



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## FALL 2016 EDITION

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**Zach Pahmahmie**  
Vice Chairperson



**Amanda Nioce Barbosa**  
Treasurer



**Thomas Wabnum**  
Council Person #2



**Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole**  
Council Person #3

## 2016 Tribal Council Run-Off Election Reveals Winners

Zach Pahmahmie, Amanda Nioce Barbosa, Thomas Wabnum and Carrie O'Toole were elected to serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the 2016-2020 term. All four candidates won their respective positions through the Run-Off Election on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

Amanda Nioce Barbosa had the strongest win with an 18.48% advantage over her opposing candidate Noah Wahquahboshkuk for the position of Tribal Treasurer. This is Barbosa's first term on the

tribal council.

Zach Pahmahmie, newly elected Vice Chairperson, had a 10.2% margin over incumbent candidate Joyce Guerrero who was looking for a third term win. This is Pahmahmie's first term as Vice Chairperson. He previously served as Chairperson from 2002 through January 2006.

Incumbent candidate Thomas Wabnum cleared the win to remain as Council Person #2 with a 9.1% lead over opponent Adrian "Gubba" Hale. This will be his second consecutive term as Council Person #2. Wabnum also served on the Tribal Council in his infancy in 1980.

The narrowest margin of victory belongs to incumbent candidate Carrie O'Toole who retained her seat as Council Person #3 by 2.18% over Juanita Jessepe. This is O'Toole's third consecutive term as Council Person #3.

A Swearing-In Ceremony took place on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the Bingo Hall at 10 am with the newly elected officials present except Thomas Wabnum. Wabnum was called away for a family emergency and was sworn in upon his return on September 7, 2016.

Of the 2,609 registered tribal voters, 30% took part in the 2016 Run-off Election. A total of 787 mail-in ballots were tabulated during an open

meeting for tribal members at the Old Bingo Hall on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

Starting at 9 am the Election Board initiated the tabulation process while approximately 50 tribal members waited in anticipation for the results. Tribal members Elizabeth Goana, Frank Shopteese, Paula Moore, Linda Yazzie and Leslie Marshno assisted with the election.

Immediately following the electronic tabulation of the ballots by Automated Election Services (AES) from Albuquerque, NM the Election Board released the preliminary results, which having passed the three day protest period are now considered the official results.

### Who Voted?

In the initial 2016 Election, 31% of registered tribal voters cast their ballots to narrow the election field from the starting 25 candidates down to the final eight Run-Off candidates.

The margin of response remained nearly the same in the Run-Off Election, with 30% of eligible voters taking part in the election. Here is a map of the United States indicating where the votes from the Run-Off Election derived from:



### Official 2016 Run-Off Election Results:

#### Tribal Vice Chairperson

Zach Pahmahmie - 432 votes - 55.10%

Joyce Guerrero - 352 votes - 44.90%

#### Tribal Treasurer

Amanda Nioce Barbosa - 465 votes - 59.24%

Noah Wahquahboshkuk - 320 votes - 40.76%

#### Tribal Council Person #2

Thomas Wabnum "Hoppy" - 426 votes - 54.55%

Adrian "Gubba" Hale - 355 votes - 45.45%

#### Tribal Council Person #3

Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole - 399 votes - 51.09%

Juanita Jessepe - 382 votes - 48.91%



## A Message to the PBP Nation - Chairwoman Liana Onnen

starting point is the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and this organization can be found at [www.nicwa.org](http://www.nicwa.org). Start there to find out more and please consider sharing your own stories with NICWA if you are so inclined. Being displaced from your family and culture has been shown to have devastating effects on Native children, people and culture. It is important to show those effects to those who argue there is no longer a need for ICWA. There is still a need and we are just beginning to understand ICWA and implement it in a meaningful way. We must continue to support Native children and families.

While at NCAI Mid-Year, I also had the privilege of being asked to facilitate one of the breakout sessions at NCAI, entitled, "The Future of Food" which focused on answering the following questions:

What technologies and tools can support tribal nations in planning for the future of food?

What do we see as the most pressing threats facing our sources of healthy food?

What are some emergent opportunities to address food insecurity in Indian Country?

What does it look like for a community to create space around healthy foods (e.g., meal centers, cooking classes, school lunch programs)?

Who needs to be at the table to plan effectively (e.g., youth and families vs. industry)?

I facilitated presentations from Dr. Joslynn Lee, Navajo (Diné), Laguna Pueblo (K'awaika) and Acoma Pueblo (Haak'u), who is a Data Science Educator at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's DNA Learning Center in Long Island, New York on the DNA and genetics behind traditional seeds and how genetics can be incorporated into food sustainability in a good way that respects the traditions of Native people throughout the United States.

Dr. Derek Jennings (Sac and Fox, Quapaw), University of Minnesota also presented his research and experience in working with food as it pertains to traditional Native healing and wellness. His approach was one that explores how we can both heal and sustain not only our physical well-being, but also our physical and spiritual well-being through the foods we choose for our daily diets with focus on traditional foods and activities.

The final presenter was Victor Joseph, a tribal member of the Native Village of Tanana who was elected as President of the Tanana Chiefs Conference in March of 2014. Mr. Joseph presented on how his community in Alaska continues to not only live off of the land (mostly from necessity as getting food supplies can be difficult in isolated

areas of Alaska) but how they continue to teach their youth the skills of subsisting off of the land and their natural environment.

These presentations led to a meaningful discussion of how climate change is affecting the traditional ways of Native people everywhere and the fear of what that means for Native people (and all people) moving forward. It also led to new dialogue between elders and the younger people who are now venturing into the world of genetics and DNA as it applies to seeds and food technology and how to balance that kind of technology with our traditional ways and beliefs. It was a bit of a life-changing experience that made me think about how our traditions will be changed by these factors and how our people will adapt to those changes. It truly was an honor to be a part of such a significant, inter-generational discussion.

At the end of July, I was able to attend the Potawatomi Gathering in Shawnee, OK, with the Citizen Band Potawatomi and our other Potawatomi brothers and sisters. Being unable to attend last year's Gathering due to personal commitments, it was good to spend the last days attending this year's Gathering. I appreciate the hospitality of Chairman Barrett and very much enjoyed interacting not only with the people of the other bands but also the leadership of the other bands. It is always good to listen and learn from one another and to share information in a good way. It also got many of us here thinking about next year's Gathering at Walpole Island and the 2018 Gathering which will be hosted here at Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Our intention is to begin assembling a committee to start planning for our 2018 Gathering next year.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to express how much of an honor it is to serve the people of this Nation and Indian people everywhere. By the time this is printed, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's fight to protect its land, sacred sites and way of life from the Dakota Access Pipeline will still be going on, regardless of the decision remanded by the court. The Nation issued a letter and a Resolution in support of Standing Rock and I encourage all of you to continue to monitor this important fight to protect not only the Standing Rock, but all tribal nations, from the infringement on their land and way of life. A threat to one tribe's sovereignty and treaty rights is a threat to every tribe's sovereignty and treaty rights. Stand with Standing Rock as they fight for the rights of all indigenous people.

I look forward to the next quarter with our newly elected Tribal Council and am hopeful for many more positive things to come for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Igwien,  
Liana Onnen, Chairwoman

Bosho Nishnabek! The Nation has experienced some changes since my last message to all of you. Of course, the elections are complete and I must start out by congratulating all of the newly elected officials: Zach Pahmahmie, Vice Chairperson; Amanda Nioce Barbosa, Treasurer; Thomas "Hoppy" Wabnum, Council person #2; and Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole, Council person #3. I look forward to working with the new council in the next two years and am excited by the renewed enthusiasm of the Council with the new dynamic.

As I have learned in the past two years, there is never-ending business the Council must attend to and regardless of the faces that sit at the table, business must and will continue. I also want to take a moment to thank all of those who ran for office. As I said during the swearing in ceremony, it takes a great deal of commitment and sometimes sacrifice, to serve the Nation in the capacity of a Tribal Council member. When you put your name on the ballot, you undertake a great responsibility to the people and it takes a special person to make that kind of commitment. So thank you to all who ran for office for wanting to make that commitment and wanting to make a difference to your tribe.

This past quarter was spent primarily here in Kansas, with the exception of a trip to Spokane for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year conference, travel to Shawnee Oklahoma for the Potawatomi Gathering and some intermittent personal time off to spend time with family.

The NCAI Mid-Year conference was another wonderful and informative experience. I was pleased to have Tribal Secretary Camilla Chouteau attend as well. On the National front, there continue to be attacks on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and efforts to repeal the law which protects Indian children from being removed from Indian homes and their traditional culture. It is important we all find ways to inform ourselves about the impacts of these attacks upon ICWA and what you can do to help in this fight. A good



**General Council Meeting  
Saturday - 10/15/16  
Old Bingo Hall**

**Registration begins at 8 AM  
Light breakfast from 9 - 9:30 AM  
Meeting begins at 9:30 AM**

**PBPN tribal members 18+ only.  
No one under the age of 18 is  
allowed in the meeting.**

# Newly Elected PBPN Ethics Commission Sworn In



Blake Garrison, Ethics Commissioner #2, Laura Rice, Ethics Commissioner #3 and Burton Warrington, Ethics Commission Chairperson stand together after the official Swearing In Ceremony. All three were thankful for the support shown by fellow tribal members.

The four newest members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Ethics Commission were sworn in at two ceremonies in early August.

The first Swearing-In Ceremony took place on Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Old Bingo Hall at 10 am. A small gathering of community members along with the Tribal Council were present to

witness the ceremony. Liana Onnen, PBPN Chairwoman presided over the event and administered the official oath to Burton Warrington as Ethics Commission Chairperson and Blake Garrison and Laura Rice as Ethics Commissioners.

Once each candidate was sworn in, they were given an opportunity to share their thoughts. All three expressed thanks for the support of their fellow tribal members and look forward to serving the PBP Nation in this capacity. Afterward, the three greeted the crowd and received handshakes and hugs from those in attendance.

Two days later, on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, Gilreath Aitkens was sworn in by PBPN Tribal Chairwoman Liana Onnen in the Tribal Council Chambers. Aitkens holds the Ethics Commissioner #1 seat.

The newly elected members join Rencie Eteeyan, EC Vice chair and Kassie James, EC Secretary. With all six positions filled the Ethics Commission is able to carry out their regulatory duties as prescribed by the Tribal Constitution. The Ethics Commission was established in 2008 to represent the best interests of the PBPN along with upholding the Code of Ethics.

Other duties of the PBPN EC include hearing complaints that arise under the purview of the Code of Ethics against PBPN officials and appointed positions as described within the Tribal

Constitution. They are also responsible for arranging meetings/forums on matters of paramount importance.

Since the Swearing In Ceremony the Ethics Commission has met a few times to gather together their working documents and establish needed protocols. Within the next month the community can expect to see information regarding their meeting times and location. Any member of the public is welcome to attend, participate and provide input at Ethics Commission meetings during the approved agenda time. Public comments are encouraged and anyone wishing to correspond with the Ethics Commission may send mail to: PBPN Ethics Committee, PO Box 218, Mayetta, KS 66509.



Gilreath Aitkens repeats the oath of office to PBPN Tribal Chairperson Liana Onnen while being sworn in as Ethics Commissioner #1.

## Charitable Contributions 2nd Quarter Distribution

Total Donated \$91,825

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- Topeka Active 20/30 Club
- United Way
- Vietnam Veterans of America



In mid-July, Mark Hague, USEPA Region 7 Administrator (seated front left) along with Patrick Bustos, USEPA Region 7 Tribal Program Coordinator (back row center) met with Tribal Council, the PEP department staff and the General Manager to introduce themselves and touch base with PBPN tribal leaders.

(Back row): Kristen Aitkens, Ma-Ko-Quah Jones, Joyce Guerrero, Patrick Bustos, Thomas Wabnum and Virginia LeClere. (Front row): Mark Hague, Liana Onnen, Camilla Chouteau and Carrie O'Toole.

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# 2016 Potawatomi Gathering

By Michelle Simon

Thousands of Potawatomis made their way across the country to take part in the 23rd Annual 2016 Gathering of Potawatomi Nations hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, held in late July at their tribal complex area in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The gathering is a rotating event between the nine bands of Potawatomi, during which all Nishnabek are invited to reunite and embrace their shared culture, traditions, histories and language.

The Citizen Potawatomi held a three-day language conference beginning on Wednesday, July 27 and lasting through Friday, July 29, in conjunction with the three-day gathering festivities which began with a sunrise ceremony on Thursday, July 28 and concluded with a contest powwow on the evening of Saturday, July 30, 2016. The event included tours, cultural workshops, sporting events, meals, two nights of dancing and plenty of opportunities for recreation like swimming, fishing, bowling, golf and gambling.

The first stop at the Gathering was event registration, which took place in the Firelake Arena, a large air conditioned in-door facility with stadium seating and a jumbotron. Several tables with computers were staged at the primary entrance to handle the influx of Potawatomis registering for the event. Registrants received a name tag, a color coded silicone bracelet – Prairie Band members received purple bracelets – and a backpack with a few goodies inside.

The hallways of the Firelake Arena were covered with a collection of canvas portraits taken at previous Gatherings by Sharon Hoogstraten Portraits. The images were richly detailed and each subject was able to provide a written note detailing the meaning of their regalia and other personal anecdotes like clans, colors, etc. to their portrait. Sharon Hoogstraten was available to take new portraits of participants dressed in regalia or traditional clothing on Friday and Saturday.

Once registered, the opportunities for activities were endless. Each day a sunrise ceremony at the Sharp Hill pond occurred, followed by a talking circle which allowed for the history of the bands to be shared with one another. The pond was also open for fishing from 7:30am to 9:00pm each day with poles and worms provided. The pond is a recent edition to the Firelake complex containing three fountains and is surrounded with a nearly 1 mile walking trail to promote healthy activity.

After the language conference ended the Heritage center was the jumping off point for guided tours, and housed the cultural workshops on Friday and Saturday. Those activities included a finger weaving class, a wild rice documentary, a fan making class, a workshop on Segnak (Blackbird): A Potawatomi Warrior, along with eagle demonstrations, a sweetgrass basket class, applique design, choker and bandolier making sessions.

Spread out across the grounds were all day activities including kids arts and crafts located in the south reunion hall, fishing at the sharp hill pond, mini-putt golf, swimming at the pool and bowling and arcade games at the Firelake Bowling Center. On Thursday, July 28 the Firelake Bowling Center was host to a "Low ball" bowling tournament with the person scoring the least amount of pins winning. Several members of the PBP Nation partici-



Eagle staffs from all nine Potawatomi Nations lead the way into the arena during grand entry on Friday night. Byron Darnall, carries in the staff on behalf of the PBPN We-Ta-Se Post #410.

pated in the tournament with two members placing in the top three. Pak Hale, son of Gubba & Keirsten Hale took first place with a low score of 30 pins, and Ron Jessepe took third place with a low score of 42 pins. Tinley Winn, Citizen Potawatomi took second with 39 pins.

Also occurring across the grounds were the sporting competitions. Thursday evening was the beginning of the sporting events, starting with the Horseshoe tournament. The outdoor dance arena was filled with sand box horseshoe pits for the men and women competitions. Over twenty contestants battled it out for the top three places in each contest. After two hours the winners of the men's contest were Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie (PBPN) with a first place win, with Gun Lake member Frank Sprague placing second and third place going to Billy Matchie (PBPN). In the women's contest Anita Torrez (PBPN) placed third.

In the days prior to everyone arriving at the Gathering, the Shawnee area had experienced a severe influx of rain. Friday morning the weather was showing the potential for similar rain conditions and in the spirit of safety the few outdoor events of the day were relocated to the Firelake Arena which worked out perfectly because the storms did not show up but the humidity did. Unfortunately, the mushball tournament was cancelled.

Friday afternoon activities included board game tournaments of Chess, Dominos and Checkers at the North Reunion Hall with PBPN tribal members Jon Melchior placing first in the chess tournament and Chris Brewer placing second and Burton Jones taking third place in the checkers tournament. At the BDC Gun Room, a new joint venture of the CPN, pistol training was available along with a pistol match relay. At the Firelake Arena the hand drum contest, Miss Potawatomi Pageant, and a live performance by "The Skirts" took place with

a non-competitive powwow happening in the evening.

The hand drum contest consisted of five contenders with PBPN member Badger Wahwassuck acting as one of the judges. The first group in the contest Dewegen Kwek, consisted of six women from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Up next was Chago Hale (PBPN) participating as a solo act, as did his brother, Adrian "Gubba" Hale (PBPN) who placed third in the contest. Following them were couple Arthur and Ophelia Zapata (Pokagon), who took first and last up was Biindigay Deleary from Walpole Island, placing second.

Next up on the stage were the Miss Potawatomi pageant contestants. Four young ladies participated with two representing the Citizen Potawatomi, one representing the Gun Lake band and Sophia Suke representing the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Each pageant contestant gave a speech and presented the judges panel with a talent. Suke showcased her beading abilities.

As the day wound down, The Skirts, a folk band from the Flint Hills of Kansas took to the stage to add some variety to the days' activities. The Skirts lead singer Elexa Dawson is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and also the rhythm guitar player in the band which has been together for seven years. The crowd appreciated their vocal stylings and laid back sound. The band released their debut album, "Many Moons" this year.

In the evening, everyone joined together in the cool of the arena to dance or watch the non-competitive night of dancing. The host drum for the powwow was Big Soldier Creek from Mayetta, KS lead by Trilby Wahwassuck (PBPN). The grand entry was started with the eagle staffs from all of the bands being carried in followed by the Veterans' American Legion Posts, then tribal council members of the

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various bands, followed by a multitude of dancers in various styles of regalia. During the evening there were several intertribal songs along with exhibition dances. It was a beautiful sight to see so many Potawatomi people dancing together.

Saturday was similar to Friday, with cultural workshops available, the pistol relay, a couple sporting events and access to the all-day recreational activities. In the morning a Volleyball tournament was underway. All of the horseshoe pits had been removed and a volleyball net was in place. In a twist the team sign-up required eight people on the court, age 16 and over, in regulation volleyball only six people are allowed on the court. The PBPBPN rushed to pull a team together on short notice due to needing the extra two players. At the last moment Stephanie Jim, Billy Jim, Jr., Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie, Josh Greemore, Burton Jones, Frank Parker and Bella Thompson (all PBPBPN members) joined together and with the assistance of a friendly lady named Dawn from Hannahville the team met the requirement of players. The group went on to win first place!

In the afternoon the place to be was the Mini-Putt Golf tournament. Two tournaments were held, one for youth aged 17 and under and an adult tournament for those aged 18 and up. Twenty one kids participated in the youth tournament and 31 adults played in the adult tournament. Participants in each tourney were randomly grouped in pairs and played through nine holes, who ever won the most holes advanced to the next round. After several rounds of putting, three winners emerged from each tournament. In the Youth group, first

place went to CPN member Kyler from Texas, second place to Pak Hale (PBPBPN) and third place to Christian Matchie (PBPBPN). In the adult group, first place went to Hannahville member Robin Halfaday, second place to CPN member Austin Roselius and third place to Chago Hale (PBPBPN).

The last major event of the day was the competitive powwow which included the crowning of the Miss Potawatomi Princess for the 2016-17 year and handing off the sacred fire and staff to the next Potawatomi Gathering hosts. Once again, Big Soldier Creek as host drum kicked off the powwow and heralded in the eagle staffs and all the dancers. After grand entry and a few intertribals, the outgoing 2015-16 Potawatomi Gathering Princess, Dania Wahwassuck (PBPBPN) held her outgoing ceremony. She danced one last song, inviting the crowd to join her and then had a giveaway inviting elders and veterans to come select a gift first. Afterward she spoke about her time as the princess and what the opportunity was like for her. To close, Dania shared an essay from a contest she had sponsored. The essay was by Kaya McAfee, whose tribes are Kickapoo of Kansas, Prairie Band Potawatomi, Crow, and Turtle Mountain Chippewa. It is printed in this edition of the PBP News.

The next item of the powwow was crowning the new princess. The judges panel selected Mary Bush from the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish band or Gun Lake Potawatomi for the 2016-17 term. Bush did a hoop dance performance for her talent during the competition and for her crowning she was dressed in a traditional applique outfit. The runner up in the contest was PBPBPN member Sophia Suke.

The powwow continued on with singing and dancing and before long Citizen Potawatomi chairman Rocky Barrett began the ceremony to transfer the Potawatomi eagle staff along with the sacred fire, held within a cedar box to Walpole Island Chief Dan Miskokomon with the assistance of Councillor Chris Riley. After the Walpole Island members accepted the honored items, everyone was invited to dance with them in the arena. Afterward the powwow resumed, later the Citizen Band Potawatomi provided a well-endowed giveaway with items of bandoliers, vests, bags, bells, wild rice and a host of other items to all in attendance. The powwow lasted until nearly midnight thus concluding the 2016 Potawatomi Gathering.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation chairman Rocky Barrett announces the 2017 Potawatomi Gathering host as Walpole Island Chief Dan Miskokoman stands by, member of the CPN Veterans Organization hold the official eagle staff and cedar box with coals from the sacred fire.

## 2015-16 Outgoing Princess Shares Powerful Essay



Bizho Nikon, I am Dania Wahwassuck the 2015-2016 Miss Potawatomi Nation and I had a great time representing all nine bands of Potawatomi.

I am from Mayetta, Kansas but currently reside on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation in Nevada.

During my reign I have held community events and one in particular was an essay contest. I

was very proud to receive an entry from a Kickapoo/Potawatomi who has roots from the Northeast Kansas area and also lives in Nevada.

Her name is Kaya McAfee, daughter of Mikelynn McKinney-Sanchez, and granddaughter of Thelma Simon. This is a very powerful essay and touched my heart, so I just had to share one more time:

## "I am Native American, I Am Me."

By Kaya McAfee

I Am Native American, I Am Me.

"Historically speaking, we went from being Indians to pagans to savages to hostiles to militants to activists to Native Americans. Its five hundred years later and they still can't see us. We are still invisible"

- John Trudell

Being Native American is who I am, it's my identity, I am me!

I am a proud direct descendant of Tam-Man, (birth 1864, death April 9, 1936), full blood Kickapoo, warriors, and chiefs. Men who bravely fought endlessly to confirm my very existence. I'm part of a culture, a history, and a people who value our traditional language, culture, teachings, and heritage. I'm a proud Kickapoo, Prairie Band Potawatomi, Crow, and Turtle Mountain Chippewa Woman. Yes, I exist, I'm real.

I am Native American, I am me!

My bloodline runs seven generations deep and is purer than the American Government and stronger than any militia. On my maternal-side I belong to the Thunder clan. I proudly carry my paternal grandmother's Indian name, "Keo-Sot-Mo-Qua" when translated into the English language it means woman who speaks through thunder. I am your modernized hunter and gatherer who's pursuing educational goals, positive opportunities, and actively preserving my traditions. I am a present-day woman warrior fighting on the front lines against stereotypes, racism, prejudice, and mascots in the public school system.

I am Native American, I am me!

I am a contemporary elite woman warrior in honors English, mastering their language and hunting my own through: my elders, YouTube, books, and ceremonies. I'm a proud nomadic Kickapoo "he who moves about" woman, who is preparing to move about to higher education. I'm presently engaged in the Upward Bound college preparatory program at the University of Nevada, Reno. My ancestors prayed and sacrificed for this moment; I will adapt and survive as they did, this is my moment.

I am Native American, I am me!

I am your traditional prayer warrior who uses sacred water and prays every day Creator God insured my sacred people the medicines would never go away. I make known my request and desires of my heart, Creator is faithful and has been with us red people from the start. I belong to the Native people who are cradled by Mother Earth. I am "the generation" that the Colonial Government feared. My weapons are global, innovative, and refined. I am your state of the art woman warrior.

I am Native American, I am me!

I will not lose, disappear, or be extinguished. Broken promises, squalid treaties, and bad deals, these issues don't define me and never will. I'm a proud, resilient, sober, indigenous woman. I am embracing my purpose, spirituality, morals, and hope. Nothing can stop me.

I am Native American, I am me!

# Potawatomi Language Conference 2016

The “Bodéwadmimwen Mawjeshnowen”/ Potawatomi Language Conference 2016 – “Neshnabemok”/Talk Indian took place at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Members from the various bands presented in hour long sessions over the course of the three days. Topics included immersion, revitalization, sharing songs, telling stories, grammar structure and overcoming obstacles.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Language Program kicked off the conference with their session “Comprehensible Input Through Immersion.” Within their session, five of the program personnel, Dawn “Sogi” LeClere, Cindy LeClere, Lyman Aitkens, Billy Matchie and master speaker Pom Hubbard acted out stories, speaking in Potawatomi throughout each skit. Three PBPB Language students, Mae Joslin, Leland Matchie and Richard Adame, also assisted in some of the performances. At the conclusion of the story the speaker would then engage the audience and gather feedback until the story was understood.



**PBPB Language Program staff Lyman Evans, tells a story about coming across a bunch of birds fighting over a meal at the 2016 Potawatomi Language Conference hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.**



**PBPB Language Program showed a video with Potawatomi as the spoken language. Actors from L to R are Lyman Aitkens, Leland Matchie, Richard Adame and Billy Matchie.**

The last story the PBPB Language Program presented was a short film previously recorded on the PBPB Reservation. It opens to four men in ribbon shirts having a conversation in Potawatomi. They are standing on a grassy slope and from the context it would seem they are preparing for some type of ceremony. They are explaining the weather conditions and deciding who should lead. Then some female voices can be heard and the camera frames a group of women dressed in golf attire with their clubs. The men are actually at the PBPB Fire-keeper Golf Course determining their golf strategy! The audience loved it and had a great laugh at the twist in the story. After showing the story, the four male actors, Lyman Aitkens, Billy Matchie, Richard Adame and Leland Matchie stood in front of the crowd and said all the lines in English. The film was a big hit and a great example of the comprehensible input through immersion model.

The PBPB were not the only group to use technology to share the language. Presenter Stewart King, a Nottawaseppi Huron elder from Keene, Ontario, Canada spoke to attendees through the use of video conferencing and a large projector screen. He sent handout materials ahead for the attendees. His presentation was titled, “Life

styles, diet and common feasts.” Here is an excerpt from one of his handouts:

“The Beaver Feast – Aamik Wiikdewak  
The Beaver is a sacred animal that shares his name for us. Gaamik Eshtoot, or the Lodge Builder. Through devolution, this became Aamik, or simply, Mik. A tireless builder, engineer and provider he builds large elaborate lodges, secure dams and water passageways for his family. Working through the entire night each season he will defend and provide thorough maintenance on his projects and store away an entire supply of winter provisions. Fur from his pelts were very much in demand by newly arrived settlers in the early years. Many stories of the exploits of this animal go back in our history with Nanabush. Stories of huge beavers speak of the existence of the blanket beavers. Trade for guns, powder and shot, along with other trade goods soon exhausted the quantity of furs available for exchange which in turn led to the Beaver Wars of the 17th Century.”

The handout also included information on the Ghost feast, Sugar Making feast, Feast of Plenty and the Thanksgiving feast. King spent a good portion of his presentation detailing the 12 moons, their names as known by the Potawatomi, the things one may see in nature during the different moons and activities that traditionally occurred by the People.

The other Language Conference presenters also had valuable and useful information to present. James Aquash, from Walpole Island shared old songs sung in Potawatomi, Jim Thunder from Forest County taught about the obviative or “fourth person” nature of the Potawatomi language, Kevin Daugherty, Pokagon band shared 75 core verbs of the language that can strengthen the revitalization of the Potawatomi language, members of the Huron band shared their story in overcoming obstacles, along with other presenters that also shared their stories.

## Keepers of the Fire

The Nine Bands of the Potawatomi are composed of the following tribes:

- Walpole Island First Nation
- Wasauksing First Nation
- Hannahville Potawatomi
- Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band Potawatomi/ Gun Lake
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi
- Forest County Potawatomi
- Prairie Band Potawatomi
- Citizen Potawatomi

## Potawatomi Gatherings of the Past

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| 1994 - Walpole Island, Canada                 | 2007 - Forest County Potawatomi, WI               |
| 1995 - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, KS     | 2008 - Walpole Island, Canada                     |
| 1996 - Hannahville Indian Community, MI       | 2009 - Prairie Band Potawatomi, KS                |
| 1997 - Citizen Potawatomi Nation, OK          | 2010 - Citizen Potawatomi Nation, OK              |
| 1998 - Nottawaseppi Huron Band Potawatomi, MI | 2011 - Hannahville, MI                            |
| 1999 - Pokagon Band, MI                       | 2012 - Nottawaseppi Huron Band Potawatomi, MI     |
| 2000 - Forest County Potawatomi, WI           | 2013 - Pokagon Band, MI                           |
| 2001 - Walpole Island, Canada                 | 2014 - Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band/Gun Lake, MI |
| 2002 - Prairie Band Potawatomi, KS            | 2015 - Forest County Potawatomi, WI               |
| 2003 - Hannahville Potawatomi, MI             | 2016 - Citizen Potawatomi Nation, OK              |
| 2004 - Citizen Potawatomi Nation, OK          | 2017 - Walpole Island, Canada                     |
| 2005 - Nottawaseppi Huron Band Potawatomi, MI | 2018 - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, KS         |
| 2006 - Pokagon Band, MI                       |   |

# PBPN Supports Standing Rock

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is currently in a fight to protect their land, their water, their sacred sites and their lives. The environmental threats to the Standing Rock Sioux community have been validated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, who have all called for a full Environmental Impact Statement to determine what threats exist and to mitigate those threats where possible.

This is an Indian issue and most importantly it is a human being issue. The potential impacts to other communities, both Indian and non-Indian is real and still unknown. Also of concern is the fact that there was a distinct lack of government-to-government consultation with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

PBPN Chairperson Liana Onnen stated, "If we, as Indian nations, do not Stand with Standing Rock, then we imply that this lack of consultation is acceptable not only for Standing Rock, but for all Indian nations and it is not. With the recent revelations that easements were not properly obtained by the Corps of Engineers, it is important to continue to monitor and support their efforts."

With this in mind, the PBPN sent an official letter of support to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and drafted a resolution declaring our opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Nathan Hale, PBPN Boys & Girls Club director and Chago Hale, PBPN Road & Bridge director were also dispatched to the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota with a pallet of water and other supplies donated by members of the community on August 28, 2016.



They arrived late Sunday evening and were welcomed by everyone they encountered. Several volunteers were there to help unload the food, water, clothing and various other donations. The duo also delivered the PBPN flag to be added with the other tribal flags of the tribal nations that have contributed to the protest effort.

"There was a great vibe and sense of community there. It was awesome to see so many different groups of peoples and tribes come together in such a way," said Nathan Hale. The two were asked to introduce themselves to the camp through a PA system and Chago Hale spoke, expressing their thanks and support for what was happening in Standing Rock and closed by singing a song. Monday they were able to visit the initial protest site

where the pipeline is planned to come through and later followed the convoy through the police barricade impeding the flow of traffic to travel south to the reservation from Bismarck. Nathan Hale relayed that the barricade, "is said to be in place to protect the protestors but is more like a method of economic sanctions against the Standing Rock Sioux tribe by blocking easy access to their casino."

The two men traveled to Bismarck and witnessed the peaceful protest by camp members in front of the Fredrickson & Byron law offices, the legal outfit representing the pipe line before returning to Kansas. Both Hales agreed it was an amazing experience and they feel that this movement could be a major historical turning point for indigenous people.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Government Center

August 18, 2016

Honorable Chairman Dave Archambault II  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Building 1 North Standing Rock Avenue  
Post Office Box D  
Fort Yates, North Dakota, 58538

Honorable Chairman Dave Archambault II

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation writes this letter to express its support to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as it works to prevent the Dakota Access Pipeline from posing real environmental threats to not only the Standing Rock Sioux, but the millions of people downstream from the Missouri River who could also be adversely affected by this project. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux in its efforts to prevent the Dakota Access Pipeline and to protect your way of life, water, people, land and sacred sites.

We believe the voices of your tribe should be heard. We believe as a sovereign nation you have the right and the responsibility to protect your land, people and water. We believe protecting your sacred sites from disruption and greed is of the utmost importance. We believe it is important not only to your people but to all people who may be adversely affected by this pipeline, which would not only include more tribes, but also people who are not indigenous descendants. Water is life and every person in this world needs water to survive. The color of one's skin, one's culture and one's socio-economic status does not affect or diminish the need for water to sustain life.

We stand in support with you along with other federal agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and call for the project to be stopped until a full Environmental Impact Statement can be performed to truly and fully assess the long-term environmental concerns and impacts of this pipeline on your people and the millions of others who may be adversely affected if this project is fully assessed.

We feel that any violation of the trust responsibility between your tribe and the federal government jeopardizes not only your own tribe but all tribal nations in the United States. The failure of the Army Corps of Engineers to fully consider tribal interests in the project is unacceptable.

Attached with this letter of support is a formal resolution of support from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. We stand with the Standing Rock Sioux against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

On behalf of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation,

*Liana Onnen*  
Liana Onnen  
Chairwoman

## PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 2016-274

### PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION SUPPORTS THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

- Whereas:** The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (the "Nation") is a duly organized Indian Tribal entity, with a Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 19, 1976 and last amended on December 6, 2007; and
- Whereas:** Under Article V of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is the Nation's governing body with enumerated powers of authority to negotiate, consult, and contract with Federal, State, local and Tribal governments, private enterprises, individuals, or organizations; and
- Whereas:** Pursuant to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitution, the Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Nation and its members and of regulating law and order on the reservation; and
- Whereas:** The Nation opposes the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline through the Missouri and Cannon Ball River because it poses a serious threat to the water and lands of the Standing Rock Sioux peoples; and
- Whereas:** The Nation believes that water is a sacred natural resource that must be protected and conserved and that there is no life without water; and
- Whereas:** Tribes and Nations of the Great Plains rely on the waters of the life-giving Missouri River for the present and future existence and the Dakota Access Pipeline construction poses a very serious risk to that continued existence; and
- Whereas:** The Dakota Access Pipeline threatens the safety of the areas of fish and wildlife, sacred sites and historic and archaeological resources that lie within and without the Standing River Sioux Reservation and associated lands; and
- Whereas:** The Nation calls on the Army Corps of Engineers to fully comply with the National Environmental Policy Act including the recognition of the Sovereign Tribes that would be impacted by the Dakota Access Pipeline; and
- Whereas:** The Nation hereby expresses strong unity with the Standing Rock Sioux and all the Sovereign Tribes that Tribal Nations must be recognized as sovereigns, government to government, and be included as participants in sufficient, timely and fair consultation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation hereby stands with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and all of the Tribal Nations in opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline and hereby approves the Chair to send a letter to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman and Council proclaiming the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's support; and authorizing the Chair to sign it.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted on the 18th day of August 18, 2016 at a Meeting of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council, during which ( 6 ) members were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of ( 5 ) for, ( 0 ) opposed, ( 0 ) abstaining, ( 0 ) absent from voting and the Chair not voting.

ATTEST:

*Camilla Chouteau*  
Camilla Chouteau, Secretary

*Liana Onnen*  
Liana Onnen, Chairwoman

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.



*Pamela K. Bowman*  
Notary Public

## Healthy Relationship Training for Parents

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Social Service department has teamed up with the Children's Alliance Resource Network to provide FREE on-site Healthy Relationships Training. The training was developed by Children's Alliance with the ultimate goal of strengthening Parent-Child discussions around healthy relationships.

The next session offered in October 2016 will focus on Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Parent Training. Any parents filling the role as a Foster/Adoptive/Kinship parent are strongly encouraged to participate.

Class is one evening a week for 3 weeks - Participants must attend each week - Meals are provided!

Dates: Mondays on October 10, 17 & 24, 2016 from 6 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: Potawatomi Social Service Wing at the PBP Health Center, 11400 158 Rd, Mayetta, KS

Register at: [www.childdally.org](http://www.childdally.org) - Training: In Person Training: Healthy Relationships

### Topics Covered

- Understanding Healthy Adolescent Development
- Changes during Puberty
- Impact of Sexual Abuse
- Healthy Relationships

### Parents Receive

- \$50 Wal-Mart gift card to each parent completing the training
- Additional gift cards for completion of parent-child activities outside of class
- 12 CEUs - 10 hours of training plus 2 hours of work at home

For more information contact Sandra Shopteese, PBP Social Services Director at 785-966-8334; or Trudy O'Shea-Weir at Children's Alliance 785-235-5437 ext. 101.

## 8 Qualities of Healthy Relationships

### Mutual Respect

You are accepted for who you are.

### Trust

You trust each other.

### Honesty

You are honest with one another.

### Support

Being there for one another, sharing both the good times and the bad.

### Fairness/Equality

There is give and take: you compromise!

### Separate Identities

You are not afraid of being yourself.

### Good

### Communication

You are comfortable bringing things up without worrying that you sound silly or its not something they want to hear.

### Caring

Each person shows true concern and thoughtful attention to the other.



## First TIPS-MAPP Native Edition Graduates

By Sandra Shopteese



The first group of graduates from the PBP TIPS-MAPP Native Edition class stand together with their certificates of completion. L to R, back row: Tom Ziegler, Daver Schmidt and Janell Schmidt. L to R, front row: Dorothy Kiyukan, Shirley Rice and Kassie James with son Jaken, Jr. (Not pictured Dawn Masqua).

Children and Family Services program, a division of the PBP Social Services department graduated their first class of seven students that participated in Trauma Informed Partnering For Safety and Permanence - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (TIPS-MAPP) Native Edition class on July 13, 2016. The course began on May 4, 2016 and went for 10 weeks.

"This course is essential to the PBP community because the preservation of American Indian culture starts with the protection of our most precious resources, Native children and families," stated Sandra Shopteese, PBP Social Services Director and course facilitator. PBP employee and tribal member, Nina Hinds co-facilitated the course.

Tribal Victim Services is here to help. Staff are trained to assist with immediate, essential needs created or not being met as a consequence of a crime. For a full list of services offered visit [www.pbpindiantribe.com/social-services.aspx#link5](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/social-services.aspx#link5).

If you need immediate assistance, call the 24-hour TOLL-FREE Hotline:

**1-866-966-0173**

The goal of the MAPP is to prepare individuals and families to make an informed decision about becoming foster, adoptive or foster/adoptive families. The decision is made with the child welfare agency and is based on the capability and willingness to take on the role and develop the skills needed to foster and/or adopt. The MAPP Pre-Service Program (TIPS-MAPP) is designed to help prospective families develop abilities that are essential for fostering children and promoting their safety, permanence and well-being.

Children and Family Services plans to have this class again, beginning in September. If you are interested contact Nina Hinds, at [ninahinds@pbpnation.org](mailto:ninahinds@pbpnation.org) and register at the Children's Alliance website <http://childdally.org/training.html>.

# Native Vote Registration

Paula Hopkins and Verna Simon will continue to register anyone for the Nation Election until Friday, October 7, 2016. They can be reached by email at paulahopkins@pbpnation.org and vernasimon@pbpnation.org.

-- OR --

You can register to vote online, by mail, by fax, or in person at your Kansas county election office or local KS driver services office.

You must register to vote at least 21 days before the election to be able to participate.

## National Election Timeline

**Tuesday, October 18:**  
Deadline to register to vote

**Friday, November 4:**  
Deadline to apply for an advance ballot to be mailed

**Tuesday, November 8:**  
General Election

# Native Vote Reach Out to Youth



This summer the Native Vote team met with both sessions of the Summer Youth Workers to introduce them to the idea of voting and provide information about the importance of the Native Vote including how voting at the county, state and federal level can impact tribes. At left, cousins Wiley Potts and Keesis Potts participate in the group discussion. Keesis won the t-shirt giveaway.



## Fire Keepers Elder Center Voting Site This Fall

The Native Vote committee has partnered with the Jackson County Clerks Office to bring a Satellite Voting station onto the PBPB Reservation. The Voting Station will be set up for one day on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 10 am to 6 pm.

The idea for bringing a Satellite Voting station to the reservation is to make the voting process easier for community residents by reducing travel time, inconvenience and avoid the lines on the National Election day. All votes received at the Satellite Voting station will be submitted into a locked device and will be tabulated on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 during the General Election.



On behalf of the PBPB Boys & Girls Club, Board Chairman Roman Harjo, Tribal Council Chairwoman Liana Onnen and BGC Director Nathan Hale, received a check for \$34,422.86 presented by PBCR GM Ryan Bandt, and assisting in the event were PBCR Directors John Tuckwin, Ruth Vega Harjo, Bert Bertino and Larry Mosher.

## Golf Fundraiser a Big Win for BGC

The Boys & Girls Club held their annual Golf Tournament fundraiser on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. It was the largest tournament in terms of players and funds raised in its 14 year history.

A total of 41 teams (or 164 golfers) registered for the tournament held at the Firekeeper Golf Course. The three sponsor levels this year, were a \$2,500 option, \$1,200 option and a \$600 hole sponsorship. The tournament also ran a putting contest, raffle and silent auction. Proceeds generated from the event exceeded prior years' donations by nearly \$14,000.

On August, 24, 2016 the Boys & Girls Club was presented a check for a grand total of \$34,422.86! The check was presented by the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on behalf of all vendors and sponsors. The PBCR generously donates the use of the golf course and other services each year to contribute to the success of the event.

The funds raised from the annual golf tournament are used to operate the Boys & Girls club, purchase new equipment, and cover the cost of field trips and learning opportunities for club members.

## UNITY Conference in OKC

Members of the Boys & Girls Club attended the 40th UNITY conference held in Oklahoma City in late July 2016. UNITY is a national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship and leadership among Native American youth. Here are a few comments from the youth that attended:

"It was fun! You are always doing something new every day and you get to meet a lot of amazing people and do a lot of cool activities," said Taryn Boswell.

"This is by far the best Native Youth Conference ever, and for my guy friends, the place is filled with girls," according to Bem Hubbard.

If any area youth are interested in participating they can contact BGC Director Nathan Hale or Youth Outreach and Prevention Specialist Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell at 785-966-3031 or stopping by at the BGC. UNITY meetings will start this fall.



PBPB Boys & Girls Club members Keanu Shopteese, Taryn Boswell, Isabella Wamego, Sedrick Pahmahmie-Arteaga and Bem Hubbard attended the 40th annual UNITY conference in Oklahoma City, Ok. in late July 2016. BGC staff Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell, Cheryl Hopkins and Logan Boswell chaperoned the group.

# Julia Kabance Celebrates 106 Years of Living Life

By Michelle Simon

On a perfect summer day with the sun shining brightly and fluffy clouds floating across the blue Kansas sky, cars were travelling across Kansas headed to Our Lady of the Snows, a small secluded church nestled inside the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Members of the community and folks from as far as Kansas City gathered to join PBPB tribal member Julia Kabance in the celebration of her 106 years of life.

A petite and lively lady, Kabance is the oldest member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, one of a handful of remaining Native American veterans from WWII and a life member of American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410.

Kabance was born on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in 1910. She was the 11th out of 12 children born to Frank and Mary Kabance. During the celebration her nephew, Galen Kabance, relayed that she was the second Julia in her immediate family. An older sister had also carried the name Julia.

Beginning in 1943, Kabance served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II and was stationed at McChord Air Force Base in Washington State in the Adjutant Corps. She became a disabled veteran by 1945, due to the loss of her hearing. Kabance related that if she could live anywhere she would go back to the Pacific Northwest, but she has no plans to move away from St. Marys, Kansas where she has resided since 1979.

At the birthday party hosted by the American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410, Kabance received a few noteworthy gifts. The first was a beautifully beaded medallion on behalf of the PBPB Tribal Council presented by Vice-chair Joyce Guerrero and Secretary Camilla Chouteau. The medallion featured a burgundy colored rose on a white field and it coordinated perfectly with Kabance's outfit. The piece was the work of PBPB tribal member Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell.

Kabance then received a lapel pin of a small set of dog tags on behalf of the VA's Women's Health Program, along with a framed photo of herself from her days in the service with well wishes from the staff of the Topeka VA hospital written on the photo matting. Kabance candidly remarked to her friend, "I sure don't look like that anymore," as she looked at her photo and gently laughed.

Will McClammy, Tribal Outreach Coordinator for VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System delivered the gifts and said, "VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System looks to facilitate increased access to VA services and healthcare benefits to all of our American Indian and Alaskan Native Veterans who have honorably served like Julia." McClammy is a veteran and a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa tribe.

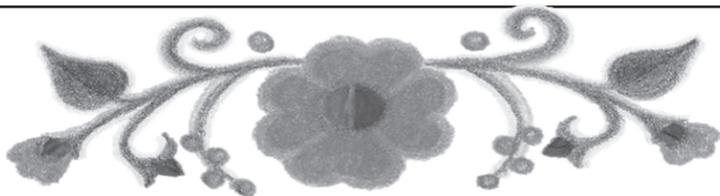
"Quilts in the Courtyard," a local quilt guild composed of quilters from Jackson County, Kansas had a gift made for Kabance. Quilters Julie Bahret, Peggy Hankerson and Charlene Zeller presented Julia with a Quilt of Valor, along with a matching pillow case for her service during WWII. While receiving the quilt, Julia stated, "This is just what I needed!"

After receiving her gifts, each birthday party attendee introduced themselves and shared a few words with Julia. Then it was Julia's turn to speak and she provided an eloquent narrative regarding her life. Kabance talked about how gratifying volunteer work has been for her and the patients at Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka. She encouraged everyone to remember and visit their elders. Then, it was time for cake and ice cream.



The oldest living member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Julia Kabance celebrated her 106th Birthday at an event hosted by American Legion We-Ta-Se Post #410 at Our Lady of the Snows church.

Kabance displayed her joyous spirit throughout the event as she graciously received cards, hugs and kind words from attendees and posed for several pictures with family and friends. Many of her great nephews and nieces attended the event, as well as several other relatives and members of the PBP Nation. A journalist for Indian Country Today, along with two local television stations, KSNT 27 and WIBW 13, were also present to interview her and gather video footage. Everyone was focused on celebrating Julia and there will be more opportunities for celebrating with her again as she has set her sights on living to the age of 114!



**19th Annual Veterans Pow Wow**  
**September 24th, 2016**



**Prairie Peoples Park - Mayetta, Kansas**

**Honored Male Veteran:**  
Charles Jacobson

**Head Man Dancer:**  
Kwake Hale

**Honored Woman Veteran:**  
Brigitte T. Kwinn

**Head Lady Dancer:**  
Landri James

**Master of Ceremonies:**  
Chago Hale

**Head Boy Dancer:**  
TBA

**Arena Director:**  
Roger Lewis

**Head Girl Dancer:**  
Hayley Harmon

<i>Invited Drum</i>	<i>Invited Drum</i>	<b>Host Drum</b>	<i>Invited Drum</i>	<i>Invited Drum</i>
Whistling	Big Soldier	Little	Buffalo	Standing
Wind	Creek	Soldier	Eagles	Eagle

**Special Guests:** Kickapoo American Legion Color Guard, Post 415  
Kickapoo American Legion Auxiliary, Post 415

**Grand Entries 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM**

**Traditional Supper at 4:30 PM**  
Supper Provided by Anna Boswell

**Concessions provided by We-Ta-Se Post 410**

**2015 Reigning Princess-Taryn Boswell**  
**We-Ta-Se Princess Announcement**

All Dancers in Regalia who Registered by 3:00 pm will be paid

Special Dances & Contests in both Afternoon & Evening Sessions

Tiny Tot, Spot Dance, Men & Woman Golden Age (50+)

Vender spaces available- No Food Vendors!

**For more information call The We-Ta-Se (785) 966-2580**



**This is an Alcohol & Drug Free event.**  
**The We-Ta-Se is not responsible for thefts, accidents,**  
**lost articles, relatives, etc.**





All of the Veterans in attendance posed for a picture with Julia. (Back row) Unidentified, Galen Kabance, Robert Jackson, Sr., Richard Adame, Arlene Wahwassuck. (Front row) Emery Hale, Julia Kabance and Roy Hale.



Julia Kabance admiring the Quilt of Valor presented to her by "Quilts In The Courtyard" a Jackson County quilting guild. Holding the quilt are quilt guild members Charlene Zeller and Peggy Hankerson.

## Julia Kabance: In Her Own Words

A Transcription of Julia's Speech

Well, Ladies and gentleman I want to thank you for coming and it's great to see so many people. It's good to see you and it's good to come back to my roots. I even had members of my own family say "Why did you come back to Kansas?" and I said, "Well, I was born and raised here, and Kansas is just part of me."

And, I've lived in different parts of the country. If I had my choice of where to go to live, I would have gone back to the Northwest. There are a lot of Indians out there. I worked out there almost 30 years. I had a lot of friends.

I went to New England from there, doing volunteer work. And that was something entirely different. Then I was asked to come back to St. Marys to work when the society got the property, the college. They had Kindergarten through 2 years of college. I could not turn it down. I was not able to work there too long because I was coming down with cataracts.

Then I went to the VA and spent many years there. I think volunteer work in the hospital is probably the most rewarding work you can do. If you have spare time, they could use most anyone. You don't have to have a special talent.

I like to work around the elderly because they are the most neglected. Their relatives don't hardly come see them and sometimes, maybe they don't even recognize their relatives when they do come, but they are still human, and they still respond.

I got started in hospital work when I was out in the Northwest with the mental hospital. I belonged to the Catholic Daughters of America. And they got programs started with the mental hospital. I had the group that went in the afternoon to do sing-alongs and the girl that was an organist for our organization was very talented and she kept all her music stacked, way up high. Her music had belonged to her mother.

And you know, the head of this Hospital, he told my sister who was the head of the region of the Catholic Daughters at that time, that they wanted to thank the organization for the work that we had done for their patients. They had patients there that couldn't read, couldn't respond to anything but he said "with the music from the singing and dance-along, now we are able to reach some of these patients we couldn't reach before." He said, "We want you to continue." And they are still doing it. That was over about 40 years ago. My sister gave them a good start.

I like to think that's where I got my first experience, when working with the mental [hospital] then I used some of

that behavior and used it at the VA. I gave it my whole heart. Some of the mental patients, were not too bad, but some of them. . . I guess what they experienced in the warfare. I like the older ones the best because they're the most neglected. They like to play games. They like dominos or checkers, and if you let them beat you, oh that makes them so happy. Everyone likes to win.

I never thought I would reach the age that I am. I was just telling my niece Theresa maybe this is the last time I have to go through all this preparation. She said oh no, you're going to live to be 110. I said just recently there are two women - 114, the one in Italy is still alive but the one in the Bronx, New York she passed away. Well, I might aim for 114. I don't know, I suppose that when I leave here and all these people here were saying these nice things and wishes, I will probably throw the cane away and be walking on my own. I don't really need it at times but then sometimes I do.

But now these GI's coming back from the Middle East, where their hearing is injured from the loud explosions and the part that is injured in the ear controls their movement, they complain they can't walk straight. I was telling Theresa, there are some days I can't walk straight either and I don't know if it's from that [her hearing loss] or from old age, or the combination. I don't know, they didn't do much in the beginning but this warfare is so different with these homemade bombs that they run into, that the noises make you open your mouth to relieve the pressure and they are really young fellas, they are hearing one minute and the next minute their hearing is gone. How tragic that must be for them. So if some of you are Catholic or religious, pray for these poor people to try to get well. I made it, so I think they can make it too.

But mine was intensely severe, but mine came from measles [in regard to her hearing loss]. So that loud explosion noise, it injures a lot of the parts of the ear, and seem like no matter what you do you would be glad to hear, but I've got it justified to a certain extent because maybe there were some things I didn't need to hear. But they do need the best, best hearing aid that comes from Germany. Now the Germans know how to make cars, so they make good hearing aids too. And the VA has always been good to me, see I have 100% disability - hearing loss, so they give me anything I want and sometimes call me in for stuff I didn't even ask for, so I guess they want me to reach 114 too. I might just surprise them!

Well thank you very much and god bless all of you and I hope you can reach 100 or 110 too!



Raffle Tickets for sale

3 chances for \$1

\$1000.00 cash

\$75 Gas Voucher to One Stop

\$150 Gas Voucher to One Stop

Pendleton Blanket

## We-Ta-Se Request to Veterans

We-ta-se Post 410 is requesting copies of your DD 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) and service pictures for their records and memorial purposes. The We-Ta-Se building houses historic photos and memorabilia of our tribal veterans. Please feel free to stop by and take a look for yourself.

# A Few Reminders from the Food Distribution Program

By Tracy Potts

Applications and income guidelines are available online at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx>.

We are an income based program. This means proof of income must be submitted with your application along with documentation for allowable deductions. Quarterly per capita payments are NOT counted as income.

We serve low-income families residing in Jackson County, Kansas in which at least one household member is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe. We also serve Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members residing in Brown County, Kansas. Additionally, we serve non-Natives residing within the PBPB reservation boundaries who meet all eligibility criteria.

We are an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program ("Vision Card"). Household members are not permitted to receive USDA com-

modity food and SNAP benefits in the same month. Dual participation by any household member in SNAP ( food stamps) or another Food Distribution Program is prohibited.

Once you are certified to receive USDA commodity food, you must report any changes that affect your eligibility or benefit level, such as income, household composition, and/or address changes. If you fail to report a change, and as a result, receive commodities you are not entitled to, a monetary claim will be established against you and you will be disqualified from participation in the Food Distribution Program.

Calendars are distributed to clients each month. Commodities' calendar is also posted online and displayed on TV monitors located at the Government Center, Health Center, Elder Center, Child Care Center, Boys & Girls Club, and Tribal Court. Please pay attention to the dates and times we are closed – NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you do not pick up your commodities or call to reschedule your pick up time within one week from the date the order is placed, your order will be void and you will lose out on your commodities for that month.

Walk-ins are always welcome and will be served on a first come – first serve basis with scheduled orders taking first priority.

We deliver to home-bound individuals and to households without transportation once a week, usually on Friday afternoons, unless otherwise notified. If you are not home when we deliver, you will be put on the schedule for the following week unless time allows us to return.

We cannot release your commodities to anyone except your designated Authorized Representative, unless you notify us in advance.

If you have any questions, please call Tracy Potts at 785-966-2718 or email [tracypotts@pbpnation.org](mailto:tracypotts@pbpnation.org).

## Understanding the Land on PBPB Reservation

By Steve Duryea



The wide open prairie of the reservation.

The principal components to land ownership are title of the land and benefit use of the land. Title of the land can be defined as who "owns" the land and who receives the benefit use of the land can be defined as who "uses" the land. The components can be used to help define land ownership on the Reservation into four categories: tribal fee land, tribal trust land, allotted trust land, and public fee land.

Tribal fee land is land owned by the Tribe and used by the Tribe. The Tribe holds title of the land and receives the benefit use of the land. Tribal fee land can be found on the Reservation and off-Reservation. The Nation's land mass includes 2,933 acres of tribal fee land.

Tribal trust land is also land owned by the Tribe and used by the Tribe, except that title of the land is held in trust by the federal government. Tribal trust land can be found on the Reservation and off-Reservation. The Nation's land mass includes 14,351 acres of tribal trust land.

Allotted trust land is land owned by individuals and the Tribe through undivided interests. The title of the land is held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of the individual owners. The owners own the land through undivided interests, similar to shareholders owning shares in a corporation. They don't own a specific part of the corporation, they own a percentage of the whole corporation. The Nation's land mass includes 16,952 acres of allotted trust land.

Public fee land is land owned directly by the landowner and considered private property. It is owned by the landowner for the use of the landowner. Within the Reservation boundaries, there are 44,872 acres of public fee land.

The Nation's land mass consists of 34,236 acres through tribal allotment and owned individually by the Nation. The following table illustrates the ownership of the Nation's land mass.

Land Types	On-Reservation Tracts/Acres	Off-Reservation Tracts/Acres	TOTAL Tracts/Acres
Allotment Trust	401/16,952	---/---	401/16,952
Tribal Trust	184/12,938	23/1,413	207/14,351
Tribal Fee Tract	61/2,718	9/215	70/2,933
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>646/32,568</b>	<b>32/1,628</b>	<b>678/34,236</b>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Land Office at (785)966-3928.

## A Healthier YOU, A Healthier PBPB

By Lauren Purtee

On May 9, 2016 Human Resources kicked off the 2nd year of "A Healthier YOU, A Healthier PBPB," Wellness Program. So far the Wellness Program has offered: a webinar, "Maximizing Personal Strengths," with New Directions, two Art Therapy Classes with TVS staff, and a Breakfast Basics class with the DPP staff. HR also had a drawing for an adult bike and gave away a Mission Cooling Techknit towel to the top walker. Employees are also able to accrue points for walking and exercising. Upcoming activities include Label Logic with the DPP and another Art Training session with TVS staff.



Motivational magnets made by employees at a TVS Art Therapy Session.

## Tribal Police Department Open House

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Tribal Police Department  
cordially invites you  
to attend an Open House

Friday, September 30, 2016  
11:30AM to 1:00PM

Barbeque Lunch will be provided

**1998 - 2016**

**“18 Years Serving the PBPB Community”**



## PEP Announces “Blue Week”

Effective August 2016 the Planning & Environmental Protection Department began running recycling routes every other week to comply with the newly adopted “Blue Week.” Blue Week was adopted to assist with growing demand, efficiency and customer service. According to the updated policies, recycling participation is now mandatory; “Failure to participate will be reflected in annual fee review and recommendation to PBPB Tribal Council.”

All bins need to be located at the end of the driveway, unless pre-approved. Curbside disposal (trash) will not participate in Blue Week and will continue the regular weekly service days. Recycling service days that fall on Holiday will be addressed during the next business day; the schedule is subject to change in accordance of unforeseen Holiday and Inclement Weather days.

Scattered Homes will have their recycling picked up on Mondays:  
9/12, 9/26, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, and 12/19.

Cluster Homes will have their recycling picked up on Tuesdays:  
9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, and 12/20.

For any questions or concerns regarding recycling or trash pick-up contact PEP at 785-966-2946.

## Ribbon Shirt Class



**Upper Left:** Tina Levier works on attaching a cuff to her project. **Upper Right:** Sandra Shopteese is sewing her ribbon shirt. **Bottom Left:** Dianna Payne provides instruction to Mary Mitchell on how to sew the pieces together. **Bottom Right:** Miyah Danielson prepares her material for the next step in the process.

The Tribal Historical & Cultural Preservation Department sponsored their third event of the year. A ribbon shirt class for community members was held August 9 - 12, 2016. The class met from 6 to 9pm each evening at the Rock House.

Participants were provided with fabric and ribbon or they could bring their own. Other necessary materials to complete their projects like sewing machines, scissors and thread were also provided. Nine community members took part to receive instruction from PBPB tribal member, Dianna Payne, on the steps needed to produce a ribbon shirt. Ribbon shirts are traditionally worn by men of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

## Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department Annual Open House

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**at the PBPB Fire Station - 15482 K Road**

**Free hotdog lunch & fun for the entire family!**

**Open House activities:** Enjoy exciting demonstrations, Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations, the Westar Safety Trailer, Inflatables, Kansas Highway Patrol Helicopter, U.S. Army Climbing Wall and much more. Other activities will include: fire apparatus on display from around the county, a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog, and Smokey the Bear; along with fire safety games for all ages.

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department invites everyone to have fun while learning about fire safety at our annual Open House. This great family event is an interactive way for all ages to learn about the importance of fire prevention, including maintaining working smoke alarms and practicing a fire escape plan.

**National Fire Prevention Week runs from October 9th to 15th, 2016.**

This year's theme is: Don't Wait - Check the Date! Residents are encouraged to learn about the proper installation and maintenance of smoke alarms to keep family members and property safe. Remember, smoke alarms don't last forever. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries should be replaced once a year or when they begin to chirp signaling they are running low.

Fire Prevention Week is a great time to practice your home escape plan, check your fire extinguishers, and test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. If you would like a free home safety inspection, please contact the fire department to schedule one in your home.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, Fire Extinguisher Training, the Open House, or Home Safety Inspection please contact the fire department at 785-966-2164.



## 2016 Tribal Health Summit

Members of the four tribes in Kansas and participants from local, regional and national health agencies attended the 2016 Tribal Health Summit over the past two days to explore the issues that impact health in Indian Country and those specific to Northeast Kansas tribal members.

The Key note speakers of the event were: Theda New Breast, MPH from the Blackfeet Reservation of Montana. She shared her wealth of knowledge on the legacy of historical trauma that continues to haunt the landscape of American Indian Communities and its impacts. New Breast made a significant point during her address that we as Native Peoples need to also look at what is right in our communities and how much Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) has occurred. She stated, "We have the answers we need," suggesting that Native Communities look within themselves and rely on their traditional ways for healing.

Mark Panasiewicz, LLMSW who has spent many years working with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan, along with several other tribes delivered an outstanding presentation focused on Cultural Values. He kicked off his session by sharing some harrowing statistics facing Native Americans. Natives are two times as likely as the general U.S. population to develop Type II Diabetes, Native children experiencing PTSD/PSD are doing so at the same level as soldiers that have returned from the Iraq war, and as a group Native people are 500% more likely to get tuberculosis. Panasiewicz was forthright in his presentation and although the statistics were staggering he gained the room's attention. He then delved into a concept he has termed, "Franken-Culture." Over the course of time and facing the bombardment of European cultures, many Native American tribes developed a Franken-culture, incorporating the worst parts of other cultures into their own and thus contributing

to the historical trauma felt across Indian Country. His positive response to this adverse condition is educating all people, both Native and non-Native, about the conditions faced by Natives and within Native communities seeing a return to the elevated standing of cultural spiritual values. The Keweenaw

Indian to serve as president of the American Public Health Association. Bird's topic was "Mental health and substance use and the impact on family and children's health."

A panel presentation by the PBPB, KTIK and Iowa tribes took place allowing each Nation to report on their Tribal Community Health Improvement Plans or CHIP. The theme of the panel was describing the work that has been accomplished and what needs still exist.

PBPB Assistant General Manager and Community Health and Assessment Team (CHAT) member, William Mitchell presented on behalf of the PBPB Nation. Mitchell explained how being able to gather specific information has allowed the area health leaders and programs to focus on three areas which include: Obesity and Diabetes, Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse and Elder Care. Mitchell shared that in a recent community survey 75% of the PBPB Community expressed that they or someone in their household is overweight and 60% would like more information on health and weight management. He also expressed how the PBPB have found great success when tying health programs and

initiatives to traditional foods and cultural behaviors.

This annual event was hosted by the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska. Other sponsors of the event included the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, AARP of Kansas, Sunflower Foundation, American Heart Association and Health Resources and Services Administration. The Tribal Health Summit was held at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort Convention Center on August 22 and 23, 2016.



During the Panel Presentation Raphael Wahwassuck spoke on behalf of the KTIK, Kelly Cheek presented on the Iowa Nation, PBPB Council Member Carrie O'Toole moderated and William Mitchell spoke on behalf of the PBPB.

Bay Indian Community have the "7 Grandfather Teachings" of Courage, Love, Wisdom, Respect, Truth, Humility and Honesty and Panasiewicz has seen how a return to an integration of spiritual values has positively impacted their community along with many other American Indian tribes implementing the same solution. His depth of knowledge, passion and engagement with the audience was palpable.

The final key note speaker was Michael Bird, MSW, MPH. Bird is a Santo Domingo/Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo Indian from New Mexico and has served Native American populations for over 30 years in the public health sector. Bird was the first American

## Diabetes Prevention Program Update

This summer the Diabetes Prevention Program held their first Walk/Run Series. It consisted of three racing events. Each race had a 1.5 and 3.1 mile option. The first race coincided with the June PBPB Powwow and had around 50 participants. The second race had a Super Hero theme and the DPP was able to use their new timing equipment. Each participant at the July race received a free t-shirt. The last race in the series was held at the PBPB Boys & Girls Club in mid-August. All 25 participants received a free cooling-bandana and were invited to hop in the pool at the BGC afterward.

The DPP currently has the community engaged in the 2nd annual Battle of the DPP's Walking Challenge. PBPB participants are challenging participants of the Haskell DPP over the course of the eight week walking challenge which began on August 15 and continues through October 17, 2016. People could sign up as 4-member team or as individuals. The teams are challenged to walk a total distance of 846 miles (the perimeter of Kansas) and the individuals are challenged to walk 212 miles

(across the state). An awards ceremony will take place in October at the conclusion.

There are more activities in the works for this Fall including the continuation of the Annual Harvest Feast, so be on the look-out for more opportunities to lead a healthy life style.



Young runners from the community take off in a hurry at the third race of the DPP Walk/Run Series.

## The DPP Bids Fairwell to Mitchell



Six years ago Eddie Joe Mitchell took on the role of Gardener, a position supported by the Healthy Foods grant of the Diabetes Prevention Program. In that time he met the grant objectives and added a tractor with many attachments, a trailer, tillers, cultivators, rain barrels, composters and two sheds to house all of the equipment. The total square footage of gardens he tilled doubled every year, for four years.

There are many more people gardening now on the reservation than when he started. The garden workshops and Harvest Feast draw in big crowds now with many community members looking forward to them. Mitchell stated, "I believe I made my program better. I have taken it as far as I can. I thank the tribe for giving me a chance to do this job. I enjoyed it very much. I hope that whoever replaces me does an even better job." Mitchell retired on August 12, 2016.



## Calling All Graduates - Incentive Available

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Education Department is offering a graduation incentive to eligible graduates:

- Must not have received previous incentive
- Graduated with a Bachelor, Master or Doctorate degree between August 1, 2015 and August 1, 2016

To participate you must submit:

- Copy of Degree
- Copy of CDIB
- Current Address

Items may be faxed, mailed or emailed and received no later than December 15, 2016 to be considered.

Mail: PBPB Education Dept.  
16281 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS, 66509

Email: [SJim@pbpnation.org](mailto:SJim@pbpnation.org)

Fax: 785-966-2956

For any questions call  
785-966-2960.

## Community Birthdays & Recognition



Happy 28th birthday to my husband Nate Scates & Happy 9th birthday to my daughter Anna Scates!

Love Mom, Sobie and Lilly



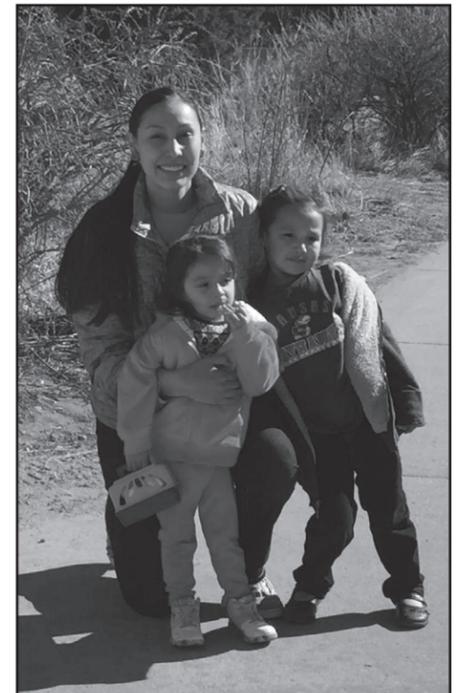
Happy Birthday Auti! We are so proud of the young lady you have become.

We Love You,  
Ty, Shawna & Shanehse



Wishing Tanaya a happy 11th birthday on August 22nd! We are proud of the kind hearted lady that you are and we wish you many more happy days to come!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Grandma, Sisters and Nephew



Wishing a Happy to birthday these 3 beautiful gals!

Tara Mitchell, Shuggy Littleaxe and Kwe-Kwe-Gee Simon - Our fall babies!

Love,  
All of your family!

### Congratulations Jona Rupnicki

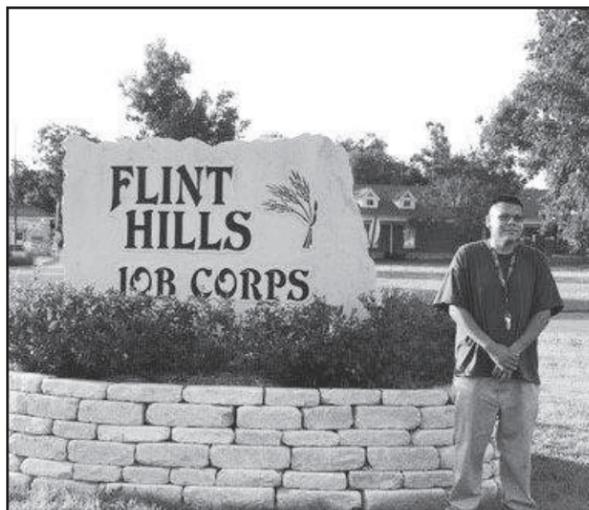


CONGRATULATIONS!!! Mrs. Jona Rupnicki has been nominated for the Go Topeka's Entrepreneurial and Minority Women's Business Development 2016 award.

GO Topeka creates opportunities for economic growth that provide a thriving business climate and fulfilling lifestyle for Topeka and Shawnee County. As a business owner, Jona has also supported multiple fundraisers for the community.

Small Business Awards recognizes small businesses that have made significant contributions to the Topeka community through demonstrated excellence in the following categories: Minority and Women Owned Business of Distinction\*- A minority-owned business is a business that is at least 51% owned and operated by one of the following: Native American, Hispanic/Latino, African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander or Subcontinent Asian. A woman-owned business is a business that is at least 51% owned and operated by a female.

### Congratulations Albert Belair



Belair stands beside the stone slab at the Flint Hills Job Corps, where he has been receiving training.

Belair has been working with Three Rivers, Inc. for several years and in July 2016 his hard work and dedication has come to fruition.

Three Rivers, Inc. is an independent living program that helps individuals achieve their goals. It has taken time and effort but Belair stayed with it and was able to achieve his goals to be independent and working. Belair has graduated from Job Corps, acquired his driver's license, found employment and has moved into his own apartment in Manhattan, KS.

Belair stated, "Thank you to ILS Jeanie Combs and PBPB Adult Services for helping me with what was needed to attend Job Corps, get an apartment and a job!"

For more information on Three Rivers, Inc. and their services visit [www.threeriversinc.org](http://www.threeriversinc.org).

### Congratulations Kailei Mitchell



Kailei Mitchell of 4H Group - Ontario Busy Bees was the champion of the arts and crafts category with her Kansas City Royals beaded necklace at the Jackson County Fair.

Her other misc. projects were selected for the Kansas State Fair which will be held September 9 - 18, 2016 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

# McClammy Receives Kansas Service Award

By Tamara McClammy



Staff Sergeant Courtney N. McClammy is a Military Personnel Specialist at the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Forbes Field, Topeka, Kansas. As a Military Personnel Specialist, she advises unit members, retirees and their family members on benefits and the qualifying factors. She is the manager of several of the programs throughout the Wing such as Enlisted and Officer Promotions, Accessions, Reenlistments, Extensions and Awards and Decorations.

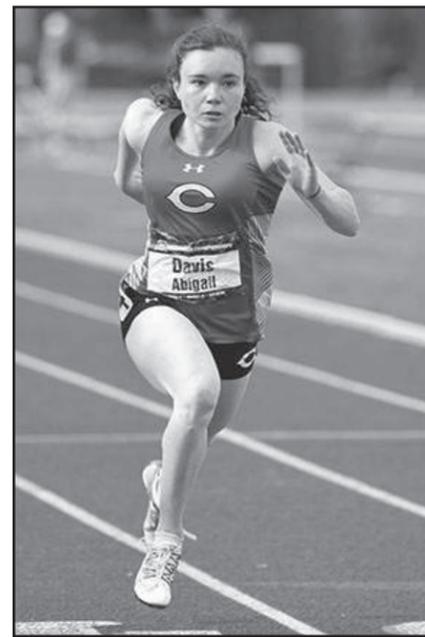
Sergeant McClammy began her military career on January 4, 2011 assigned to the Force Support Squadron. Her military training includes the following: Basic Military Training (March 2011), Personnel Apprentice Course (June 2011), Personnel Journeyman Course (July 2011), Personnel Support for

Contingency Operations Course (October 2011), Deliberate and Crisis Action Planning and Execution Segments Course (January 2012), Airman Leadership School (February 2015), and Personnel Craftsman Course (April 2015).

Sergeant McClammy's military decorations include: Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service, Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Kansas National Guard Achievement Ribbon, and Kansas National Guard Service Medal.

Sergeant McClammy was recognized and presented the Kansas Service Award in April 2015 for outstanding and dedicated service to the Kansas Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention Team. Most recently, Sergeant McClammy was selected as the Outstanding Airman of the 2nd Quarter in the Non-Commissioned Officers category for 2016. The Outstanding NCO of the Quarter nomination shows exceptional individuals and their achievements in the following categories Leadership, Job Performance, Significant Self-Improvement, and Base or Community Involvement.

# All American Track Star



PBPN tribal member Abigail Davis earned all-America honors four times in outdoor track and five times indoors while attending Central College in Iowa. She ran on the national outdoor stage 10 times with eight more appearances indoors, finishing as high as second in the U.S. twice: in the indoor 60 meters and the outdoor 200 meters in 2014. Davis won seven conference outdoor event titles and eight indoor crowns. She was the league indoor track performer of the year in 2015 and both the league indoor and outdoor MVP for 2016.

# PBPN Tribal Members Represent at the NEA Representative Assembly

By Edward Ventura, Jr.



PBPN Tribal Members Edward T. Ventura, Jr. and Ah-Sha-Ni Wabaunsee attended the National Education Association Representative Assembly held in Washington DC during July 2016.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal members Ah-Sha-Ni Wabaunsee and Edward T. Ventura Jr. represented their states at the National Education Association Representative Assembly (NEA RA) in Washington DC the week of July 2 -7, 2016.

The NEA RA is the primary legislative and policy-making body of the National Education Association. The RA consists of some 9,000 delegates representing state and local affiliates, student members, retired members, and other segments of the united education profession.

Wabaunsee is an Elementary School Counselor with the Topeka Public Schools and Executive Board member for NEA Topeka.

"Going to the NEA RA for the first time was a great learning experience and I'm excited to share my experience with NEA Topeka members," stated Wabaunsee.

Ventura is an Elementary School Librarian with the Omaha Public Schools and Board of Director for the Nebraska State Education Association.

"There is so much knowledge I gain from the exposure to the representatives from all over the country," said Ventura.

Both Wabaunsee and Ventura were actively involved in the American Indian/Alaska Native caucus. The caucus advances and promotes the education of American Indian/Alaska Native students. AI/AN was successful in getting new business items passed at the NEA RA related to the impact of racist stereotypes and mascots on students and to support graduates being able to wear culturally significant symbols. The caucus also had a student panel of Native students discussing institutional racism.



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*John K. Perrote*

*November 16, 1946 - August 24, 2016*

FERRYVILLE - **John K. Perrote**, age 69, of Ferryville, WI, passed away on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at his home. John was born in Wisconsin Rapids on November 16, 1946, the son of the late Donald and Marian (Young) Perrote, Sr. John served in the United States Army during the

Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. After being honorably discharged from the military he worked as a logger and owned and operated Perrote Forest Products. In his free time he enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing. More than anything, John loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

John is survived by: seven children, Ellen Perrote of Ferryville, Jonathon Perrote of Onalaska, Rebecca Perrote of CA, Jesse Perrote of La Crosse, Genevieve Perrote of Madison, Eddie Perrote of NY, and Christopher Perrote of CO. He is further survived by six grandchildren, Trevor, Tyler, Tennille, Tamera, Tricia, and Eliza; one great-granddaughter, Therese; as well as brothers and sisters, Donald (Dolores) Perrote, Jr, Marilyn Pecore, Frank (Doreen) Perrote, Faith (Greg) Rutowski, and David (Tamara) Perrote. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Edward and Richard.

Funeral services will be held at the Zoar Ceremonial Building beginning at noon on Friday until the procession leaves for the cemetery at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Military honors will be conducted by the Veterans of the Menominee Nation. Burial will be in the Zoar Burial Grounds. Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. [www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)



*Milton "Nosh nesh" LaClair*

*June 14, 1924 - July 10, 2016*

MAYETTA - **Milton Leroy LaClair "Nosh nesh"**, 92, of Mayetta, KS passed away Sunday, July 10, 2016 in Holton. He was born June 14, 1924 on the Potawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta, the son of William and Mary Lasley LaClair.

Milton graduated from Marty Indian School in South Dakota in 1941 and later from Clarks School of Business. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was part of the second wave of soldiers that stormed Omaha Beach in Normandy, France on D-Day. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and many other decorations.

Milton was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and lived most of his life here on the reservation. He lived in Topeka for 20 years and had also lived several years in Denver, Washington state and in Oregon. Milton worked as a consultant for the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. He had also managed the PBPB Administrative Office in Holton for several years. After his retirement, Milton served as Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Gaming Commission. He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

He was married to Alvina Wamego and later divorced. He was married to Rose Marie Banks September 23, 1983 in Topeka, KS. She survives of the home. Milton is also survived by his son, Franklin C. LaClair (Barbara) of Topeka, KS; his daughters, Sara Gartenmayer and Shirley Trull (Paul) both of Mayetta, KS; his sister, Arlene Lingo of Mayetta, KS; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his children, James Dean LaClair and Marlene LaClair, his siblings, Leoma, Winifred, Melvin and William and granddaughter, Helen.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta. Interment will follow in Shipsee Cemetery. He will lie in state at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton where a Rosary will be recited at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening. His family will greet friends following the Rosary. Memorials may be given to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).



*Timothy "Wap ship shi" Ramirez*

*January 13, 1934 - July 23, 2016*

MAYETTA- **Timothy Charles "Wap ship shi" Ramirez**, 62, of Mayetta, KS passed away unexpectedly Saturday, July 23, 2016 in Topeka at St. Francis E.R. He was born April 17, 1954 in Holton, KS the son of Tomas Ramirez and Maxine M. Nozhackum.

Tim had lived on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation all of his life. Tim



*Louis "Bozo" Wabaunsee*

*January 13, 1934 - July 23, 2016*

TOPEKA - **Louis Joseph "Bozo" Wabaunsee**, 82, of Topeka, KS passed away Saturday, July 23, 2016 as his home. He was born January 13, 1934 in Mayetta, KS the son of Louis Andrew and Catherine (Shoptese) Wabaunsee.

Louis graduated from Marty Indian School in South Dakota in 1951. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1956 – 1958. Louis lived most of his life in the Topeka area, working in drywall construction and carpentry. After retirement he visited family, friends and congregation members in the hospital. He also enjoyed coaching, fishing, bowling and followed various sports teams.

He attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Topeka, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mayetta and other various catholic churches in the area. Louis also attended Holy Hour Adoration at St. Joseph's Mother Teresa. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Louis also helped with bible study at Our Lady of the Snows.

On May 17, 1966, Louis married Judith Hale in Topeka. She survives of the home. Other survivors include a daughter, Ursula Fish of Topeka; 4 grandchildren, Natalie Fish, Ishta Wabaunsee, Madison Wabaunsee and Amayah Wabaunsee and a sister, Anita Goslin of Mayetta.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, James Louis Wabaunsee; 3 sisters, Angie Wabnum, Rita Matsapto and Norma Jean Evans and 2 brothers, Rapheal "Corky" Wabaunsee and Llewellyn Wabaunsee.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta, Kansas. Burial with military honors will follow at the Shipsee Cemetery. Rosary will be recited 6:00 p.m. Tuesday evening with visitation to follow at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. A meal for friends and family will be served at the old Bingo Hall next to the Government Center following the burial. Memorials may be given to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. He worked for Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as Road & Bridge Director for over 27 years.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and We ta se American Legion Post #410.

Tim married Jackie Mitchell on March 28, 1991 in Las Vegas, NV. She survives of the home. Other survivors include a daughter, Angela Wahquahboshkuk Mosqueda of Topeka, KS; a son, Joe Wishteyah of Mayetta, KS; 4 sisters, Linda Tecumseh of Mayetta, KS, Beatrice Ramirez of Taos, NM, Brenda Nozhackum of Mayetta, KS and Rita Ramirez of Horton, KS; a grandson, Kehdemko Tyler Bell; a granddaughter, Kishno Bell and a great-grandson, Drayden Bell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Clint Wahquahboshkuk and 3 brothers, Thomas A. Ramirez, Merlin Ramirez and Rueben Ramirez and a sister, Angie Ramirez.

Dinner and Wake Services will be Monday evening, July 25, 2016 at Nozhackum Hall, west of Mayetta. Family and friends will follow in procession at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2016 for burial with military honors in Mitchell Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

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*Rebecca "Beca" Wood*

*November 8, 1983 - July 13, 2016*

MILWAUKEE - **Rebecca "Beca" Spring Wood** of Milwaukee, WI was taken from us too soon on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, age 32 years. She was born November 8, 1983.

Rebecca was a loving mother of Savannah and Miguel. Beloved daughter of Jacqueline Thon and Greg (fiancé-Diane) Wood. Dear sister of Joseph Filtz and Amber. Step-sister of Jennifer and Jodi. Fond Granddaughter of Earl Wood. Dear niece of Al and Scott Wood. Also survived by other family and friends.

Memorial Visitation at Prasser-Klecicka Funeral Home, Bay View Chapel on Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 PM.



*Melvin F. Moore*

*October 31, 1932 - August 13, 2016*

TOPKEA - **Melvin Francis Moore**, 83, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2016, at his home in Topeka, KS.

Melvin was born October 31, 1932, in Mayetta, KS, to Frank G. and Eleanor (Spitto) Moore. Melvin graduated from Circleville High School in 1951. He served 11 years in the United States Army Infantry. He married Dixie LaVon Graf on January 29, 1963, in Topeka. Melvin worked for J. A. Lundgren & Son, Don Conroy Cement Contractor, Mathers Rentals, and Melvin and Dixie Adult Care. Melvin attended the Family of God Church, Topeka. He was a member of the VFW We Ta Se Post 410 in Mayetta.

He is survived by his son, Jerry "Squeak" Barkyoub of Topeka; daughter, Danna Barkyoub of Rossville; four grandchildren, Jessica Howard of Topeka, Troy Barkyoub of Topeka, Tracy Barkyoub of Topeka, and Tamara Peters (Kelly) of Gillette, Wyoming; six great-grandchildren, Jennifer Howard, Austin Howard, Christopher Alejos, Christopher Peters, Joey Peters, and Jaxon Barkyoub; brother, Terry E. Moore of Topeka; and sister, Caroline R. Moore of Topeka.

Melvin was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie; daughter, Ardith "Ardie" Moore in 2014; two sons, Danny Barkyoub in 2003, and Darrell Barkyoub in 2009; and two sisters, Camille Sweet, and Bernice Holtzmann.

A funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence Ave., Topeka. Burial will follow at Prairie Home Cemetery, Topeka. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Melvin Moore Memorial Fund, 720 NW 35th Street, Topeka, KS 66617.

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*Nadine "Abteghishko-kwe" Masquat*

*December 12, 1949 - July 26, 2016*

MAYETTA - **Nadine Sue "Abteghishko-kwe" Masquat**, 66, of Mayetta, KS started her journey on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at her home. She was born December 12, 1949 in Holton, KS the daughter of Curtis and Elizabeth (Whitefish) Masquat.

Nadine had lived on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation all her life. She graduated from Mayetta High School. She was a homemaker.

Nadine was a member of Drum Religion and a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include her children, Tabosh Kent of Mayetta, KS, Gilbert Kent (Ashley) of Mayetta, KS, Matthew Kent (Dana) of Columbia, MO, Elizabeth Rose Masquat of Las Vegas, NV and Sebe Masquat of Topeka, KS; 8 grandchildren, Nats, Nathan, Shuckto, Ava Rose, Aiden, Andrew, Ayanbi and Chewere; her dogs, Socks and Princess and a cat, Bagherra.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Rosemary Wahweotten and 2 brothers, Curtis and Donald Masquat.

Drum services will be Friday evening, July 29, 2016 at the Danceground Building, west of Mayetta. Burial will be Saturday afternoon, July 30, 2016 in Wahgo Cemetery. Nadine will lie in state at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, beginning Thursday afternoon.



*Alfreda "Wequah" Young*

*December 12, 1949 - July 26, 2016*

MILWAUKEE - **Alfreda F. Young "Wequah,"** was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk, WI. She passed away at her home in Milwaukee on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at the age of 82.

Mother of Darryl (Dianne) Williams and the late Candy Williams. Grandmother of Vanessa, Kyle and Ryan. Sister of Mary Lou, Beth Ann and the late Dee. Further survived by many other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by Jim Cooper and Elmer Williams.

Alfreda was a full blooded Prairie Band Potawatomi. She worked for Milwaukee Public Schools as a Para Professional. She was an active member in the Indian community.

Private services and burial were held.

Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral Home. [www.maxsass.com](http://www.maxsass.com)



*Mary A. Brown*

*November 3, 1937 - July 26, 2016*

MAYETTA - **Mary A. Brown**, 78, of Mayetta, died Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

She was born November 3, 1937, on the reservation near Mayetta, the daughter of Ray and Elsie Wahwassuck Wahweotten.

Mary was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She lived by her faith and loved Pow Wows, church, and time with family and friends.

She worked at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort.

She married Richard Logan Brown. He preceded her in death.

Mary was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Edward Wahweotten, and a sister, Inez Dodds.

Survivors include two sons, Allan Brown, Mayetta and Darryl Brown, Topeka; four siblings, Ron Wahweotten, Hoyt, Cheryl Wahweotten Walker, Mayetta, Larry Wahweotten, Wichita, and Orville Rice, Mayetta; four grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

A supper will be held Friday evening, August 19th at the Native American Church on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning in the Wahwassuck Cemetery. Mary will lie in state until 3:00 p.m. Friday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton.



*Nadine Chenault Milne*

*July 11, 1945 - August 17, 2016*

LAWRENCE - **Nadine Lillian Chenault Milne**, age 71, began her journey to join her relatives after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. She walked on into the Spirit World on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 while she was in Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Services will be: Friday, August 19, 2016 at Warren McElwain Mortuary, 120 West 13th Street, Lawrence, Kansas. Prayer services will be held in their chapel from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

The funeral procession will begin at McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 8:00 am and it will proceed to Potawatomi Dance Ground Cemetery, Mayetta, Kansas. Graveside services will be held there upon arrival.

A meal is being planned for friends, family, co-workers on Saturday afternoon, August 20, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Haskell Lighthouse Campus



*Lorraine Chaney*

*October 3, 1928 - August 17, 2016*

TOPEKA - **Lorraine Agnes Chaney**, 87, of Topeka, KS passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the Rossville Healthcare and Rehabilitation. She was born October 3, 1928 in Mayetta, KS, the daughter of Frank S. & Mabel (Blandin) Chaney.

Lorraine graduated from Mayetta High School. After high school, Lorraine worked as a Stenographer for the FBI for 30 years before she retired. When President Kennedy was assassinated, Lorraine typed the information about the shooting.

Lorraine was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews, Glen Beckwith (Sue Harding) of Topeka, KS, Lynn Beckwith (Jane) of Ozawkie, KS, John Naranjo and Marlene Naranjo both of Albuquerque, NM and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 sisters, Christine Naranjo and Anna Beckwith and 3 brothers, Otis, Francis and Alvie Chaney.

Lorraine was cremated and private family inurnment will be at a later date in the Holton Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

Ministries located at 137 Pawnee Avenue, Lawrence, Kansas.

Nadine was born July 11, 1945 in Topeka, Kansas. She is an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe of Mayetta, Kansas.

Survivors: Nadine is survived by her son: Colin Medicinehorse of Lawrence, Kansas; one sister and one brother from Lawrence, Kansas: Venida Chenault, Bruce Chenault; one sister LaVonne (Rob) Goslin, Bayfield, Wisconsin; one brother Earl (Sonny) Chenault of Tampa, Florida. Her Aunt Laveda (Ronald) Wahweotten, of Hoyt, Kansas; aunts: Phylis and Cindy Thomas of Brimley, Michigan.

Nadine has three granddaughters in Topeka, Kansas: Jami (Brian) Arreguin, Shanna and Chelsea Medicinehorse; one grandson Brandon (Kimberley) Doty of Topeka, Kansas. Five great-grand children and one great-grandson (Jami and Brian) on the way. Six nephews, two nieces, and two great-nieces.

Nadine was employed for fifteen years at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas as a College Resident Assistant in several dormitories. She was well-known for her generosity to all who asked for help. She also was an avid storyteller and kept her small audiences of friends and students engaged by storytelling. Everyone who loved her knew that she could spend hours socializing with her friends—and even people she just met.

Relatives who have preceded our beloved Nadine in death were: her husband, Bruce Milne of Osawatomi, Kansas; mother Etheleene Chenault, brother Duane Chenault, grandmother Lillian Shopteese Thomas and four uncles.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that persons who wish can donate to one of the following organizations: Visiting Nurses' Association or the Lawrence Humane Society and may be sent in care of the mortuary.

# 2016 Potawatomi Gathering



Adriana Wahwassuck and family



Cousins Hannah Price and Kenny Aitkens golf with a friend



Wadum and Enedina Banks and their children brave the heat to check out the Gathering



Nes Hubbard with her grandma Pom Hubbard



Billy Jim, Jr., Josh Greemore, Boney Pahmahmie, Frank Parker, Burton Jones, Bella Thompson, Stephanie Jim & Dawn from Hannahville are the volleyball tournament champions!



Gubba Hale and the drum



Anita Torres takes 3rd in the Women's Horseshoe Tournament



Tribal Chair Liana Onnen with her mom Carol DeWitt



Wyatt Boswell heading to grand entry



Sogi LeClere and her children Wapashekwe and John Rambo



Shirley Trull, Pam Brewer, Rose Jesseppe, Johnny Potts, Richele Pahmahmie Potts, Richard Pahmahmie and Marilyn Hale Wakolee take advantage of the bowling lanes.



Pak Hale with his grandma LaVerne Hale