

*Citizen Potawatomi Nation member AnnMarie Cobb/Wabsetoset writes about Chairman John Barrett and federal government efforts to make Indians and tribal governments go away:*

A small group of tribal members saw what was happening and worked for 26 years to change that. John 'Rocky' Barrett was one of them. He met with resistance not only from the U.S. government for mucking up their plan to cause the extinction of our people and our culture, but also by some of his own people who thought that losing a penny of their U.S. government payment to invest in future generations was a waste of money.



Has it been a waste? Not for me or those I know in the Potawatomi community. If any of you or your families has been able to use any of programs that have ever been offered by the tribe under this administration, you know that reinvestment has not been a waste. Scholarships, housing, glasses, dentures, prescription drugs are just some of the programs with dollar amounts attached to them that my family has been able to take advantage of by being tribal members.

That sure adds up to more than any per capita payment, and will be there for all of us in years to come as our tribal growth continues. Those programs and more are there for every tribal member if they ask for it.

Additionally, there are programs that have no dollar value associated with them but are at least as important. The cultural and language programs available online to everyone. They are provided to us as members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, but they are not free to the Nation.

Looking after ours and those to follow, that is the climate that John 'Rocky' Barrett and his administration have promoted and invested themselves in for what will undoubtedly be called the most successful time in Potawatomi Nation History.

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John 'Rocky' Barrett**