One of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's (PBPN) greatest tribal leaders Gary M. Mitchell, 63, passed away Jan. 23 surrounded by his family in Topeka.

Mitchell was serving as the chairman of the PBPN Gaming Commission at the time of his death and had been chairing the Gaming Commission off and on since 1997. Prior to that, he had been elected to serve on the Tribal Council as chairman, vice chairman, and treasurer for a total of 18 years of elected service. Academically he possessed a bachelor's degree in political science from Washburn University and a master's degree in history from Baker University.

Liana Onnen, PBPN Tribal Council chairperson, said: "He was a good man and a well respected member of the community. He understood the importance of preserving the culture, traditions and history of the Prairie Band Potawatomi people in a deeply profound way. He also took an active role in that preservation through not only his writings, but the way he lived his life. Gary served his people and his community through elected office for many years and his passing is a great loss for our people and for all the lives he touched. We offer prayers of support for his family during this time and will remember Gary fondly and with great respect."

Rey Kitchkumme, who is on the Gaming Commission and had also worked with Mitchell on the Tribal Council, said: "On behalf of everyone who worked under his chairmanship the Gaming Commission is deeply saddened by his loss. He honored our Nation through service with tremendous passion and integrity. He was a good friend, mentor, co-worker and boss. His intelligence, wit, guidance, and graciousness will be forever remembered. His love for the Tribe, traditional ways, and his family were evident in everything that he did. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with the Mitchell family at this difficult time."

During his tenure with the Nation, Mitchell was a driving force when the Tribal-State gaming compact was legislated in the 1990s and a casino was built on the Prairie Band reservation. Now known as the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (formerly Harrah's Prairie Band Casino), Mitchell was active in all phases of bringing gaming to the PBPN and overseeing the casino's woodlands design.

In addition, Mitchell was a life-long reservation resident and dedicated to ensuring that his people's traditions and language were maintained. He was a Potawatomi speaker and often gave invitations at powwows and other events. He was the tribe's historian and wrote many historical narratives that appeared in books and magazines. Among his other accomplishments was being the founder of the Potawatomi News, the Nation's newspaper that has been circulated to the tribal membership since 2000.

Funeral arrangements were made with Mercer Funeral Home in Holton and can be found at www.mercerfuneralhomes.com. The obituary is also on page 22 inside this issue of the News and a tribute on page 8.

Kansas Governor visits PBPN

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and members of his staff paid a visit to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) Feb. 6 to discuss government to government relations and to take a tour of the Government Center. On the front row, left to right, is Mark Dodell (Kansas Interim Native American Affairs Liaison), Gov. Brownback, and PBPN Chairperson Liana Onnen. On the back row, left to right, is Junior Wahweotten (PBPN member) Camilla Chouteau (PBPN Secretary), Tom Wabnum (PBPN Member), Joyce Guerrero (PBPN Vice Chairperson), Hattie Mitchell (PBPN Treasurer), Carrie O'Toole (PBPN Member), John Clauser (Kansas General Counsel), Vivien Olsen (PBPN Attorney), Brant Laue (Kansas Chief Counsel), Mariza Fritzler (PBPN Law Clerk), and Tracy Streeter (Kansas Director of Water Office). Present at the meeting but not pictured was Michael Hale (Kansas Attorney).
Since my last message to the Nation I have been busy attending meetings and conducting business. The first week in December I attended the Annual White House Tribal Nations Conference that President Obama has hosted for the last six years. Each year leaders from 566 federally recognized tribes come together in Washington, D.C. to interface with the President and members of his Cabinet. This year I was able to meet with Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Kevin Washburn, and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, and I also attended other consultation meetings and receptions. During my visit I came away with the feeling that President Obama has a deep commitment to strengthen government to government relationships with Indian Country. He has also broadened his interests by introducing new programs for Native American youth and several of them were invited to attend the conference.

I returned to Washington, D.C. Feb. 23-25 for the Winter session of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and was afforded the opportunity to meet with Kansas Senator Jerry Moran and U.S. Rep. (Kan.) Lynn Jenkins who have support ed legislation that broadened the General Welfare Exclusion Act to include tribal governments. In essence, the legislation amended the Internal Revenue Code and requires the Treasury Secretary to establish a Tribal Advisory Committee that will help develop a mandatory education and training program for IRS field agents to learn about federal Indian law and our unique federal treaty and trust obligations. The NCAI supported this legislation and I was pleased that these two Kansas legislators backed the bill. Senator Moran has also recently become a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs which will hopefully provide another avenue of support for our tribal efforts.

In other news, Tribal Council participated in the inaugural activities of Governor Sam Brownback in January. As you know, before he became governor and was a U.S. Senator, Brownback reached out to Native Americans by proposing a national apology to them. Since becoming governor he has issued three apology proclamations to various Kansas tribal groups. He was also an active participant at Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol held on Feb. 4 that the PBPN was involved in. In its fourth year, the day involves interacting with legislators and others and this year tribal member Anita Evans and the Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers were recognized at the formal legislative session along with other tribal leaders. Following that, the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers performed in the Capitol rotunda which ended that evening with a traditional native feast held for tribal leaders at the Governor’s mansion.

On Feb. 6 Gov. Brownback and some of his advisors made a visit to the reservation where Tribal Council and I met to discuss several government to government matters. Among them were developing a formal consultation policy, the Joint Committee on State Tribal Affairs, the proposed cigarette tax legislation and the State’s Water Vision plan.

Also that week during the evening of Feb. 5 the late Jim Potter was inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Hall of Fame. I was honored to present the award to his widow Patty Potter and two sons. There was an outpouring of support by tribal members who attended the banquet and also spoke on Jim’s behalf. Jim was on the Tribal Council for many years and was a lifelong resident of Jackson County. He served on several community boards and committees and was well respected and loved before he was killed in a motorcycle/deer accident last June. I know that I miss him dearly as a friend and tribal leader and know that many of you do too.

In the day-to-day business operations for the Nation, Tribal Council continues to meet regularly and is working hard on projects and initiatives designed to protect our sovereignty. We have also been busy organizing and getting ready to launch the PBPN Land Buy-Back program and are proud that we are one of the first tribes selected by the Department of Interior to implement the program. The program is designed to consolidate fractionated land back to the reservation through a voluntary program that will buy land as part of the Cobell Settlement. Much of the tribe’s involve ment is due to the hard work of Tribal Council member Tom Wabnum who has been instrumental in ensuring that the word gets out and that people are informed about the program. We have recently posted a PBPN Land Buy-Back program webpage that can be accessed from our tribal website at www.pbpindiantribe.com.

In conclusion, I want to recognize the work of Gary E. Mitchell who also passed away recently. I have known Gary all of my life and what strikes me most when I think of him was his dedication to the tribe and to preserving its culture and history. Gary was the chair of the Gaming Commission before he died and I will always remember a confident and assured man who had a wicked good sense of humor. Gary left a legacy of love and leadership to both his immediate family and that of his Nishnabeg family.

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The Tribal Ethics Commission election is coming up in July and all six positions are available.

Office positions include Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Commissioner #1, #2 and #3.

Mailing of the Election Notice will be sent by mail to tribal members on April 8 from the Member Services Department. Candidates have between April 16-30 to file in Member Services that is located on the lower level of the Government Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The filing fee is $50 and candidates will have until May 8 to withdraw, if necessary.

The election is by mail-in ballot only and tribal members 18 years and older must be registered by May 20. Directions for registering will be included in the Mailing of Election Notice packet that will have been previously sent.

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on June 10 and the election is scheduled for July 25 where the ballots will be counted in an opening meeting of the tribal membership at a place not yet announced. If a run-off election is needed for any position not winning by majority plus one vote, it will occur on Aug. 22.

About the Ethics Commission

The Potawatomi Ethics Commission was formed to create a Code of Ethics and to investigate and hear complaints against Nation officials which arise under the code of ethics provisions.

The Commission was approved in 2007 and the Tribal Council funds the Commission at a level sufficient to satisfy Constitutional and statutory obligations. Commissioners are not paid for their service but do receive expense reimbursements incurred in performing their official duties.

The Potawatomi Ethics Commission is elected by the Nation’s General Council. The Chairperson and Secretary serve four years, the Vice-Chairperson and Commissioner #1 serve three years, and Commissioners #2 and #3 serve two years. Thereafter, it shall be comprised of six members who shall be elected for three year terms by the General Council every year through an annual election process.

Contact:
Paul Vega
Member Services Coordinator
785.966.3934

Tribal leaders attend Brownback inauguration

Tribal leaders posed with Gov. Brownback at his inauguration on Jan. 12 at the Capitol. (Left to right) is Sag-tuk Banks, Lester Randall, Gov. Brownback, Liana Onnen, Tom Wabnum, Hattie Mitchell and Camilla Chouteau. Banks and Randall are on the Kickapoo Tribal Council and the others are on the PBPN Tribal Council.

(Submitted photo)

Town hall meeting on enrollment held

A town hall meeting regarding enrollment was held on March 21 at the Bingo Hall to continue discussions about possible changes to the enrollment process. A previous meeting was held on Dec. 6. To learn more about the meetings log on to the Tribal Member Login site located at www.pbpindiantribe.com or call the Tribal Secretary’s office at 785.966.3922.

Lorrie Melchior sworn in to Enrollment Committee

Lorrie Melchior (left) was sworn in as a new member of the Enrollment Committee on Feb. 15 by Chairperson Liana Onnen.

The Enrollment Committee met shortly after Melchior was sworn in to office. From left to right is Benny Potts, Micki Martinez, Melchior, Paul Vega (Member Services Coordinator), and Ann Decoteau. Tom Tuckwin, who also sits on the committee, was not present.

Hattie Mitchell selected for GOLD award from Washburn University

Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer, has been selected by Washburn Alumni Association for the 2014 Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) award.

The award is given to graduates who have demonstrated leadership in career or civic endeavors and are loyal to Washburn University.

She will receive her award at the annual alumni awards banquet scheduled for April 25.

Mitchell graduated with a bachelor’s of business administration degree from Washburn and also studied abroad at Cambridge University in England and Santander, Spain. In addition, she was in the Summer Venture in Management Program at Harvard Business School and also became a Certified Public Accountant in 2012.

While at Washburn Mitchell was a member of the Accounting Club, Native American Club and Finance Club. Additionally, she had a band scholarship for two years and was part of the Flag Corps for the Washburn Marching Band.

Before becoming treasurer for the PBPN, she worked in the Nation’s Finance Department. Prior to that, she worked for six years as an accountant for Security Benefit in Topeka and for five years in gaming operations at Harrah’s Prairie Band Casino (now known as Prairie Band Casino & Resort).

Among her duties as treasurer for the PBPN, she is the Cultural Preservation Officer and representative for the Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), chair the PBPN Tax Commission, and is also vice chairperson of the Prairie Band, LLC Board of Directors. Part of her duties also includes overseeing economic development efforts for the Nation’s land department that includes leases, purchases, conservation work and the bison program.

Other honors she has received include being recognized as one of Topeka’s “20 Under 40” recipients and she is also on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Children’s Discovery Center. In 2013 she was also honored as being one of the “40 Under 40” emerging American Indian leaders by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development organization.
State of Kansas water update

Submitted by Camilla Chouteau,
Tribal Council Secretary

Topeka, Kansas: The State of Kansas continues to process and update the Fifty Year Water Plan. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Jackson County are located in the designated Kansas Region area. Mostly recently, the Water Office has solicited comments on Vision Goals and especially the depleting future for the Kansas Water Supply from Ogallala Aquifer. The proposed Aqueduct Project continues to schedule public meetings with stakeholders mostly recently in Salina, Kansas in response to the 1982 Study. In the study, there is little indication on how the Aqueduct Project will be paid for and through the news media the State of Missouri has stated a non-favorable position for the project. To view the Water Plan and legislative updates and upcoming meetings go to: www.kwo.org

Tornado safety tips and more at www.pbpiniantribe.com

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Former Chairperson Steve Ortiz to be honored at National Indian Gaming Association Convention

Steve Ortiz, former PBPN chairperson, will be honored as a recipient of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Chairman’s Leadership Award at their convention planned for March 31 in San Diego.

Ortiz will be recognized by NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr for his accomplishments and achievements in Indian Country as chairman of the PBPN.

Ortiz was an elected official in the PBPN for approximately 15 years and served his last seven years as chairperson until 2014.

His other accomplishments were serving as the PBPN delegate to NIGA and the National Congress of American Indians, and being a member of the National Indian Gaming Commission Task Force on Health and Safety in Indian Casinos. Ortiz also served on national government committees including the Department of Health & Human Services Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee, the U.S. EPA Local Government Advisory Committee, and he was selected as one of twelve tribal leaders who met personally with President Obama in 2011 during the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2.

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Representatives from the Department of Interior Land Buy-Back Program and Office of Special Trustee were on hand at both presentations where they discussed the PBPN's status in the program. In addition, Tribal Council member Tom Wabnum gave information about the reservation's land base at the local level at the Mayetta meeting. Representatives from the Horton BIA, PBPN Tribal Land Office and Attorney's Office were also on available to answer questions following the presentations.

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BIA announces selection of Prairie Band Potawatomi for Land Buy-Back

For more details contact Tribal Land Planner Steve Duryea at 785.966.3928

Washington, D.C. (Jan. 30) In the latest step of the U.S. Interior Department’s work to reduce land fractionation and strengthen tribal sovereignty across Indian Country, Deputy Secretary of the Interior Michael Connor announced an agreement with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas that details what each tribal government will do to help implement the Buy-Back Program and provide resources to facilitate outreach and education. The Department also entered into cooperative or other agreements with nearly 20 other sovereign tribal nations.

“We continue to be encouraged by the growing momentum and excitement about the Buy-Back Program across Indian Country,” said Deputy Secretary Connor. “As we have made clear, a significant factor in the Program’s success is the ability to work effectively with tribal leadership to best tailor outreach and information to their community.

By working closely with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, we can maximize our ability to provide landowners with the information they need to make informed decisions about their land through this voluntary program.”

Land fractionation is a serious problem across Indian Country. As lands are passed down through generations, they gain more owners. Many tracts now have hundreds and even thousands of individual owners. Because it is difficult to gain landowner consensus, the lands often lie idle and cannot be used for any beneficial purpose. There are more than 245,000 owners of three million fractionated interests, spanning approximately 150 Indian reservations, who are eligible to participate in the Buy-Back Program.

The Buy-Back Program was created to implement the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided $1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian Country. It allows interested individual owners to receive payments for voluntarily selling their land. Consolidated interests are immediately transferred to tribal governments and stay in trust for uses benefiting the tribes and their members. To date, the Buy-Back Program has made more than 46,000 purchase offers to owners of fractionated interests, successfully concluded transactions worth $330 million and restored the equivalent of nearly 541,000 acres of land to tribal ownership.

“The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation looks forward to collaborating with the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations,” said Liana Onnen, Chairperson of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. “Our participation in this program furthers the common goal to purchase highly fractionated trust land from voluntary sellers at fair market value. The consolidated ownership of these fractional interests on behalf of the Nation promotes tribal self-governance and benefits the Nation as a whole.”

The Department has announced 42 locations where land consolidation activities such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions are expected to take place through the middle of 2017. These communities represent 83 percent of all outstanding fractional interests across Indian Country.
Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol was held on Feb. 4 and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was out in full force. Members of the Tribal Council attended the day’s activities and the award-winning Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers performed at noon and were recognized by Gov. Sam Brownback and the Kansas Legislature.

This is the fourth year that Native Americans have been recognized by the Kansas Legislature. A bill was passed in 2013 that officially designated the first Wednesday of February as Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol permanently but last year’s activities were cancelled due to poor weather. Rep. Ponka-We Victors (Tohono O’odham), the first Native American woman ever elected to the Kansas Legislature, initiated the bill into law and is still a District 103 representative from the Wichita area.

The Royal Valley Singers & Dancers recently traveled to Bartlesville, Oklahoma and brought home the championship trophy in the 12th annual Battle of the Plains Native American Youth competition that is sponsored by Operation Eagle, the Indian Education Program administered through the Bartlesville Public Schools in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Several dancers also placed in individual competitions and took home awards.

The Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers is the only school-sponsored dance group in Kansas. The group is composed of young people from kindergarten to twelfth grade and is sponsored by Anita Evans and Connie Peters who are affiliated with the Royal Valley School District and the Prairie Band Boys & Girls Club. In addition, tribal members who perform with the Little Soldiers Drum group and many parents and family members are also active supporters of the young group that gives several performances each year.

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Royal Valley Singers & Dancers
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3rd-Isaac Hale

A thank you message from the family of Gary E. Mitchell

The family of Gary E. Mitchell wish to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of condolences expressed and help received during the passing of Shaw-Nosh, into the spirit world.

Gary lived his life in the manner his mother advised him to, helping others as much as he could when called upon during ceremonies. He will be remembered for naming many babies and adults, praying at funeral services, supper talks, and serving in many capacities in our religion. He loved and respected “our way”. Gary loved each and every one of his family members for whom they were. He grew up in a large family and respected and enjoyed all of his adopted family members, too. He was adopted for Philip Wewenes and later his family adopted Judy Wabaunsee as their mother, both multiplying his family by ten times. The Wewenes/Hale families are two of the largest families on the Kickapoo and Potawatomi reservations.

Gary's education endeavors allowed him to help our people, the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. He spent many years in historical research because he knew he had to have a grasp of his roots to understand how to make a better future for our people. Upon requests, he gave many history speeches, which some angered the audience because the historical truth is not what some like hearing. This did not discourage Gary because true history had to be told, not the text book version ingrained in to most people's minds. He loved sitting with elders and veterans to hear their stories and teachings. He was a great storyteller. He knew how to captivate an audience, but he also knew when to throw in a few great punch lines and jokes, too!

We would like to give a special thank you to the PBPN EMT’s, all co-workers and friends who said their good byes, to all the cooks, the pall bearers, the speakers, the singers, the chief, the women and his Indian Country gaming friends.

A special thank you message from the family of Gary E. Mitchell

We Love You and will always miss you Shaw-Nosh! We know he is in the spirit world with his mother and brothers.

Igwen,
Vencile,
"Dumps",
Martie,
Tara,
Waskeh,
Kk,
Hootie,
Pasko,
Tay,
Shug,
Oshketah,
Kwe-Kwe-Gee,
his brothers,
his sisters
and
his nieces and nephews!

"The true sign of an Indian leader is when they give something that will withstand the passage of time."
-Gary E. Mitchell

(excerpt taken from the Potawatomi News page 7 - January 2002)
Gary was born in 1951. He came into this world a few minutes after his twin brother, Larry. The twins would hold a special place in the heart of their mother even after the birth of 10 more siblings. The twins were “ mama’s boys” until the day she left this world. Gary and his siblings grew up on the Potawatomi Reservation during a challenging time. There were very few jobs and poverty was common place. The Reservation families might not have owned much in a material sense but the community was rich in tradition, culture and perseverance. Gary and his siblings learned at a young age that it takes hard work and drive to make it in this world. Gary went to boarding school in Wahoo, Nebraska, during his elementary and junior high years. This experience would affect Gary and his family throughout their lives. Boarding school was similar to the military with its regiments and daily duties. But it left a bad mark on Gary. He would struggle with religion and spirituality for many years.

Gary eventually came to terms with religion but only after he met his wife, V oncile. V oncile would help him with the memories that haunted his experience with religion. Her family was strong in the spiritual traditions of the Potawatomi people. They would help guide him back to those traditional beliefs. Gary and V oncile raised two daughters and also played an important role to all of their children or grandchildren. From basketball games to family reunions, Gary entertained many of his family and friends. He influenced thought and commentary would end up on his blog, in messages to his email buddies and later on the social media site, Facebook. His knowledge and witty observations would entertain many of his family and friends. He influenced many people on social networking through his studies and writings. He once said, “the story of the Potawatomi People is just beginning.”

The Prairie Band Potawatomi language and traditions were a big part of Gary’s life. He spent countless hours studying in the effort of learning how to pray in Potawatomi. His numerous teachers included Maynard Ports, Meda Jacobs, and his mother Alberta Wamengo. He spent many precious hours at his mother’s house learning phrases in Potawatomi. She was a difficult teacher and unlikely to ever be a teacher. Gary was many things to many people but to his family he was the consistent calm in this storm we call life. His family lost a central presence in their lives and Indian Country lost a true leader.

On a personal level, Gary was one of my greatest supporters during my law school experience. He didn’t want the attention or sympathy folks naturally feel. I initially tried to convince him to go through with the lung transplant but because he had lived a full life and all that remained was in the hands of the creator.

Gary’s time in this world would end on January 23, 2015 with the love of his life by his side. He didn’t want his illness to define who he was or for the rest of us to remember him as he was in those final days. People from all over the country and world paid their respects and attended the funeral. He earned the respect of the people through his life’s work and dedication to better the lives of Indian people all over the country. His legacy will continue with his family, his writings, the numerous stories he left us with and the language he passed on to his grandchildren. Life will not be the same for the Potawatomi Reservation and for those closest to him.
Chamber to honor Jim Potter’s work

By Brian Sanders

Bridging and improving relations between Jackson County officials and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was one of the late Jim Potter’s goals, and in his lifetime, he managed to rise above and beyond that goal.

Known not only for his work on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council and within the nation, but also for his work in non-tribal endeavors throughout the county, Potter is one of this year’s Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame inductees. That, according to his fellow Tribal Council member and longtime friend, Steve Ortiz, is something Potter would be happy about.

As a youth, he and future wife Patricia Miller-whose mothers were best friends—would go to powwows all over Kansas and Oklahoma, Kitchkumme said.

Jim always wanted to be a ‘straight dancer,’” he said. “What eventually attracted Patti to Jim was the goodness he carried within and that he was tall.”

Eventually, Potter would propose marriage to Miller, and they would wait a year until she finally said yes, Kitchkumme said. They were married on June 6, 1992.

Potter and Ortiz would continue to hunt together through the years, but it wasn’t until the 1990s that the two of them got involved in tribal politics. Potter ran for and won a position on the tribal council in 1998, which was, according to Ortiz, “the year the growth began.”

That was the time that the tribe’s casino was brought into the Harrah’s family of casinos, water service to the reservation was improved dramatically with the extension of a larger water main from Jackson County Rural Water District 3 and relations between tribal and other governments began to improve.

But it was Potter’s commitment to improving intergovernmental relations that garnered him an effective person in helping to improve relations between the tribe and not only the State of Kansas, but also Jackson County, Ortiz added. He and Pam Bowman, who served as Potter’s administrative assistant for 12 years, described Potter as a “bridge” between the tribe and county officials.

Ortiz and to his right is the late Jim Potter.

“Much of it had to do with Potter’s genial nature, Bowman said.

“He was just a good-hearted man,” she said. “In all the years I worked for him, he never made me feel like an employee. He was more like a brother.”

From 1998 to 2010, Potter served as the tribal council’s treasurer, then served for four years as the council’s secretary. During that time, however, Bowman noted that he was also a key player in the 1998 resurrection of one of the tribe’s biggest events—its annual powwow—and he served as the powwow committee’s co-chairman for several years.

“For a while, there was no powwow, and he was instrumental in bringing that back to the nation,” Bowman said. “One of the tribal elders had asked him if they could bring it back, and even though he didn’t do it alone, he was key to bringing it back.”

Potter, whose term as tribal council secretary was reportedly set to end earlier this year, was getting ready for this year’s powwow on June 11 when tragedy struck after leaving the powwow grounds on his motorcycle. His motorcycle struck a deer in the road, then went into a ditch, where he reportedly died from his injuries.

“It was a sad event,” Ortiz said of Potter’s death. “We were all sad to see Jim go, because we could always call Jim up and get a straight answer on anything, and we couldn’t do that anymore. That was the great loss.”

Indeed, in their years together on the tribal council, anytime Ortiz wanted a “straight answer” from Potter he would call on the “wet your finger” phrase from their hunting days in the 1970s.

“That phrase was more about tribal politics then,” Ortiz said with a laugh. “I used to ask Jim, ‘Which way is the wind blowing?’ Is this going to impact our decision?’”

Potter will be honored alongside Bill and Debra Brown, Mike Ford and Brad Stauffer at the 2015 Chamber Hall of Fame induction ceremony which is scheduled for February.
One Stop Convenience Store opens

The Prairie Band One Stop Convenience Store located at U.S. Highway 75 and 190th Road held its grand opening Jan. 2 and is now officially open for business.

The store sells gas, drinks, tobacco, gifts, and snacks and is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. A 24-hour gas pay-at-the-pump is also available.

The store is the newest business venture for Prairie Band, LLC that is owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Native American themed items are for sale in the store including a coffee brand from PT’s Roasterie called Prairie Band Signature Blend.

Helping a family in need

A canned food drive was held in the Prairie Band Potawatomi community to help a family who lost their home due to fire recently and Tribal Victim Services and Social Services organized the drive by placing donation boxes in various buildings around the reservation.

In addition, a friendly competition arose between the Tribal Police Department and the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department (PTFD) that resulted in 1,189 pounds of food being donated from the two groups. The Tribal Police Department won and received a free police vehicle car wash compliments of PTFD labor. Below are photographs of each department holding their donated goods that were submitted by TVS staff member Daniel Goombi.

Calendar of Events

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Upcoming events with Tribal Victim Services

April 4-Easter EGGStravaganza 2 to 4 p.m. Prairie Peoples Park (Egg hunt, 3 p.m. and other egg related games)

April 7-Take Back the Night 7 to 8 p.m. Prairie Peoples Park (National Sexual Assault Awareness Month)
First responders learn how to protect themselves against hazardous biological threats like Ebola

A training that taught first responders and other providers on how to protect themselves using proper gear from highly infectious diseases like Ebola was held at the Bingo Hall on December 15-16. The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department (PTFD) coordinated the training with the Center for Domestic Preparedness, Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service, and the Kansas Department of Emergency Management. The course was taught by instructors from the Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service out of College Station, Texas. Approximately 20 people attended the training including several from the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department.

The course provided an overview of potentially hazardous biological agents and trainees learned how to don and doff respiratory protection equipment and protective clothing that is needed to decontaminate hazardous biological environments.

The training program was Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events (PER-320) and was open to EMS, Fire Service, Law Enforcement, HazMat, Healthcare, and Public Health personnel.

Ice and swift-water rescue training

The Fire Department conducted its annual ice and swift-water rescue training last January at a pond on the reservation.

Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department receives thank you from Health Center

Bill Thorne, Health Center Administrator, presented a thank you plaque to Fire Chief Doug Schreiner and his crews last winter at the Fire Station for their hard work in protecting the Health Center and Nation.

Frank Zeller (rear) rescuing Mark Meinhardt on the ice.
Hope Adame, director of the PBPN Early Childhood Education Center, was honored as the Kansas Head Start Administrator of the Year at the Kansas Head Start Association annual conference on January 15 at the Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas.

Adame was first selected for the honor in Kansas and then won again at the regional VII district competition that included Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Following that, her name was forwarded on to the National Head Start Association (NHS) which also selected her. She will travel to Washington, D.C. from March 29 to April 2 to attend the national conference and will be recognized as the top National Head Start Administrator of the year.

Adame is being recognized for her achievements and services that were contributed during the 2013-2014 school year and was nominated for the award by the PBPN Early Education Child Center staff.

The Head Start Association is a non-profit organization that supports and strengthens Kansas early learning programs through advocacy, professional development and leadership. High priority is given to children that are low income or have a disability.

The Early Childhood Education Center is also known as the “Ben-no-tteh Wigwam” (House of the Child) and consists of early childhood programs including Head Start, Early Head Start, Child Care, and Early Childhood Special Education. It is located at 15380 K Rd, Mayetta, KS. 66509.

Hope Adame receiving her award from Eric Vaughn, President of the Kansas Head Start Association, in Salina where she was honored as the Kansas Head Start Administrator of the Year. Later this month she will travel to Washington, D.C. to receive the National Head Start Administrator of the Year award.

**Also named National Headstart Administrator of the Year and will be honored at the national conference in Washington, D.C. this spring**

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**Becoming a better parent:**

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**Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Center is accepting 2015-2016 Head Start Applications**

**Deadline:**

June 30, 2015

Call 785.966.2707 for questions

Come to the Early Childhood Education Center graduation pow-wow on May 14 in Prairie Peoples Park

Learn more about Ben-no-tteh Wigwam at www.pbpindiantribe.com/early-childhood-educationprograms.aspx

**Health Fair**

APRIL 17th, 2015

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

270 Early Childhood Education Center

Harrison Kansas 66509

Thinking about Head Start or kindergarten for your child? Need to update your child’s health assessment?

This health fair will focus on providing a well-child clinic for children aged 3-5.

For more information, or an appointment, please call: (785) 966-2707

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In its continuing effort of trying to improve the lives of people, The Education Department has partnered with Friends University in offering on-campus and online learning for those interested in wanting to attain a master’s of business administration (MBA) degree.

On Jan. 29 an informational session was held for those interested in applying for the program. According to Kristen Aitkens, Director of Education, 13 students enrolled in the program that is presently being held on Thursday evenings at the Government Center. Nine of the 13 are tribal members and most of the enrollees also work in the tribal government or at one of its businesses.

There are six areas of concentration that students can choose from including accounting, business law, management information systems, change management, health care leadership, and supply chain management and logistics.

Classes were scheduled to begin March 12 and are held in the evening which allows full-time working people the opportunity to go to school without having to go off site. Several courses are also taught online.

Several people have graduated from the bachelor degree programs through Friends and the Department of Education.
Defensive Driving course taught

Above: A defensive driving course was taught at the Government Center in February. The course was taught by Herb Nance who works for the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department. Tribal members and employees learned how to drive more defensively and were given a certificate of achievement upon their completion.

Right: Left to right is Ben Joslin, IT Manager, and Chief Walker going over paperwork related to the National Crime Information Center’s computerized indexing system.

Meet new officer

Brandon Wells has recently joined the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department. Tyrell Askren has also joined the force as an officer but was not photographed.

INSET PHOTO: The firing range includes a building that sits west of the ranges where hunter safety courses will be taught.

Above: Tribal Police Chief Shawn Walker standing in front of the rifle range that has recently been upgraded. Road & Bridge built backstops around the range (see hills in photo) and also improved the access roads and added fresh gravel. Construction/Maintenance crews oversaw the construction of the building and poured concrete firing point pads in several areas within each range.

The Tribal Police Department has made some new additions and renovations with the help of other PBPN departments and programs.

For example, at their headquarters, located on Q Road, a new health and wellness fitness area has been installed in the maintenance area. The project was the brainchild of Derek Wamego and Tyler Shobney, according to Chief of Police Shawn Walker, and the two young officers organized recycled exercise equipment, floor mats and a television/dvr set with the help of donated items from the PBP Diabetes program. In addition, a volunteer from the department’s Police Explorer program also built a push up bar in his welding class as added equipment.

The exercise area provides a convenient place where staff can work out before or after their shifts.

Another major upgrade to the department is the newly renovated shooting range that is located near 150 Road and L Road. The range has been in existence for several years but did not contain a building or any specified target areas. In 2013, with the help of Road & Bridge and Construction/Maintenance, a building was constructed along with a rifle range that has a 200-yard sight distance and a pistol range that has a 33-yard site distance.

Road & Bridge built large berms around each range and also smoothed out the entry road that has been extended east to the range sites. Crews from the Construction/Maintenance Department oversaw the building’s construction and also poured concrete pads that are used as firing points within each range. The building is also wired for electricity that can be run by a wheeled generator that the police department owns.

The building will be used as a training facility for hunter safety courses and Chief Walker said that future plans may call for a heating and cooling system to be installed. Also at the site and near the building are two storage units where supplies are kept and three porta-potties are located.

Firing range policies and procedures are still being developed by the police department and will be placed on the tribal website when formally approved by Tribal Council.

An exercise area has been installed at tribal police headquarters.

Tribal Police Department collaborates with PBPN departments and programs to make improvements and upgrades
Dental Clinic receives state-of-the-art digital imaging system

The Potawatomi Health Center Dental Clinic has recently received state-of-the-art digital imaging equipment that is lessening the time patients have to sit in the dentist’s chair and is also offering them better information and a shared visual when consulting with the dentist.

New equipment was installed that allows for a full mouth x-ray that can be sent to the dentist’s chair within seconds. The machine also has less radiation exposure and patient records are being stored electronically and can be immediately placed in patient files. Future plans call for all the dental clinic records to be scanned for electronic storage which will also save on storage space at the clinic.

The equipment and technology was installed by Patterson Dental with the help of Chris Mzhickteno, who works in the PBPN IT Department. In addition, Construction/Maintenance Department crews also helped with the installation.

Presently the dental staff is learning how to use the new digital imaging system and has hired a new staff person to help scan old hard-copy files and to help in the front office.

Before the system was installed, the clinic relied on an x-ray machine that used film and took about five minutes per patient to process. In addition, the old system could only photograph part of the mouth so more than one image was often needed which sometimes caused extra time for patients to sit in the dental chair.

The dental clinic staff includes Dr. Blaine Knox, Gayle Lambrecht, Allison Catron, Deb Lowe and Stephanie Scates. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located in the Potawatomi Health Center, 11400 158th Road, Mayetta, KS.

Non-Indian governmental employees and families now served at the PBP Health Center

The Prairie Band Health Center is now providing services for Non-Indian government employees and their families. Services are limited to medical (including lab and x-ray) only, and not any dental, purchased care or on-site prescriptions. Necessary prescriptions can be e-scripted to employees own pharmacies. All medical visits to see a medical provider require a $25 co-pay, payable at the time of the visit. To see a provider employees must bring a picture ID and their Blue Cross insurance card. For details call Health Center Administrator Bill Thorne at 785.966.8302.

Indian Health Services changing Contract Health Services name to Purchased Referral Care

The Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service announces that as authorized under the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2014, the Indian Health Service (IHS) has changed the name of Contract Health Services (CHS) program to Purchased Referred Care (PRC) program. Within the next year, the IHS will transition into using the new name, PRC, and all IHS Federal regulations, policies and other administrative documents that contain the word, CHS, will continue to apply until an update is completed.

It should be noted that the PRC functions will remain the same, and the IHS PRC funds will continue to be used to purchase health care services and to provide referrals to individuals to obtain health care from private sector health care providers when those services are not available with the Indian Health System (IHS/Tribal/Urban).
The Potawatomi Food Distribution Program serves 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; Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members residing in Brown County, Kansas; and non-Natives residing within the PBPN reservation boundaries who meet all eligibility criteria. FDPIR is an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. Household members are not permitted to receive USDA commodity food and SNAP benefits in the same month. Dual participation by any household member in SNAP or another Food Distribution Program is strictly prohibited.

As a reminder, current program participants are required to report the following changes within ten days from the date the change occurs:

- A change in household composition
- An increase in gross monthly income
- Address changes, even if it’s a temporary move
- When the household no longer incurs a shelter or utility expense
- A change in the legal obligation to pay child support
- A change in marital status
- Any other changes that affects program eligibility or benefit level

If the household fails to report a change, and as a result, receives commodities they are not entitled to receive, a claim will be established against the household and/or they could be disqualified from participation in the Food Distribution Program.

Monthly calendars are distributed to clients. They show the dates and times we are closed. We are always closed on Friday afternoons for scheduled deliveries. We are also closed on the last working day of the month to perform inventory and complete reports. No orders or walk-ins after 4:00 p.m. If clients want to pick up commodities after 4:00 p.m., it must be scheduled in advance. Walk-ins are served on a first come, first serve basis with scheduled orders taking first priority. If you are a walk-in, please be prepared to wait. Deliveries are only available to home-bound individuals &/or to households without transportation.

Prairie Band receives Indian Housing Block Grant from HUD

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced on February 19 more than $651 million to 636 Native American tribes in 34 states. Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) allocations are distributed each year to eligible Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entities for a range of affordable housing activities.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation received $249,430 and three other Kansas tribes also received grants. The Kickapoo in Kansas received $846,597, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri received $212,772, and the Iowa Tribe in Kansas received $426,141. IHBG funds primarily benefit low-income families living on Indian reservations or in other American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The amount of each grant is based on a formula that considers local needs and housing units under management by the tribe or designated entity.

“Our nation is at its best when everyone has a fair chance to thrive,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. “These funds will support the innovative work Native American tribes and families are doing to build a more prosperous future. Our partnership with these local leaders today will create better housing opportunities, more robust economic development and stronger communities tomorrow.”

Eligible activities for the funds include housing development, assistance to housing developed under the Indian Housing Program of the 1937 Housing Act, housing services to eligible families and individuals, housing management services, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems. The block grant approach to housing was enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHAS-DA).

HUD’s proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget seeks $748 million to address critical housing and community development needs in Native American communities, including $660 million for IHBG allocations.
**Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!**

**Vacancy announcements**

There are several job positions open now with the PBPN government. Check them out at www.pbpindiantribe.com/employment.aspx

Did you know that by being a PBPN tribal member you are eligible to apply for inhouse and other job positions with the PBPN Human Resources Department? All you need to do is to submit your application, a copy of your PBPN Tribal ID, and any other requirements that are requested for the position you are applying for:

Submit to:
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Human Resources
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
Phone: 785.966.3060
Toll free: 866.694.3937
Fax: 785.966.3062

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**Join the weekly Potawatomi Language Conversation classes**

ABOVE: Billy Matchie (standing) teaching the conversation classes that are held on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

RIGHT: (Left to right) Lyman Shipshee and Billy Matchie up close. Shipshee also assists with the classes.

The Language Department has been chatting it up during a series of weekly conversation classes that they began last December. Billy Matchie and Lyman Shipshee, who both work for the department, have been holding the conversations on Wednesday mornings for an hour in the basement of the Firekeepers Elder Center. People who want to learn the language or to expand their vocabulary are welcome to attend the activity at any time. For details call the department at 785.966.2138.

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**Congratulations to Environmental Art Contest winners!**

1st place-Thomas Holcomb, 8, 2nd grade
Assistant-Shawnda Holcomb, mother

2nd place-Hayley Harmon, 11, 6th grade
Assistant-Rebecca Harmom, mother

3rd place-Eli Holcomb, 6, kindergarten
Assistant-Shawnda Holcomb, mother

4th place-Micaella Wamego-Martinez, 17, 12th grade
Assistant-Edith Wamego, mother

The contest was sponsored by the PBPN Planning & Environmental Protection and was open to K-12 students. Students were teamed up with one adult family member and entries could be any environmental topic or form of art media. Judges included Hardy Elwayan, Jodi Webster and Joseph Brewer II.

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**8th Annual Earth Day Celebration**

Sunday, April 19
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Prairie Peoples Park

•EPA information booths
•Shrub/plant giveaway
•Predictor’s walk/bike event
•Raffles

Free Earth Day T-shirts to those that register

For details call 785.966.2946
Senior moments

Thanks for the memories Julia Lewis

Julia Lewis reported to the News that she is retiring from organizing the community talent show after 8 years.

She told the News that she wanted to thank all the volunteers and people in the community who made the show successful and worth attending.

Julia began the show in 2007 that allowed amateur talent acts the opportunity to perform in front of audiences and to compete for prizes. LaVerne Hale and her family provided good food for sale and PBPN members Chago Hale, Carol Dewitt and Juanita Jessepe were emcees for the shows through the years.

It was Julia Lewis who brought it all together and the community owes her a big thank you for all her hard work.

In memory of Myra Matchie who gave audiences great laughs and a lot of fun, along with her sisters, Hedy Noland and Tutti Kern

Supremes 2007 & 2008

Hedy and the Hoollets 2009

Free income tax preparation at the Rossville Community Library
407 N Main Rossville, KS

Mondays, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon

For other appointment times and details call Adrienne Olnick 785.584.6454

Sponsored by the Volunteer IncomeTax Assistance program

For other assistance call the Firekeepers Elder Center at 785.966.0040

Community Blood Drive

There were 18 units of blood collected at the winter blood drive held January 16 at the Health Center. The blood drive is cosponsored by the Community Blood Center in Topeka who administer the drive. Verna Simon, Executive Administrative Assistant for the Health Center, helps coordinate the drive each quarter.

2014 8th Annual Talent Show Winners

1st place - Too Hot to Trot (Debbie Garcia, Linda McCoy and Wanda Trujillo)

2nd place (tie) - Zumba Dancers (Kristina Throssell, Navika Kitchkomme and Ella Garcia) and Erika Knight singing “Stay with Me” by Sam Smith

The show was held at the Bingo Hall
Sept. 4 & 5

These two will bowl you over!
Elders headed to senior games

Two senior bowlers Emery Hale and Arlene Wahwasuck have qualified for the 2015 National Senior Games that will be held in July in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Both are tribal members and in their 80s and have been bowling together for several years.

They have both won several medals at the Kansas Senior Olympics through the years that is sponsored by Shawnee County Parks & Recreation. A variety of sports are included in the Olympics that is open to senior citizens who are 50 years of age and older.

The Firekeepers Elder Center is helping to raise funds to help the bowlers for lodging, fuel and food as they will be there for five days.

Want to donate to the bowlers?
Call LaVerne Hale (Elders Center) 785.966.0041

The Elder Center will be closed for
Easter (Good Friday)
April 3
& Memorial Day
May 25
Editor’s Note: See change in powwow weekend to first weekend in June this year.

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Remembering the olden days

Photo submitted by the family of “Pack” Wabaunsee
Happy 23rd Birthday to Roman Adame
From, Mom & Damon

Message from Mom:
I am so happy you are a part of my life!

Happy 16th Birthday to our beautiful and talented daughter Josie Matsapto on April 16
Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Belated 1st Birthday to Harper Maxine Goslin on January 25
Your Mommy & Daddy love you!

Micaella Wamego
on graduating with a Certified Nurses Aide Certificate from Washburn Tech Topeka, Kan.
Micaella is a senior at Hayden Catholic High School and plans to continue in health education when she graduates.

Her mother Edie Wamego and family are very proud of her.

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There were 20 races held in six states in the Midwest and one of his sponsors included the We-Ta-Se Post #410 American Legion group.
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Private Lange was home for a ten day leave and then returned to California to Camp Pendleton for one month of military combat training in the Military Occupation Specialty school. Following that, he will be stationed at Dam Neck, Virginia.

JOM/Education
Student Recognition Banquet
April 15

Blake Garrison
selected Athlete of the Week
Blake Garrison, sophomore at Royal Valley, was selected as the State Farm Athlete of the Week that was featured in the Holton Recorder (Feb. 9). Garrison was noted for his ability in wrestling this season and the article reported that he had won up to 90 percent of his matches, both varsity and JV.

Hot shot!
Jaiden Wamego, seventh grader at Royal Valley Middle School, took 2nd place in the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest held March 8 in Salina. He advanced in the competition representing Northeast Kansas and took second place in the state.

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Tlwenno eginingyén
(happy day you were born)

Education Department
Student Spotlight
for February
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Logan Wesley Thomas Wamego

Logan Wesley Thomas Wamego, "GTCHE-GETCH-TA" (Little Warrior), age 9, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family at his side December 8, 2014 after a four-year battle with osteosarcoma. He was born on Christmas day 2004 to Shannon Docey and Phillip Wamego of Wabeno. He is survived by his parents, one sister, Cheyenne, Shannon Ducey and Phillip Wamego of Wabeno.

Also survived by aunts and uncles; Lisa and Doug Davis, Christina and David Wimms, Jennifer Roberts, Stephanie Roberts, Danae LaBarge, Star LaBarge, Darryl LaBarge. Cousins: Danielle, Thomas, Christopher, Sadie, Destiny, Ariana, Bryceon, Deandra, Tanya, Andrianne, Adrienne, Stari, Monique, Darrius and other relatives and many friends.

Visitation was at the Presbyterian Church in Wabeno, Thursday, Dec. 11 from 4-8 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. until lunch at noon. The Funeral Service was at 1 p.m. with Pastor Lee Jennings officiating. Interment was at the Forest Hill Cemetery, in Wabeno.

(Submitted by the family)

Dolly Christine Lewis

Dolly Christine Lewis, 50, of Topeka, KS died February 2, 2015 at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

She was born July 2, 1964 in Topeka, the daughter of Carl Anthony and Sylvia (Martinez) Frye.

Dolly was a before and after school care provider at the YMCA. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Dolly was a very caring and giving person never meeting a stranger and always willing to help another in any way possible.

She married Gary Joseph Lewis in Topeka, on September 23, 1983. He survives. Other survivors include a son, Christopher Lewis, a daughter, Michelle Mullens and her husband, Justin, four grandchildren, Anthony Paul Lewis, Maguire Garrick Mullens, Maddox Xavier Mullens and Everleigh Quinn Mullens all of Topeka. Two sisters Jennene Cromwell of Topeka, Karla Quick of Manhattan, KS, her mother Sylvia Mattwaoshshe of Topeka also survive. Dolly was preceded in death by her father Carl Anthony Frye and an Uncle Walter Timothy Frye.

Dolly will lie in state after 2:00 P.M. Thursday at Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 4:00 P.M. until 7-00 P.M. Funeral service will be 10:00 A.M. Friday at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Topeka Cemetery.

Dolly’s favorite color was purple. So if you have purple attire please wear it in her memory.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dolly's memory to Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603.

(Courtesy of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, Topeka, Kan.)
Martha Jean "Mishekwe" Valdivia

Martha Jean "Mishekwe" Valdivia, 67, of Topeka, died January 11, 2015 at the House at Midland Care surrounded by her family. She was born in Holton, Kansas on February 27, 1947 the daughter of Peter and Mary "Shugo" (Moore) LeVier. Martha was retired as a Data Processor for Southwestern Bell after over 20 years of service. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She married Florence "Court" Valdivia on April 28, 1973 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. She survives. She is survived by her children, Steven LeVier, Celeste Weber both of Topeka, Peter Spencer of Leavenworth, Donna Valdivia-Wofford and Angie Campos both of Topeka. Seven grandchildren; Paige, Ashley, Chelsie, Nathan, Amber, Lyrique, and Lorenzo, four great-grandchildren; Amiyah, Luis, Destiny and Analicia, along with four siblings, Geneva, Sharon, Bernadette and Glen also survive. Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Rozella Knight, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Martha's remains were cremated and a service for family and friends will be later. Arrangements are under the care of Merz Funeral Home, Topeka, Kansas.

(Courtesy of Merz Funeral Home, Topeka, Kan.)

Alfred "Butch" Lyle Knight

Alfred Lyle "Butch" Knight, the son of Willis Knight and Rosella (Mohrkhent) Knight, was born January 22, 1949, in Holton, Kansas and departed this life January 10, 2015, in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of 65.

Alfred was better known to family and friends as "Butch". Butch attended grade school in several different states from Texas to South Dakota. He graduated from U.S. Grant High School in 1968, where he participated in the wrestling program. He worked hard, practiced hard, and as a result, was state champion his junior and senior years. In 1969, he was named All-State. He could be a bit stubborn when he needed to be, but was always willing to help when he could.

Butch had many loves, but his greatest love was for his family, especially his grandchildren, who brought him the greatest joy.

Butch was preceded in death by his brother, Eldon; his parents, Willis and Rosella Knight, of Tulsa and many nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at Montesoma Baptist Church in Okemah with Pastor Jay Downing officiating. Interment will follow at Montesoma Cemetery under the care and direction of Hart Funeral Home of Stilwell.

(Courtesy of Hart Funeral Home. Stilwell, Okla.)

Clovis Mark M’joweta Bowles

Bowles Mark M’joweta Bowles, tribal member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, 60, of Lisbon, passed away January 15, 2015 at his residence. A private family graveside service will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10AM at the Mason-Wallick Cemetery in Cedar Bluff, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Clovis’ honor to help cover funeral expenses. Online condolences, memories, videos and pictures may be shared at www.fryfuneral-home.com.

Clovis was born May 2, 1954 in Topeka, Kansas, son of Sam Bowles and Theresa Masquat. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota. Clovis then earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa, College of Law. He retired as a lawyer. Over his lifetime, Clovis lived in Iowa, South Dakota and Alaska.

Clovis had an incredible love for guitars; he had many guitars, but he had a special acoustic guitar he called “Dream Girl” that was his favorite. He was a historian; an avid animal lover, a coach when he needed to be, but was always willing to help when he could.

Clovis had many loves, but his greatest love was for his family, especially his grandchildren, who brought him the greatest joy.

Clovis is survived by his father, Sam Bowles; daughters, Chyla (Devon) Lamp of Oxford, Maine and Chenoa Christine (Jason) Moyer of Lisbon, Iowa; sons, Wade Bowles and Mark Bowles, both of Spearfish, South Dakota; sisters, Maria Kraft, Linda Bowles, Shawn Bowles and Susan Bowles, all of South Dakota; and his grandchildren, Preston, Niomi, Veronica & Elsie; Half-brothers, Kevin Duvang, Eli Wabnman Jr., Clinton Medovich, and Johnny Williams; Half-sisters, Charnita Williams and Terrance Williams; Nieces, Victoria Spaid, Cecilia Williams, and Bobbi Darnell; and Uncle Thomas Spaid. He was preceded in death by his mother, Theresa Masquat; brother, Samuel Bowles; Grandmother Silver; and stepmother, Patricia Bowles.

(Submitted by Member Services and the family)

Kambottek (those who died)

Gary E. "Shaw-Nosh" Mitchell

MAYETTA- Gary E. "Shaw - Nosh" Mitchell, 63, of Mayetta, KS passed away Friday, January 23, 2015 at Stormont Vail Hospital. He was born February 8, 1951 in Holton, KS the son of Andrew Mitchell, Sr. and Alberta Marie Nagmo.

Gary graduated from Mayetta High School in 1969. He also graduated from Washburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and from Baker University with a Masters in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in History.

Gary served 28 years for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He was past Treasurer, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Tribal Council. He currently was Chairman of Tribal Gaming Commission. He was a Tribal Historian, and spoke the Potawatomi language that he learned from his mother. Gary was a writer of many stories; including his published book "Stories of the Potawatomi". Gary loved reading, writing, gardening, friends, family, coaching "Big Red Machine" and watching KU Basketball.

Gary was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Drum Religion. He was a Drum Chief.

He married Vonzile Potts on April 20, 1971 in Hiawatha, KS. She survives of the home. Other survivors include his mother, Judith Wabanssee of Topeka; 3 daughters, Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell and Martie Ann Mitchell both of Mayetta, KS and Rose Allen of Horton; 5 sisters, Jackie Mitchell of Mayetta, KS, Shirlene Seymour of Winnebago, NE; Sandy Mitchell, Lisa Wamego and Edie Wamego all of Mayetta, KS; 5 brothers, Eddie Joe Mitchell of Mayetta, KS, Leo Mitchell of Valley Falls, KS, Randy Mitchell, John LeClere and Mando Evans all of Mayetta, KS; 5 grandchildren, Tara, Waskeh, Kek, Lu and Patko and 4 great-grandchildren, Taylor, Shug, Oshketah and Kweh Gee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andy Mitchell, Sr. and Alberta Wamego and step-father, Algernon Wamego; his (1 spirit/ 2 hearts) twin brother, Larry Mitchell, Kweh Gee, Kek, Luis and Patko and 4 great-grandchildren, Taylor, Shug, Oshketah and Kweh Gee.

Drum Service will be Monday evening, January 26, 2015 at the Danceground Building. Burial will be Tuesday afternoon, January 27, 2015 in Mitchell Cemetery. Gary will lie in state Saturday afternoon, January 24, 2015 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneral-homes.com.

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home, Holton, Kan.)

Community
Joy “Sokikwe” Yoshida

MAYETTA – Joy Yoshida, Sokikwe, 80, of rural Mayetta, died Friday, December 26, 2014 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

She was born June 14, 1934 at Mayetta, the daughter of Ernest and Angeline Whitefish Seymour. She graduated from Washburn University with an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice.

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

She had worked at the American Indian Center in Chicago and later at the Prairie Band Gift Shop and the Prairie Band Elder Center.


Joy was preceded in death by four brothers, John Seymour, Peter Seymour, Ernest Seymour and Robert Clements, and a sister, Elmina McClure.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Yoshida, Chicago, IL, and Kenneth Yoshida, Eric, Pennsylvania, one daughter, Michelle Yoshida, Topeka, a brother, Charles Seymour, Mayetta; and two grandchildren, Malakai Rice and Gabriel Thomas.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 31st at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. Burial will follow in The Potts Cemetery on the Potawatomi Reservation.

Joy “Sokikwe” Yoshida

Ronald J. Sanchez

TOPEKA - Ronald J. Sanchez, 68, formerly of Topeka, died December 24, 2014 at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Tacoma, WA. He was born on April 17, 1946, in Topeka the son of Joseph and Julia LeClere Sanchez.

He was a disabled U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Ronald was formerly married to Patricia Sanchez, Topeka, KS. Survivors include son, Robert J. Sanchez, Kansas City, MO and a sister, Linda Leavitt, Kauai, HI.

He was preceded in death by sister, Mary Ortiz, and two brothers, Frederick and Dennis Sanchez.

Graveside inurnment with military honors will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Danceground Cemetery. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

Myra Lee Matchie

MAYETTA- Myra Lee “Osh te se kwe” Matchie, 68, of Mayetta, KS passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at her home. She was born May 16, 1946 in Holton, KS the daughter of Peter Paul and Blanche (Masquat) Matchie.

Myra lived in Holton and Mayetta all of her life. She worked at the Senior MealSite and for Social Services on the reservation for several years. Myra was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Drum Religion.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Ruta Mendez and Marji Heim both of Mayetta; 2 sons, Benny Nicee of Topeka and Raymond Nicee of Holton; 3 sisters, Tatti Kern of Mayetta, Hedy Noland (Jr.) of Holton and Betty Jean Rice of Mayetta; 2 brothers, Roland Matchie (Junior) of Holton and Lester Summer of Hoyt; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Myra was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sons, Paul A. Lawrence on September 21, 2014 and Sam Barrow on December 11, 2014; a sister, Edwin Dickinson and a brother, John Matchie.

Drum Services will be Sunday evening, February 1, 2015 at the Danceground Building. Burial will be Monday afternoon, February 2, 2015 in Thunder Eagle Cemetery, south of Holton. Myra will lie in state through 2:00 p.m. Sunday. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

Sam Levine "Wah mi mi" Barrow

Sam Levine “Wah mi mi” Barrow, 43, Valley Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at Holton.

He was born Dec. 19, 1970, at Holton, the son of Vernon Charles “Red” and Myra Matchie Barrow. He graduated from Valley Falls High School in 1990.

Sam had worked at Cretex Engineering at Oskaloosa and for Cook Brothers Fencing. He enjoyed supporting community athletic programs. Sam was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He married Stacy Vessar. They later divorced. He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon “Red” Barrow, and a brother, Paul Lawrence.

Survivors include his daughters, Montana Vessar, Sierra Vessar, Piper Barrow and Cheenie Barrow, all of Valley Falls; his mother, Myra Matchie, Mayetta; his step mother, Debbie Barrow, Valley Falls; his companion, Brandi Clark, Valley Falls; five brothers, Dr. Willie Barrow, Baltimore, MD, Zac Brown, Arvada, CO, Lacey Brown, Valley Falls, Bennie Nicee, Topeka, Raymond Nicee, Mayetta; two sisters, Ruda Mendez and Marji Heim, both of Mayetta; and a granddaughter, Kensi Bond.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Gathering will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at the Kendall State Bank Community Hall in Valley Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sam Barrow Children’s Education Fund and sent c/o Mercer Funeral Home, PO Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088.

Carole L. Havner

Carole L. Havner, 72, Albany, Missouri died Saturday, December 20, 2014 at Northwest Medical Center in Albany, Missouri. She was born July 28, 1942 to William and Helen (Dean) Fox in Topeka, Kansas. She married Jerry Glen Havner on July 4, 1964 in San Francisco, California.

He survives of the home. Carole was an Emergency Medical Technician for the Northwest Medical Center in Albany, a member of the Potawatomi Nation and Drum Religion.

She had worked at the American Indian Center in Chicago and later at the Prairie Band Gift Shop and the Prairie Band Elder Center.


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Sam Levine "Wah mi mi" Barrow

Myra Lee Matchie

Ronald J. Sanchez
Tribal Council in their finest!

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Before the Tribal Member Login site was implemented in 2010 everything that was posted to the Nation’s website was available for public viewing. But with the extranet link, only tribal members are able to see certain postings that are member specific. Documents like Tribal Council Resolutions, notices on enrollment meetings, and other documents that come directly from the Tribal Secretary’s office are posted on the extranet site.

Before the Tribal Member Login became available, the only way to obtain member-specific documents was to request them through the Secretary’s office via email or through the mail.

Pam Bowman, Administrative Assistant for the Tribal Secretary’s office, administers the tribal member login site and can be reached at 785.966.3922 or by email at pbowman@pbpnation.org.

Visit the PBPN Tribal Council webpage at www.pbpindiantribe.com/tribal-council.aspx

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2015 Gathering to be held at Forest County Potawatomi Crandon, Wisconsin August 13-17

Tribal-member-only documents available on tribal website

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Save the date! (note: first weekend in June)

Annual Prairie Band Pow-wow
June 5-7
Prairie Peoples Park
(see details inside on page 19)