater to Konawa. Available to anyone wanting to take GED tests, the center accepts registration at [GED.com](http://GED.com). Find out more at [cpn.news/workforce](http://cpn.news/workforce).

## CPN Cultural Heritage Center

The Cultural Heritage Center spent the year updating its artifacts and galleries, including the Veterans Wall of Honor, as well as the gift shop. The CHC reopened in January 2018, but since last summer, the updated interactive displays on the museum floor provide hands-on learning in a fun, modern format, and the galleries feature new items that explain the history of the Potawatomi as well as present traditions.

The gift shop offers new merchandise, including Potawatomi-made items, and regularly holds sales. Apparel, art and much more is also available at [giftshop.potwatomi.org](http://giftshop.potwatomi.org). The CHC also continually expands the Veterans Wall of Honor and the specially crafted cases filled with photos and memorabilia in the Long Room, both honoring Potawatomi who have served in the U.S. military. More information is online at [potawatomiheritage.com](http://potawatomiheritage.com).

## FireLake Bowling Center

One of the premiere bowling centers in the Oklahoma City metro, FireLake Bowling Center offers 24 state-of-the-art lanes. The top choice of professional bowling leagues in the area, the center's pro shop sells items needed for getting serious about striking down pins. The arcade and game room as well as glow in the dark bowling on the weekends make it an ideal spot for families and parties too.

## CPN West Clinic Imaging Center

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services began construction on its new imaging center in 2018. While the East Clinic offers ultrasounds, X-rays and mammograms, the center opening next to the CPN West Clinic and Grand Casino Hotel & Resort offers those processes as well as CT and MRI scans. It will cover a majority of Tribal patients' imaging needs in-house.

In addition to imaging, the new specialty clinic fills the first floor of the two-story building. Medical experts in cardiology, general surgery, orthopedics, podiatry, audiology and more will travel to those offices to be accessible in-house as well. An inside walkway connects both the West Clinic and the new 7,500-square-foot imaging center, allowing patients to move easily between the two.

Physical therapy will be available on the second floor.

## CPN Child Development Center

The CPN Child Development Center Dale location near the Grand opened August 2018. Eighty children between 8 weeks and 3 years old can receive care at the second CDC location, with approximately 60 currently enrolled. The center gives priority to Native American families who apply, more specifically CPN families; however, enrollment is open to the public.

Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week, the site employs 25 trained staff members that teach Pinnacle Curriculum, a comprehensive and age-specific early childhood developmental program. The infants and toddlers play in the indoor playroom and outdoor playground as part of it; they include a STEM area for the 2 and 3-year-olds and a smart board that cultivates movement through music among other things. ♡

## Elder protection continued...

"They get sick; they stop taking care of themselves, and that's simple stuff like eating," she said.

For those who are supporting younger generations, Draper looks for signs of activity at their house around the first of each month. If an elder typically runs short of money by the end of the month and the beginning brings a flurry

of visitors, it indicates someone may be siphoning off their retirement or Social Security payments. She also keeps an eye on medications for those in her charge, especially prescription opioids.

On occasion, Draper has to put the safety of the elder and the public ahead of their desire to remain independent. She has had to testify in Tribal court in cases where the police suspended an elder's driving privileges

out of concern they were a danger to themselves and the general public.

"This one gentleman told me, 'I don't like you,' and I understood. We were taking away his independence, and that's hard for someone who has lived their whole life with that ability to get in a car and go where they needed," she said.

While the caseload is not likely to ever recede for more than a few weeks — at

the time of writing, she'd closed more than a dozen — it's important work for Draper and for the Nation.

Please call 405-878-4831 to report abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable Tribal adults to CPN Adult Protective Services. ♡

## Potawatomi Leadership Program Class of 2019

Designed to shape the next generation of Citizen Potawatomi Nation's leaders that live around the world, the Potawatomi Leadership Program welcomes 10 students to spend six weeks in the summer experiencing everything the Tribe and Native American culture offer.

This year's PLP class stretches from coast to coast; the participants attend colleges from Florida to Washington. Their career goals range from sports journalist to surgeon, and their personalities vary just as widely.

Despite their differences, they share the excitement of learning about the Nation as well as working on their leadership and life skills during their time spent on historic Tribal land. Find out more about the program at [plp.potawatomi.org](http://plp.potawatomi.org).

**Jaclyn Michener — Newton, Iowa; sophomore at University of Northern Iowa**

Jaclyn Michener spent her youth as a member of 4-H, much of it as the head of her community's group. As a middle-level education major, Michener enjoys refining those learned leadership skills to teach children. She also looks forward to absorbing Potawatomi culture and passing it on following the PLP.

"I really became interested in learning the language when my Grandmother, Ella-Louise Christine Blakely Pauley (Bertrand), bought us cassette tapes and a language book when I was very young. I feel this is my most natural start to staying involved with the Tribe. ... So helping spread our history and understanding that history is something that very much interests me."

**Katelynn Simpson — Durango, Colorado; sophomore at Fort Lewis College**

Katelynn Simpson is grateful for the opportunity to intern with the Tribe after receiving CPN scholarships. As an adventure education major, she plans to work for the National Park Service following graduation, living a life that honors the legacy of her Potawatomi ancestors.

"I always have loved the idea of being one with the earth, like a connection with where I came from and aspire to go. ... In a life this short, I want to always remind myself to be where my feet are — meaning living in the moment and know that they can take me up any of the highest mountaintops or lowest valleys."

**Johnathon Tune — Roby, Missouri; freshman at Drury University**

Jonathan Tune focuses on compassion and believes trying to understand others' struggles impacts their lives in a positive way. He previously worked at a recovery center for drug addicts. Right now, he studies nursing and serves as a volunteer firefighter. During his time at the fire department, Tune organized a fundraiser for a family in need.

"A leader is someone who puts the priority of other individuals first. Someone who moves forward to make the future better

**JACLYN MICHENER**  
NEWTON, IOWA

**KATELYNN SIMPSON**  
DURANGO, COLORADO

**JOHNATHON TUNE**  
ROBY, MISSOURI

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ATCHISON, KANSAS

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SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

**LILLY LEWIS**  
PARIS, TEXAS

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BETHANY, OKLAHOMA

**RACHAEL SANDERS**  
NOBLE, OKLAHOMA

**ALEXANDRIA SMITH**  
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### WHERE ARE THEY FROM?



not only for themselves but for others as well. Support is the goal in leadership. ... A leader is someone who can prepare for the worst but make for the best."

**Maria Hrenchir — Atchison, Kansas; sophomore at Haskell Indian Nations University**

Maria Hrenchir studies environmental science and recognizes humans' effect on the earth. She uses her leadership skills developed during high school by participating in Scholars Bowl and being a part of the cross-country team along with her learned confidence to fight to save the land. Hrenchir examines alternate energy sources and ways to maintain the beauty of the continent's ecological diversity.

"I have always been interested in natural sciences and researching new forms of innovation to improve the planet. I'm passionate about doing what I can to take care of my surroundings. ... Since I have always loved nature, I view it as something I must protect and preserve."

**Liam Wrixon — Spokane, Washington; freshman at Spokane Falls Community College**

As a quiet person, Liam Wrixon searches for those who keep to themselves but offer a broad, developed skillset. He believes in leading by example, especially when it comes to CPN involvement. Although he traveled the farthest for the PLP, Wrixon has participated in Tribal events since he was young.

"I know how much fun it is to be involved with the Tribe, and the sense of community I have experienced has not been replicated anywhere else. I am hoping that after I graduate from college, I can possibly become a Tribal representative or serve in some other capacity that I learn about and find a passion for during the leadership program."

**Lilly Lewis — Paris, Texas; sophomore at University of Texas at Dallas**

As a member of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Lilly Lewis learned how to work with others and settle creative differences before heading off to college. Her older brother, Parker, is a PLP alum, and since his participation a few years ago, Lilly has waited patiently for her turn to apply and become a leader.

"One of the most important things I will do for the Tribe in the future is make sure that my children and future family are aware of their heritage. I will help them to understand what it means to be Potawatomi as soon as possible in their lives, and I will help them to understand why they should be so proud of who they are."

**Mickey Loveless II — Bethany, Oklahoma; sophomore at University of Central Oklahoma**

While pursuing a bachelor's in computer science, Mickey Loveless II has taken on leadership tasks as the public relations chair for the University of Central Oklahoma's Native American Student Association during his freshman year. He considers the possibility of working for the Tribe one day, and Loveless looks forward to strengthening his connection to CPN culture during the program.

"This possibility excites me because I grew up in a nontraditional home and have always wanted to learn more about my Potawatomi heritage. Now that I know more about it, I am excited to keep up with it and stay involved."

**Rachael Sanders — Noble, Oklahoma; sophomore at University of North Texas**

Rachael Sanders studies sports journalism and writes for her college's student newspaper. She expresses gratitude for the education scholarships the Nation provided and wants to find ways to give back. Sanders has held leadership positions in various organizations such as Girl Scouts and her church's youth group,

building her definition of what it means to be an admirable person in power.

"I believe a leader is a person who helps people responsibly figure out how to deal with the situation at hand in the most successful way possible to meet the group's best interest. A leader is also willing to make the hard decisions that no one else is willing to make."

**Alexandria Smith — Simi Valley, California; sophomore at California Lutheran University**

With love for both art and science, Alexandria Smith is a pre-med major with a goal of becoming a surgeon, ideally at a tribal hospital. She enjoys weightlifting and dogs. Smith believes one of her most admirable personality traits is honesty and that she has a "natural instinct to lead."

"Although a leader should know their limits and not be afraid to ask for help — or give up their leadership for someone with more knowledge on a certain task — part of leading is knowing where to go for help, and making decisions on when to get help or let someone else in the group take over on things they are more versed in."

**Kay-Sha Perkins — Brooksville, Florida; sophomore at Florida State University**

Kay-Sha Perkins loves animals and currently studies veterinary sciences. Her ultimate goal is to become a wildlife veterinarian, traveling and working in the field. Although she had limited exposure to Potawatomi culture growing up, Perkins eagerly awaits spending time near CPN headquarters in Oklahoma and expanding her knowledge.

"I was told about how one day I could grow up and spend a summer at the Tribe to learn my history and gain the important lessons I needed to know. ... It is an exciting prospect that I will become an active member of the Tribe and be able to come back in the future to contribute my part." 🍀

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# 2019 Honored Families



## Johnson

Sophia Vieux (Johnson) was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1840 to Shanote (Charlotte), daughter of respected St. Joseph headman Chisagen (Big Water), and Louis Vieux. The family, like many Potawatomi, had established themselves as prominent fur traders in the Great Lakes region before removal.

After arriving in present-day Kansas, Sophia attended school at St. Mary's where she met restaurant proprietor Jacob Johnson, and the couple wed three years later. After the death of Jacob's brother Andrew, Sophia and Jacob moved to Vermillion, Kansas, to work for her father as a toll bridge collector.

In 1861, the family relocated to Rossville, Kansas. When the opportunity to take allotment in Oklahoma Territory became available, the family initially moved near Sacred Heart. Around 1873, they relocated to Pleasant Prairie where they farmed, raised cattle and owned a general store. The Johnsons settled on Sophia's allotment 2 1/2 miles west of Shawnee and had 12 children that carried on the Johnson family legacy.



## Lafromboise

Chief Joseph Lafromboise was born to Francois Lafromboise and Shawenquah (Southern Wind Woman), around the Saint Joseph River in 1798 where the family owned and operated a trading post. They relocated from Milwaukee to Chicago around 1800, and Joseph became a prominent headman for the Tribe.

Chief Joseph married Therese E. Peltier, who was also Metis, and they had 13 children together. Their oldest daughter, Theresa Lafromboise, experienced three of the Tribe's removals and moves during the 19th century.

Theresa and her family were removed from the Great Lakes region to Council Bluffs, Iowa, before eventually making their way to Silver Lake, Kansas.

Around 1891, she relocated to present-day Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Theresa wed three times — first to Thomas Watkins, then to J. Allen Hardin and finally to Medard Benjamin Beaubien. Although Theresa passed away in 1914, her legacy remains visible in her descendants today.



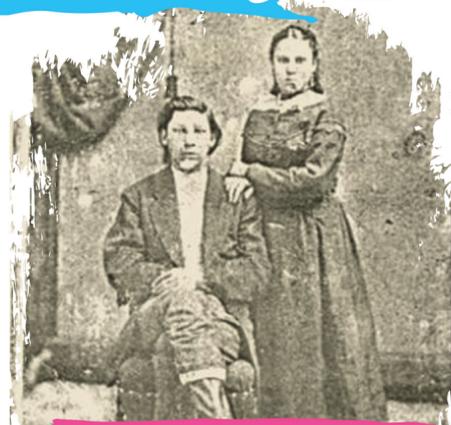
## Melott

Catherine (Katy) Theresa Bergeron was born in 1850, the second daughter of Wacheki (To Go With the Earth) and Francis Bergeron. She married Joseph L. Melott, whose family emigrated from France to America in 1826. In 1868, they were among the first families who came to the new Potawatomi reserve in Indian Territory from Kansas.

From 1868 to 1871, the Melott family became familiar with their new environment. By the spring of 1871, Joe returned to Kansas and led six families back to Indian Territory in 14 covered wagons to become the first group of Potawatomi to settle on the new reservation. Many others followed suit.

Father Isidore Robot arrived in Indian Territory in 1876 and formed a friendship with Joseph. The Melott cabin hosted the first Catholic mass in the county. Later that same year, with the support of the family and other Tribal members, the Citizen Potawatomi gifted the church one square mile of land that became home to the Sacred Heart Mission.

Once named Mission Hill, the Melotts became the principal founders of the community now known as Wanette, Oklahoma.



## Rhodd

Charles Richard Rhodd, the youngest son of Charles H. Rodd and Wasiewen (Light Reflecting Off of Water), was born around 1854 in Rossville, Kansas. He was 8 years old when his name first appeared on the 1863 Kansas Potawatomi Tribal Rolls.

His older brother, Alexander, served as his guardian after their father returned to the Great Lakes region and their mother Wasiewen passed away.

On Nov. 2, 1872, Charles Richard Rhodd married Helen Acton (Rhodd), the daughter of Angeline Bellaire and James Acton. Their wedding took place in Rossville, Kansas.

Charles kept books for the Tribe for many years and held a reputation as an expert in herbal medicines. He had a vast knowledge of plants and other natural treatments for various diseases. In fact, many Indians from several surrounding tribes regularly called on Charles as opposed to a white doctor for medicinal purposes.

The children of Wasiewen and Charles H. Rodd lived through the Civil War and other trying times, looking to each other for love and support. The turbulence of the Rhodd children's upbringing created an unbreakable bond that continues today.



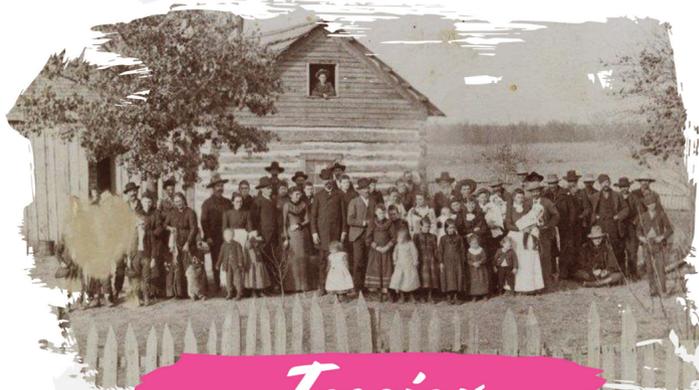
## Young

In 1856, George L. Young Sr. married Josette Vieux, daughter of Potawatomi fur trader Jacques Vieux Jr. and Liz Langier, in Indianola, Kansas. Josette's grandfather Jacques Vieux Sr. married a Potawatomi woman named Angelique LeRoy in Wisconsin. With the support of Josette's father Jacques Vieux Jr. and uncle Louis Vieux, her grandfather Jacques Sr. maintained a successful fur trading business in the Great Lakes region.

George Sr. and Josette had three children: Anna Young, Alice Young and George L. Young Jr. After the Treaty of 1867, the Young family left Kansas and traveled south into Indian Territory where George Sr. opened a general store and owned one of 11 saloons in Meanko, Oklahoma.

His Potawatomi children established themselves across Oklahoma and built families of their own including George Jr. who married Elizabeth-McDole-Vasser-Young. Elizabeth was the daughter of Susan Vasseur, a Potawatomi, and James P. McDole. Together, the couple raised six boys and three girls in Oklahoma. They believed in the importance of music and encouraged their children to learn and play instruments. Elizabeth used her skills as a seamstress to pay for the children's music lessons, and the family often sang and played religious music prior to special meals.

The Young family became very influential in early Potawatomi affairs, and the family's legacy for protecting the interests of the Tribe is evident today in its descendants.

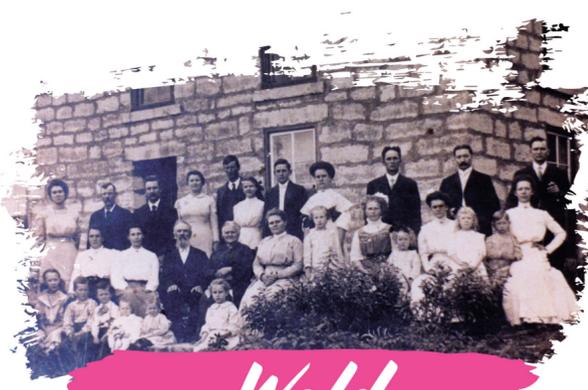


## Tescier

In 1844, Anthony Tescier married Catherine Bourbonnais. Through the 1833 Treaty of Chicago, Catherine and her family relocated to lands between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. Eventually, the family moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, before they arrived to the new reservation in Kansas where Catherine passed away in 1860. One year later, Anthony married his first wife's niece Elizabeth Catherine Bourbonnais. The Tescier family eventually moved to Indian Territory and established a family farm on their allotment near present-day Choctaw, Oklahoma.

Although Anthony Tescier passed away in 1891, Elizabeth Catherine Tescier remained an icon of love and strength in the Tescier family until her death in 1920.

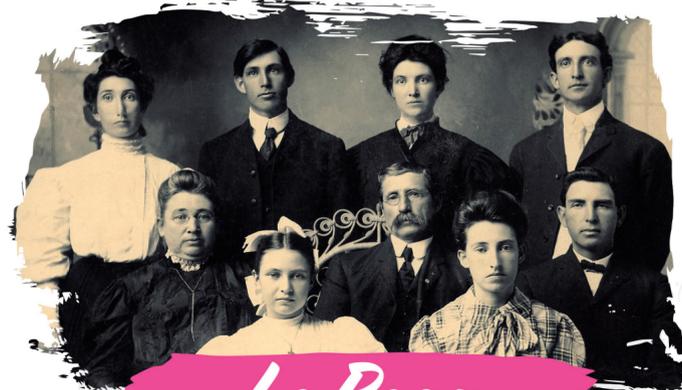
The Tescier family — referred to as the Tescier Clan in early eastern Oklahoma County — saw the country develop as few others have. They lived through the Land Run of 1889 and experienced the breakdown of the reservation into allotted farmsteads. They witnessed the birth of Oklahoma and endured both the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. Their lives of hardship and grief, balanced by effort and perseverance, and their devotion to family remain an inspiration to the generations that follow them.



## Weld

Mary Margaret Ogee, born in 1819 in Illinois, married Hiram Weld around 1835. After the Potawatomi removed from Council Bluffs, Iowa, the Welds relocated to the Potawatomi reservation in Kansas. The couple had eight children: Mary Ann, Josephine, Sara, Volney, Fannie, James, Madeline and Hiram C. Weld Jr.

Hiram built the second ferry in Uniontown and began its operation in 1853, catering to travelers along the Oregon and California Trails. Hiram passed away in 1855, but the Weld family received an opportunity to become U.S. Citizens and plots of allotted land through the Treaty of 1861. Eventually, they left behind the prairies of the Kansas reserve to carve out a new existence for themselves and future generations along the unsettled plains of Indian Territory in the late 1890s.

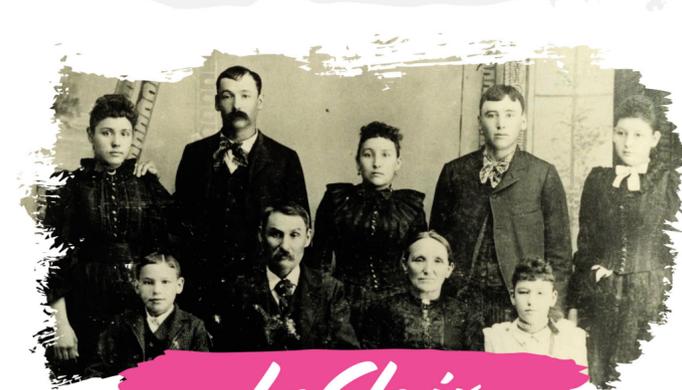


## LaReau

Mary Anastasia Higbee and Joseph LaReau wed on July 25, 1871, in St. Marys, Kansas, and they bore their seven children on the Potawatomi reserve near the St. Mary's Mission.

As a Citizen Potawatomi, Mary Anastasia received a land allotment in Indian Territory through the Dawes Act of 1887. She and Joseph resolved to make one final journey together and carve out a home and future for their family along the plains of Indian Territory. They relocated to Wanette in 1896 where they raised their children on a family farm.

Joseph and Mary Anastasia's offspring quickly became integral parts of their new community. Joseph Alva (Alvie) LaReau, the oldest son, started a livery and feed store, and Francis Casimir LaReau (Cass) became a merchant in Wanette for many years.



## LeClair

Pierre LeClair — married to Cecile LeClair — was an important Potawatomi translator. John Kinzie, one of Chicago's earliest settlers and fur trader, employed Pierre as an interpreter. In this role, Pierre mediated the terms of surrender after the Battle of Fort Dearborn in 1812.

By 1832, Pierre fought alongside Chicago Potawatomi chiefs Wabaunsee, Shabbone and Bigfoot during the Black Hawk War and served as an official interpreter.

After the 1833 Treaty of Chicago, Pierre removed with the Potawatomi to Missouri. He served as the key interpreter in an 1845 delegation that traveled to Washington, D.C. to discuss the cession of the Iowa reserve to the government. He became well known for his colorful and moving speech addressed to President Polk. In his statement, Pierre referenced prior treaties between the Tribe and the United States, highlighting the promises that the government failed to uphold. He also discussed the beauty and connection the Potawatomi had to their homelands, which they ceded for little in return.

Pierre's efforts helped make the delegation a success, and soon after, Tribal leaders moved the band to Kansas. Many of Pierre's children emerged as leaders in Kansas and eventually Oklahoma.

# Tribal candidate Q&As and final statements

## District 10 – David Barrett (incumbent)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidate?

“From longevity of being involved with the seniors, veterans, CPN enterprises, and Potawatomi people, I have gained vast knowledge and experience on how the Tribe works. Listening to people within the Tribe, I understand some of the problems or improvements needed. My sticklers for details (Financial Controller days) should bring comfort to our Nation along with having the reputation of not being a ‘Yes man’ and knowing that questions will be asked from me.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“Running for office again is my wish for our Potawatomi people. Our ancestry’s

history has proven our people will not give up under adversity. Having a Potawatomi heart, my desire to serve our great Nation and its members is without a doubt the greatest honor that can be granted to me. Over 12 years, it has been and will continue to be a privilege to represent you as a legislator.

“Looking at the past when our forefathers (with all the struggles that they endured) were able to keep the fire burning for us. Therefore it’s like a marathon relay race, now that we are in receipt of that fire, we are (the Keepers of the Fire) Potawatomi and will need to advance it to our next generation. By serving the Nation in different capacities, I feel that I have had a part of continuing our flight for our future generations.

“Representing our great Veterans, I have been truly blessed and honored to be a part of our Nation’s heroes. Being involved in the Citizen Potawatomi Veteran Color Guard allows the entire Nation to see the pride of our veterans when we participate in events over the state by bringing in the colors. Native Americans revere their veterans and likewise so do we.

“Looking out and seeking excellence for our Potawatomi people are always foremost in my mind. I will not take this privilege representing the Potawatomi people and our veterans for granted.

I would appreciate you vote.

*Migwetch (Thank You)."*

## District 10 – Norman Brasfield (challenger)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidate?

“My platform is one of transparency and member involvement. Simply put, I want Tribal members to be more active and have a voice in Tribal matters. The greatest asset our Tribe has is its members, their participation is invaluable for our future success.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“At birth we are gifted with life and allocated a specific amount of *time*. The clock begins with our first breath and we never see the Creator’s

‘confidential’ balance sheet. Spending this precious gift is an individual choice; I value the expenditure of your limited time as priceless.

“I am running for Tribal legislator in an attempt to give back to the Tribe. It was through Tribal assistance programs that I was able to go to college and gain the education that qualifies for this position.

“My candidacy has taught me that we have no effective way of reaching out to one another. In a world of technology our only medium to spread our agendas has been the Tribal newspaper. If elected one of my objectives will be to expand the communication outlets of the Tribe

and work towards bringing members together. There is an idiom that says ‘two heads are better than one’ this essentially means that more can be accomplished by working together than by going it alone. I am sure that we have Tribal members who have great ideas on how to make the Tribe better and more successful. If we all work together we can make the Citizen Band Potawatomi Nation even greater than it is today.

“In parting, I leave you with one of my favorite quotes. ‘*If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far go together.*’ Please vote for me so that we may go far together.”

## District 11 – Lisa Kraft (incumbent)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidates?

“The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has the potential to expand services in healthcare, employment and training, childcare, housing, and educational scholarships to kids K-12 as well as higher ed, and not just in Oklahoma but to our members everywhere in America. I want to work with our legislature to pass laws to make this happen.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“I work closely with self-governance tribal leaders and have for 25 years. I help formulate laws, policies, strategic plans,

business plans, and implementation plans for Oklahoma tribes. I then find the money to pay for it. This gives me insight into how other tribes conduct themselves and how to navigate through the federal government to get what I want for Indian Country.

“I work with tribal management, employees, and contractors to actually plan for and build communities. I help tribes implement programs and new businesses. I excel in federal compliance. Having secured millions of federal dollars for Indian people — our Tribe and others — I have the knowledge and experience to be an effective tribal lawmaker and evaluate performance.

“I am running for my legislative seat again because I want to continue trying to introduce Tribal law. I also want to debate my ideas in committee.

“I am a lone wolf on our legislature in wanting to amend our Tribal constitution. I think we need term limits on the executive branch members and the executive branch should be separate from the legislative branch. Our ordinances prohibit an elected official from holding two elected positions at the same time.

“This will also open three new legislative seats for Oklahoma lawmakers and balance Oklahoma with the eight legislators outside of Oklahoma.”

## District 11 – John Tom Anderson (challenger)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidates?

“I don’t know that there is a glaring difference in my fellow candidates and myself. We are all looking towards the future of our Tribe and its members. Having said that, I believe I can bring some benefit in the Tribe’s finances and policy making to try and enhance and make the future brighter for our members. It would be an honor to represent the Tribe and District 11.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“I believe as a Tribe we need to continue to fight and keep our American Indian

sovereignty. It is imperative we continue to grow our Tribal membership for the future of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. As a legislator and representative of District 11, the future prosperity and financial strength of the CPN Tribe would be my most important focus.

“We should continue to increase the opportunities for job growth and advancement for our Tribal members. If we are a financially strong tribe it opens the doors for CPN members to prosper and thrive going forward. Knowing that the CPN is the largest employer in Pottawatomie County says a lot for the leadership of our Tribe. By not re-inventing the wheel, keep the momentum that is currently embedded

and continue the success that our Tribal Leaders have been able to maintain.

“It would be my honor to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and District 11 in the future growth of our tribe and its members.”

## District 11 – Christina Brasfield (challenger)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidates?

“I am not the incumbent nor am I backed by the Tribal chairman. My experience is in technology and web development, not politics. I am a Tribal member who grew up poor and became successful through sweat, tears, and determination. I live by ‘be the change you want to see in this world’ — the best way to tackle new experiences head-on is with an open-mind, determination, alongside constituent insight, involvement, communication, and feedback.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“Thank you for considering me for candidacy for District 11. This is the first

time I have ran for a legislative position and while I may be inexperienced in the field of politics, I know who I am as a Tribal member and what I would like to accomplish as your representative. I am like you, a hard-working soul seeking to make the world a better place.

“While we have many opportunities available to us internally, there are also outside prospects available. Organization foundations assist with back-pack programs, summer camp sponsorships, scholarships and more. We should leverage these opportunities for the betterment of our Tribal members.

“I have been unsuccessful in reaching out to Tribal members due to privacy concerns; I want people to feel free

to reach out to me. I believe we need to increase member-to-member communication, knowledge share, and have a platform where we can discuss our issues, celebrate our successes, embolden our voice, and secure our future.

“I am fortunate to travel for work occasionally and have met many people who are interested in my Native American background. People as a whole are uninformed about what it means — the constant threat to our sovereignty, the plights that face our sister tribes, and how our society functions alongside the federal and state governments. In these moments, I seize the opportunity to educate. We are here, we are not forgotten, and we are thriving while keeping roots with our heritage.”

## District 13 – Bobbi Bowden (incumbent)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidates?

“The main thing that sets me apart from my respected opponents is my experience as your District 13 Legislator for the last 12 years. I will use my experience as your District 13 Representative to continue to work with our executive branch to continue the growth and success of our great Nation. I am very proud to be part of a government that has helped bring our Tribe to where we are today.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“I did not take my decision to run for another term as your District 13 legislative representative lightly. I take my responsibility as your District 13

legislative representative very serious and to heart. After much prayer and reflection, I chose to run again to continue to be a part the progress we have made. We have made great strides but there is always more work to be done to continue and improve.

“When I was elected to the business committee 13 years ago, I had no idea the experience and education ahead of me. This has been the experience of a life time and I am eternally grateful to those who have taken the time to share their knowledge and talents with me.

“If you choose to elect me for another term, my focus will continue to be bringing information to you, our members. I will continue to advocate

for medical care, education and economic assistance as well as bring information about tribal culture. Not being raised in a traditional home I feel like some of you have learned along with me during my journey and I hope to continue that mission.

“I am honored to have served you for the last 13 years and hope I have earned your trust and your vote! Please take the time to return your ballot or better yet vote in person in Shawnee at the Family Reunion Festival. *Migwetch* (Thank you) for allowing me to serve you the people of our great Nation.”

## District 13 – Michael K. Whistler (challenger)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidates?

“I have many years of experience as a business owner with many employees. I have had responsibility for not only my welfare, but of many others, through good times and rough times. I have a proven ability to listen to peoples’ ideas and get actual legislation onto the voting agenda. I am fiscally conservative, and know money can only be spent once. I will make wise choices for our Tribe.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“I am running for our tribal council because I have reached a place in my life where the combined business, social and family experiences I have had will allow me to help our people to have a more successful and stable Tribe. I am extremely proud of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the folks who have served in the Tribe before me; including my great-aunt Philonese Williams (nee Whistler) and my cousin Bob Whistler. Our Tribe, my direct

family (Bourassa) and my immediate family are a people of integrity and honor, and it is my turn to stand up and serve.

“I am asking all who read this to cast your vote for me. I am not a perfect man, but I am a good man, a very hard worker and a bulldog when it comes to helping my people. I raised eight beautiful children and have the energy and stamina to help my larger, Tribal family now that my kids are all out on their own. A vote for Whistler is a wise choice.”

## District 13 – Jay Laughlin (challenger)



### What makes your platform or candidacy differ from your fellow district candidates?

“I’ve researched my opponents, and one of the major differences is the key initiatives. My platform is held up by the key initiatives of culture, economic prosperity, education, elders programs, the environment, healthcare services and our youth. These initiatives were laid out from the beginning of my candidacy and this has not changed. These initiatives will continue to be in focus for every decision made and every opportunity sought on our Tribe’s behalf.”

### Candidate closing statement.

“I am running for CPN Legislate District 13 to promote, protect and

foster our culture, economic prosperity, education, environment, elders’ programs, health care systems and our youth. Once elected, I will do my best for the citizens of our Nation.

“We must expand and diversify our business ventures for a balanced portfolio in order to mitigate risk and promote growth. All investments and ventures our Nation undertakes must provide benefits to our citizens and the right team must be established. This team must be solid and unified. Buy-in from the legislative branch, executive branch and individual work groups must be established to reach these common goals. I have the experience and education needed to move our Nation forward with the ability to draw the best out of people.

“As I was writing this I stepped away, and when I came back I found that my twelve-year-old daughter and eight-year-old son had typed this up. It made me smile.

“Hello my name is Jaylea Laughlin, and you should vote for my dad. Because there are things that my dad can get done. Jay Laughlin is a hard worker and if you put something in his path he will always push through it, no matter what it is. *Vote for Jay Laughlin. He is awesome.*” ♡



*Always Thinking Potawatomi*



# Lisa Kraft

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**IT WOULD BE MY HONOR TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 11 AND THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI**

## Tribal Chairman – John “Rocky” Barrett



*Bozho nikan*  
(Hello, my friend),

This year's Tribal elections are one of the most important in many years. There is a controversy, however. We have an incumbent candidate who is challenging the structure of our Constitution that provides equal representation to those Citizen Potawatomi who live outside of Oklahoma. She is advocating the removal of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer from the Tribal Legislature. I believe this is not based on anything but personal animosity toward me. The real result would be a violation of one of the primary qualities of our Constitution — having three members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer) in the legislature elected by the entire Tribe. This is designed to create fair representation for the two-thirds of our Tribal population who live outside of Oklahoma. Please look this issue over very closely. It is one of the reasons our Constitution has received national recognition and honors for fairness and workability of our Tribal government. It should not be damaged by one woman's personal agenda in an election.

During this year's General Council meeting, I will present an overview of the current projects and Tribal activities. This will allow the Tribal Legislature to provide input and ready them for consideration in the 2020 Tribal operating budget. The budget process, already begun at a departmental level, is a large and complex task for all of the management employees of the Nation.

The General Council of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is different from other tribes in that our General Council is the entire Nation over 18 years of age. As a result, any actions of the General Council meeting have to be voted on by referendum vote with absentee ballots. The actions that are reserved to the General Council are the appropriation of the trust funds from the 1948 Indian Claims Commission Settlement, any sale or mortgage of Tribal trust lands, making treaties with the United States and confirmation of incumbent judges who wish to repeat in office. You normally see the trust funds on the ballot as the “annual budget,” which for the main part, are monies used to operate the Tribal Legislature and the annual Family Reunion Festival. This is a different fund of money than the Tribal operating budget. The assembled Tribal Legislature approves that budget after close examination and approval by the Committee on Appropriations, which is a “Committee of the Whole,” meaning all members of the legislature.

During the legislative examination of the proposed budget, we go through each item of particular interest to each Tribal legislator, adjust

line items to accommodate changed priorities and arrive at a final budget for the legislature to vote on in full session. The Tribal Chairman and other executive officers must adhere to this budget in operation of the Nation. With federal contracts and compacts, dozens of Tribal enterprises, more than 2,400 employees and a budget in excess of \$350 million, it is an intensive and demanding process. We have the advantage of a very professional and capable Tribal management and accounting staff, experienced and educated Tribal legislators, and a clear message from our constituents to come to an agreement if there are differences of opinion. Our record of progress depends on it.

On a more positive note, it is Family Reunion Festival time again! At the end of every June, we come together to celebrate our Potawatomi heritage at the annual Family Reunion Festival as well as hold our regular General Council government meeting. I hope that all of you will plan to attend. There are many new things to see and do around Tribal headquarters.

A highlight of the Festival is the hand games, a traditional Potawatomi game, played Friday night. One individual from a seven-person team called a “picker” faces two members of the opposing team, called “hidiers.” The hidiers each have a bead, which they mix up between their hands behind their back. Once ready, they put their hands forward and the picker from the other team points with a decorative stick at which hands they believe the beads are in. The beads can only be hidden in one of four combinations: inside hands,

outside hands, two left hands or two right hands. To score a point for their team, the picker must correctly choose the two hands holding the beads. The hidiers often perform dance moves, gyrations, make faces or do something humorous to distract the picker. It's a simple game to play. There is \$700 of prize money for the winning team, and each team is auctioned off ahead of the start of the game. The purchaser of the winning team gets three-fourths of the auction proceeds and the team gets one-fourth. Often the auction will go over \$2,000, so it is both fun and competitive. The game can be learned in five minutes. Please come join us for hand games.

One of the most well attended events of the weekend is the powwow Saturday night. Each year, more Potawatomi participate in Grand Entry and dancing. I encourage each of you to gather your regalia and participate in the Grand Entry and make this the most impressive year yet.

Please remember that our Tribal Nation is determined by descentancy, not the fiction perpetrated by the federal government as “blood degree.” You are a Citizen Potawatomi Indian by federal law and Tribal law. If you are a blood descendent of those 45 or so families that formed a new tribe in 1861 in Kansas, you are a Citizen Potawatomi. It is not about your looks. It is about your legal dual citizenship and your heritage under a Tribal government recognized by Congress in over 40 different treaties. The United States only makes treaties with other “sovereign nations,” hence our constitutional status and the

ability to govern our own people and lands. Your heritage belongs to you. Your Tribe was created to help each other as blood kin. We have our own language, art, music, dress and traditions like no other people in the world. Take pride in this and help pass it on in your family.

All of you own every ceremony the Potawatomi have used for hundreds of generations. Every Citizen Potawatomi is entitled to know and celebrate these old ways. Please claim this birthright and learn about them so you can pass them on. There is no such legal thing in our Tribal Nation as “blood degree,” except to describe those who presently own their old investments of the Indian Claims Commission Act money. Every one of you is 100 percent Citizen Potawatomi under Tribal and federal law. Our traditions for over 1,000 years has always been that our Tribe is made up of those who “share the blood of our forefathers.” The blood you share is not diminished in each new generation. Every enrolled Citizen Potawatomi shares a common history, blood, language, art, music, territory and government. Each of you has an equal share. As your children are born, they too will have an equal share.

I look forward to seeing you in two weeks.

*Migwetch*  
(Thank you),

John “Rocky” Barrett  
*Keweoge*  
(He Leads Them Home)  
Tribal Chairman

## Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps



*Bozho*  
(Hello),

The beauty, versatility and scenic features of FireLake Golf Course were not enough to overcome the bite of the winter weather in both the fall of 2018 and the beginning of 2019. According to *Golf Oklahoma*, the official magazine of the Oklahoma Golf Association, the 2018 golf season was one of the worst in the country since golf industry analysts started keeping track. The beginning of the

2019 season was fair for some of the surrounding states but not Oklahoma. The combination of a wet fall and cold winter left golfers in Oklahoma yearning for spring. Although most people in Oklahoma might say that the fall of 2018 and winter of 2019 was not all that bad, it is a different story with golf. While ice, snow and rain may linger for a few days for the public, when moisture is on the ground, golf courses lose play and must battle through the wet and cold conditions for the next several days. It may take two weeks or longer to recover from a bad ice and snow storm or a hard rain. To protect our championship Bermuda greens, FireLake staff must close the course and put giant tarps over them each time a cold front blows in with temperatures that fall below 32 F.

Chris Chesser, FireLake Golf director, said that his greens have been tarp-covered more in 2019 than all the winters together since 2009. Between New Year's

Day and March, the driving range was opened less than 20 days due to cold and wet conditions. Chris was quick to add that just because they were open for 20 days does not mean that there was play during all those days. In fact, some of the days were limited to a few brave souls that would appear on the range for a short period of time.

On the flip side, the uncooperative weather did not stop FireLake staff members from being busy. They have had to be innovative in order to keep some revenue flowing. The new upstairs of the club house has been the venue to numerous dinners, receptions and meetings both in 2018 and 2019. More and more organizations and groups have been renting the facilities to host various events. In addition, there have been the fairly new Thursday night events on the club house main floor. Every other Thursday night, Chris has a 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:00 p.m. entertainment. These events really caught

on and proved to be more popular by the month. The entertainment consists of mostly local musical performers. You might say the golf course hosts a mini concert twice a month.

An example of an event other than music took place April 11 with Comedy Night. In addition to food being served — a taco bar with all kinds of Mexican food — standup comedians Julie Drake and Lenny Vanhorn performed. While I did not see them, judging by feedback I heard and on our FireLake Golf Course Facebook page reviews section, I understand they are very entertaining. Kudos to Chris Chesser and his staff for keeping business alive at the golf course during inclement weather.

Chris has been with FireLake Golf Course in some capacity for 27 years. He has been the director for the last 17 years. A few of his main employees are Assistant Director Jeff Kieffer, who has been with the golf

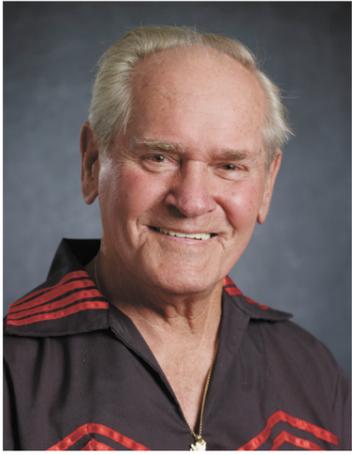
course for 22 years, and Derron Day, director of agronomy, employed nearly six years. Since CPN employees often eat at the golf course each day, Chad Powell, chef, is known by many. During the peak season, Chris has approximately 20 employees.

Chris is diligent to keep an uplifted spirit by being diverse and works hard to generate revenue during the lean golf seasons. I appreciate Chris for his persistence. As we enter the busy summer months, we already see the golf course teeming with players, who will be most welcome to the beautiful FireLake Golf Course.

*Migwetch*  
(Thank you),

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## District 1 – Roy Slavin



*Bozho nikanek*  
(Hello friends),

My wife Julia and I have just returned home

from Chicago, Illinois, where we visited the Field Museum. The museum is undergoing renovations of the Native American area of the museum. They have a large collection of Potawatomi artifacts in the Collection Resource Center. We held our meeting in the Founders' Room where we also enjoyed a buffet lunch.

Because we were a large gathering, the staff divided us into three groups. We visited the Collection Resource Center where we viewed the Potawatomi artifacts. The staff also brought some of the artifacts to the Founders'



*District 1 Chicago Field Museum tour attendees.*

Room for those unable to make the tours. Debra and her staff provided District 1 an outstanding tour, and the curator provided a great

lunch. This is something we would love to do again.

I close this article, as always, with a plea for your contact

information. If you do not receive an occasional email from me, it is because I do not have your email address. Due to privacy standards, Citizen Potawatomi Nation cannot provide it to me.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your representative.

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## District 2 – Eva Marie Carney



*Bozho nikanek*  
(Hello friends),

### District 2 heritage contest winning photo:

*Migwetch* (thank you) to all who entered this year's contest calling for Potawatomi heritage photos. The winning photos are printed here. The top winner is a photo collage submitted by Mary Ruth Gossett/*Wabmimi* (White Dove), of Hermitage, Tennessee, who titled it *Four Potawatomi Women*. The collage depicts, left to right, Mary Ruth; her mother, Lillian Beatrice Stone Green; her grandmother, Mary Ann Adele Bourassa Stone Jeffcoats; and her great-grandmother, Margaret Ellen Muller Bourassa. Mary Ruth wrote:

"I'm the only one in this picture who has received an Indian name. I'm also the only sibling, youngest of eight and one of three still living, who has received their Indian name. Before 1978, the naming ceremony and other American Indian religious ceremonies were against the law. My siblings and I were 'raised white' because of the stigma of being Indian. My mother was Potawatomi and was referred to as a 'half-breed' when she first moved to Texas in 1920 after marrying our dad. My two children and I reconnected with the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe after (my grandson) Kabl (Wilkerson) spent part of his summer doing (the



*By Mary Ruth Gossett/Wabmimi — Four Potawatomi Women.*

Potawatomi Leadership Program) internship in Shawnee, Oklahoma, learning about our history and traditions. The internship was life changing for Kabl, who has since started a Native American student organization at Texas Tech, the university he attends and will graduate from this summer thanks to the help of CPN scholarships."



*By Hilary Daugherty/Shkop — Brothers.*

Another of the winning photos caused me to spit out my coffee with laughter when I first saw it and read the caption. It was submitted by Hilary Daugherty, *Shkop* (Southern cedar) from

Watertown, Tennessee, and is titled *Brothers*. The photo is of her sons, Henry Taylor, *Gagebapit* (Always laughing), and Hillel Taylor, *Koweket* (Trailblazer). She wrote:

"I think the caption I gave it sums up brotherhood sometimes. Henry won Saint of the Month at school the same day Hillel got a demerit, so it's occurring to Henry how much bail money his brother might need one day."

The third winning photo shown here was submitted by Barbara Gage, from Huntersville, North Carolina. Barbara wrote:

"(This is) a photo of Grand Entry several years ago ... All of the people in the photo are my Potawatomi family. There are several Ogee descendants pictured including my father, sister, daughter, cousins, niece and nephew as well as their spouses and children. When I am in regalia with my family, it is a special and sacred time. My father has walked on, and I treasure this photo."



*By Barbara Gage — Ogee Family in Grand Entry.*

I will get out prizes to the winning entrants shortly; I look forward to sharing more of the terrific entries in future columns.

**Field Museum visit:** *Chi migwetch* (big thanks) to Roy and Julia Slavin for their hard work organizing the tour and luncheon at the Field Museum in Chicago. The museum staff was gracious and generous with their time, meeting space and gift of a lovely lunch, and it was good to visit with fellow Potawatomi, our families and some of the material culture items collected from Potawatomi. I also enjoyed a visit with friend and CPN citizen Sharon Hoogstraten and her family during my time in Chicago. I posted photos to my Facebook page, but you'll need to "friend" me to view them. It seems that Facebook has eliminated the "share album with public outside Facebook" function, so I can no longer share links to my Facebook-posted photos in my columns.

**Apology for bum link in my April column:** A diligent reader let me know that the link to the photos of our District 2 March meeting in Tennessee that I included in my April column is inoperative. That happened because I wasn't aware of the Facebook change described

above. You'll just have to "friend" me to see the Tennessee photos!

**Family Reunion Festival; community building; your vote:** Building our District 2 CPN community continues to be my top priority. In my next column, I'll report on the joint District 1 and 2 meeting in Branson, Missouri, on May 18, and the trip to the Archives of the National Museum of the American Indian held May 24. Please visit my website regularly for calendar updates, and consider joining our District 2 Facebook private group, if you are a user of Facebook. (Contact me for details on joining.) I hope to see many of you at Festival at the end of June! Please don't forget to vote in the CPN elections — whether by absent ballot or in person on the Saturday of Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Voting is a critical obligation of CPN citizenship.

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## District 3 – Bob Whistler



*Bozho nikanek*  
(Hello friends),

### Spring creatures

Spring brings us wanted as well as some unwanted new life each year. Yes, we see new grass and flowers growing, and other vegetation coming out. There are a few visitors that tend to be unwanted. Springtime is when the termites swarm if the nest they are in is full. Normally, I think of termites as little creatures that look like very small ants. However, at this time of the year, they have wings. They will keep their wings until the male and female find each other and mate to set up a new colony with them as the queen and king. If you see some small winged bugs, especially around windows or in a bathroom, there is a possibility that you are seeing termites. It is time to call a professional and have your house inspected. Generally, the inspection is free. You can find a reputable inspector by going to Angie's List on the internet. Often, termites enter our properties via the weep holes in the house's brickwork. That is why you need to keep that area near your foundation clear of soil as well as mulch. If you have a home with a concrete slab, they may come up through the

area around the plumbing pipes in the foundation. It is also not a good idea to store firewood right next to the house since that is an attraction. The fact that they swarm is really a good thing, since it alerts you to the fact that there is activity in your area that needs to be checked.

### Ancestral diet

If you look back to the February issue of the *Hownikan*, you will see I mentioned that Eva Marie Carney from District 2 had a great cookbook with many Potawatomi dishes. Recently, one of our fellow District 3 members, Elisa Berger, alerted me to the fact that TED Talk had a nice article on Indigenous people needing to return to their ancestral diet. She provided a link to listen to a member of the Blackfeet Nation, Mariah Gladstone, where she shares her knowledge and how important our ancestors' diet really was. You can watch it at [cpn.news/tedtalk](http://cpn.news/tedtalk). In addition, Elisa also provided the link that Mariah has to her Indigikitchen. The kitchen gives a number of Native American dishes, which included one for Potawatomi Berry Rice. Visit [indigikitchen.com](http://indigikitchen.com). It has cooking videos, info on school programs and building wellness through tradition. I found it all well worth viewing.

### Millennials

Many of you may or may not know the situation faced by our millennial population. As a result of the major increase in educational debt, many millennials will be well into their late 40s before they are able to even begin to buy a home or be able to save for their retirement. It is estimated that over 70 percent of millennials

are in that situation. Over the course of time, the average person will no longer work for just one or two companies in their lifetime. They will change jobs every three to five years. Moreover, many companies no longer offer a retirement benefit plan. Any retirement program is basically left upon the shoulders of the employee. The reason I chose this subject is that in spite of the huge college loans, these individuals need to start saving now for their retirement. I know it is difficult, especially when you have all those bills and you are barely living from paycheck to paycheck. I have lived in that same world, and I know it is difficult. I would like to offer a suggestion on how to start small and let it grow. I used the same principal when I first started working many years ago. When I received a small increase in salary, I had half of it go toward retirement or savings. I used the other half of the increase to cover my expenses as they rose too. Over a period of 30 years, I came to the point that I had learned how to live on about 75 percent of my salary. Here is how it works. You get a 4 percent raise. You save 2 percent and use 2 percent. The next year, you get another 2 percent raise. You now change your savings from what it was to include now half of the new raise. Let's say you were putting away \$40 a month, and the new raise is another \$20. You simply increase your savings from \$40 to \$50. At this time, a Roth tends to be the best option. But if your company has a copay retirement plan, try to join that for as much as you can afford. Let's say they will match up to 5 percent, but you just can't afford that. Then start with 1 or 2 percent, and increase the percentage as your salary

increases. The key to this savings is to get started as early as possible so you do not lose the compound growth. Let's say you save \$10 a week for five years with a compounded interest rate of just 4 percent. That \$10 saved each week will be worth \$9,514 at the end of the five-year period. At the end of 30 years, that \$10 per week is now worth \$39,861. If it had been \$100 per week, you would now be looking at \$398,610 at the end of 30 years. So, for any of you just starting out your careers, look for a means to start saving early.

### Potawatomi stoles

Our gift shop has a beautiful Potawatomi stole that is meant to be worn for either high school or college graduation. I know that some schools have dress codes relative to what is to be worn at the graduation. However, exceptions are sometimes available. As a point of information, a member of Gene Lambert's District 5 had one of the stoles and wanted to wear it during her graduation. Initially, the school didn't allow this. However, she went to the school board early enough and got an exception. I believe that young lady will be writing an article for the *Hownikan* on how she went about it. My granddaughter Alexis Davis, who lives in District 2, graduated from high school May 11. We bought one of the stoles for her to wear at her graduation. At her request, I created a prayer to bless her stole, which we presented to her the night before her graduation. Justin Neely, the director of our language department, came to my aid and translated my prayer into Potawatomi. I used a mixture of tobacco, sweetgrass, sage and cedar in an abalone shell

for this prayer at the blessing. If any of you would like to use this prayer, please let me know, and I will forward it to you.

### Family Reunion Festival

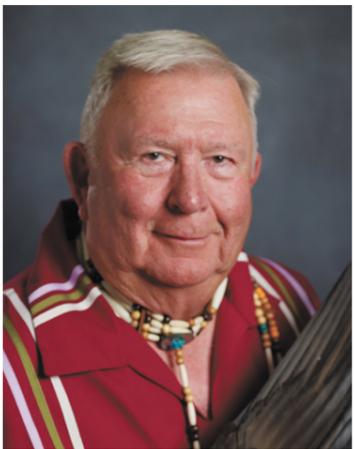
In just a few short weeks, we will be in Shawnee attending the Family Reunion Festival. I look forward to seeing you there. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend. For those of you that aren't able, I will be setting up a district meeting in both North and South Texas in late summer or the fall.

In closing, let me thank each of you again for allowing me to serve as your representative in District 3. It is truly an honor, and I am very proud to represent you.

*Bama pi*  
(Until later),

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## District 4 – Jon Boursaw



*Bozho*  
(Hello),

### Kansas Potawatomi youth program

What did you know about your Tribe when you were 10, 13 or even 18? I think we can all agree that very few of us, myself included, were ever exposed to the history of the Potawatomi and their culture and traditions when we were young. One of the objectives I have had during my time as

your legislative representative has been to offer Tribal members in Kansas exposure to the Potawatomi history, culture and traditions. However, the one area in this effort where I have definitely fallen short is offering those teachings to our youth. To correct this shortcoming, a two-day Kansas Potawatomi Youth Program has been developed. The program will be held July 25 and 26 in the CPN Community Center in Rossville. Two former Potawatomi Leadership Program students are assisting me in developing this program: Alyssa Frey from Manhattan, Kansas, and Kat Smith from Oklahoma. Three years ago when they were part of the PLP, I heard them give a joint presentation on this very initiative. What they presented has stuck with me ever since, so why not use the two of them and their ideas? In addition to offering Potawatomi cultural and traditional teachings, this new program will consist of exposure to our history, language, some crafts,

Native American dances and music. For the older students, there will be information offered regarding CPN scholarships and the PLP. This free program is open to any enrolled CPN youth 10 years of age and up; there is no maximum age limit. Each day, the program is tentatively scheduled to be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch provided. Program enrollment forms are available at the CPN Community Center, my office or by contacting me by email or phone. (See below.) I am hoping to have the enrollment form available online very soon. Our ultimate goal is to make this an annual program.

### CPN Family Reunion Festival

2019 CPN Family Reunion Festival will be held in Shawnee, Oklahoma, on June 28, 29 and 30. This year's honored families include the Johnson, Lafromboise, LaReau,

LeClaire, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld and Young.

### Summer school scholarships applications

The deadline for submitting applications for CPN scholarships for the 2019 summer school session to the CPN Education Department is 5 p.m., June 15. For more information, go to [cpn.news/college](http://cpn.news/college).

### June Elders Potluck in Rossville

The June Elders Potluck will be held Friday, June 7, at noon in the CPN Community Center in Rossville. Tracy and Pam have planned an outdoor cookout consisting of hamburgers and hot dogs for the main course. The Senior Support Network staff has asked that you RSVP if you plan on attending. Their number is 785-584-6171. You are asked to bring a side dish or desert.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your legislative representative.

*Migwetch*  
(Thank you),

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## District 5 – Gene Lambert



*Bozho nich Bodewadmik*  
(Hello, my fellow Potawatomi),

Greetings to everyone as we go into the summer months. The warmth is welcomed by some and dreaded by others. Guess it depends on what state you live in. Arizona? Not so much!

Each year in Oklahoma, we celebrate our heritage on the last Saturday of the month. We remember our accessorial families and the hardships they endured. We celebrate our survival and continual success as Native American people in a sovereign nation: CPN, Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

No doubt, most of the legislators who are not up for election will be writing about this special time. They may talk about this anyway, as I know they agree with what I am saying.

It is important you have the opportunity to share in the ceremonies, games and food, as did our families centuries ago. As my son, Ray Moore, said after attending one Festival, "I now feel more Native, mom." Some shy away because they

have concerns about fitting in or understanding what to do, what to wear and all the "what ifs" that are attached.

You are family. Come, and we will make you feel welcome. You can come in your RV or camp, stay in a hotel, or be with friends or family that live in Oklahoma; whatever works for you.

You will be fed breakfast, lunch and dinner, or you can eat on your own, if you prefer. There is a very large grocery store well stocked for your convenience that you may be more comfortable with.

See the beautiful museum, fabulous regalia and dance. Visit the eagle aviary, gift shop, golf course, attend church, and participate in lots of games and contests. There is definitely something of

interest for everyone. Learn to work toward your own regalia, or if you do not choose to sew your own, you can buy it there after you arrive.

If you have never been, you have no idea how you are cheating yourself in this wonderful opportunity to expand your knowledge of your people.

You can find this information online at [potawatomi.org/culture](http://potawatomi.org/culture). There are a lot of pictures that will give you a glimpse of what is happening.

If you don't walk away happy, you can you call me and let me know. Just give it a try. As the book by Susan Jeffers is titled, *Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway*. Besides, there is absolutely nothing to be concerned about. You won't be sorry. I promise!

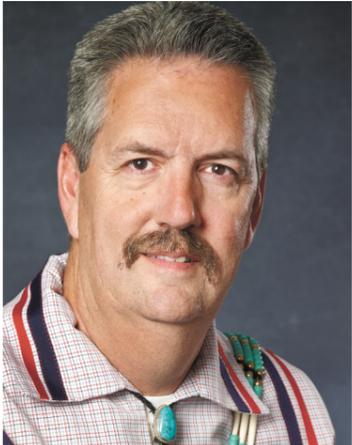
See you at the 2019 Family Reunion Festival. Please stop and talk with me. I love it when you do.

Take care. In the meantime, be safe, be healthy and be kind.

Love you guys,

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## District 7 – Mark Johnson



*Bozho nikanek*  
(Hello friends),

A whole year has passed since the last Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, and it is

always a great time to visit with family and friends. I hope to see many of you in Shawnee. This year's dates are June 28 through June 30. The Honored Families for 2019 will be the Johnson, Lafromboise, LaReau, LeClaire, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld and Young families. It is also important that you cast your vote in every Tribal election. So, if you requested an absentee ballot, please remember to return it. Even though the legislative seat for District 7 is not up for election until 2022, your vote is still important in approving the annual budget. Make sure your family across our Nation votes as well.

If you have never attended a Family Reunion Festival, or if it has just been a while, you should plan on attending. Especially if you are among the Honored Families. It will be a trip you will never forget and will bring you much closer to your Tribal family and heritage. It will also give you the chance to see our history in living color at our Cultural Heritage Center and meet relatives from all over our Nation.

Many craft classes are taught at the CHC during the festival, and you can take a tour of the eagle aviary also. Games and sports are also held throughout the gathering. If you are an

artist, you can also enter the Tribal art competition, with the winners announced at the General Council meeting Saturday of Festival.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Family Reunion Festival; my number is listed below if you would like to meet and talk while you are there.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor and privilege 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 may be available to you.

*Migwetch*  
(Thank you),

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## District 8 – Dave Carney



*Bozho nikan*  
(Hello friend),

Potawatomi word for dog — *nemosh*.

One of my favorite things in life is owning and enjoying my dogs. It seems I've always owned two dogs my adult life. When one passed away, another puppy or rescue dog was adopted quickly to keep the surviving dog (and me) company. They truly seem to become part of the family.

When invited to Native ceremonies, I learned that dogs

are generally not welcomed in sacred areas such as prayer circles. I decided to look into the unique relationship between Native Americans and our canine friends.

Prior to the introduction of horses to North America by the Spanish, Native Americans used dogs for transportation to pull carts and carry heavy items long distances. Native peoples valued the dogs' traits of loyalty, skill in hunting and protective nature. Anthropological digs have unearthed signs of dogs living with Indians for thousands of years.

Did man decide to make dogs his best friend, or did the dog adopt man? Explained in the book, *Dog People: Native Dog Stories* by Joseph Bruchac (Fulcrum Publishing, 1995), the dog offered to be man's companion.

"A spirit had assembled all of earth's creatures. His task was to find the right animal to become a companion to human beings, who had not yet been created. He asked the animals how they would treat people. Some said

they would tear human beings apart; others said they would live near people to steal their food.

The dog said his only wish was to live with people, share their food, help them hunt, guard their children and possessions, even at risk to his own life."

A traditional explanation of the relationship between man and dog can be found in *The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway* by Edward Benton-Banai (1998). This story is key to the Potawatomi naming tradition and is paraphrased here:

*Gichi Manidoo* (sometimes called the Great Spirit) put *Nishnabe* (Original Man) down on the earth to name all the plants and animals. *Nishnabe* noticed all the animals came in twos, yet he was all alone. So, *Gichi Manidoo* listened and sent the wolf to be a companion to *Nishnabe* as he traveled around with the wolf keeping him company, naming and learning about all the plants and animals. *Nishnabe* and the wolf would be like brothers and visit all the places

on the earth. They also realized that they were like brothers as well to all the other plants and animals and depended on them.

When they finally finished their task of visiting all the places, they talked to *Gichi Manidoo* again, and *Gichi Manidoo* told them both that from that day on, they must go their separate ways, but that whatever would happen to one would also happen to the other. So, *Nishnabe* and *Ma'ingan* (wolf) obeyed and set off in their different directions.

And although *Nishnabe* and *Ma'ingan* have their separate worlds now, how similar their fates have been. Both have lost lands, both have been mistreated, misunderstood and hunted. But on the other hand, both have survived, mating for life and raising their families. Our dogs come from the wolf, and dogs today are friends to us like the wolf was to *Nishnabe*, but since *Gichi Manidoo* separated the courses of man and wolf, they are not supposed to be around ceremony, unless it is one specifically for the dog.

If you are dog lover like me, you might come by it naturally.

As always, it is my pleasure to represent you. Please feel free to contact me at [dcarney@potawatomi.org](mailto:dcarney@potawatomi.org).

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## District 10 – David Barrett



*Bozho*  
(Hello),

Being one of the members of the Color Guard of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization, we were invited to bring in the

colors at the 40th National Indian and Native Employment and Training and Public Law 102-477 9 NINAETC/477 Conference in Durant, Oklahoma, in April of this year. For those of you that don't know, CPN's own Margaret Zientek is the co-chair (Public Law 102-477 Tribal Work Group) for 2019 and was re-elected for the upcoming year also. Margaret Zientek, *Wabdepkwe* (White Head Woman), and Carol Clay-Levi, both of the CPN 477 Program, have belonged to this organization for 22 years.

The committee celebrated 40 years of excellent training to Native American communities as well as the success of Native American workforce professionals that have



*Dewegan Kwek sends nearly 40 drums as gifts to the workers facilitating the NINAETC.*



*The CPN women's drum group Dewegan Kwek performs at the National Indian and Native Employment and Training Conference in 2019.*

positively impacted Indian Country and its peoples.

Margaret (who is from the Weldfelt/Whitehead family line) stated, "It was with great pride that we can come together in the partnership with our federal partners and professionals in Indian Country. The workshops and training sessions directly address issues impacting our Native communities. Their best practices, program designs and deliverable services has proven their successful outcomes."

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act provides life-changing opportunities to Native participants in order to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation, wrote in his

welcome letter to the event's participants that, "Thirty-two years ago, I participated in the then-named JPTA Program. It opened doors and allowed me to work my way up within the Choctaw Nation."

As a member of our Nation, I also want to acknowledge a success story for Brandi Collins, who was nominated by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for the P.L. 102-477 Outstanding Participant Award during the conference. With our Tribe's support, she has turned her life around, and she is very grateful.

Along this same line of thought, the question was asked, "How many of the participants started out or were involved in the workforce programs?" A show of hands appeared to be 30 to 50

percent started in the workforce and later became frontline directors or tribal councilors, or took on leadership positions.

On the third day of the conference, CPN Vice-Chairman Linda Capps welcomed the conference's participants. Our own *Dewegan Kwek* women's drum group preformed the night before by singing and drumming along with other cultural activities. Also, they drummed in the color guard on Wednesday when we posted the colors.

This year's attendance being over 650 people, they had an increase of 20 percent more workshops than in past years. Our lady drummers made 37 drums, then painted and gifted them to the workers who put together the conference.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you and our great Nation.

*Migwetch*  
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## District 11 – Lisa Kraft



*Bozho*  
(Hello),

My son, Conrad, is driving with a learner's permit thanks to Tribal member Scott Ogee (pictured with my son, Conrad). Mr. Ogee has owned Driver Education Center Inc. of Guthrie,

Oklahoma, for 22 years. I am so thankful when I come across our Tribal members. I enjoy hearing about their families and careers. For me, having a Citizen Potawatomi teach my son how to drive on the open roads is a unique blessing — one generation passing knowledge on to another.

While Conrad grew up driving a truck around the farm, driving in public is proving to be a whole other experience. I have worn the carpet thin on the passenger's side where I wish there was a brake pedal. By grace, we have made it safely home from school on the interstate, icy roads, severe thunderstorms and fog. Conrad will pass through this rite of passage in just a few months and get his regular driver's license. I am so excited for him and the

new freedom he will have just getting in his car and going.

It's bittersweet though. I have enjoyed taking him back and forth to school all these years and picking his friends up from wrestling and football practices. We have talked about every subject imaginable, and I have gotten to know his friends and their peer issues quite well.

I have to say that young people have a very different set of concerns than what I remember having at that age. We place a lot on their young minds to do things more efficiently than we did or to think more strategically to get ahead sooner in life. One thing I do know is that we all transition our way through life in our own unique ways. Being compassionate and mindful of others is something



*Conrad and Scott Ogee.*

that should be rewarded with kind words and actions.

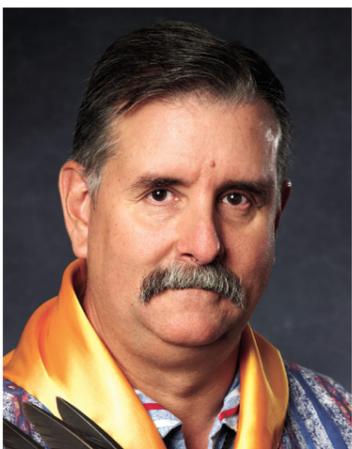
In that vein, I thank Mr. Ogee for teaching Conrad how to drive. I also give thanks to my late father, Patrick Eugene

O'Connor, for also being part of this educational experience. My car was one of the last ones my dad bought before he passed away. Conrad is learning to drive sitting in the same seat, using the same gas pedal and steering wheel, looking out of the same windshield and listening to the same 92.5 FM KOMA radio station that his Grand Patty did. Yes, I am thankful for all the joys in my life as they almost always involve Potawatomi.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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## District 12 – Paul Schmidlkofer



*How nikan*  
(Hello friend),

Summer is here and Festival is right behind it. Hopefully many of you are going to be able to come back for Festival again this year or perhaps for the first time. Either way, I look forward to seeing you. I always spend as much time as I can on the grounds visiting with Tribal members and family. There are several I always look for each year. I want all of you to know to feel free to stop me if you see me.

This year should be good for me as I am a descendant of one of this year's honored families.

My grandmother Nellie was a Tescier/Greemore, and the Tescier family is being honored this year. I encourage all my Tescier relatives to come out and dance in our honor family song. It is a good excuse to start on your dance regalia, and it is quite a sight to see the families in the ring. I also welcome all my other cousins and friends to join us.

I am hoping for comfortable weather but will be prepared for a normal Oklahoma summer day, too. There is always ice cold bottled water nearby. I

joke often about the traditional Potawatomi bratwurst, but I do look forward to a couple of them each year. I encourage you to try one, or for even a less healthy option, the smoked bologna sandwich. You won't need many of them to fill you up.

In closing, know that I appreciate the trust you have placed in me, and I take it seriously. I am honored to serve each of you and respect the trust you have given me. I am of the age I remember well how little we had in the

past, and I remember well how we got to where we are.

*Migwetch*  
(Thank you),

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## District 13 – Bobbi Bowden



Bozho nikan  
(Hello friend),

Here we are with another school year behind us, and our Family Reunion Festival is right around the corner. This is

also the time of year to apply for scholarships for summer classes. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on June 15, 2019. You can apply for a scholarship through the education portal at [portal.potawatomi.org](http://portal.potawatomi.org). The CPN Education Department has counselors available to help students through this process. You can also reach the education department at [cpn.news/college](http://cpn.news/college) or 405-275-3121.

Scholarships are also available if you would like to pursue a technical degree or certification. The CPN Workforce Development & Social Services administers vocational scholarships. For more information, call 405-878-3854.

I would also like to remind or let Tribal citizens know about a benefit that is available to all enrolled CPN members! Being in the real estate industry, this time of year is extremely busy. Many families choose this time to purchase a new home once school is out for summer break, so they can get their families settled before the new school year begins. The CPN Housing Department has a “One Time Grant” available to enrolled Tribal members who are purchasing, building or refinancing a home. This grant is used for closing costs or down payment. The Nation’s bank, First National Bank & Trust Co., is also ready to help you with all of your mortgage needs! Please contact Sherry Byers

at 405-273-2833 or [sbyers@potawatomi.org](mailto:sbyers@potawatomi.org) with any questions! This is a wonderful benefit to our members. Please spread the word with your CPN family members!

Keep watching the website, [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org), and the *Hownikan* for information on registering for the Festival and upcoming elections. With three legislative positions up for election in Oklahoma this year, your vote is extremely important! Please be sure and mail your absentee ballot back as quickly as possible, or plan to vote in person on June 29 before 2 p.m. Your vote counts!

Our Tribal employees are working hard on preparations

to make this year’s Festival better than the last. My deepest heartfelt thanks goes out to each employee for your hard work each and every day. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and enjoying some much-needed family and reflection time during Festival this year!

Thank you for the honor of serving as one of your Oklahoma legislative representatives.

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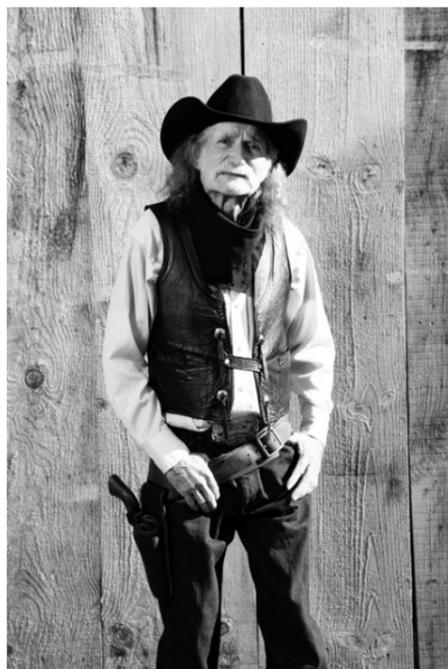
## Casey Leon Baldrige



Casey Leon Baldrige, 44-year-old resident of Mounds, Oklahoma, passed away March 18, 2019, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was born Dec. 5, 1974, to Gary and Sue (Wilbourn) Baldrige in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She worked as a certified nurse assistance and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include son, Cody Baldrige of Mounds; daughters, Brittany Morgan of Midwest City and Trittany Baldrige of Beggs; three brothers, Gary Baldrige of Henryetta, Bobby Baldrige of Henryetta and Dutch Baldrige of Mounds; two sisters, Mary Lacquement of Hoffman and Wanda Baldrige of Broken Arrow; and one granddaughter.

## Bobby Dean Hardin



Bobby Dean Hardin of White City, Oregon, passed away on April 7, 2019. Bobby was born on Jan. 15, 1938, in the town of Concho, Oklahoma. He is the son of the late Francis Coon. He graduated school in Oklahoma. Bobby was an entrepreneur and businessman. A few of the business adventures he went on were for B&H Harley Davison Motorcycle. B&H was a new and used motorcycle salvage shop. Another was Hardin's Portable Sawmill. Bobby would saw lumber both at home and on job sites. Hardin's Portable Sawmill was operable for over 10 years. Lastly, his favorite was Hardin's Archery. While he owned and operated the archery shop, he sold, outfitted and even competed in multiple archery tournaments. Bobby was a world-class archer and specialized in instinctive-style shooting. In recent, Bobby found a love for singing karaoke and following Jesus Christ. He attended three separate churches in the local area and was involved in various church activities.

In his younger days, Bobby had a love for music, which included the saxophone and electric guitar. He was an avid bowhunter, fisherman, gardener and woodworker. He was also an avid

horseback rider and participated in multiple equine sports such as barrel racing and cow penning. Bobby was a big family man. He had recently spent time writing songs with Jesus. He enjoyed spending time with his kids, grandkids and wife Darlene.

He was preceded in death by his mother Francis and his daughter Karen. He is survived by his loving wife, Darlene, of 26 years; daughter Cheryl, son Mitchel, daughter Missy, daughter Nikki, daughter Tena, Mariah, who he raised as his own; and a plethora of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, three of which — Katie, Madison and Brittany — whom he was proud of to have served our country. The funeral service and burial were held Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Perl Funeral Home in Medford, Oregon. A celebratory gathering of his life was held at Eagle Point Grange Hall in Eagle Point, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to defray funeral expenses.

## Audrey Rice



Funeral services for Audrey Ellen Johnson Rice, 74, of Clinton were held at the Kiesau Memorial Chapel.

She died Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in her home.

Rice was born Nov. 26, 1944, to George and Lucy (Tinney) Johnson in Thomas. She was raised on a farm southwest of Putnam and graduated from Putnam Schools in 1962.

On Dec. 24, 1963, she married George Hulett. She later married Carl Rice on Feb. 11, 1990.

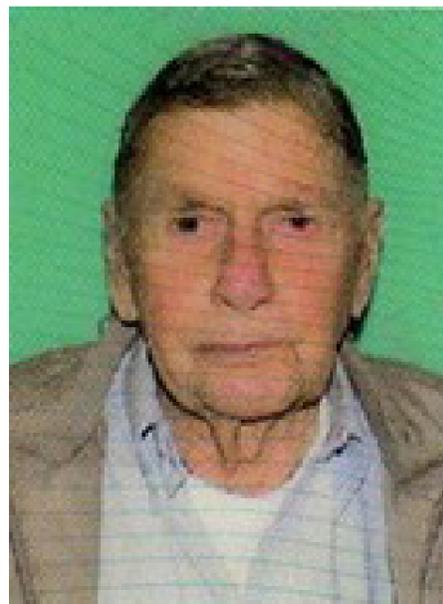
Rice worked at the Clinton Veterans Center for 30 years and at Bar-S Foods for 19 years.

She loved raising chickens, gardening and doing word search puzzles. She was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Rice was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Virgil Johnson and Delbert Johnson; and one sister, Dorothy Roush.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, John Hulett and wife Sue and Charles Hulett and wife Susan, all of Clinton; one daughter, Mary Holland and husband Mark of Clinton; her brother, Kenneth Johnson of Clinton; her sister, Helen Heddlesten and husband Everett of Marlow; a sister-in-law, Cora Johnson of Sand Springs; eight grandchildren, Robert Hulett, Elizabeth Hulett, Sarah Hulett, Charles Hulett, Andrew Hulett, Taylor Hulett, Amber Hulett Uribe and Jason Hulett; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

## Joseph (Joe) Edgar Brown



Joseph (Joe) Edgar Brown, 88, resident of Deming, New Mexico, passed away March 26, 2019, at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces.

A memorial service was held March 30, 2019, at Baca's Funeral Chapel. Cremation was entrusted to Baca's Mimbres Crematory.

"Joe," as he was affectionately known, was born Jan. 6, 1931, to Ethel Lorie Holloway and Oran Lynne Brown in Louisville, Kansas. Joe served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy and locally owned JEB Construction for many years. He loved hunting and enjoyed his yearly trips to Las Vegas with his wife, Bonnie. He was a successful competitive rifle shooter and registered Potawatomi Indian.

Joe is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of the home; son, Bill Brown and wife Rosa of Fairfield, Texas; daughter, Cheryl Rouse and husband Frank of Portland, Oregon; grandchildren, Jennifer Jo Rouse, Christen Baize; one great-grandchild, Taylor Jo Baize; sister, Lynn Mosely and husband Mick of Las Cruces; and his three cats that he called "babies."

Preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Geraldine Crouch and Ruth Cowles.

To sign the online guest book, please visit [bacasfuneralchapels.com](http://bacasfuneralchapels.com), and cards can be mailed to 811 S. Gold Ave., Deming, NM 88030.

## Everett A. Mars



Everett A. Mars of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, was born to A. A. and Bernice Marie (Roy) Mars on Dec. 16, 1942, in Blanchard, Oklahoma, and he went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 16, 2019, at his home in Pauls Valley at the age of 76 years.

Everett grew up and attended school in Blanchard and Pauls Valley. He worked as a consultant engineer for Dowell for over 20 years and worked at Pauls Valley Public Schools for more than 15 years. On Jan. 19, 1963, Everett married the love of his life, Sharon Musgrove, in Mena, Arkansas. Everett was a hard worker and dedicated family man. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting and taking Cole for rides in Ol' Blue and on the tractor.

Mr. Mars is survived by his wife, Sharon Mars of the home; son, Chris Everett Mars and wife Misty of Pauls Valley; daughter, Angie Campbell and husband Bub of Pauls Valley; sister, Lea Donaldson and husband Bob of Edmond, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren: Dylan Mars, Alic Long, Clarissa Mars, Adam Lambert, Macie Mars, Adyson Mars, Craig Campbell and Cole Campbell and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mars was preceded in death by his parents A. A. and Bernice Mars.

## Don Lewis



Don Lewis, 89, of Douglass, Kansas, passed away April 17, 2019, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Don was born on a farm near Silverdale, Kansas, to Lester and Myrtle Lewis. He graduated high school in Arkansas City, and then attended Cowley County Community College. He then transferred to Pittsburg State University where he received two master's degrees.

Don proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1953. He was a combat veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. He was united in marriage to Jean James on May 26, 1958, in Arkansas City. He taught in Geuda Springs, Kansas, before beginning his career at Andover High School, where he taught industrial arts for over 37 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Don was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

He is survived by sons Galen (Mary) Lewis of Omaha, Nebraska, and Burke (Renee) Lewis of Newton; daughter, Luana Lewis of El Dorado; grandsons, Colter Lewis and Tyler Crow both of Omaha, Nebraska; his brother, Jim (Shirley) Lewis of Springfield, Missouri; sisters-in-law, Bobbie (Kent) Moore of Cunningham and Ruth Guy of Topeka; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 23, 2019, at Miles Funeral Service. Interment and military committal honors followed at Memorial Lawn Cemetery. The family held a visitation at the funeral home as well.

Memorials have been established in Don's name for the Douglass Senior Center and the Douglass Public Library. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

## Reba Faye Shewmaker



Reba Faye Shewmaker, 92, of Paragould, Arkansas, passed away on, May 1, 2019. She was born on her father's birthday, Sept. 16, 1926, to John and Grace Nadeau. Reba was of Potawatomi descent. She met Eddie Shewmaker while attending Harding Academy. She went on to attend Harding College. Reba Faye married Eddie on July 7, 1946. Together, they built an exemplary life and had five children. Reba Faye and Eddie completed each other, and their relationship was a blessing to those who knew them. She lived a purposeful, joyous life, opening her home and heart to others without hesitation. Everywhere she went, people responded to her warm and generous spirit. Reba Faye and Eddie lived in New Jersey for 60 years. They moved to Eddie's hometown of Paragould and have attended Center Hill Church of Christ for the past nine years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Hazel Miser, Marie Tipton, Bernice Phillely, Nora Woodfin and Virginia Narcomey; and brothers, Jack Nadeau and Ted Nadeau.

Survivors include her husband of 72 years, Eddie Shewmaker; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Doris Shewmaker; daughters and sons-in-law, Cyndi Rhodes (pre-deceased), Ann and Tom Turnbull, Jane Neu, Mary and Erick Bachman; brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Dottie Nadeau; stepbrother, Mason French; grandchildren, Nathan, Aaron, Marisa, Daniel, Laura, Avery, Adrienne, Rachel, Jacob (pre-deceased), Cassidy and Dustin; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on May 4, at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral service was held May 5, in the Center Hill Chapel of Phillips Funeral Home with Michael Meredith officiating, followed by a burial at Croft Cemetery.

Lasting memorials may be made to Crowley's Ridge Academy, Crowley's Ridge College or the Children's Homes of Paragould.

## Ted D. Nadeau



On April 19, 2019, Ted D. Nadeau, loving husband and father of four children, went to be with the Lord at the age of 96. He was born in Rosedale, Oklahoma, to John Joseph Nadeau and Grace Inez Caugher on Feb. 14, 1923. Ted was one of 10 children. All the children were very proud of their Potawatomi heritage.

Ted loved his big family, having older brothers and sisters. He liked helping with the farm work, walking in the woods, fishing, gardening and repairing anything broken. He enjoyed whatever his hands could find to do. He loved his hobbies, but as he grew, there was one thing that mattered more to him than all his hobbies combined. That was reading and teaching the Word of God.

While Ted was at Chilocco Indian School near the Kansas and Oklahoma border, he joined the National Guard, which in 1941, became the 45th Infantry Division of the 3rd Army of the U.S. in preparation for the invasion of Sicily.

At the end of World War II, Ted went to Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas. Not only did he find the Lord at Harding, he also found a wife, Betty Harper. Ted and Betty were married in 1949 and had four children: John Mark, Janet, Karin, and Linda.

Ted graduated from Harding College in 1950, preached in Nebraska and then left for Germany as a missionary in 1951. He was a gospel preacher most of his life. Toward the end, he had his big smile, his Bible and God close by his side.

Ted was preceded in death by five sisters and two brothers.

Ted is survived by his sister, Reba, and brother, Ray. Also surviving are his wife, Betty Jean; four children; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

## Nancy Josephine Brown



Nancy (Fairchild) Brown passed away on April 28, 2019. She was born March

12, 1944, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the ninth child and sixth daughter of William Ward Fairchild and Evelyn Marjorie (Neddeau) Fairchild. She was a granddaughter of Gilbert Neddeau and Amanda Toupin. Her great-grandparents were Amable Toupin and Mary (Mack) McWinnery.

Nancy was baptized on April 2, 1944, in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma. She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Marjorie Ann Herrod, Mary Louise Fairchild, Roy William Fairchild, Teresa Elizabeth Kavanaugh and Amanda Lee Ober.

Nancy graduated from St. Benedict's High School in Shawnee, Oklahoma, in August 1962. She graduated from Mercy School of Nursing in, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. As a Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member, Nancy served as a nurse in area hospitals and in the Oklahoma National Guard and the United States Air Force. She is survived by siblings Donald Gregory Fairchild, Dorothy Jane Barry, Paul Hamilton Fairchild, Albert Joseph Fairchild and George Richard Fairchild.

On Oct. 9, 1976, Captain Nancy Fairchild married George R. Brown and changed her name to Captain Nancy Brown. She left behind many nephews, nieces and cousins, each loved and special to her. She thought of them as her children. Nancy always found the time and much pleasure in adventurous travel to various places with family members. She was fond of and often visited the historic Sacred Heart Mission and the graves of her great-grandparents, Mary (Mack) McWinnery and Amable Toupin.

## A Funeral Prayer



*Hau ndenwémagnek*  
Ho my relatives

*Ébyé yak shote gnom*  
We have come here today

*Éwi nesh myé yak ode wdenwéma*  
To lay our brother to rest

*Ngom she épam sét ode*  
Today he walks

*Ga wje zhyé wat gi gambojek*  
Among those who have passed on

*I yé i ébgednoyak ode ngemwen*  
That is why we offer this song

*Émno shketot wa je zhyat ibe shpemsegok*  
That his journey will go well where he goes above

*Iw énaj moyan*  
That's all I have to say

A Potawatomi prayer for a specific loved one who has walked on.

By Don Perrot

## Submitting obituaries

To submit an obituary, please send a word document with **no more than 300 words**, a 300dpi photo and a contact phone number to

[hownikan@potawatomi.org](mailto:hownikan@potawatomi.org)

## CPN burial assistance through Tribal Rolls

The \$2,000 CPN Burial Assistance Fund is automatically available to all enrolled CPN members. You may fill out a burial assistance fund form if you would like for us to keep it on file in case of any change in resolutions.

**Please note:** Once a CPN tribal member has passed, the Tribal Rolls office must be notified in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

For more information, please call Tribal Rolls at 405-878-5835 or email [cclark@potawatomi.org](mailto:cclark@potawatomi.org).