

Bozhoo! My name is Junsun Kegaba Bush. I reside in Yankee Springs Barry county , Bradley District for past 35 years.

Currently employed at BWC past 18 years.

Married to Heather L. Bush for 16 years. Two children Brianne & Cass: Bee graduated from CMU & Cass is in 10th grade.

Former council person 04-08, ENV Volunter for past 16 years, Sugarbush operator since 05, ANA/ERE regs volunteer for ENV Dept.; Graduate of Wayland 1993, Powwow Committee member.

I would like to see all decisions about membership to be decided by members first!

Increase per cap payments to where we can improve our quality of life to \$7,000 a month!

Tribal council members should not be allowed to work for tribal government positions.

Education programs need to be expanded to include Tribal Development programs as well as reimbursement for student loan payments!

Maple sugaring, golfing, hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering is what I continue to enjoy.

My dream is to secure hunting & fishing rights in our life time and the land claim treaty we never got paid by Match-e-be-na-she-wish!

Migwetch , Meskobana Junsun Kegaba Bush



Tribal Citizens,

My name is Jennie Pearl Heeren and I am running for the Bradley District Tribal Council seat for the 2016 Special Election. I am a lifelong resident of the area, growing up in Hopkinsburg and I currently live in Shelbyville with my husband, Matt, and our three sons, Isaac, Alex, and Ryan. I graduated from Hopkins High School; I received my Associate's Degree from Grand Rapids Community College and went on to Western Michigan University for my Bachelors of Science in the Education field. I have a great love for our culture. I come from a long line of black ash basket weavers. This cultural art has been passed down from my grandparents to my parents, and now I am teaching my boys. Practicing this tradition is an integral part of keeping my family close knit while remembering and honoring the past. I hope this will continue to be a valued part of our heritage that can be taught to future generations.

I have worked for the Gun Lake Tribe since 2007, first in the Health and Human Services Department, then in 2012 I was hired as the Director of the Education Department. I am fortunate to have worked in two different departments which serve the citizens in a great capacity. I am especially proud of having the opportunity to implement the Tribal Higher Education Scholarship Program. I have had the opportunity to meet many citizens and get to know them on a personal basis.

I currently contribute to our Tribe in a variety of ways:

- I currently sit on the Hopkins Public Schools Diversity Board and work with the district to incorporate culturally sensitive practices into their curriculum.
- I am part of the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED). I served as Chairperson of the confederation from 2012 until 2015. Working with CMTED, I have been able to work with the Michigan State Department of Education to revise current language in the K-8 state social studies standards to adequately cover Indigenous content and offer multiple opportunities for students to learn about Indigenous people.
- I serve on a committee with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to develop educational materials for Michigan schools that will use the archaeological data from the M-231 site findings. This includes artifacts relevant to lake sturgeon, wild rice, tribal history, economy and culture.
- I am active on the Management Development Program (MDP) committee. This entails working with our casino to provide citizens and family members the opportunity to have specific, hands-on training in various departments within the Gun Lake Casino. These opportunities have given me the chance to work with a wide variety of talented individuals who are dedicated to the advancement of our Tribe.
- I have also had the opportunity to be a representative on a variety of other committees and projects, both current and in the past, including: Gun Lake Casino Scholarship Committee, Project LAUNCH Advisory Board, Tribal Development Committee, Enrollment Committee, Judicial Committee, Youth Summer Camp, and Heritage Day at Hopkins Public Schools.

If I am elected to Tribal Council, I am committed to serving our citizens with honesty and fairness. I believe that my experience in my past and current endeavors will be an asset in my decision making. Growing up immersed in our culture and community has given me invaluable understanding of our Native families and the ideals that we hold dear. I am indebted to our Elders who have brought the Tribe this far, and I will uphold their mission. I will humbly serve the citizens in good faith. Thank you for your support.

Jennie Pearl Heeren

Yebishawn Old Shield is an Assistant at Jijak, Gun Lake Tribe. Going on 3 years of dedication, she has developed culturally oriented programs and events. When she isn't out at the tribal garden or in the office, she is beading, spending time with her kids and traveling to the next powwow.

Yebishawn was born in a small hospital in Plainwell, Michigan in September of 1972. She was born to Angeline Kay Bush (Francisco) and Bill Louis Old Shield. Yebishawn's Mother was born and raised in Bradley, Michigan by Frank and Marceline Bush. Her father Bill "Butch" Old Shield was born and raised in Cold Springs, New York, the son of Delores and Robert Old Shield.

Her father was an activist, singer, and logger, he went to Wounded Knee when Yebishawn was only 2 years old. He continued to fight for Native American rights throughout his life.

Early in Yebishawn's life her parents separated. Onward, her Mother and younger brother Thunder resided in Wayland, Michigan until her mother was offered a position at the Red School House in the early 80's. That was a year-long adventure and where her mother met and married her current husband Philip Francisco.

The family returned back to Wayland, Michigan. During Yebishawn's 4th grade year her mother, Angie got a job at Michigan Indian Employment and Training Services in Portage, Michigan where she recently retired. Where the family build a life and continued to raise Yebishawn and Thunder. The best part of her life was when she was able to go back to her "home away from home" every weekend to be with her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins in Bradley.

As a child, Yebishawn was a fancy dancer as she was grew up dancing at many powwows. Now, she enjoys dancing jingle dress style and signing. It is her dream to help others learn this beautiful way of life.

Yebishawn is a proud Mother of six beautiful children and happy to say she is a Grandmother to one beautiful baby boy. Life has finally come full-circle for Yebishawn; she has moved back home and has resided in Wayland for the last five years. It was always her hope, dream and aspiration to help her tribe. She truly enjoys her job and is proud of her spiritual work endeavors. She is a member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge where she learns many of the original anishinbek teachings and lives by those teachings throughout her life.

Presently, she is an active member of the Gun Lake Tribal Community and has helped with many ongoing projects, such as: 2014 Pottawatomini Gathering, 1st annual Sweet Grass Moon powwow, full moon ceremonies, wild rice harvest at Lake Tawas, coordinating the youth drum, assisting with 2015 Sugarbush, 2015 & 2016 Big Bear Moon Round Dance, 2014 Harvest Festival, and many more culturally oriented events for Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomini Indians. Additionally, she serves on the Powwow Committee and the Language Advisory Committee. She has also volunteered the last several years for the Veteran Dance and Feast, 2015 Christmas Party, assisting on planning for the 2016 Eagle Staff Gathering, and provides her services to other tribal nations when called upon. She is never hesitant to help her people and spread any knowledge she can give.