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Power and control

By Kayla Woody, CPN House of Hope Prevention Specialist

Intimate partner violence, better known as domestic violence, can be defined as a pattern of abusive behavior in an intimate relationship that is used by one partner to intentionally gain or maintain power and control over another partner. Multiple forms of abuse often happen at the same time and can be difficult to identify. Nobody understands the reality of being abused by an intimate partner better than someone who has lived through it.

In 1984 in Duluth, Minnesota, the power and control wheel was developed by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (DAIP). The organization created focus groups with female survivors of domestic violence and discussed many of the behaviors that they were experiencing. With this information, they were able to develop a diagram outlining the most common tactics used by abusive partners. The wheel has since been translated into over 40 languages and is used as a tool to help survivors identify the abuse they have experienced and develop an understanding of the dynamics of abuse.

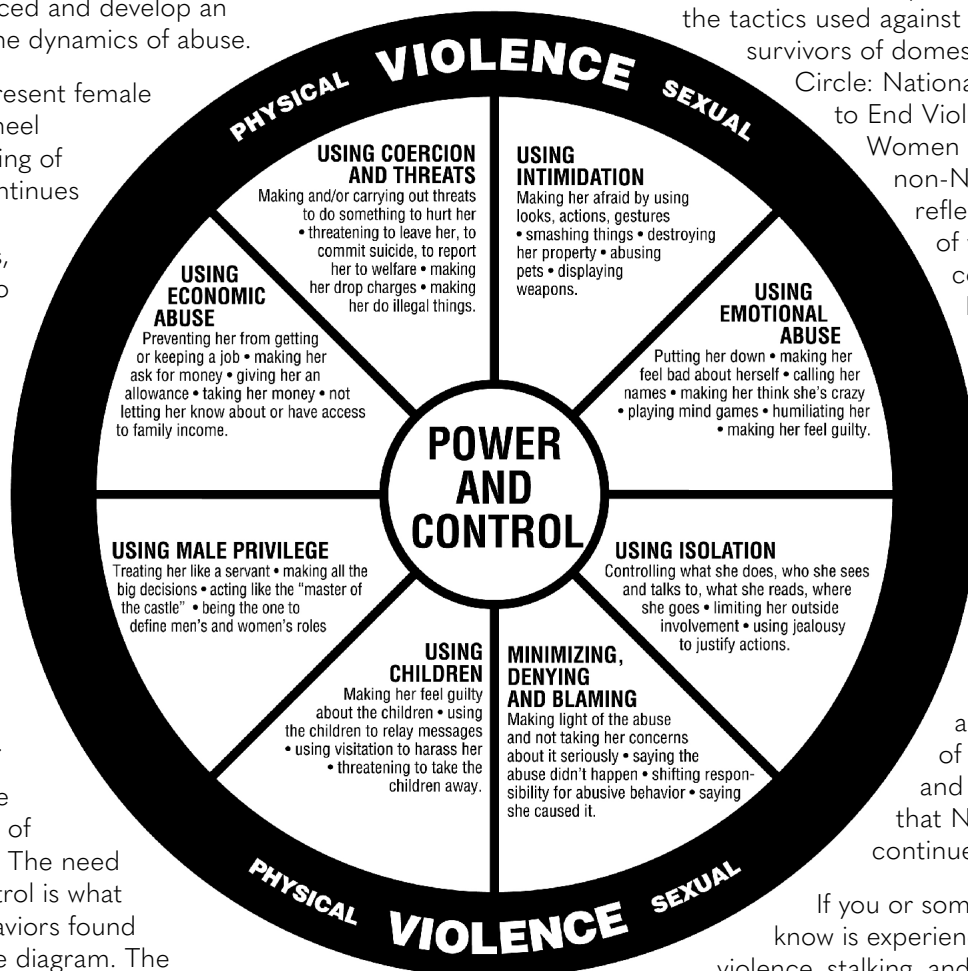
DAIP chose to represent female survivors on the wheel because the battering of women by men continues to be a significant problem and states, "Men commit 86 to 97 percent of all criminal assaults, and women are killed 3.5 times more often than men in domestic homicides." However, abusive behaviors that are detailed in the diagram can happen to people of any gender or sexuality.

At the center of the wheel is the aspect of power and control. The need for power and control is what influences the behaviors found in the middle of the diagram. The inside of the wheel, or the spokes, makes up subtle, continual behaviors over time, while the outer ring represents physical and sexual violence. Abusive actions like those depicted in the outer ring reinforce the regular use of other, more subtle methods found in the inner ring.

A domestic abuser systematically uses threats, intimidation and coercion to instill fear. These tactics are outlined on the spokes of the wheel with examples of specific types of behavior used. The types of abuse featured on the wheel include:

- Using intimidation (making her afraid)
- Using emotional abuse (putting her down)
- Using isolation (limiting outside involvement)
- Minimizing, denying and blaming (saying abuse didn't happen or blaming her)
- Using children (using contact to continue to harass)
- Using male privilege (treating her like a servant)
- Using economic abuse (restricting access to household finances)
- Using coercion and threats (threatening to report her to social services)

The wheel has also been adapted culturally to reflect the tactics used against Native American survivors of domestic violence. Sacred Circle: National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women has revised the non-Native diagram to reflect the root causes of violence in tribal communities. In Native spirituality the circle is sacred. Using a circle to show the unnatural power and control present in domestic violence is a misuse of a sacred symbol. The triangle also includes cultural and ritual abuse and is reflective of colonization and the oppression that Native people continue to endure.



If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault and would like more information, contact CPN House of Hope at 405-275-3176 or visit us online at facebook.com/cpnhouseofhope. 🔥

Talented senior earns state title

With the support of his coaches and his family, Harrah (Oklahoma) High School graduate Kash Maynard has become a standout in multiple sports.

He closed out his high school athletics career by winning a 2024 state powerlifting title. Maynard competed in the 168-pound division for Harrah High School. He lifted that day a total of 1,260 pounds. Maynard was honored by the Harrah Public School Board for his accomplishment.

He also served as cheer captain during the school year.

An emerging sport

Powerlifting is growing in popularity due to its accessibility, inclusion of both women and men and a large social media following. USA Powerlifting reported that their membership has jumped since 2014 from 6,410 to 22,026 members, according to the *Washington Post*.

The sport consists of three lifts: the squat, the bench press and the deadlift.

"You perform these lifts to try to get as high of a weight as you can. You get three attempts per lift," Maynard said.

Competition days can be long, with bus trips, weigh-ins and then waiting for competition time. Maynard can be at a meet for five to eight hours before it concludes.

Within most sports, competitors don't often cheer for each other. It is different in powerlifting, where competitors become friends.

"It's very interesting because you think it'd be (your) teammates, but the teammates don't see each other much, because of the different weight classes," he said. "So, everybody at your rack, even your competitors, will hype you up just because it's a really communal sport. It's awesome to see someone get a new personal record or just move heavy weight."

Maynard originally began lifting weights for fitness, but friends encouraged him to think about powerlifting.

"I said, 'Well, I'll give it a shot.' And then the last two years, I just went for it and competed, and it was awesome, I loved it," he said.

Winning a state title was "pretty awesome. It's a pretty good feeling. All that hard work that I put in, it paid off."

Multiple sports and academics

Maynard has used his athletic abilities in many other sports.

"I was a gymnast all up until high school, but it was very time consuming," he said. "I was talking to my wrestling coach to go back to wrestling. In middle school, he was also the cheer coach, and he



Harrah High School graduate Kash Maynard earned a state powerlifting title this year.

said, 'You should try cheer. I think you'd be really good at that.' So, (he) got me into cheer, and I fell in love with that too. It's an awesome sport."

The cheer team has four competitions a year, which don't conflict with powerlifting. They practice year-round before going to regionals and then state. The team placed third at state this year.

Maynard does not struggle switching sports from one season to the next. In fact, he has noticed powerlifting has given him a performance boost in cheer.

"The more I can (power)lift, the easier I can lift and cheer, right? Granted, that's a little more

athletic because we do flips and stuff, but I don't think it is too hard to switch between," he said.

All his school activities mean Maynard has become an experienced time manager. He has excelled in the classroom, even with advanced coursework.

"Usually if I have schoolwork, I try to get most of it done in school, and then the stuff that I don't get done, I'll do before I go lift," he said.

Future plans

The Tescier family descendant will attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, a public liberal arts college. The school has a 1911 mandate to provide qualified Native Americans with a tuition-free education.

Fort Lewis is near the LaPlata Mountains and is known for its beautiful campus. Maynard is excited to connect with more Native American students.

He plans to study physics and has big goals in mind.

"I'm thinking of going into the field of particle physics. I've always been fascinated with it. My dream job would be to work at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland," Maynard said.

CERN is the European Organization for Nuclear Research. It is an intergovernmental organization that operates the largest particle physics laboratory in the world, according to their website.

Support system

Like many successful student-athletes, Maynard is grateful for the people around him.

"My coaches are always super supportive of me in everything I do. They're always pushing me to do better and coming out to support me," he said. "All (my) coaches have helped push me to be a better person inside and outside the athletic room as well."

"My parents are very supportive. They came out to every meet they could, which was really awesome. And they pay for my gym membership which is huge. Without a gym membership, I wouldn't be able to lift weights," he said.

From excelling in gymnastics at age 6 to his recent achievements, mother Kellie Maynard and Kash's family are confident he will meet any challenge.

"He has always given his best with great achievements in all that he sets his mind to. He gave 100% to varsity cheer, was cheer captain and nominated for Oklahoma All State Cheer team," Kellie said. "He started with powerlifting to help with his strength for cheer, but in true Kash form, worked his way up to Oklahoma State Champion. I'm a proud mother not only for his physical accomplishments but his academic and leadership achievements and goals. Kash is excited to represent CPN at Fort Lewis College and focus on those goals." 🔥



Carson Cotrino

Melot Family
Tomball, TX
University of Texas at San Antonio
Medical School
Doctor of Medicine

Lexi Davis

Bertrand/Bourassa Family
Conway, SC
Coastal Carolina College
BS in Marine Science and Biology

Aron Divall

Anderson Family
Green Forest, AR
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
BS in Exercise Science

Chelsea Mitchell

Tescier Family
Bakersfield, CA
University of California, Santa Cruz
BS in Politics

Coleman Michael Brian Schmidt

Rhodd/Leclaire Family
Wetumpka, AL
Auburn University Montgomery
BS in Applied Economics

Casimir Alexander Szupica

Bourassa Family
Malvern, PA
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
BS in Geological Sciences

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Edmond, OK
University of Oklahoma
BS in Healthcare Business/Marketing

James Faulkner Griffith

Pratt Family
Lantana, TX
University of North Texas
BFA in Studio Art

Grace Nicole Laughton

Laughton Family
Mission, KS
University of Missouri-Kansas City
BA in Theater

Nadeau family history

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Cultural Heritage Center provides resources to keep the Tribe's history safe and accessible for generations to come. One key way the Nation does this is through the CHC's archives and video interviews. To highlight some of the archive's holdings, the *Hownikan* is featuring photographs and family history of every founding Citizen Potawatomi family. If interested in assisting preservation efforts by providing copies of Citizen Potawatomi family photographs, documents and more, and to schedule family interviews, please contact the CHC at 405-878-5830.

Roots in Michigan

The origins of the Nadeau family began in Michigan with the marriages of two brothers to two sisters. Cyprian and Bozelle Nadeau married the Tetreau sisters, making their children double first cousins.

Cyprian Andrew married Mary M. Tetreau in 1840 in Montreal, Canada. They were the parents of Joseph Andrew, Henry, Pete and Mose.

Bozelle married Aurelia Tetreau on Feb. 11, 1855, in Niles, Michigan. They were the parents of Alfred J., Fannie, Belle, Bill, Andrew, Mary, Alieram (Alice) and Gilbert.

A slight alteration in the spelling of the last name was later made because cousins Joseph Nadeau and Gilbert Neddeau often had their Niles, Michigan, mail delivery mixed up. Both cousins would go on to marry Potawatomi allottees.

Unrest in Indiana, Kansas

As westward expansion increased, railroad companies and the federal government eyed Native land, pushing the Potawatomi and other Indigenous people off



Gilbert A. Neddeau and grandchildren

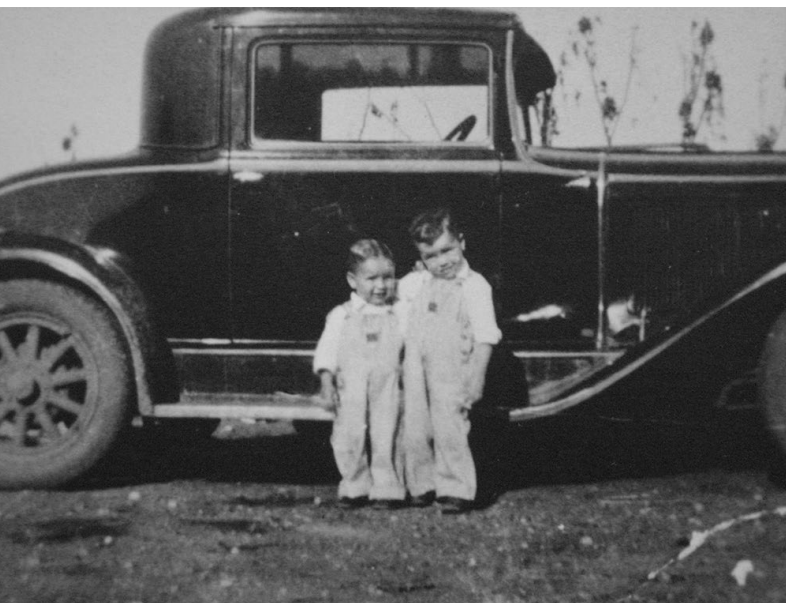
their ancestral lands. Eventually, the Treaty of 1837 forced the Potawatomi in Indiana to give up their lands in exchange for a reservation in Kansas.

They moved to the Osage River reserve in Kansas from 1837 to the early 1840s. The Treaty of 1847 then forced the Potawatomi to move from the Osage River Reserve to a new location north and east of the Kansas River. Members of the Nadeau family were among those in June of 1848 helping to establish a new site for the Catholic Mission of St. Marys.

When Kansas became a state in 1861, squatters and railroad companies again targeted Potawatomi lands. The U.S. government began its final push to remove the Potawatomi from Kansas to Indian Territory. The Treaty of 1867 certified the purchase of allotments and surplus lands in exchange for approximately \$150,000. The Potawatomi used the funds to acquire a reservation in Indian Territory, and the government sold the Kansas allotments to the railroad.

The allotments of 1872 and 1887 marked the beginnings of the modern-day Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Among the Nadeaus in Kansas who were listed on the 1887 Oklahoma allotments were David B. Nadeau and his children, John, Florence and Julia Ann; Peter A. Nadeau and his wife, Madeline, and their children, Eli, Alexis, Rose Ann and Isidore; Alexander P. Nadeau; his sister, Mary Nadeau Ford and her children, Emma, Lula, William, Ida Ford James, Alice Ford Slavin and Benjamin Ford; and Alice Nadeau Barshaw (Bergeron) and her children, Willis, Irvin, Gilbert, Otto, Nora and Robert.

Over the next 20 years, families and individuals gradually made the move from Kansas to central Oklahoma. The



Jessie Joe and Vincent Henry Nadeau

journey itself was dangerous, and families who arrived found nothing but empty prairies. Members of the Nadeau family who arrived in Oklahoma had to clear large acreages by hand and establish infrastructure, homes and farms.

Creating a Home in Indian Territory

Joseph Nadeau married Sarah Catherine Tescier on Jan. 7, 1884, in Sarah's mother's home in Shawnee, Oklahoma. They were the parents of Vincent, Lillian, William, Ray, Joseph and Nila.

Sarah received an 1887 Citizen Potawatomi allotment. Joseph and Sarah cleared the 80-acre allotment for farming and had two oxen they used to pull the wagon, remove stumps and for plowing. Her descendants still own portions of her allotment today and many of them continue to reside in the area.

Family members recall that Joseph, Sarah and other family members would host barn dances. "Grandpa Joe" was also known to sneak off to Maud to play stickball with his Seminole friends.

Joseph died on May 28, 1950, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Sarah died on May 5, 1952, in Shawnee. They were both buried in Resthaven Cemetery in Shawnee.

Gilbert Neddeau came to Wanette, Oklahoma, in 1888. He married Amanda Toupin Martel on May 7, 1899, at Sacred Heart Mission in Oklahoma Territory. Amanda, a Potawatomi allottee, was the widow of Jerome Lewis Martel. She was only three when she and her parents left St. Marys, Kansas, to settle in what was known as the Adel community in Indian Territory. Later, she lived in Wanette.

Amanda and her first husband had four children named William, Ethel, Arthur and Louis Theresa. Together, Gilbert and Amanda had eight children:

Eva Cecilia (Duck), May Arilla, Olive Katherine, Albert Joseph, Evelyn Marjorie (Jet), Gilbert Aloysius (Gib), Leroy Bernard and Robert (Bob) Russell.

In 1906, the family moved south of Shawnee to the present site of Indian Agency. In 1918, they resided at 624 N. Dorothy in Shawnee. Gilbert worked for the Santa Fe Railroad and the family attended St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

The wedding of Gilbert and Amanda's daughter, May, to Elmer (Cap) Fairchild was on Nov. 24, 1927, and was noted in the society column of the *Shawnee News-Star*: "Wedding Miss Neddeau and Mr. Fairchild Today: One of the most interesting events of Thanksgiving day in Shawnee was the wedding of Miss Mae Aurilla Neddeau to Mr. Elmer Eugene Fairchild which took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. James A. (Theresa) Bailey and Mr. Bailey on North Pottenger street at 11 o'clock. Rev. Father Boniface of St. Benedict's Catholic church performing the ceremony."

Gilbert died at home on May 2, 1942, in Shawnee. He was buried May 4, 1942, in Tecumseh Cemetery. Amanda died on Jan. 27, 1964, and was buried in Tecumseh Mission Cemetery with six of her grandsons as pallbearers.

The Nadeau family, from their early years in Michigan, overcame unfathomable challenges in Kansas and Oklahoma. From these foundations, they have built a rich legacy for their descendants and generations yet to come.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

23 The CPN Veterans Organization meets at 6 p.m. at the North Reunion Hall on the CPN Powwow Grounds near Shawnee, Oklahoma. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome.

29 2024 Potawatomi Gathering, hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, will take place in Dowagiac, Michigan.

AUGUST

9 CPN's Annual Fireflight Balloon Fest will take place in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

AUGUST

17 District 8 meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, will be in a park setting with a meal, presentations and prizes.

18 District 8 meeting in Missoula, Montana, will be in a park setting with a meal, presentations and prizes.

OCTOBER

19 District 8 meeting in Portland, Oregon, will be the Annual Fall Feast.

Potawatomi Leadership Program class of 2024

Ten CPN students from throughout the United States were selected to participate in the 2024 Potawatomi Leadership Program. The six-week program brings Tribal members aged 18-20 to the Nation's headquarters near Shawnee, Oklahoma, for an immersive experience studying *Bodéwadmimwen*, meeting with Tribal leadership, attending sessions with different departments and enterprises, exploring their Potawatomi identities, participating in ceremonies and learning traditional crafts. As the next generation of leaders within the Tribe, students also undergo extensive leadership training. Meet the 2024 PLP class:



Hayley Abella
Burnett Family
Tacoma, Washington

Major: Linguistics

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? I've always been curious about my Native heritage. Growing up in Washington state, I resonated closely with the traditions and practices of

Coast Salish tribes. It wasn't until later I discovered I was a part of CPN. PLP is a chance for me to explore a part of my identity I haven't been able to explore before.

What are you looking forward to the most? The language lessons. I've taken a few online classes of Potawatomi, but nothing compares to immersion and speaking face to face.

Hobbies/interests: I really enjoy gardening and cooking. Making food is one of the ways I show my appreciation for others. During the summer you can find me out in my dad's yard caring for our strawberries, or my auntie's garden harvesting sage and sweetgrass while weeding.

Fun fact: I'm a fused glass artist in my spare time. I mainly create commission work and teach classes at my local museum.



Gage Anderson
LaFromboise/Peltier Family
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Major: Anthropology and History, hoping to study tribal law after I graduate

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? I wanted to apply for two reasons. Firstly, I thought the program would be a unique opportunity for cultural

engagement. I want to participate with and know as much as I can about the Potawatomi. I think it is important to know where you come from. This point is especially important to me since CPN has been of great help to myself and my family. Secondly, I have an interest in tribal

law as a career path. I think this program offers a unique opportunity to learn more about how tribal governments operate and the issues these governments face.

What are you looking forward to the most? I am looking forward to learning as much about our people as possible. I am particularly interested in our history, our cultural customs and the inner workings of Tribal government.

Hobbies/interests: My hobbies include hiking, hunting, exploring, writing and collecting. My interests include all things New Mexico, history, anthropology, language and music.

Fun fact: I love collecting. From coins to flags, vintage clothing and belt buckles.



Rylan Bruehl
Wilmette/Pambogo Family
Norman, Oklahoma

Major: Pre-veterinary

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? I chose to apply for PLP because I never really got to experience a lot of my Tribal culture growing up, but my brother did this program and

returned as a counselor for the next two years and really got connected and had an excellent experience.

What are you looking forward to the most? I am not sure! I don't know what to expect so I guess all of it!

Hobbies/interests: I like to play video games, do recreational sports with friends and spend time with my family!

Fun fact: I had my appendix removed a day before senior prom and still went!



Ella Carbrey
Johnson Family
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Major: Psychology

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? To learn more about Potawatomi culture and my family's history.

What are you looking forward to the most? I am most looking

forward to meeting members of the community and learning more about the Tribe's history and culture, as well as how I can help contribute to the future.

Hobbies/interests: I love exploring nature, hiking, reading and running.

Fun fact: I spent the last year dancing with a professional ballet company!



Megan Cavallaro
Anderson Family
Reno, Nevada

Major: Double major in Philosophy and Psychology

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? I've wanted to learn more about the culture of the Tribe, and it will be a great learning experience!

What are you looking forward to the most? Learning everything I can! I want to immerse myself in the program.

Hobbies/interests: I love to read, it is my most ardent hobby! I'll read anything from philosophical texts (I like the classics: Aristotle, Descartes, Kant, etc.) to sci-fi and fantasy. Another is playing games with my brother and spending time outside with all our animals! We have horses, chickens, dogs and a few fish!

Fun fact: I am a twin!



Caroline Gombas
Burnett Family
St. Louis, Missouri

Major: Liberal arts. Doing a mix of environmental science and Indigenous studies

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? I wanted to be able to reconnect with my culture, learn from my elders and become more involved with the Tribe.

What are you looking forward to the most? I am most looking forward to participating in the ceremonies and learning the Tribal traditions.

Hobbies/interests: I love to hike, paint, lay in my hammock at parks and do crafts with my friends.

Fun fact: I was a full-time dog bather for two years.



Andrew Solano
Melot Family
Canton, Georgia

Major: International studies, public policy and law

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? To be part of something and do something this summer while also investing my time in something I really care about.

What are you looking forward to the most? Meeting new people and learning about the governance of the Tribe. Learn about policy making and some issues facing the Tribe.

Hobbies/interests: Hobbies: flying, biking, hanging out with friends, working out, running

and learning. Interests: conflict resolution, policymaking, law, politics, war and debate.

Fun fact: I can fly a plane.



Stefan Hoffman
Burton/Ogee Family
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Major: Aerospace engineering

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? Exploring my heritage that I don't know much about.

What are you looking forward to the most? Meeting new people.

Hobbies/interests:

Skiing, bowling, line dancing.

Fun fact: I am also a German citizen!



Frieda White
Wilmette Family
Tucson, Arizona

Major: Anthropology and American Indian studies

Why did you decide to apply for PLP? I wanted to be a part of the 2024 Potawatomi Leadership Program because I feel that it is very important

for me to connect with my Tribe through learning and growing with other Potawatomi youth such as myself. My goal for attending the PLP is to accumulate knowledge and experiences that will keep me connected with the Tribe for many years to come.

What are you looking forward to the most? There are many things that I am looking forward to while attending the PLP. I am most excited for attending the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center as well as learning traditional songs, stories and arts. Along with all of the learning opportunities, I am very excited about getting the chance to spend time in Shawnee with other PLP participants!

Hobbies/interests: I have always loved creating art in any way I can, I think that painting and drawing are my biggest hobbies. I work at the Arizona State Museum, and I am very interested in museum curation, artifacts, and creating beautiful, storytelling displays.

Fun fact: A fun fact about me is that one of my goals after graduating college is to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania! 🔥

Fireflight Balloon Fest 2024

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BALLOON FEST



The seventh annual FireLake Fireflight Balloon Festival will return to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Festival grounds Aug. 9-10, 2024. The festival offers two days of balloon glows, balloon launches and rides, live music and family friendly entertainment.

What to expect

Admission to the festival and parking are free, as are several live music performances.

Country music artist Cam Allen will headline the 2024 festival. Allen's career took off when he began playing music for friends. One tweet made his sound go viral, and since then, he and his band have been on tour with Dwight Yoakam and have recently released a new EP.

Allen and his band will perform Saturday at 9 p.m. at Raymond Peltier Park near Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Navajo blues artist Levi Platero will kick off the weekend's performances on Friday at 7 p.m. Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Play It Loud artist Adam Aguilar will take the stage on Saturday at 5 p.m., followed by Midnight South, an American country band with shades of rock and roll, pop and old-time music, at 7 p.m.

In addition to live music, festival guests can enjoy food trucks and artisan vendors from across Oklahoma, a 5K fun run, kids' inflatables and carnival rides, and more.

Twenty-five hot air balloons will fill the balloon field for evening glows, and tethered balloon rides will be available on a first come, first served basis, weather permitting. Balloon launches on Friday and Saturday mornings are another way festival guests can enjoy the hot air balloons.

FireLake Fireflight Balloon Fest is held in conjunction with the Outdoor Nation Expo, which offers family friendly hunting and fishing activities, demonstrations and vendors at FireLake Arena.

New in 2024

New in 2024 are the festival's touch-a-truck event, scheduled to take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, as well as a drone show following the balloon glow on Friday night at 9 p.m.

Another improvement to this year's festival comes with the launch of the festival's official mobile application, which offers schedule customization, a GPS map, information about each of the balloons, vendors, and performers, as well as other exclusive content. The app also allows for direct communication with festival guests in the event of any weather delays, schedule changes or emergency situations. Those who download the app also receive certain benefits at FireLake enterprises and can enter a FireLake Sweepstakes for larger prizes.

Learn more and download the free mobile app at firelakeballoonfest.com. ▶





Tribal member to lead First Americans Museum

Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member Dr. Kelli Mosteller has been named the new executive director and chief executive officer of the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dr. Mosteller returns to Oklahoma after serving as the executive director of the Harvard University Native American Program since 2022. Previously, she was the executive director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center for 11 years.

"It's an honor to join the exceptional team at First Americans Museum," Dr. Mosteller said in a statement. "FAM plays a vital role in celebrating and sharing the collective histories of 39 distinctive First American

Nations in Oklahoma today. I look forward to working with staff, the board of directors and community partners to expand FAM's impact as a landmark cultural institution."

Dr. Mosteller is a member of the Ogee and Weld families. Her tenure at FAM will begin Sept. 3.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Mosteller to lead FAM into its next chapter," said Greg Wadley, chair of the FAM board of directors, in a statement.

"Her extensive experience in Indigenous cultural preservation, museum management and community engagement makes her ideally suited to build on FAM's success and further our mission." 🔥



Students line the stage during the 2024 Pre-K graduation ceremony in May.

Child Development Center celebrates Pre-K graduates

Students all over wore caps and gowns to celebrate a new milestone in their lives in May, and among those were the young children graduating from Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Child Development Center.

The CDC celebrated its 2024 Pre-K graduates with a ceremony at the Cultural Heritage Center on May 24.

Pre-K graduate Jasper Earls delivered the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by speeches by CPN Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and CDC Director Donnette Littlehead.

The students also performed songs in the Potawatomi language under the direction of Robert Collins, the

interdepartmental Potawatomi language lead, who worked with the students for two months to teach them the songs. The students previously performed the songs at the Elders Center and also at the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, where they received first place in their category.

Sixteen students walked across the stage, with eight different tribes represented among the graduates: CPN, Cherokee, Choctaw, Kickapoo, Seminole, Sac & Fox, Chickasaw and Delaware.

To learn more about the CDC, visit cpn.news/childdevelopment. 🔥

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FREE SELF DEFENSE CLASS

FRIDAY - AUG. 2ND
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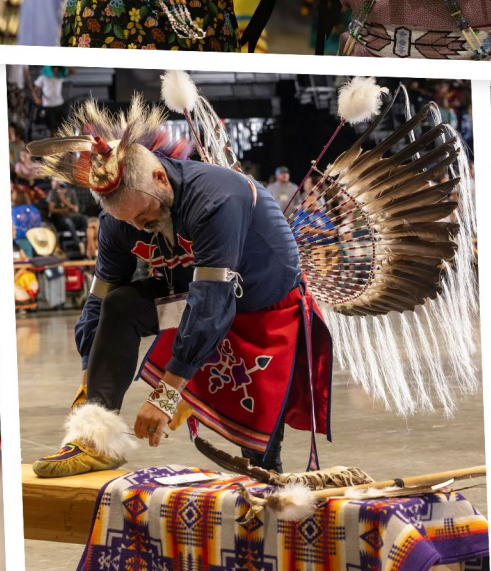
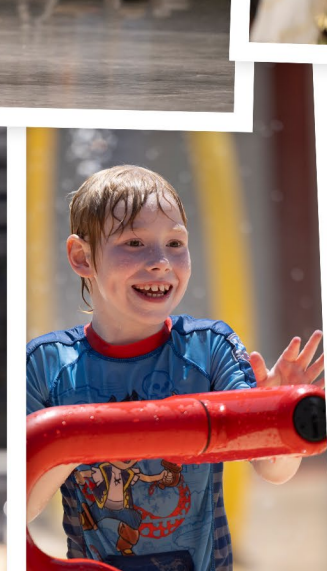
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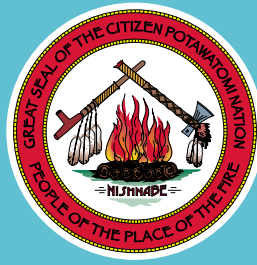
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SELFIE BOOTH, RAFFLES,
GUEST SPEAKER, AND MORE!!!**





20 FAMILY 24 REUNION FESTIVAL





CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOLARSHIPS



FALL 2022

1,244 full-time
\$2,488,000
 292 part-time
\$219,000
 1,536 total
\$2,707,000

SPRING 2023

1,165 full-time
\$2,330,000
 263 part-time
\$197,250
 1,428 total
\$2,527,250

SUMMER 2023

238 full-time
\$476,000
 307 part-time
\$230,250
 545 total
\$706,250

TOTAL

2,647 full-time
\$5,294,000
 862 part-time
\$646,500
 3,509 total
\$5,940,500

TOP 10

UNIVERSITIES

University of Oklahoma	76
Oklahoma State University	63
University of Central Oklahoma	47
Rose State College	45
Oklahoma City Community College	42
Kansas State University	32
University of Kansas	31
Oklahoma State University - OKC	29
Seminole State College	26
Tulsa Community College	23

STATES

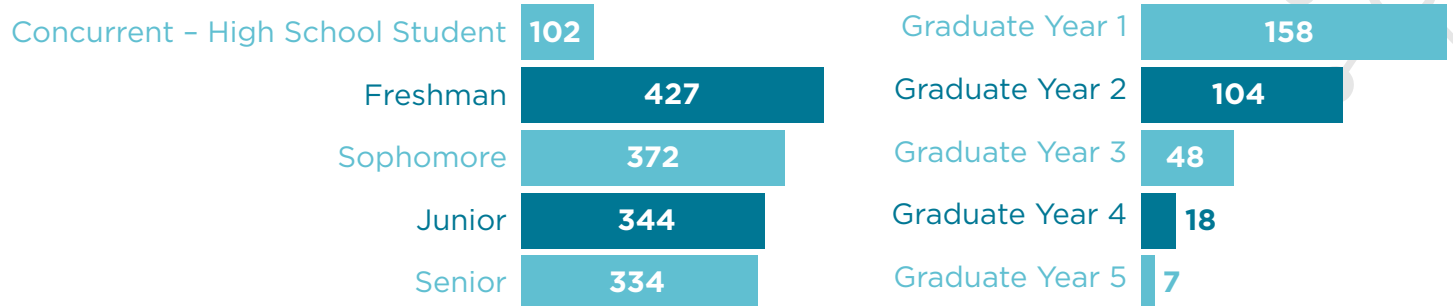
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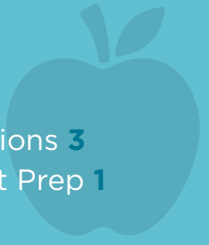


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SERVICE TYPES

Scholarship Tech Assistance **23** | Other **19** | Outside Scholarship Research **9** | College Options **3**
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73 TOTAL SESSIONS



VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\$63,689 | **38** WSS clients awarded scholarships

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Beauty Cosmetology/Esthetician

Trades CDL Certification

Medical Medical Assistant/C.N.A./Radiography/Pharmacy Tech/Massage Therapy

Vocational scholarships are administered by CPN Workforce and Social Services



INTERNSHIPS

FALL 2022

3 Interns

SPRING 2023

2 Interns

SUMMER 2023

16 Interns

TOTAL

21 Interns



OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

4 virtual talking circles with **45** participants | **6** Potawatomi Leadership Program participants

14 Mdamen participants | **13** Tribal consultations with school districts

9 students attended “Coming into the Circle”

45 students honored at 2023 Graduation Celebration

579 students attended Wzhitawen College Fair 2023



STOLES

102 Sold | **\$5,250** benefitted miscellaneous education requests



\$131,915 IN RECOVERED FUNDS





CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION COLUMBARIUM
NICHE APPLICATION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED UPON THE DEATH OF TRIBAL MEMBER OR LOVED ONE

Name _____ Date _____
(Last, First, Middle)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please check preferred phone number.

Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Niche Information

A niche is a space in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Columbarium (CPN Columbarium) to inurn cremated remains. Please include the name(s) of those to be inurned. At least one must be an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Designee #1 is the name for the remains that will be inurned first.

Name of Designee #1 _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____ **CPN Tribal Member?** Yes No

Veteran? Yes No Branch _____ Dates of Service _____

Name of Designee #2 _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____ **CPN Tribal Member?** Yes No

Veteran? Yes No Branch _____ Dates of Service _____

Terms and Conditions

The Application Form is not intended to reserve a spot for future use. Upon the death of a Tribal member or loved one, the application is to be filled out and submitted to **Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Rolls, 1601 Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801** or **scleveland@potawatomi.org**. CPN Tribal Rolls will provide confirmation of the enrolled Tribal member. Once the confirmation process is completed, a copy of the application will be provided to CPN Public Information Department for engraving purposes. If the cremated remains of the person that will be inurned first is a non-CPN Tribal member, the enrolled CPN member's name and information must be included. Signing this application in no way places financial responsibility on CPN to pay for the cremation of the listed tribal member(s) or pay for the transportation of cremated remains.

Niche Assignment

The niche location will be assigned as the cremated remains are received. There are 400 niches in the CPN Columbarium. Each niche is designed for two urns. The CPN Columbarium has been financed through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The proper sized urns have been purchased by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. There may be a charge for inurnment when future columbariums are built as the need arises.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

In the space below, please provide an additional contact in case the applicant cannot be reached in a timely manner if or when needed.

Name _____
(Last, First, Middle)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Relationship _____

Please check preferred phone number.

Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____

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CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

24/7 CRISIS HOTLINE 405-878-HOPE
VISIT US ONLINE AT CPNHOUSEOFHOPE.COM

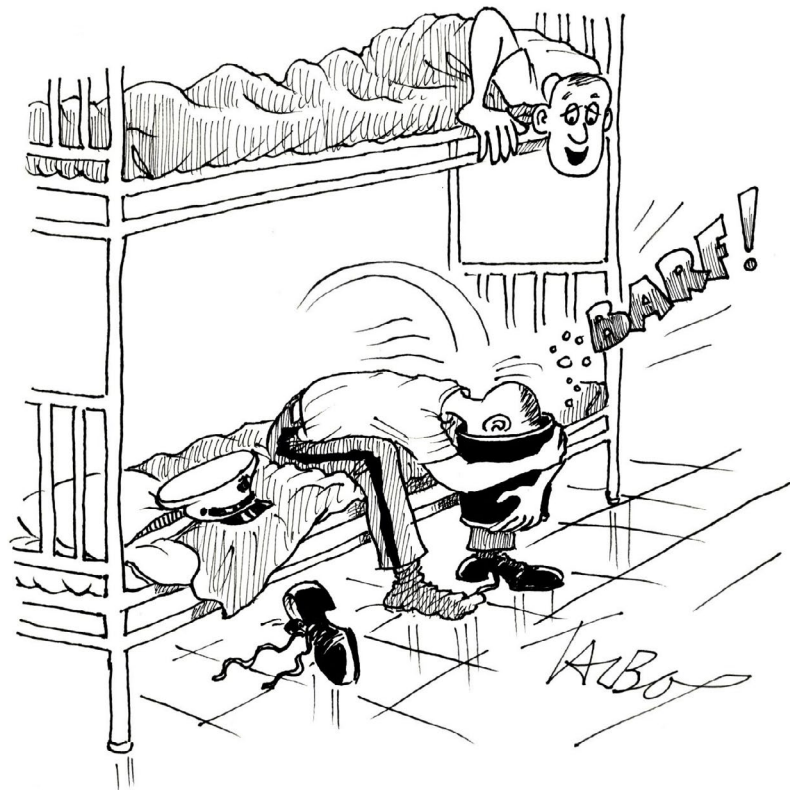
Veterans Report

Bozho (Hello),

Well, another year is half over. I'm still thinking about Christmas. It was a good one, but other things are happening. Some are very scary. My subject for this report is falling. Many of us veterans *fall* into that category. Me included. I could remember telling people, "If I knew I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself." I have had a triple bypass, two back surgeries and other afflictions too numerous to list. I am constantly falling, tripping and bumping into things resulting in bruises and cuts all over. It hurts to sit, to stand and walk. It has been an eye-opener for me and my family. And they call this the "Golden Years!" Where did the name come from? I did some research and found out. Back in 1959 there was a retirement living facility company where senior citizens could enjoy a life of leisure in their "Golden Years."

There are several things you can do to address this problem. Look into getting a HISA grant (Home Improvement Structural Alterations). The VA is available to help with that. The prosthetics department can help you with getting a grant packet for your home improvement and a contractor ready to transform a hazardous living space into a safer environment — non-slip flooring, strategically located grab bars, etc. Us "Golden Years" veterans can't be too careful. Watch your step...please! *Migwetch* (Thank you)!

Remember our monthly meeting of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization is the fourth Tuesday of each month, July 23 (unless otherwise notified due to weather or conflicting events) at 6 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the CPN Powwow



WELL, I CAN TELL YOU HAD A GOOD EVENING BY YOUR INVOLUNTARY PROTEIN SPILL!

Grounds. All CPN veterans and spouses and their families are welcome. Membership in the veterans organization is not required; come and visit us and enjoy our socializing. For more information, you can contact Daryl Talbot.

Daryl Talbot, Commander
daryl.talbot75@outlook.com
 405-275-1054 🔥

ELECTION RESULTS

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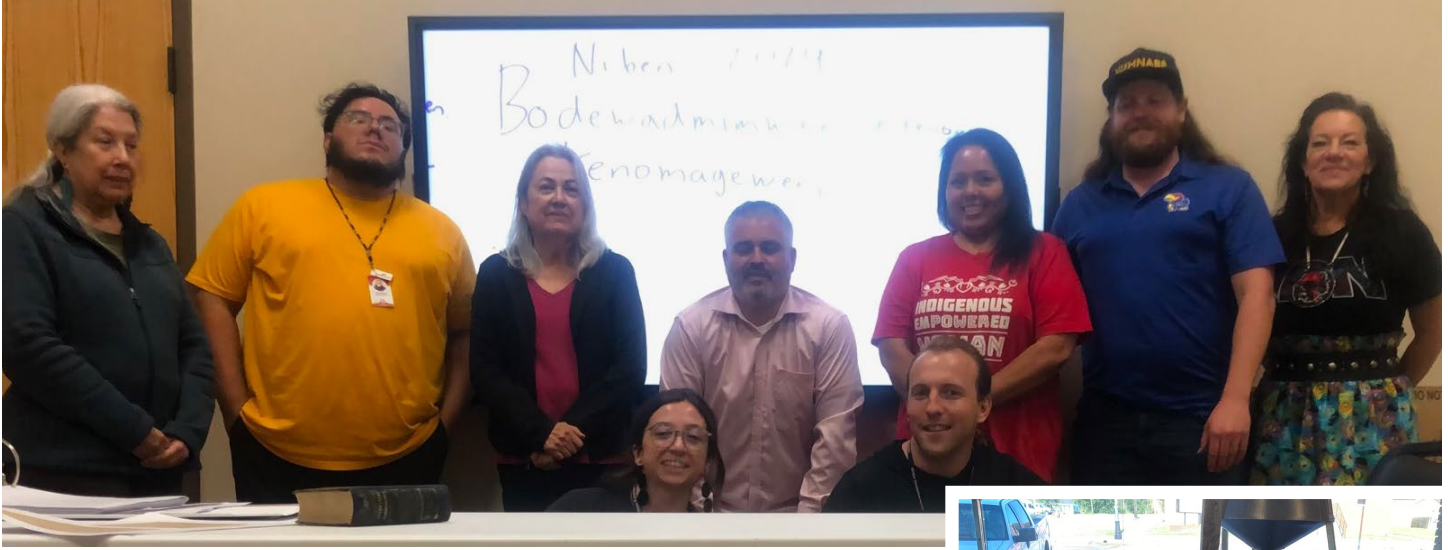


DISTRICT 9



DISTRICT 12





Language update

By Justin Neely, CPN Language Department Director

Bozho Jayek, (Hello everyone),

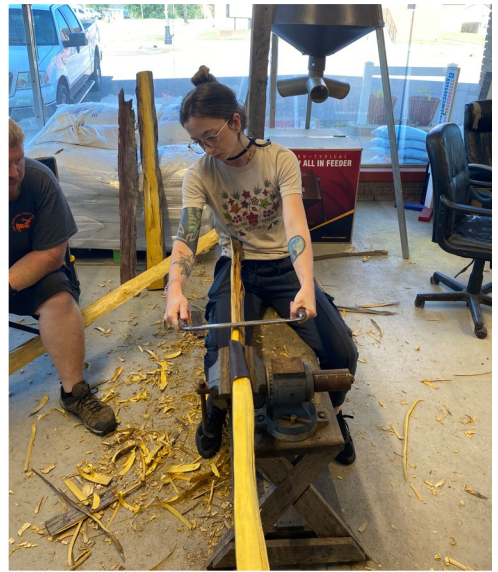
It has been a busy summer with the language department. We are into our fifth week of our master apprentice summer immersion camp. We had two individuals, Kay Mattena and Marilyn Annanders, who were funded to be with us from the Endangered Language Fund Grant from Yale University, and then Work Force and Education helped us to fund an additional person. We also had three people audit the course and join us who were not paid interns, as well as the language staff who participated. The participants have shown impressive growth in both their understanding and ability to communicate in the language. We spend eight weeks, or 320 hours, working with these individuals, and at the end of the three-year grant, they will have close to 1,000 hours of working in the language and with the language. We also do a number of cultural activities with the participants, such as loom beading, moccasin making, dice and bowl making/learning the game and bow making. We just got finished working with Tribal member Russell Yott, who makes bows and learned the ins and outs of constructing a bow using both more traditional tools, like a draw knife, and more modern tools to speed up the process.

We are excited to be adding our Potawatomi high school course to two more districts this upcoming year: North Rock Creek and Epic Charter schools. We currently have the ability to offer the language to any school district in Oklahoma for world language credit.

By the time this article arrives, we will have just wrapped up Festival and will be ready for the Potawatomi Language Conference and Gathering in Dowagiac, Michigan. If you are interested in working on the language this summer, check out our introduction course at learning.potawatomi.org. Here you will find an introduction course and a middle school course we have developed. Also check out our online dictionary at potawatomidictionary.com. Also, go to potawatomi.org and click on language; there you will find a link to our two

YouTube channels — one more geared to adult learners and the other geared to children. There are hundreds of videos on each site. We have been working on *Winnie the Pooh* in

Potawatomi. The book is in public domain now, so we are able to translate it and make it available in Potawatomi and English. We are currently wrapping up the sixth chapter of the 10-chapter book. We are making them into chapter-by-chapter videos with some animation thrown in.



- Gshatemget** — It is hot (Guh shot dam git)
- Niben** — It is summer. (nee bin)
- Mno gishget** — It is a good day. (Mino geesh get)
- Gi mno gishget** — It was a good day. (Gee mino geesh get)
- Wi mno gishget** — It is going to be a good day. (wee mino geesh get)
- Ni je ga zhechkeyen nago?** — What did you do yesterday? (Nee juh gah zhich kay yin nahgo)
- Nago ngi-gwedemojge.** — I went fishing yesterday. (Nah go nuh gee gwesh duh moch gay)
- Mtegwab ngi-wzheton.** — I made a bow. (Mtugwahb nuh gee wzuh tone)
- Mtegwabek** — Hickory Tree (literally, bow tree, which we historically made bows out of up north) (Mtug wabuk)
- Migwetch (Thank you) 🔥

From the executives



John "Rocky" Barrett Tribal Chairman

Bozho nikan, (Hello, my friend),

We've had another great Family Reunion Festival, with new and familiar faces filling the CPN grounds throughout the weekend in spite of a 100-plus heat index. It's always a pleasure to see our Tribal members coming together to celebrate our history and traditions.

This year, after several heat-related illnesses, we made the decision to hold Grand Entry in the FireLake Arena. With temperatures so high, we can't risk the health of our elders, so the event carried on in the air conditioning. It was a huge success. Thank you all for being there, and for all who contributed to making it happen.

General Council took place Saturday afternoon, and we once again honored John Anderson, 97, as our Wisest Citizen Potawatomi. Also honored were some of our youngest Tribal members, Oliver Neely and Freidrich "Fritz" Schulte, both 5 months old. The farthest traveled at Festival was Jacob Morrell, who ventured all the way from Hawaii to attend his first Family Reunion Festival.

The Tribal elections saw the approval of the budget, with 1,373 voting in favor and only 68 opposed. We also swore in the winning legislators; District 9's Paul Wesselhöft was reelected and District 12's Paul Schmidlkofer ran unopposed. Congratulations to the legislators for their successful campaigns this year.



There is an election trend I would like to see improve in the coming years. With about 39,000 Tribal members, less than 2,000 cast their votes in this year's election. Our Tribe has gone from an old trailer and \$500 in the bank in the 1970s to more than \$509 million in assets in 2023, with enterprises such as Sovereign Bank and Sovereign Pipe Technologies. However, none of that happened overnight or without effort or without threats to our Tribal Sovereignty. Through the years, we've faced lawsuits that threaten all we've built. It is vital to our Nation

that our citizens do their part by voting and by selecting good people to run for office. Get out and vote and encourage your family members and friends to do the same.

Thank you to everyone who came to Festival this year and to everyone who helped make it a success. Thank you, also, for choosing me to serve as your Tribal Chairman. It has been a great honor to serve you, and I hope to continue to do so for many years to come.

Migwetch (Thank you),

John "Rocky" Barrett | Geweoge (He Leads Them Home) | Tribal Chairman



Linda Capps Vice-Chairman

Bozho (Hello),

As CPN Tribal members and employees were preparing for the Family Reunion Festival before the weekend of June 28-30, a few of us were also preparing for ceremonies for the inurnment of crematory remains of loved ones at the new CPN Columbarium. The columbarium, located just west of our Mission Church, is a new addition to the CPN grounds this year. There were inurnment ceremonies for Lyman Eugene Boursaw, Jr., Richard Vincent Johnson and Martha Jane Johnson, Maida Lewis Stofferahn, Elvin Ray Brock, Sheila Marie Kelly, Dorothy Kathryn Welch and Willard Wilbur Welch. The total is eight for Festival 2024 and my guess is there will be many more inurnments by Festival 2025. I think of it as a peaceful and private occasion, a time for family to congregate for a grieving purpose,

but also a time to celebrate their loved one's life.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Lewis family in celebration of Maida Stofferahn's life. There were 29 attendees at that ceremony. Many of the family members had not seen each other for several years. I thought it was a beautiful celebration. Maida had experienced a long illness, and her caregiver was there to visit with family. It was a very touching event. A few others beside family attended to help make decisions about their own plans whenever they face the end of time.



It is important for you to know that Trey DeLonais, CPN Tribal member and devoted employee of CPN Public Information Department, is key to the columbarium inurnment process. Kent Bush, the director of the department, has graciously allowed Trey, his senior graphic artist, to be instrumental in the Tribe's initiative to maintain the columbarium. Trey is the engraver of any urns that are used from our supply, and he also engraves the niches. His work is meticulous. Not only does he do an outstanding job with the engraving work, but he also has a mesmerizing personality that captures the heart of all who meet him. Although he was rushed with his duties for the Festival weekend, he treated each person involved with the columbarium like their project was his sole job for the day.



Trey is, indeed, magnificent like several hundred of CPN's other employees. We as a Nation can be very proud of our employees' diligence during the hot and humid weekend of the Festival. It takes a lot of energy to be out in the heat for a whole day. This is especially true when the evening does not give much relief in temperature. The blessing this year was that we held the powwow in the arena. Once again, thanks goes out to both our employees and our Tribal members who helped make the shift to the arena possible. We are fortunate to be surrounded with people that care.

Next year for our annual Festival, we will be greeted by a

new casino, a new hotel and the grandest softball fields in the state of Oklahoma. CPN will be a showplace for all to see. Perhaps we might even get to powwow inside the arena next year. Who knows what gems the Festival will reveal? Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice-Chairman all these years.

Migwetch (Thank you),

Linda Capps | Segenakwe (Black Bird Woman) | Vice-Chairman
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From the legislature



Eva Marie Carney District 2

Bozho, nikanek (Hello, friends),

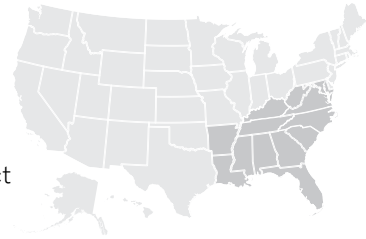
June 8 beading class report

We gathered in early June to learn brick stitch beading from District 2 resident Sierra Waterman-Wells/*Senajewen*. Sierra shared the following information about herself to include with this column: She is from Kansas, spent time in Massachusetts for work, and moved to Maryland (District 2) in 2019. She and her husband moved to Frederick, Maryland, in 2022. That is when she began to consider the Mid-Atlantic her home. She also shared:

"I am a descendant of the Bertrand family. When I was a teen, I was given my Potawatomi name *Senajewen* by District 4 Representative Boursaw."

"During the pandemic I began beading again, for the first time since childhood. After making some digital art and beaded pieces for friends and family, I was encouraged to begin my own business. Since starting the business "*Senajewen*," I've enjoyed hosting and vending at artisan markets, teaching classes, and telling the stories of our people."

Sierra and I first met in person this March when she collaborated with Washington, D.C.-based Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, which hosted a Native American Art Market. It was a joy to learn from Sierra and to introduce a Potawatomi artisan living in our area to everyone who attended. You can find out more about *Senajewen*, and view her pieces, at cpn.news/senajewen. I have scheduled our District 2 Fall Feast in Arlington, Virginia, for Saturday, Nov. 9; happily, most of the folks who came to the beadwork are planning to attend the Fall Feast and keep the community feeling going! Other morning highlights included sharing class



*District 2 Beading Class participants (instructor *Senajewen* middle back row) - Elise Cohen not shown*



Class participants Elise Cohen, Jessica Clark, Bob Richey and Karen Richey

time with our daughter Elise, visiting from Massachusetts, and listening to Karen and Bob Richey/*Shawano* and Kathleen Korzeniewski planning out aspects of the bandolier bag craft that will be shared at the Feast. It's great to have so much talent and so much support among us!

Please know that all are welcome to attend District 2 meetings if you can make the trip.

Washington Post investigation into the hidden legacy of Indian boarding schools in the United States

You can create a free account to access an important investigative piece released at the end of May 2024 documenting firsthand hand accounts (interviews with more than two dozen Indian boarding school survivors who were sexually and physically abused as children) and other evidence "reveal[ing] the brutality and sexual abuse

inflicted upon children who were taken from their families under a systematic effort by the federal government to destroy Native American culture, assimilate children into White society and seized tribal lands." It is a heavy but important read.

The Post's investigation focused on church-run schools, which was outside the scope of past government inquiries into the boarding schools and the U.S. Department of the Interior's recent scrutiny into the history of the schools operated or supported by the Department, overviewed in its Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report (cpn.news/biareport). The conclusions are harrowing; the critical need to keep the spotlight trained on these issues so that we "know what happened to our grandmothers, our parents, our family members," is stated clearly by a key advocate quoted in the piece, Deborah Parker, chief executive of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. "We've been lied to. We want to know the truth. We need to begin to heal," she said.

Accompanying the investigative piece is a nine-slide summary of U.S. policies to "civilize" Native children, which I highly recommend you read as well.

Migwetch (Thank you),

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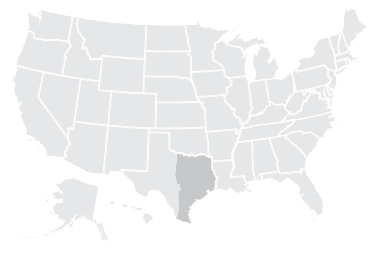
Bob Whistler District 3

Bozho ginwa (Hello everyone),

Corpus Christi

On Saturday, May 18, a District 3 meeting was held in Corpus Christi. In the meeting, a presentation was made on various new things happening in our Nation. Similar to the Tyler, Texas, meeting, a wooden loom craft was introduced and all in attendance, including the children, participated. The size of the items created allows them to be used as a pad for a cup or glass. The photo shows three of the pads created.

As is our usual practice, we recognize the eldest, youngest and who traveled the furthest to attend the meeting. The eldest was Arron Benick, and he was presented with a saddle blanket. Ironically, his birthday, adding another year, was the next day, May 19. So, we were able to offer him a happy birthday. The youngest was Winn Twardowski, and he was given a blanket also. Vickie Bryan drove the furthest and she was presented with a CPN travel coffee cup. The photo shows the three of them with myself.



Bob Whistler (center) with Arron Benick, Winn Twardowski and Vickie Bryan.



17.7 percent cost reduction

Over the years I have served as a legislator, I have seen a couple of times where either an investment cost or expense was handled by the executive branch at a lower cost than expected. When we voted to build our pipe factory there was a federal program where around \$1 million for the construction was saved. At our May legislative meeting we passed a resolution for a second use of the same type of federal program, which resulted in a savings in our cost of approximately 17.7% for the new hotel on Hardesty. The executive branch will now file paperwork with the federal government, where they will give CPN a tax revenue credit for \$4 million on our \$22.5 million dollar cost to build the new hotel.

Many of you may be familiar with the programs used by city and state governments to entice companies to come to their area

Finished loom crafts from the May 18 District 3 meeting.

by offering a reduced and/or no property tax program for several years. It usually amounts to many millions of dollars in savings. Well, the program that the executive committee found is the same thing but offered by the federal government. Since the land on Hardesty is in trust, it qualified for the federal program.

In looking at many past year's monetary growth by CPN, it has been these types of decisions that for years allowed us to grow by 20 percent or more.

Language class

In May I was in Shawnee twice. Each time I was able to visit the Cultural Heritage Center. On the first trip it was on the second day of the new, eight-week language class just created by our language group. In the third week I was available to sit in on Thursday for about two hours with the class. The class was really moving along and I could see that the students were getting a great grasp of our language.

There were about 11 students in the class. I spoke with our language director, Justin Neely, and he indicated that for future classes, he felt class size would need to be limited to around 15 to 17 students. You may want to keep your eyes open for the next one. For those attending from out of town, they would be responsible for their own housing and food.

As always, I am honored to serve as your representative and voice. I am just an email or call away.

Nagech (Later),

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Jon Boursaw District 4 2024 Memorial Day Ceremony

For the past several years I have attended the Memorial Day ceremonies and the playing of Taps Across America at the Combat Air Museum in Topeka, only this year was different. A few days prior to the event I was informed that

I would be the military veteran who would be the recipient of the United States of America flag and given the opportunity to offer a few comments about the flag. I felt honored to be that veteran. Coming up with appropriate comments that were meaningful for all veterans was not easy, but I'm pleased to share them with you:

OUR FLAG

This message is for my fellow veterans.

Although I have just been given the flag of the United States of America, it is not my flag, it is our flag.

Our flag was with us when we first enlisted or were commissioned.

Our flag has been out in front in countless Pass in Review Ceremonies and Parades.

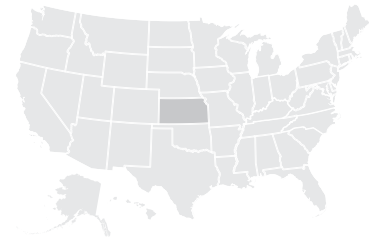
Our flag was flying over that remote installation at a location we couldn't find in the International Atlas.

Our flag was with our families when we couldn't be with them.

And finally we found our flag draped over the casket of our best friend and fellow veteran, who had Walked On.

My Involvement with the Combat Air Museum

I have been involved with the Combat Air Museum for over 12 years. I first served as a volunteer working in the gift shop and now I am a member of the Board of Directors. The museum is located on what had been Forbes Air Force Base located just south of Topeka. The museum opened in the late 1970s. The museum has 46 aircraft representing military aviation history from the First World War to the present time. The earlier aircraft are represented by replicas while the aircraft of the Second World War to the present are the actual aircraft. The museum is open seven days a week. One of museum's biggest attractions is a computerized flight simulator, complete with a live instructor. Time on the simulator is included in the regular admission price.



Several programs go on throughout the year. These include Young Aviators education classes in the summer, Girls in Aviation, co-sponsored by the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education, in the fall, and Scout Aviation Merit Badge classes.

I often tell people that I'm part of the museum's history because although I was never an actual crew member, I have flown in four of the aircraft found in the museum. My first flight in any aircraft was in a C-47 Skytrain when I was an AFROTC freshman at Washburn University. Later, while I was stationed at a Canadian air base, I had the opportunity to have six flights in our USAF T-33, Shooting Star, the first jet trainer. Also, while in Canada I had one flight in a RCAF C-45, the Twin Beech. Finally, while assigned to the HQs U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, I had approximately 90 flights on the UH-1 Iroquois, more commonly known as the Huey. However, each flight was only about eight minutes in length.

Upcoming CPN Elders' Potlucks

Dates for the Elder Potlucks held in Rossville at noon are:

No potluck in July

August 9 Beef Brisket RSVP by the 6th

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Please RVSP to Tracy at 785-584-6171.

Contact Information

If you are not receiving emails from me, it is because I do not have your current email address or what I have is incorrect. All you need to do is email your email address.

Megwetch (Thank you),

Jon Boursaw | Wetase Mkoh (Brave Bear) | jon.boursaw@potawatomi.org | 785-608-1982
2007 SW Gage Blvd. | Topeka, KS 66604 | Office Hours: Tuesday 9-11 a.m. | Thursdays 3-5 p.m. | Other times as requested



Gene Lambert District 5

Bozho (Hello),

As long as life goes on, we are constantly learning by choice or life experiences.

Writing these articles every month has taken me places I would have never thought of going. It does heighten the awareness of the world around us once we learn its significance.

I can only hope you find the chosen subject matter as interesting as I do. On occasion, I have encouraged you to Google something only because you cannot effectively cover some subjects with a 600-word article.

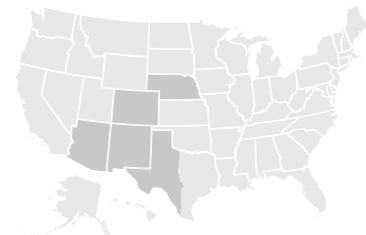
Given where we are with the fourth of July there

are so many places one could direct oneself.

I have chosen the Star or the "Star Blanket," discovering the significance to which I was unaware of its depth. If you are out there quilting, you would probably have even more valuable knowledge than those I am citing.

Google defines it as, "It is used to honor, protect, and celebrate the individual. Receiving a star blanket brings good dreams, prosperity, and protection. The star does not only represent the Morning Star but it's also known as the Creator's Eye, therefore when the Creator is with you, covering you, you are forever safe."

Each of the individual diamonds that makes up the star design represents a piece of knowledge that the child will learn throughout its lifetime. The eight points of the star provide balance, with two points in each direction (north, south, east, and west) symbolizing our grandmothers and grandfathers, and day/night.



Star quilt (Provided photo)



Star Blanket (provided photo)

The Star Blanket represents the basic use for daily survival along with the honor of a gift with such special significance.

This sounds a great deal like the acknowledgement of the four directions as we remember in every ceremony. Of course it would be representative of the blanket.

Wow! Do we want to know more about this?

Chairman Barrett often talks about the importance of a blanket to the Native American culture. As he says, "It was used as a saddle, cradle for a baby, a bundle with which to gather and of course as a pillow or blanket for your sleeping comfort."

The Star Blanket represents the basic use for daily survival along with the honor of a gift with such special significance.

You might see this blanket pattern honoring a graduation, on the top of sweat lodges, birth of child or the loss of someone who has walked on.

Wikipedia says, "Anthropologists (such as Bea Medicine) have documented important social and cultural connections between quilting and earlier important pre-reservation crafting traditions, such as women's quill-working societies and other crafts that were difficult to sustain after hunting and off-reservation travel was restricted by the US government. Star quilts have also become a source of income for many Native-American women, while retaining spiritual and cultural importance to their makers."

The Star Blanket has been around since the 1800s. There are many names for the quilt. Some call it the Variable Star, the Eastern Star or the Western Star. It would depend on the geographical location.

While the stars in the blanket are not of the same significance as the flag, it has always been uplifting imagery. You can see the constellations found in history, respect the stars and what they represent on the flag, blanket, or a student's homework, it is always considered excellence.

So, in the meantime, keep reaching for the stars and continue until it is your time to walk back up the Milky Way to the North Star.

Your legislator,

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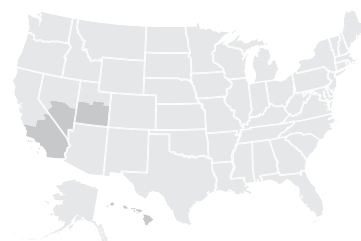


Rande K. Payne District 6

Bozho Nikanek (Hello friends),

What a great time I had at the Temecula gathering on June 1. It was nice to meet some Tribal members for the first time. I've had the opportunity to get to know several Tribal members and their families over the years, and it was great to see them again.

After the invocation, we watched a presentation spotlighting progress on our newest enterprises. Aerial photos gave a bird's eye view of how well construction is coming along on the new hotel and casino. They also provided a good reference point for where they are situated in relation to the rest of the Tribal grounds along Hardesty Road. CPN Tribal Legislation recently approved a resolution allowing for \$4 million in New Market Tax Credits to be used in reducing the out-of-pocket cost of construction of the hotel. This was great news!



An overview of Sovereign Pipe Technologies operations explained how it began, how it is performing today, and the future forecast. A video presented by CEO and General Manager Ronnie Wear provided a more in-depth look at SPT's scope of operations. I appreciate District 3 Representative Robert Whistler sharing the video. SPT manufactures high density polyethylene pipe at its facility in Iron Horse Industrial Park. Their finished product is shipped to customers throughout the United States.

We also learned about Sovereign Bank. It is the largest Native American owned community bank in the U.S. It serves customers via multiple locations, including a loan production office in Midwest City, Oklahoma. CPN recently purchased

the 18-story building where the loan production office operates. A picture of the building showed just how beautiful it is. It is a distinct landmark in the Oklahoma City skyline.

As Vice-Chairman Linda Capps wrote in her May *Hownikan* column, the columbarium is complete. Aerial photographs gave everyone a look at the completed project and where it is situated on Tribal grounds. The columbarium has 400 niches. Each niche can hold two urns. Anyone considering having cremains inurned at the columbarium can contact Tribal Rolls for more information.



District 6 meeting in Temecula, California

My perspective of the book, *The Seven Generations and The Seven Grandfather Teachings*, was given. Author James Vukelich *Kaagegaabaw* beautifully lays out the significance of these teachings in *Anishinaabé* culture. It was a fun and interactive discussion and learning experience.



Rande Payne with Mary Jenkins, Berlin Lawrenz, and Amber Vasquez and her children.

As is tradition, our wisest Tribal member in attendance, Mary Jenkins, was honored with a beautiful Pendleton blanket. Mary is a Francour descendant and resides in Temecula. The future of our Tribe is acknowledged by honoring our youngest Tribal member in attendance. Berlin Lawrenz is a Beltran descendant. Berlin resides in Upland with her sister and parents Chris and Lillian Lawrenz. Our farthest traveled Tribal members were Amber Vasquez and her three children. They are Kennedy descendants, and they reside in Visalia.

I was pleased the meeting was well attended. I was more impressed with how engaged everyone was. Thanks to all who came and demonstrated how much you love your Tribe! My heart was overflowing as our time together came to a close.

I would like to thank everyone at Tribal headquarters who assisted with everything I needed to put the event together. There's not enough space to name everyone but you know who you are. My sisters Sharon and Karen are my traveling companions and help with whatever needs

to be done. I love them dearly and greatly appreciate their support. To the Tribal members who came early and helped set up, thank you! Thanks Chris Lawrenz for volunteering to pick up the food!

Wisdom from the Word: "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." - Hebrews 10: 24-25

Jagenagenan (All our relations)...

I am grateful for the privilege to serve as your representative.

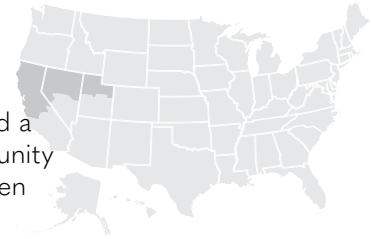
Migwetch! Nagetch (Thank you! Later),

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Mark Johnson District 7

Bozho nikanek (Hello friends),



With the recent wave of high school graduations, I have received a couple of questions concerning the Native American Opportunity Plan offered through the University of California (UC) system. Citizen Potawatomi Nation students in California graduating from high school and considering enrolling or who are currently enrolled in the University of California system, can apply for and take advantage of this program that ensures that in-state systemwide tuition and student services fees are fully covered for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. Currently these students make up about 0.5% of enrolled students in the University of California system. This plan applies to undergraduate and graduate students. Students with greater financial need can qualify for even more grant support to help pay other educational expenses (like books, housing, transportation, etc.). Campus fees and professional degree supplemental tuition are not part of the Native American Opportunity Plan. This program, unfortunately, does not extend into the California State University (CSU) system.

To be eligible for the Native American Opportunity Plan, students must meet all the following criteria:

1. Must be a current or newly admitted University of California undergraduate, graduate or professional school student.
2. Must be a California resident for tuition purposes.
3. Must be an enrolled member in a federally recognized Native American, American Indian and/or Alaska Native tribe.
4. Must be enrolled in a qualifying UC degree program.
5. Undergraduates must apply for financial aid by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if eligible for federal aid, or California Dream Act application.

The goal of the UC Native American Opportunity Plan is to make college more affordable and accessible for California’s Native American students. This plan will ensure that in-state systemwide tuition and student services fees are fully covered for California residents who are members of federally recognized Native American, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. The plan applies to new and continuing undergraduate, graduate and professional school students in state-funded degree programs who don’t already qualify for financial aid that covers their tuition. Students may contact the UC financial aid office, graduate division or Native resource center on their selected campus for additional information.

Schools in the University of California system include UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz.

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

Migwetch (Thank you),

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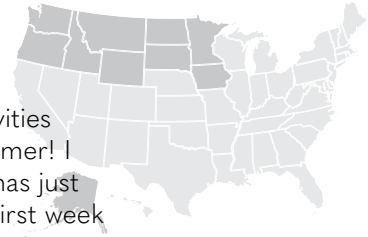
Dave Carney District 8

Bozho nikan, (Hello friend),

As you are reading this, I hope everyone is enjoying summer activities and great weather. There is nothing quite like a Northwest summer! I hope we get some of that amazing weather soon because so far, it has just been a teaser day here or there. As I write the July column (in the first week of June) I am drying out from a soggy camping trip to the beach. Having lived in the area for the last 25 years, this was not completely unexpected. Locals call it "blue tarp camping."

On May 21, I was able to spend the day with my sibling and fellow CPN Legislator, Eva Marie Carney (District 2), for an all-day

road trip to Pendleton, Oregon. The Wildhorse Foundation, a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), hosted their annual recipients at Wildhorse Resort and Casino.



Dave Carney and Eva Marie Carney attend a Wildhorse Foundation ceremony.

CPN District 8 Meetings

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
NOON TO 3PM**

Landings Park, large picnic shelter
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
NOON TO 3PM**

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Missoula, Montana

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Art contest | prizes | presentations & speakers
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(please include number of people attending)

Attending the awards ceremony and seeing the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla reservation was worth the 11-hour round trip drive from Olympia, Washington. In addition to being fed an amazing surf and turf lunch and hearing from foundation board members and award recipients, we toured their heritage center/museum, had a look at their hotel and casino and fueled up at the tribal gas station. It was fortunate that we sat with two of the foundation board members, John Turner, who is not only vice chairman of the foundation but the current mayor of Pendleton, and John Shafer, an Umatilla County commissioner. We learned about the area, and they learned about The Kwek Society.

In just a few weeks I'll be attending the CPN Family Festival in Oklahoma and hope to see many of you there. In August I will be visiting with many of you in Idaho and Montana — really looking forward to that!

I am pleased to say that I have had some new contact from citizens in Minnesota and the Dakotas recently. Please consider e-mailing me if you are in my district and I don't have a way of contacting you.

It is my honor to represent District 8,

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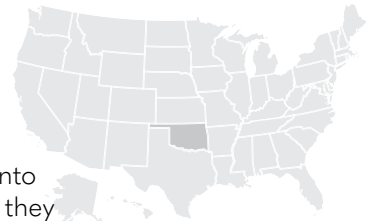
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Paul Wesselhöft District 9

Bozho, nikan (Hello, friend),



The New Heavens

In earlier centuries, I can imagine my Potawatomi relatives peering into the dark night sky and wondering what are all these lights? How did they get there? What is their purpose? As they gazed, mystified, upon the sun, moon and stars scattered as far as they could see, their thoughts were not unlike our own.

Early Native Americans were a spiritual people, and like us they had their own metaphysical questions. No, their concepts of religious reality were different from ours, but we have the advantage of time, experience and advanced education. It's a historical fact that many Potawatomis converted to Catholicism and were taught by priests. Even the priests were not knowledgeable of many astronomical facts.

These are some of the empirical scientific facts that our Potawatomi ancestors were not knowledgeable of: That dark night sky causing them to wonder holds billions, perhaps trillions, of stars, planets and moons. They did not know that there are billions, perhaps trillions, of galaxies and even more planets.

They did not know that new stars and galaxies were being created in their time as well as ours. They were not aware that these galaxies are expanding, being pushed outwards by a dark energy force that overcomes gravity, and this expansion is occurring at an accelerated speed; and these galaxies are destined to the furthestmost region of the cosmos.

Our Native American ancestors did not know that if you reverse, or rewind, this expansion of galaxies, it logically brings all galaxies and matter back to one point in size and time, which is the beginning of the universe. That the universe had a beginning is acknowledged by virtually all scientists. Some scientists call this first spark the Big Bang. Other scientists and theologians call it the Creation. To be fair to our ancestors, this knowledge of a beginning of the universe was not known until late in the 20th century.

Our Potawatomi ancestors had questions, as do we. They asked why there are so many lights in the night sky. What is their purpose? We ask what the purpose is of trillions of galaxies and even more coming into existence? What is the purpose for these galaxies expanding at a higher speed than in the past? Will this expansion continue? Will it speed up or slow down? What is this dark energy force that overcomes gravity and is pushing these galaxies outward?

And, of course, there are many more planets than galaxies. Could some of these planets exist with the highly fine-tuned perfect conditions for life and creatures and even some kind of advanced human-like life? Are we alone in the universe? If not alone, what do our astronomical neighbors look like? Are they more intelligent than we? Will we ever communicate with them? These are our questions and, like our Potawatomi ancestors, answers and speculations can be as dark and cloudy as the midnight sky.

Migwetch (Thank you),

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Walking On

Ozetta (Jenks) Stringer Bourbonnais Family



Ozetta (Jenks) Stringer was born Dec. 7, 1935, in Concho, Oklahoma, to Carl and Arabelle (Rogers) Jenks and passed from this life on May 24, 2024. She was 88.

After raising her sons to junior high age, Ozetta prepared for a career with Sunoco at the Tulsa refinery. She had a 21-year career filling various administrative roles and finished as a time office assistant, where she personally handed out paychecks to the refinery hourly employees, so everyone there knew "Ozetta."

She was a loving mother and wife, a Christian who carried those beliefs to her children. She was extremely proud of her heritage as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a descendant of the Bourbonnais Anderson family. She was a member of the Tecumseh High School Class of 1953 and felt deeply for her hometown. It made her so happy to support the community tax base when her property became the site of the McDonald's on Gordon Cooper Drive.

Ozetta is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bobby Jean Stringer; her brother, Carlisle Jenks; and her sister, Mary Lou Post. She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Brad Stringer and Steve and Susie Stringer; and her grandchildren, Braden Jared Stringer and Jordan Danielle Horstman, and great-grandchild, Bryson Jack Stringer.

Her graveside service was Friday, May 31, at the Tecumseh Cemetery.

Dorothy Lee Horak Lewis Family



Dorothy Horak, most recently from Lake Havasu City, Arizona, formerly of Glenwood, Illinois, was born on March 19, 1942, to Lester and Dorothy Lewis in Chicago, Illinois. She passed on May 14, 2024, at the age of 82 and was preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents; and seven siblings, Mike, Gwen, Jerry, Maida, Dale, Bob and Keith.

She is survived by her children, Cindy (Chuck)

Michalski, Bonnie Horak, Amy (Ismael) Hernandez, Rita (John) Linnemann and Gregory Horak; her grandchildren,

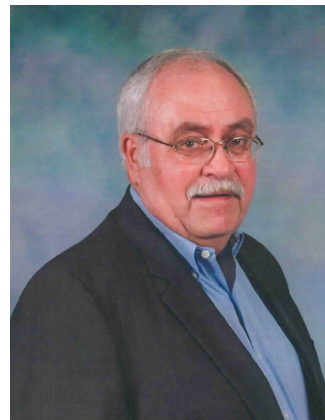
Julie (Mike) Carlson, Joel (Virginia Wyatt) Michalski, Shari French, Emily Michalski, Vincent Hernandez, Ryan Hernandez, Abigail Linnemann, Anna Linnemann, Zosia Horak, Charles Horak and Nadia Horak; great-grandchildren, Adam Carlson, Dean Carlson and Genevieve Michalski; her sisters, Kay Mielneczek and Cheryl Hartl; her brother; Lester Lewis; special friends; Jerry and Diane Koller; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

As a member of CPN, Dorothy participated in area meetings as well as annual gatherings. She graduated from Bremen Township High School in 1960.

Dorothy believed in helping others and was the consummate volunteer leading the charge at different times for Ladies Auxiliary of the Illinois Firefighters Association, Ladies Auxiliary of the Glenwood Fire Department, PTAs for Brookwood District 167, Bloom High School, Seniors Outreach, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, to name a few. She was always ready to help people in need and often led the way.

Dorothy loved to travel and joined Bartlett Tours on over 25 trips. Her other hobbies included shopping, lunching and spending time with family and friends she considered family. She enjoyed music and dancing. She played softball with some of her best friends and they all still love each other today. She coached her own children in softball and was very competitive, creating Grandma's Rules to several games, including life.

David Alan Cryer Bourassa Family



David Alan Cryer of Norman, Oklahoma, passed from this life on June 1 in Oklahoma City after an eight-year battle with cancer. He was 79 years old.

Born in Fort Totten, North Dakota, David was the youngest child of Richard Cryer, Sr. and Winnie Burton Cryer. Richard worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, so the family traveled through much of David's childhood. He grew up with the Spirit Lake

Nation of Fort Totten, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in Plummer, Idaho, and the Navajo Tribe at Window Rock, Arizona.

After Richard retired in 1958, the family settled in Wanette, Oklahoma, where David met the love of his life, Rebecca Schoemann. They were united in marriage on July 25, 1964, and celebrated 56 years together.

David joined the U.S. Army in 1964 with the Army Security Agency at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

There, he and Becky welcomed their first child, Eric. David served out his enlistment and left the Army as a sergeant, earning an Army Commendation Medal.

David, Becky and Eric moved several times in the next few years, as David worked for Transcon Freight Lines and Becky pursued her law degree. After settling in Norman, they welcomed daughter Aimie and David started working in the oil and gas industry. Son Andrew rounded out the family several years later.

Mostly, he loved fishing and hunting, watching golf and NASCAR races, eating out, and doting on his grandchildren. He was the rock of the family and loved with his whole heart.

David leaves behind his three children, Eric (Melissa) of Norman, Aimie (Jason) of Austin, Texas, and Andrew (Julianna) of Pensacola, Florida; five grandchildren, Nathan (Natalie), Ella, Ethan, Kane and Kenai; brothers Darrell (Joan) of Schenectady, New York, and Richard (Kaye) of Norman; and sister Norma of Greenacres, Washington; along with numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rebecca.

David's and Rebecca's ashes will be interred at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Norman.

Patricia Dawn (Wamego) Chapman

Wamego Family



Patricia Dawn (Wamego) Chapman, age 70, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away Nov. 7, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital. She was born on Aug. 5, 1952, to her mother Phyllis (McNair) Wamego and father Paul Wamego. They lived in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

When Patricia was 14 years old, her mother, Phyllis Wamego, married JD Duty who was an amazing dad. Patricia met the love of her

life, Bruce Chapman, 34 years ago in Bixby, Oklahoma. They were married on Valentine's Day 2007. Patricia was very proud of being a bus driver for Bixby Public Schools. She drove the football team to most of their games while she worked there, and the team all called her "Tiny." Patricia was a creative person who loved her family. She taught herself to sew and made traditional Native American dresses for her sisters. Patricia was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She enjoyed going to the Potawatomi Gathering and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She loved her dogs, Lucy and Sadie. Some of her favorite times were spent traveling to Colorado and the Grand Canyon.

Patricia was preceded in death by her dads, JD Duty and Paul Wamego. She is survived by her husband, Bruce

Chapman; children, Ronald Almy Jr. and Kelly Buckalew and Kristy Nichols and son-in-law Steve Nichols; step-children, Brian and Cheryl Chapman, Randall and Fran Chapman, and Marc Chapman; her mother, Phyllis Duty; sisters Ann, Lynn, Paulette and Susan; brother, Mike; 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Hillspring Church, 8801 W. 41st St. S. Sand Springs, Oklahoma, on Saturday, Nov. 12.

She will be deeply missed.

Jennie Lee White

Bertrand/Higbee Family



Jennie Lee White, 89, was born Nov. 26, 1934, in Lindsay, Oklahoma, to Vester and Aline Emma Bishop. She passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, with her family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Raymond; her sister, Betty Smith; and her grandchildren, Raymond Quiroz and Jennie Lock.

Jennie is survived by her daughters, Brenda (Gene) Doshier and Valerie (Adam)

Quiroz; her grandchildren, Kimberly (Steve) Sanders, Ryan (Tammie) Doshier and Seth (Stephanie) Doshier; her 14 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

A visitation with the family present was held on May 13, 2024, at Wulf-Ast Mortuary, Garden Plain Chapel. Graveside services were on May 15, 2024, at Fairview Cemetery in Cheney, Kansas.

Phyllis Riat

Wilmette/Welch Family



Phyllis Riat, 97, of Wamego, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Vintage Park in Wamego.

Born March 21, 1927, in Belvue, Kansas, Phyllis was the daughter of Ernest "Max" and Marguerite F. (Welch) Prickett. She married Kenneth Edward Riat on May 10, 1951, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Topeka. He preceded her in death on June 22, 1993.

Phyllis had been a longtime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys, Kansas, but in recent years was attending St. Bernard's Catholic Church

in Wamego. Phyllis was an accomplished seamstress, making many of her own clothes and clothes for her family. She enjoyed quilting and will be remembered for her cooking and baking. She enjoyed traveling on many trips with her husband, Kenneth, and loved the time she shared with her family, coworkers and friends from Valley Vista.

Phyllis was a homemaker and raised her family. In 1977, she began a career as an administrative assistant at Valley Vista in Wamego until her retirement in 2017 at age 90.

Roger Paul Portwood

Trombla/LeClaire Family



Roger Paul Portwood passed away May 5, 2024. Roger was born to Robert and Doris Portwood on May 14, 1953. He was a long-time resident of Saginaw, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 46 years, Lonetta. Roger is survived by his daughters, Lisa (husband Michael Anderson) and Kelly (husband Martin Alvarado); his grandchildren, Jake and Reese Andersen and Nick and Bella Alvarado; sister, Dianne Pippin; brother, Larry Portwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

David A Nelson, Jr.

Juneau Family



David A Nelson, Jr. passed away Jan. 9, 2024, at a Topeka, Kansas hospital. He was born July 9, 1949, in Topeka, the son of David A. Nelson, Sr. and Lucile A. Hummer Nelson.

Mr. Nelson grew up in North Topeka. He attended Curtis Junior High where he was an excellent student and was a champion gymnast. He attended Topeka High School and graduated in 1967. David attended the University of Kansas for a year. He joined the United States Marine

Corps. He served his county in Vietnam and was awarded a medal for expert marksmanship while serving. He lived in Florida for few years and attended Florida Bible College in Hollywood, Florida. He learned how to scuba dive while living there. He returned home and started his career and family. David was a heavy equipment mechanic for the Kansas Department of Transportation. He also helped neighbors work on cars and trucks, or farmers who asked him to help fix a tractor or farm implement. David returned to college and attended Washburn, receiving a degree in

Computer Science. David was an excellent student both as a youngster growing up and during his higher education years.

He enjoyed music, he was a self-taught piano player and guitarist when younger and loved to sing. He enjoyed astronomy, photography and botany, he would often photograph plants and flowers. He was a motorcycle enthusiast; Harley Davidsons were a favorite. David was a member of Fellowship Bible Church.

He is survived by his two sons, Jeffrey Brian Nelson and wife Maggie of Maple Hill, Kansas, Jonathan David Nelson and wife Diane Warshalosky Del Castillo of Manhattan; siblings, Linda Nelson of Maple Hill, Vernon Nelson and wife Toni of Topeka and Francis Nelson and wife Sharon of Topeka; and grandchildren, Edmund, Felicity, Eugene, Peter and Daniel.



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 ngenwen

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

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