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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Prairie Band meet world class golfers



This photograph was taken at the NB3 Foundation Challenge in Verona, New York and shows members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation and Tribal Chairperson Steve Ortiz with the golf pros who played in a skins game/fundraiser for Notah Begay's NB3 Foundation. The event raised over \$750,000 that will be used to fight obesity and diabetes frequently found in Native American youth.

In the photo from left to right is Jerry Tuckwin, Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation (PBPEC) chair, PGA golfer Mike Weir, PGA golfer Notah Begay III, Steve Ortiz, Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) chair, Tiger Woods, PGA golfer, Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, PBP Tribal Council member, Camilo Villegas, PGA golfer, and Burton Warrington, PBPEC secretary.

Firekeeper Golf Course is on schedule and looking good. Read more about it and the Gathering in this issue of the News

Prairie Band host Gathering in August

By Gary E. Mitchell

The heat returned for the days of the 2009 Potawatomi Gathering held August 5-9 but that's what over 3,000 people visiting from Canada and several states expected anyway. They didn't know that before and after the Gathering, this summer has gone down as one of the coolest and wettest summers in recent memory. Did they find what they were looking for?

The opportunity was there. Visitors received a dish-bag handmade by Prairie Band women upon registration, among other gifts. They were able to see a top-of-the-line park, casino and improved reservation. One participant said he couldn't believe the changes since the last Gathering held here. Other choices were also available. There were several events including sun-rise ceremonies, youth conference, language conference, fashion show, a great singing performance by several Potawatomis during a karaoke session, a pow-wow, or they could sit around and visit. There were the usual food stands, but the sponsored meals hurt their profit margin.

On Saturday night there was a traditional meal sponsored by the women of the Prairie Band. This included sweet corn, pumpkin, pork gravy, fried bread and other soups. It was hard work for the woman and they had to sacrifice much of the day to get the meal ready, but it was all good and worth it.

At the youth conference held at the convention center on August 5-6, 90 youth registered and all the bands were represented. A tribal leader from Walpole Island, Canada told the young people "be good to yourself and be good to others."

Chance Rush and Robert Johnston delivered some strong presentations. Rush overcame a rough start in life but implored the kids to live with the hard times of life and be role models to other children because they are with them the majority of the time and what they do affects others. He further stressed that parents can only be there part of the time, so we have to depend on the other children to do what is right.



Elizabeth Tye at the Gathering.

Johnston told the young people that when you create thoughts in your head it keeps it as real and what you think about the most becomes your reality. For example, he said rap music puts women down and the more you hear it, the more you believe it. He also said that his grandfather prayed before he did everything and that elders pray first and then have feelings to align with the spirit. Prayer helps people feel better, to get strength and to make the food better. He added that elders had personal social skills, but now the cell-phone is taking away from that. He implored the youth to treat themselves in a sacred manner. He told the boys to treat girls right and sacredly because they give life and it should be an obligation to protect them.

In addition, Johnston did a session on hypnotism with the youth which was something to witness. It was strange to see the power that hypnotism had over the children. They would get up on stage and sing or go out among the crowd and look for a Santa Claus to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. I guess the moral of the story was that many things in life can take control over your lives and it is better to have them be positive things.

Surveys taken at the end of this youth conference showed high ratings for the presenters and for the conference itself. The youth stated that they would like this event to continue at future Gatherings.



Robert Johnston, far right, having fun with Pam "Was" Knoxsah and Patrick Mills at the Leadership Conference.

Next year the Gathering travels to Shawnee, Oklahoma and rest assured the heat will follow because it is expected.

Ortiz and Guerrero attend White House meeting

Steve Ortiz, Tribal Chairperson, and Joyce Guerrero, Vice Chairperson, attended a listening session on August 31 in Washington, D.C. that brought tribal leaders from across the country together to meet with members of Obama's White House staff.

Kimberly Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, led the group in an informal dialogue that took place in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. The White House Domestic Policy Council and Office of Public Engagement hosted two sessions and Ortiz and Guerrero attended the morning session.

According to Vice Chairperson Guerrero, Chairperson Ortiz was one of the first to be recognized at the meeting and that he made some good comments. She also said that it was quite exciting to be with many tribal leaders across the country



From left to right is Joyce Guerrero, Steve Ortiz and Larry Echohawk at the Tribal Consultation meeting in Washington, D.C. Echohawk is the head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

as well as the White House staff and other Department of Interior officials. Some of the key issues discussed at the session were on tribal sovereignty and trust responsibility, federal agency responsibility and accountability to tribal governments, and creating opportunities for formal consultation on developed proposals and early informal scoping on tribal issues.

According to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) website, two of President Obama's key campaign commitments to Indian country were that he would meet with tribal leaders on an annual basis, and that his administration would respect the Nation-to-Nation relationship with Indian tribal governments which was one of the primary purposes of the meeting.

PBPN restores land back to native prairie in Shabbona

Last spring the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) restored 125 acres of its land near Shabbona from farm land into native prairie grasses.

Staff members of the PBPN Public Works Department traveled to Shabbona and did the planting.

According to an article that was printed in the DeKalb Daily Chronicle (June 15, 2009), the tribe purchased a seed blend of Illinois prairie plants and hired a local company to spray for weeds before planting. It also reported that the planting would reduce the amount of sediment washing into a nearby lake and also produce a habitat for wildlife from the forest preserve.

The land was purchased in 2006 with the hopes of re-establishing a presence in Illinois and placing an electronic bingo hall as a business enterprise on the property. The gaming enterprise has been stalled, however, by the federal government who has yet to make a decision on whether the land has reservation status or not.

New CDIB Cards Being Issued

The PBPN Member Services Department is issuing new Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) identification cards with photographs on them.

Arlene Lingo, Director of Member Services, said that other changes made to the new cards are that Indian names can be included (optional) and that Social Security numbers originally on the old cards will be deleted. Other than that, the information will remain the same including the name of the tribal member, date of birth, enrollment number, and total degree of Potawatomi and other Indian blood. Minors (who are under the age of 18) that receive new cards will NOT have photographs included on their cards.

Members are urged to go to the Member Services Department in person to have their photograph taken for their new card that they will have processed for them right there. Members are asked to bring in their old card and to know the correct spelling of their Indian name if they want their Indian name included on the new card.

Members who cannot make it to the Member Services offices can submit a quality passport photo in lieu of having one taken by Member Services and should send their information by mail to the department. They can also email their information to arlenel@pbpnation.org.

The new cards are good for ten years and are free. However, a \$10 fee will be charged if the card is lost or stolen and must be replaced.

Please keep your street address up to date with Member Services

Important Dates

September 25
Indian Day
Government Offices Closed

September 26
Veterans Pow-wow

October 17
General Council Meeting

November 11
Veterans Day
Government Offices Closed

November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving
Government Offices Closed



Don't miss the
12th Annual We-Ta-Se Veterans Pow-wow
Saturday, September 26
Prairie Peoples Park



The photo, left, is of the grand entry on the Aug. 7 pow-wow at the Gathering. On the far left, in uniform, is Steve Ortiz, who will be an honored veteran at the upcoming pow-wow along with Benny Potts. Inset photo is Sierra Pahmahmie, We-Ta-Se princess.



Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson

On July 13, 2009 Governor Quinn of Illinois signed the Illinois Video Gaming Act which allows licensed retail establishments where alcoholic liquors are served for consumption, licensed fraternal establishments, licensed veterans establishments, and truck stops to have up to five video gaming devices in each licensed establishment. The State of Illinois will be collecting taxes from these devices to help the State's budget deficit it is now facing. Tribal Council will be gathering information during the third quarter of 2009 as to how these gaming devices will impact the overall Shab-ey-nay project. Also the Village of Shabbona has decided not to allow the video games in their area which is a benefit to the overall Shab-ey-nay project.

In other activities during the second quarter of 2009, two meetings were held to work out an agreement between the PBPN and Shabbona Township concerning roads. Tribal Council will continue negotiations with Shabbona Township during the third and fourth quarter of 2009.

Tribal Council has decided not to continue planting corn on the Shab-ey-nay land and has returned the land to native grass. The Road & Bridge Department personnel implemented the planting. Also, Tribal Council has decided to work with Lake Shabbona Park officials in their efforts to restore and rebuild the fish hatchery at Lake Shabbona. The PBP Road & Bridge Department will handle the rebuilding of the fish hatchery pond.

Tribal attorneys have resolved the issue of the ownership and moving of the government center building purchased for the Shab-ey-nay project. At this point storage costs for the Government Center building have exceeded the cost of the building and Ruffalo Builders did not want to return the manufactured building paid for by the PBPN. The building has been returned to the PBPN reservation and will be used at the Firekeeper golf course.

In April Tribal Council travelled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Acting Assistant Secretary George Skibine to update him and his staff on agreements reached in Illinois so far and to pass this information on to the incoming Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry EchoHawk. As

usual there continues to be local support for the Shab-ey-nay project and Tribal Council still needs to continue an information campaign on our project and how it will positively affect the job market in the DeKalb area. At this point, Tribal Council still remains concerned that the Illinois State Attorney General plans to file a lawsuit against the PBPN if any significant construction or rezoning occurs at the Shab-ey-nay property. The announcement that the current Attorney General Lisa Madigan will be running for re-election keeps this concern ongoing for the Tribal Council. Another concern is the violation of the Johnson Act which deals with interstate transportation of gaming devices for gaming purposes. Lastly, the Tribal Council continues to await the requested opinion requested by the DeKalb County Commissioners to the National Indian Gaming Commission as to whether or not the Shab-ey-nay land is eligible for gaming. Further inquiry will be made during the third and fourth quarter as to when the decision will be rendered.

In other business:

- The Potawatomi Gathering was held August 5-8 and the Economic Development Summit, Language Conference, Youth Conference, along with other Gathering activities and the pow-wow were well attended and successful. Overall attendance for the Gathering reached more than 3,000. Next year's Potawatomi Gathering will be held by the Citizen Band Potawatomi in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Tentative date is early August 2010.

- Tribal Council travelled to Wisconsin on June 27, 2009 and met with tribal members to give them an update on the children's trust fund, financial report and the upcoming construction of the golf course and courthouse.

- Tribal Council Member Junior Wahweotten and I travelled with Entertainment Board Members Jerry Tuckwin and Burton Warrington, Jr. to Verona, New York on August 24, 2009 to meet with Notah Begay concerning the Firekeeper golf course. We also got to experience the work and effort put forth regarding the Second Annual NB3 Foundation Challenge. Professional golf players Tiger Woods, Camilo Villegas, Mike Weir, and Notah Begay played for a crowd estimated at 3,000. To refresh your memory, the Firekeeper Golf Course construction kick-off was held June 15, 2009 at Prairie Band Casino and Resort. Notah Begay of NB3 Consulting was present to discuss details of the golf course to the

media and others who attended the event. The golf course is scheduled to be completed in July of 2010 weather permitting.

- Tribal Council approved and held training on June 11-12 for the volunteer Peacemakers in a training session that was provided by Justice Stacy Leeds, Justice Eugene Whitefish and Justice Bill Rice.

- Kansas expanded gaming effort still continues to take unexpected turns as usual. Only the Dodge City casino is under construction and has a hotel near completion. The new Kansas Governor is advocating re-opening the gaming bill that was passed by the Legislature and reducing the State's share of revenue as a benefit to casino operators.

- Tribal Chair Steve Ortiz and Vice-Chair Joyce Guerrero travelled to Washington, D.C. on August 31, 2009 to attend a meeting on Executive Order 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. At the meeting were Larry Echohawk, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Indian Health Service Director, Kimberly Teehee, Sr. Policy Advisor for Domestic Affairs, and Jodi Gillette, Liaison Inter-Governmental Affairs. The meeting was held on the White House Grounds at the Eisenhower Building. Approximately 50 tribal leaders attended the meeting and offered comments on how the policy should be interpreted when it relates to Tribes.

- Lastly, Tribal Council approved Chairman Steve Ortiz to travel to the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Reservation to meet with Chairman Kevin Leecy who is also Vice Chairman for the National Indian Gaming Association to discuss the issue of Tribal Nations being treated the same as other government entities when it comes to unions. The issue was discussed at the mid-year meeting of the National Congress of American Indians.

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)

Tribal Chairman



Per Capita distributions to be issued on Visa Debit Card beginning in March

Submitted by Audrey Oliverius, Finance

Beginning with the March 2010 per capita distribution all tribal members who receive their per capita in the form of a check will instead be issued a Visa Debit Card. Once activated by the member this card can be used like a regular debit card anywhere Visa is accepted.

Members should be aware that all future per capita distributions will be electronically deposited onto their card each quarter, so it is very important that they keep this card and your selected PIN number in a safe place. If your card is lost or stolen please contact the Visa card provider immediately.

By utilizing the Visa debit card we will be able to eliminate lost or stolen checks and members will have their per capita immediately available without having to wait for a check in the mail.

If you do not wish to be issued a Visa debit card you can have your per capita direct deposited into your personal checking or savings account by filling out a direct deposit form. To do so please contact the Member Services office at 785-966-3910 or toll free at 877-715-6789. More educational materials will be provided in the future.

Please contact the Member Services office if you have any questions.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CARD

The Visa Payment Card...

The Visa Payment Card is a revolutionary turnkey vehicle for companies to reduce the cost and time associated with administering, distributing and dealing with check issues. At the same time, it provides a significant benefit to members.

For all members, but especially those who are unbanked, the payment card is a convenient and cost effective solution for members to receive their per capita electronically.

Benefits To The Business

- Eliminates Checks and Cash
- Eliminates Check Reconciliation Problems
- Eliminates Postage or Shipping to Remote Locations
- Allows The Tribe To Go All Electronic
- Combining Existing Direct Deposit and the Payment Card
- Eliminates Members Going To The Bank To Deposit Checks
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- New Cards Ordered On The Internet If Desired
- Custom Branded Cards are Available

Benefits To The Members

- Prestige Of Visa Card
- Immediate Availability of Funds

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- Cash Back At Interlink Merchants
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- Get Phone, Cable, Cell Service Using This Card
- On Line and 800 Access to Balance and Transactions
- On Line or Paper Statements

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Who has access to my card information?

The card and funds are in your name and the information is held in confidence for your access, through use of your PIN or password. Your Tribe only remits money to your card. Your Tribe has no responsibility for the card, or for your use of the card.

How do I get funds placed on the card?

Once you activate your card, your Tribe will load your Per capita funds to your card account instead of issuing you a check.

What do I do if the card is declined?

This means that the amount authorized by the merchant is more than the remaining card balance plus any associated fee.

Can I use my Payment Card for automatic recurring payments?

Yes, but recurring payments can be a problem and result in service being discontinued if a payment is declined due to insufficient funds on the card.

Is the Payment Card a credit card?

No, the Payment Card is a pre-funded card. However, when used for purchases at a merchant it requires your signature. Merchants with the INTERLINK symbol will allow you to purchase using your 4-digit PIN number like a debit card. Also, you can use your Payment Card at ATMs with the VISA logo (or CIRRUS logos for some cards).

How can I check the balance on my card?

You can check your balance on-line.

If the purchase is for more than my balance in the card, can I pay the difference?

Yes, you can pay the difference between the purchase price and the remaining value of the Payment Card if the merchant will allow this type of transaction.

Can I use my card to get cash from ATMs?

Yes. By using your PIN number, you can get cash from ATM's anywhere you see a VISA (or CIRRUS for some cards) symbol displayed on the ATM. Typically there will be a charge by the ATM owner for using this ATM. A list of "no surcharge" ATMs is available.

Can I get Cash Back with purchases?

Yes, but only if the merchant is an INTERLINK merchant and only if the merchant allows this type of transaction.

Do I need a PIN number to use my card?

No. You can use your card anywhere and sign the receipt just like a Visa credit card transaction. However, you will need your PIN for ATM transactions and you can use your PIN with INTERLINK merchants for purchase transactions.

Can I use my Payment Card at "pay at the pump" gasoline stations?

Yes, but this may result in "transaction declined". The card terminal in the "pay at the pump" stations automatically checks with the Bank to see if your Payment Card has enough money left to pay for an "average purchase of gas" which varies among merchants. If your Payment Card does not have enough money to pay for an average amount, your attempt to pay at the pump will be declined. The average gas purchase amount changes just as retail gas prices change. If this occurs, you can go inside and ask the cashier to authorize an amount that is within the remaining balance of your card.

Are there any other merchants where a transaction may be declined?

Merchants whose customers normally "tip" will often obtain an authorization for the amount of the bill plus a percentage for tip prior to bringing the receipt to you for your signature. For authorization, ask the waiter to authorize an amount that is within the remaining balance of your card.

Can I load additional funds to the card?

Funds can only be loaded through your Tribe through direct deposit of per capita into the card account.

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2009 Potawatomi News Quarterly Schedule

Spring

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Summer

Deadline for News: June 1
Publish Date: June 24

Fall

Deadline for News: September 1
Publish Date: September 23

Winter

Deadline for News: December 1
Publish Date: December 16



Message to the Nation from Junior Wahweotten, Tribal Council Member

Bosho,

Good day to each and every one of you. It is with great pride, as a Tribal Council Member, to offer this update for the Firekeeper golf course. I am blessed to be a part of this exciting project as it molds the area surrounding the casino into a beautiful resort destination.

After General Council approved the golf course development project, the Nation hired NB3 Consulting. NB3 is a Native American-owned company operated by four time PGA tour winner Notah Begay III. NB3 teamed up with renowned golf course architect Jeff Brauer, to design the course, and golf course construction team Landscapes Unlimited, to develop the course. If you take a drive by Firekeeper you will see this magnificent creation coming to life. From every turn in the cart path to every green on the course, it is as though the land is breathing on its very own. The construction has been occurring at such astonishing speeds that seeding of the

grass has already begun. Final shaping and construction has occurred on 11 of the 18 holes with the other seven holes projected for completion within the next few weeks. If all projections continue as planned, the course will open midsummer in 2010. Firekeeper will be a gem to the Midwest.

The Firekeeper course will also be an added amenity to the Prairie Band Casino. As ex-officio for the Prairie Band Entertainment Corporation Board of Directors, I have had the opportunity to observe the Nation's casino operations. Even during this tough economic time, Prairie Band Casino & Resort continues to lead the market in gaming and maintain a high level of gaming revenues. We should all be proud of what the gaming operation has accomplished for our Nation and our community. Many of us have visited with different tribal officials across the nation, and have witnessed the hardships and struggles their own nations are facing; struggles that we have faced ourselves along our path of self sufficiency.

Along with this article, you will find pictures of the development of Firekeeper. You will also find a picture of PBPB representatives at the NB3 Challenge held at the Oneida Indian

Reservation in Syracuse, New York. Notah and his team were able to raise over \$750,000 which will be used for diabetes prevention programs and to help fight obesity for Native American youth. These funds will also be used to create healthy lifestyles and activities for our children nationwide. The possibilities will be endless for not only our children but for the Nation as well.

I am very grateful for our strong culture and heritage. I appreciate all the Nation has offered to me and have enjoyed the many teachings and the many different ways we have to pray to Kosnan. I extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for all the support that I have been extended during this project. I will continue to represent and do the best that I can for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

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Warren "Junior" Wahweotten

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GOLF COURSE

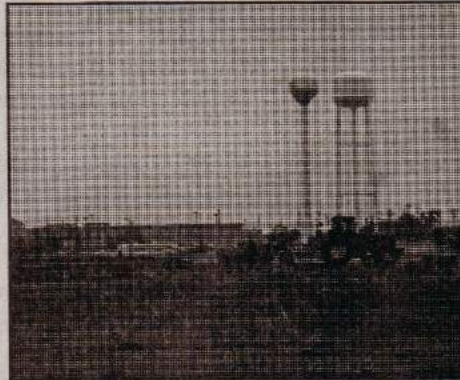
Photo gallery of the Firekeeper Golf Course



New signs mark where the Firekeeper Golf Course is going to be located on 150 Road.



The golf cart path being paved in August.



The PBPB Public Works is helping to construct the course as seen in this photo taken on July 10.

Final shaping and construction has occurred on 11 of the 18 holes with the other seven holes projected to be done within the next few weeks...Firekeeper will be a gem to the Midwest.

*-Junior Wahweotten,
Tribal Council Member*



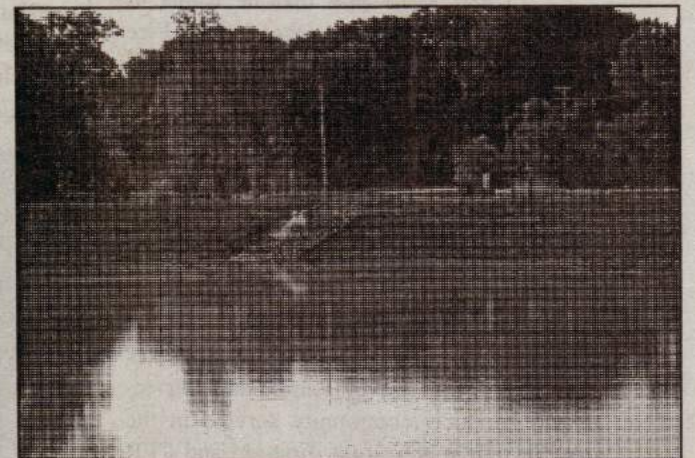
Construction of sand bunker at hole #4.



Close up of sand bunker at hole #4.



The irrigation pond before it was filled in July. Workers in the photo are from Landscapes Unlimited.



The irrigation pond getting filled in late August. The pond is located at 150 Road and Q Road.

Casino marketing team wins awards



The Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBCR) marketing team walked away with two top Diamond Romero awards last week at the 2009 Casino Marketing Conference in Las Vegas. The Marketing Team attended the conference and was on hand to receive the awards during a ceremony on July 22.

Steve Ortiz, Jr. (PBPB) directs the marketing team that also includes tribal members Anna Boswell, database analyst, and Josh Rodewald, marketing coordinator.

The first award was given in the category website marketing for a direct mail pURL survey that the team created, and the second award was in the category of Casino Floor Promotion for their 2008 Sole Survivor promotion.

The awards were

named in honor of John Romero, a casino marketing pioneer and author who dedicated his 50-year career to the ensuring effective, measurable and accountable casino marketing expenditures.

In 2008 the PBCR marketing team also won a prestigious Davey Award for the casino's "Play with the Band" slogan and this year they are rolling out a new brand image that is appearing in the casino's advertisements and promotions. The new brand was designed to highlight the values of the Nation more closely to the casino which include having a deep respect for nature and being the "keepers of the fire."

The casino has a newly renovated gaming floor and bar area, 297 luxury hotel rooms, three dining areas and an RV parking area.

Rose Hale sworn in as new Enrollment Committee member



Rose Hale was sworn in as a new Enrollment Committee member on August 12 by Tribal Chairman Steve Ortiz, in Tribal Council chambers. Rose replaced Delores Abrams on the committee and will serve a four-year term with LaVera Bell, Marilyn Wakolee, Tom Tuckwin, and Theresa Asselin.

Casino has top notch concert series



The Los Lonely Boys performed at the casino on June 27 as part of the concert series that the Prairie Band Casino & Resort is sponsoring this summer. Other concerts were performed by Sara Evans, the Beach Boys, and Randy Travis. Tanya Tucker will be at the casino on October 10 and tickets are available in the Prairie Band Casino & Resort Gift Shop.

2nd Quarter 2009 Charitable Contributions

Mayetta Pioneer Day	\$1,000
KSDS	\$5,000
Potawatomi Trail of Death Ass'n	\$1,500
Pelathe Community Resource Center	\$10,000
Kanza Mental Health Foundation, Inc	\$750
Antioch Family Life Center	\$2,500
Sunflower State Games	\$2,500
Brown CO Native American Church Inc	\$12,750
Augusta Senior Center	\$300
United Way of Jackson CO, KS Inc	\$4,000
St. Mary's Food Pantry	\$3,000
Holton/Jackson CO Chamber of Commerce	\$2,000
20/30 Topeka Children's Charities	\$5,000
Shawnee CO Allied Tribes	\$4,000
Topeka Parks & Recreation Foundation	\$1,000
Race Against Breast Cancer	\$5,000
35th Infantry Division Association	\$825
Topeka Civic Theatre & Academy	\$2,000
We-Ta-Se American Legion	\$1,800
Wamego Community Foundation	\$5,000
American Cancer Society	\$2,500
American Heart Association	\$2,500
Northeast Kansas Area Agency of Aging	\$3,000
Fiesta Mexicana	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$82,925

Town Hall Meeting in Wisconsin

Right: Chago Hale, Tribal Council Member, shares a moment with a tribal member at the Wisconsin town hall meeting held June 27 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center. Several Tribal Council members and PBPB staff traveled to Wisconsin Dells, Wis. to update members in that region on PBPB issues and affairs.

(Photo by Tribal Council staff)



Basic Library Service Grant awarded to PBPB

The PBPB has received a 2009 Basic Library Services Grant the Native American Library Services Program. The award is for \$6,000 and will be used to help fund the library at the Boys & Girls Club.

The grant is from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C. that awarded 31 basic grants. Overall, the Institute awarded 208 tribes with support in various programs.

For more information about the casino go to
www.pbpgaming.com
www.firekeepergolf.com



Meet the new Potawatomi Fire Chief



Mike Mills has been named the new Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Services for the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department. He began his duties on June 29 and is in charge of a staff of approximately 18 firefighters/emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics who work in the department.

Mills is from Topeka and worked for the Topeka/Tecumseh Fire Department for 23 years. Prior to that he was the assistant fire chief for the Mission Township Fire District region for five years and is originally from the Dover/Wabunsee area. In addition, his experience also includes being a field instructor in the University of Kansas Fire Search Training Program for several years and receiving training through the National Fire Academy.

Chief Mills said that he wants to maintain the services that the Fire Department presently offers and to work toward creating as high a quality of service as possible. He said that he was impressed with the first-rate equipment and facilities that are at the fire station and that they are superior to what many larger city fire departments have.

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department provides fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency medical care on the reservation and surrounding areas as requested. It also provides ambulance services and conducts community service in the areas of public education, first-aid and CPR training, and fire safety inspections. EMTs also provide daily blood pressure checks at the Firekeepers Elder Center when the meal site is open.

Food Distribution Program holds Health & Nutrition Fair

By Tracy Rogers, Commodities Coordinator

The Potawatomi Food Distribution Program hosted a community Health Fair on September 3, at the Bingo Hall with the purpose of increasing awareness about healthy nutrition and physical activity.

The following health screenings were offered: blood pressure and blood sugar checks provided by the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department; hemoglobin A1C, healthy heart evaluation, cholesterol check, cancer risk assessment, and Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings by KU Medical Center's American Indian Health & Research; diabetic foot checks by Kris Neuhaus, M.D., and lung capacity tests conducted by the Coalition for A Smoke Free Kansas.

In addition, the Potawatomi Food Distribution Program also offered a blood drive that was administered by the Community Blood Center.

There were also a variety of informational/educational booths available including the Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center Diabetes Prevention Team, Arthritis Foundation, American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, Potawatomi Tribal Victims Assistance Program, PBPB Family Violence Prevention Program, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Cancer Prevention and Control Program, Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Inc., and the Eat Smart Play Hard Power Panther, Meadow Lark District K-State Research & Extension Office, and the Race Against Breast Cancer Foundation.



Judges sampling the entries during the Commodity Cook off held at the health fair.

All participants were encouraged to visit a minimum of five booths in order to receive a T-shirt and goody bag, which contained a measuring cup, pedometer, water bottle, and various health-related brochures.

Many other events were also held throughout the day, including, a 5K Walk/Run, a talk by motivational storyteller and success coach, D.J. Vanas and a Commodity Cook Off. There was also a demonstration on how to make hominy conducted by community members Kitty Shopteese and Mike Jensen. In addition, a small farmer's market was also held where members from the community sold produce and other goods.

L o r i Wahwassuck won the 5K Run with Jonathan Melchior placing second and Michelle Simon third.

The winner of the Commodity Cook Off was Kumos Hubbard for her Turkey Pot Pie. Second place went to Rachel Masquat for her Chicken & Dumplings, and Mary Rogers took third with her Potato

Soup.

A logo contest was held during the month of August that was placed on the back of T-shirts given out and Russell Shobney, a tribal member, won the contest. It was a juried competition and all of the entries for the logo contest were displayed on posters behind the registration table on the day of the Health Fair.

The event was sponsored by an FDIPIR Nutrition Education Grant and the Mountain Plains Region Nutrition Advisory Committee.

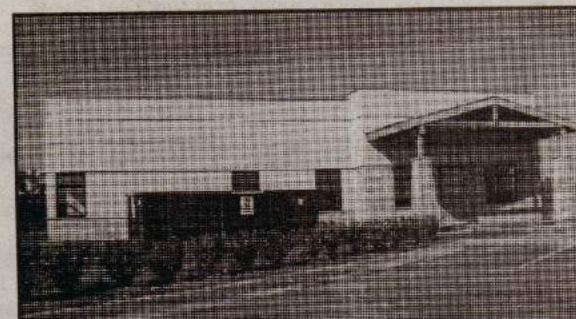


LEFT: Anthony Estes, left, and Mike Lake were two of the youth workers in the Maintenance Department this summer. The Youth Worker Program is sponsored by the PBPB Education Department which held two sessions for PBPB youth to gain work experience and to learn job skills.



Wade Pahmahmie was named the Employee of the Quarter at the All-Employee Ice Cream Social held on July 24 at the Bingo Hall. Wade works in the Finance Department and is seen receiving his award from Donna Valdivia-Wofford, Human Resources Director.

Tribal Court building news



ABOVE: Work is progressing on the new tribal court building that is northeast of the Health Center and on schedule for completion in November.

RIGHT: Tribal member Ray Wahweotten, 1st Nations Painter, working inside the building. BELOW: A view of the new court chamber room.



Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department urges residents to 'Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned'

Submitted by Mike Mills, Fire Chief

Once a child touches a hot stove, as the cliché goes-he learns his lesson, stay away from a hot stove. This cliché does not take into account the pain and suffering from burns and burns should not be part of the learning process.

That's why the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2009 - October 4-10 - to urge residents to "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." This year's campaign focuses on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. Additionally, fire safety educators will be teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.

The statistics are staggering. Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries.

"The most common types of burn injuries result from fire or flame burns, scalds and contact burns," said Mike Mills, Fire Chief. "Burns are painful and can result in serious scarring and even death. When we take extra caution in our homes to ensure that the curling iron is out of children's reach or pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove, such injuries are entirely preventable. Keeping our homes safe from fire and preventing devastating burn injuries is a healthy choice we can make happen."

By following simple safety rules, you can Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned."

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.
- Install tamper-resistant receptacles to prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet.

- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove, or where a hot appliance might be in use.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
- Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

Vision Service Program information

Submitted by Priscilla Martin, Human Resources

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is proud to have available the vision insurance plan for each of our enrolled tribal members. The vision insurance is offered to give tribal members opportunities to help with their financial security.

Participation Rules:

- An eligible participant must be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
- You may enroll at any time, however, your vision insurance will not take effect until the first day of the following month.
- The eligible participant must complete a vision insurance enrollment form. This form must be turned into the Human Resources Department.
- Enrollment can be done over the phone as long as you have the necessary information for the person(s) being enrolled, to include: tribal enrollment number, date-of-birth, social security number, mailing address, daytime phone number, and emergency contact information.

- You only need to enroll once, there is no need to re-enroll each year for this benefit.
- Being an enrolled member does not automatically enroll you in to the Vision Service Program. You must enroll with the VSP by calling Human Resources at 1-866-694-3937 or 785-966-3060 or come in to the Human Resources office at the Tribal Government Center-Lower Level.

Plan design:

VSP enrolled members will be entitled to a standard eye exam once every 12 months from the last date of service, spectacle lenses once every 12 months from the last

date of service, and a frame once every 24 months from the last date of service. There is NO co-payment for tribal members enrolled under this plan.

Eye Exam: Tests check everything from visual clarity to eye focus and coordination. Important elements of the eye are analyzed, including the retina, optic nerve, cornea and lens. Not only are these tests important for fitting eyewear but they can also allow for early detection and referral for diseases such as glaucoma or diabetes.

Frame: Members receive an allowance toward frames once every 24 months.

Lenses: VSP covers single vision, bifocal, trifocal or other more complex lenses when necessary for the patient's visual welfare once every 12 months.

Options: This plan is designed to cover the patient's visual needs rather than cosmetic materials. If the patient selects any special features that are not medically necessary but sometimes chosen for cosmetic reasons, they will be responsible for the additional charge. Optional items may include (but are not limited to):

- Blended lenses
- Contact lenses (except as noted elsewhere)
- Oversize lenses
- Progressive (no-line) multi-focal lenses
- Photo chromic or tinted lenses
- Coated or laminated lenses
- A frame that exceeds the plan allowance
- Certain limitations on low vision care
- Cosmetic lenses
- Optional cosmetic processes
- UV protected lenses

Contact Lenses: Contacts are covered in full up to

\$130.00 when medically necessary. Contact lenses are instead of complete pairs of prescription glasses.

Lenses and frames furnished under this program, which if lost or broken, will NOT be replaced except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available

The following items will NOT be covered under the plan:

- Orthotics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing
- Plano lenses
- Two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes
- Any eye examination, or any corrective eyewear, required by an employer as a condition of employment
- Corrective vision services, treatments, and materials of an exceptional nature

Procedures to access VSP's services:

1. When members are ready to use the plan, they simply call a VSP doctor. Members can call VSP at 1-800-877-7195 for help in finding a VSP participating doctor. They can also use the VSP website (www.vsp.com) to find a nearby doctor for general information about their vision coverage.
2. When making an appointment, the patient tells the doctor's office that he or she is a VSP member, provides their identification number (Social Security number), and the name of the organization that has contracted with VSP for vision benefits (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation). The doctor then obtains an authorization to provide services and materials from VSP.
3. At the appointment, the VSP doctor provides an eye exam and, if necessary, orders eyewear from a VSP contract laboratory. Tribal members do not have a co-payment. The patient will pay any additional costs resulting from cosmetic options or a non-covered serv-

ice. VSP will pay the participating doctor directly for covered services and materials.

4. Services obtained through non-participating doctors are subject to the same limitations as services through VSP participating doctors. (The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will not be responsible for these claims. It is the member's responsibility.)

• If a member receives services from a non-participating doctor, they must pay the full amount of the bill.

• Request a copy of the bill that shows a detailed list of the services received including amount of the eye examination, lens type and frame.

• The itemized bill must be sent to VSP along with the member's name and mailing address, social security number, and date of birth. This information must be mailed to Vision Service Plan, Attn: Non-Member Doctor Claims, P.O. Box 997105, Sacramento, CA 95899-7105.

• Claims must be filed with VSP within 6 months after seeing the doctor.

Did you know you have the option to view your own VSP account online? You can sign up online to access your own account at www.vsp.com. At the VSP web site, you can view your benefit information, check your eligibility, and find a VSP doctor in your area.

You can also call VSP Customer Service toll free at 1-800-877-7195 to get information on your eligibility and ask any questions concerning your vision benefit.

If you have any questions or comments, please call: Priscilla Martin, Vision Service Agent toll free 1-866-694-3937.

The VSP Plan is also available at www.pbpindiantribe.com/special-service-member.aspx



PBPN Public Works Director Update

By Tim Ramirez

The five departments have accomplished a lot these 2009 seasons. **Building Maintenance** did an impressive job preparing the Prairie Peoples Park (PPP) for the annual POW WOW as well as the GATHERING. The mowing of the grounds, water, sewer, electric, speaker system and infrastructure. This was coordinated along with their regular duties. New interpretive signs were installed for the old bridges, WPA Rock Check dams and the Historic Hay Rock (pre 1900 carvings); a lot of perseverance, the PPP is a Tribal showcase. Just guessing the GATHERING will be back in 2017; it was a good one. The experience and friendly welcome received by the visiting Bands and our Reservation facilities will be remembered a long time. Tribal Council saw to the all important capital and it shined. I saw tourist jams on 150 Road taking pictures of the tribal buffalo herd and Chris, the Lands Manager, had to stop and warn them of the electric fence, as one lady found out. The community and employees stepped up and did a lot of volunteering to help a lot with the success. Even Mother Nature held off on those downpours and lightning storms for the well-attended days. This was pretty good since the Reservation is almost nine inches ahead for the year in rainfall. That tells us that the 29 BIA and 24 Tribal bridges are doing the job they were built to do.



This year's buffalo herd was a popular attraction during the Gathering.

PBPN EPA has completed the task of environmental cleanup and contributed to the paperwork involved in the Environmental Site Assessments of 22 dockets of Fee to Trust applications (27 Tracts of recent purchase properties). This was all completed by the July 31 BIA deadline. EPA is an important cog in the wheel for the environmental well being of the reservation and what we send downstream in our creeks. The many ongoing activ-



Vincent Hernandez is a newly certified wastewater operator for the PBPN and is seen here hauling trash during the Gathering in August.

ities they do such as water monitoring, cleanups, dumpsters, construction/demolition landfill and recycling all accomplish this as well as their community involvement events.

In August 2009, PBPN became the first Tribal Nation in the region to employ a certified Wastewater Operator for a Reservation facility. Our operator, Vincent Hernandez, has received federal credentials by participating in various trainings, having at least one year of operator's experience, and having passed a federal certification exam. Our office has also successfully competed for over \$100,000 of combined regional air and water quality funding. We will begin both new programs in the fall, initiating both air and water quality monitoring.

The **PBPN Road & Bridge** is in the public eye maintaining 119 miles and 53 bridges on the Tribal road system. The miles are a combination of Tribal & BIA routes, the same with the bridges. Two sources of funding, same crew. The mowing of roads rights of ways was really looking good for the GATHERING, park roads were fixed up, and needed materials were hauled in with even a dump truck load of camp fire wood.

Ditch repair (erosion control) has been a focus this year. In the initial cuts and fills on the new golf course Road & Bridge forces and equipment moved thousands of yards of dirt (800+ man hours on equipment). They are currently hauling the sand needed for the bunkers (2,200 tons to date) from a Kansas River sand quarry east of the Oakland area. Road & Bridge continues to collaborate with other Tribal departments and work directly with the Reservation community filling work orders. Three American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects and clearing for a High Priority Project (HPP) job is on the slate to close out the construction season. Talk is if the substantial rainfall amounts continue through the winter season the snow drifts will be one of those years you run out of room to put the snow.

PBPN Lands Department has all the crops planted and is waiting for another harvest of corn and soybeans. The hay tracts not leased out have been cut and bailed. Progress on the future buffalo capture corrals is moving along in conjunction with the seasonal duties. The replacement of the old work trucks to new models have made the crew more mobile with dependable vehicles. A lot of attention has been given to the buffalo herd containment area (420 acres) and the health of the total family unit. The grasses planted and the battle of noxious weeds has showed results. This year's calf crop is 30, the herd count is 126. The herd is well cared for, a new tranquilizer gun was obtained to administer medicine to the animals showing sickness, rather than borrowing the Tribal Police animal control officer's. A reminder about the buffalo herd, it is considered a total family unit, calves, juveniles, bulls and females, mature females and bulls, dominate and bachelor bulls. These animals die of old age when their teeth wear out. If you see this it is a natural occurrence. The Lands crew will move these out of sight of the public and let the coyotes, bobcats, foxes

and birds have these because it is unknown why they died. The animals harvested are usually 5 to 8-year-old bulls.

PBPN Transit/Tribal Vehicles is rolling right along and is a real successful service to the Reservation residents. It is funded through a combination of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Tribes and KDOT 5311 State funds. The Topeka run is M/W/F and in Holton it is M-F; the riders are, for the most part, acclimated to the method of operation. Two administration assistants and mechanics and four drivers work out of the Public Works building and two out of the Firekeeper's Elder Center. The Transit fleet is three cars and two handi-cap vans with two more coming from KDOT in November. The four Tribal vehicles and one GSA car are for department employees travel and used when needed to fill in. The rest of the Tribal vehicles are assigned to the various Tribal programs, with preventive maintenance done at the Public Works building. Clients are from all seven clusters and immediate area, a code of ethics (rules) are in place for both the riders and drivers. Drivers use GPS and cell phones and are dedicated accomplished professionals. Scheduling is available at 966-2995.

PBPN Building Maintenance/Construction deserves more accomplished recognition than just a mention in the first paragraph. This program cares for all the many Tribal program and buildings both inside and out, yard work to water and sewer lines, electrical, janitorial and work stations. Administration work and coordination of contractors on the new Tribal court building and golf course project are other tasks being done.

Road & Bridge

ARRA will have a big positive impact on the Reservation, The Department of Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs has obligated 1.25 million to the 73.6 miles of BIA Routes and 29 BIA Bridges for maintenance. Equipment replacement is an eligible activity, snow and ice activities are not.

Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) has obligated the 2008 IRR allocation dollars for ARRA new road construction, this will be two projects, at 126 and O Roads, an intersection enhancement (the grade is 8.7% at the west bound stop sign) and a hill cut with two steep sides and narrow top that snow drifts located between H and I Roads which are both BIA Routes.

Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Project (IRRHPP) was applied for and PBPN was successful in obtaining IRR dollars, \$844,360.68 to re-construct Q Road to asphalt between 150 & 158 Roads. This was a priority in 2001 but was not ever done because of the difficulty in obtaining right of way, being a boundary road; the off Reservation side had three hold outs. This was worked out in 2008 and now is in PL-638 Self Determination contract negotiation with Southern Plains BIA Region Office with hurdles cleared for 2009 construction. Utilities relocation may hamper progress, electric power poles, two fiber optic lines, Embark phone lines and

water lines. It will be a plus for the heavily used route between the Government Center and the casino/Nation Station. The new golf course access to the golf properties and maintenance buildings will also be off of the new Q Road. HPP does not count against a Tribe's annual IRR allocation.

Despite increasing the IRR inventory PBPN IRR allocation has continued to decline, with the changes in the last Highway Bill. County roads were eligible to be added to the RIFDS IRR inventory, currently 71% of the 12 BIA Regions RIFDS (Road Inventory Field Data System) at BIA Central OFFICE West in Albuquerque. This has hurt Reservation tribes because this pot of money was historically 24,800 miles of BIA routes. Thus PBPN will apply for IRRHPP on a yearly basis; three miles of K Rd between 174 and 198 are being designed for 2009 December application submittal to Southern Plains BIA Region.

The State received stimulus dollars and KDOT by Federal Law must use 10% of their allocation for Transportation Enhancement (T.E.). PBPN was chosen for a 1.7 mile Pedestrian Bike Trail, of 101 applicants, 18 got funded. This phase will tie onto the existing KDOT T.E. funded trail and will go from the Second cluster to the current Tribal Court building parking lot. Currently the status is in BIA/KDOT agreement negotiations that must be in place with ARRA reporting requirements before PBPN can PL-93-638 BIA contract the building of the project.

RSIP (Rural Safety Innovation Program) is underway and the job has been left to a contractor for this year. It is a touchy subject to me because Tribal members were recently killed at the 162 Road and 75 Highway intersection on August 3 in a triple fatality. The Federal Highway grant was competitive nationwide but the PBPN received the award because 162 & 158 intersections on US 75 were ranked in the top 5% of being the most dangerous traffic spots in the nation, according to a federal highway report. Tribal Council obligated 15% (\$51,000) of the cost to improve safety by innovation. The items that will be installed include dynamic message boards to be located north and south of the 150 interchange, weather monitors and a live camera viewable on the internet as seen from the 150 Road/US 75 Highway bridge, and flashing beacons and more driver alert signage at 158 & 162 highway intersections for both east and west bound traffic.

There are more than a few programs that are to receive ARRA funds. Paperwork is a tall order but the benefits are great. Government agencies are overwhelmed by the regulations that have to be in place for ARRA and this is on top of what are normal duties already carried out. There are about 90 days of construction season till December 1, and then winter could be on us too. Tribes have told BIA and Federal Highway this and results are showing, it's close.



Briefly

Marie Clement, Ms. Wheelchair of Kansas, competed in the Ms. Wheelchair America event that was held in Rapid City, S.D. August 24-29. She is the sixth woman to represent the state of Kansas since the Kansas program began in 2004.

The **PBPN Transit Division** recently received an award from the Federal Transit Administration Region 7 for having the highest percentage increase in passenger ridership among grantees with under five vehicles providing rural transportation in Kansas.

Tim Ramirez, Director of Public Works, recently appeared before the Jackson County Commissioners and asked if the tribe could own and maintain a one-mile stretch of road on Q Road between 150 and 158 Roads and three miles of K Road between 174 and 198 Roads on the reservation. He also gave an overview of the number of roads and bridges the PBPN maintains. According to an article in the Holton Recorder (Sept. 7, 2009), the commissioners said they did not see any problem with allowing the tribe to maintain and own the roads requested, and asked Ed Dunn, the County Counselor, to draft an agreement.

Some **Social Services** staff attended a training session on July 21 that was sponsored by the Regional Community Policing Training Institute and held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The purpose of the training was to offer instruction on dealing with problems associated with drug endangered children and substance abuse.

In related news, the **Family Violence Prevention Program** will receive \$334,630 as part of an Office on Violence Against Women Recovery Act award from the Department of Justice.

Jancita Warrington is the Community Garden Project Coordinator for a USDA grant-funded project designed to reintroduce the traditional methods of growing food for the Bodewadmi (Potawatomi) people.

The purpose of the project is to preserve and restore the Bodewadmi's traditional role as stewards of the land. Historically the Bodewadmi obtained their foods through hunting, fishing, gathering, gardening and trading.

Warrington's work involves a Community Garden project where seven gardens were grown this summer on the reservation and a greenhouse was constructed (see page 8). She provided education classes for youth at the Boys & Girls Club that included demonstrations on how to make frozen fruit smoothies, blind taste tests on identifying fresh fruits, how to make healthy food snacks, salsa and guacamole, and pizza.

Educational lessons were also taught during the demonstrations including learning about sanitary cooking methods, sugar and fat contents in the diet, nutritional values of foods and how to select items at the grocery store.

On September 3 Warrington also manned an informational booth on community gardening at the Health and Nutrition Fair that was sponsored by the Food Distribution Program.

Other traditional food demonstrations planned in the future are: Drying and canning food; Wild rice and deer meat; Cooking with pure maple syrup v. white cane sugar; Traditional feast foods; White fry bread v. whole wheat fry bread; Cooking with fresh fish and Cooking with buffalo meat/buffalo chili.

Warrington's office is in the Government Center.

John Holtz is working on a joint venture between the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Services and CRAssociates and has an office in the lower level of the Government Center.



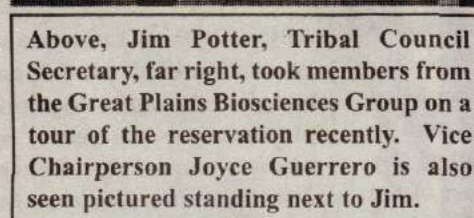
Tribal Council met with Father Francis D. Bakyor (catty corner in the picture) on July 14 who is presently the pastor at Our Lady of the Snows Church on the reservation. Father Francis is on a sabbatical from the Damongo Diocese in Ghana, West Africa and told members of the Tribal Council that he was glad to have an opportunity to learn about the tribe.



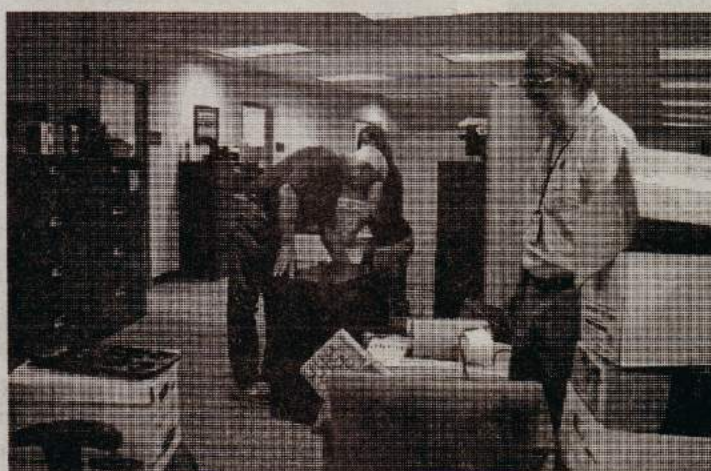
Above, left to right, is Jason Matchie, LaVerne Hale, Andy Mitchell, Alvina LaClair and Vivian Gonzales who traveled to the 125th Anniversary of Genoa Indian School on July 25 in Genoa, Nebraska.



Above, Andy Mitchell and Alvina LaClair. They went to school in Genoa and were honored guests at the 125th anniversary.



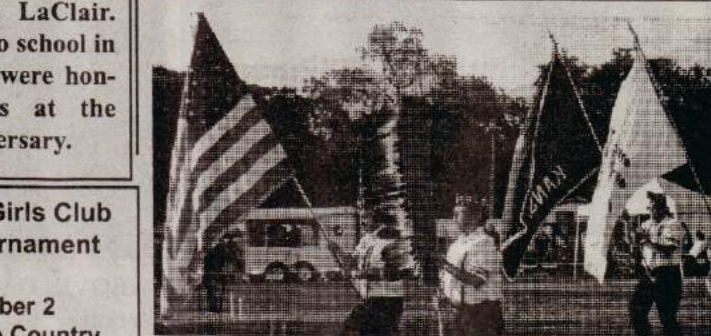
Above, Jim Potter, Tribal Council Secretary, far right, took members from the Great Plains Biosciences Group on a tour of the reservation recently. Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero is also seen pictured standing next to Jim.



New carpet was installed throughout the Government Center recently that forced all offices to be temporarily boxed up and moved. The photo, above, was taken in the Finance Department on August 12 and shows Walt Racker, in the foreground, with Dave Greeson and Vanessa Pahmahmie. Contractors for the carpet project were Kendall Construction and John Hall Floor Covering of Topeka. Purchasing staff in Finance, the Maintenance Department and IT Department were all heavily involved in the project.



Above, left to right, is Emery Hale, Lyman Shipshee, Samantha Wahquahboshkuk, and Carsie McClure whose team "Guys and Gals" won 1st place in the Friday night bowling league at the Holton Bowling Center this spring.



We-Ta-Se marched at the Shawnee County Allied Tribes pow-wow Labor Day weekend.

Boys & Girls Club golf tournament

October 2
Shawnee Country Club
Topeka, Kansas



16th Annual Potawatomi Gathering

Remembering the 2009 Potawatomi Gathering as a good time

Submitted by LaVerne Hale

The 2009 Potawatomi Gathering has come and gone and hearing the comments from a lot of people told me that it was a good thing. I was told that 3,477 people attended this event.

It is a tough thing to say thank you to all the people. When I think about the Gathering days and reflect on all the faces of people who helped plan during the meetings with their good ideas and suggestions, I just want to say thank you. I hope all the Prairie Band and all who helped are proud of your hard work and participation. The hard work was worth it. I am proud of the people who are here and when visitors come to our reservation. I saw how welcomed visitors were, and cared for, and that was a real highlight for me.

The activities we offered seemed to be well received by our visitors. The big tent was full of people learning to do beadwork, finger weaving, and the appliqué work. In addition, there were demon-

strations on flute making and how to play the instrument and several other cultural teachings that took place.

The Rez Tour shuttles and casino shuttles were continually busy. It was a pleasure to see happy, friendly greetings from people working the registration booth which was the first stop for most visitors. I also believe that people enjoyed their gifts and about half of those who did register used their recyclable dishes at the community meals. The entertainment was a hit and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. There were some great singers on the karaoke microphone in the arena and at the Single Mingle that suggested the Potawatomi people are full of talent.

There were also great things going on at the Casino Convention Center that included the Economic Summit with Tribal Leaders, the Language and Youth Conferences, and an Art/Craft show on Saturday. All of those events were well attended and held at various times during the four-day Gathering.

The pow-wow was also great. There were lots of dancers

and some really fine singing. I wish the give-a-way had gone more smoothly but it was fun, nevertheless.

The sports activities including the golf tournament, pool tournament, and softball tournament and an impromptu horseshoe tournament were also an exciting way to bring the Potawatomi bands together.

When I look back and think about all the things that happened during those warm days in August, I feel really good and proud of what we had to offer our visitors that kept them busy and happy.

On the downside, there were a few problems from the heat and a few lost items that were never found, but overall, I think we can be proud of what we offered and accomplished. I know we didn't get everything done that was planned and not everyone was pleased but we tried.

I hope you all had a memorable time at the Potawatomi Gathering. Next year it will be hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Before the Gathering



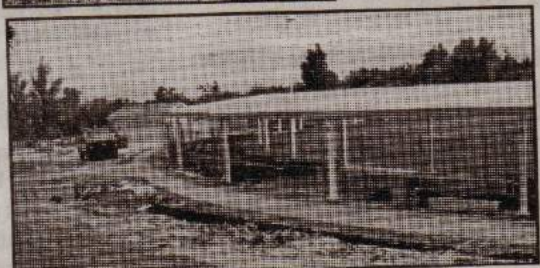
ABOVE: Leslie Marshno, Finance, took part in the Rez Road Side Clean up on July 29. A total of 86 bags of trash were removed that day which was sponsored by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.



ABOVE: Jim Harvey, PBPB electrician, installing electricity at one of the shelters.



LEFT: Anthony Levier using a weedeater on the park grounds before the Gathering.



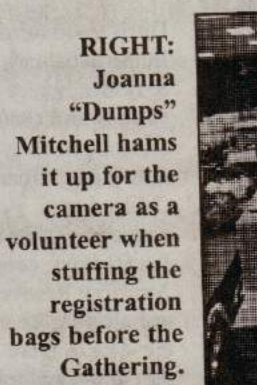
ABOVE: Arena grounds being prepared.



ABOVE: A worker from Smith Audio Visual and Ben Joslin, IT, upgrading the sound system on top of the stage in the arena.



ABOVE: Roofing crews were hired and trained by Belfour Restoration employees as part of the tribe's insurance program. They repaired roofs on shelters in Prairie Peoples Park and other homes throughout the reservation that were damaged from a windstorm that occurred in March.



RIGHT: Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell hams it up for the camera as a volunteer when stuffing the registration bags before the Gathering.



ABOVE: An assembly line was formed by volunteers who helped stuff bags with recyclable dishes at the Bingo Hall.



ABOVE: Aaron Hale painting the Government Center.

All Bands Council Economic Summit Meeting



ABOVE: Tribal Council representatives from the nine bands posed for a group photo at the Economic Summit meeting on August 5. Steve Ortiz, Tribal Chairman, hosted the event and Gary Mitchell gave the invocation. Rocky Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi, and Joseph Gilbert, Walpole Island, also gave presentations along with Steve Manydeeds, Del Leverdure and Nedra Darling from the Department of the Interior.



ABOVE: Tribal Chairman Steve Ortiz congratulates Chris Wetzel who completed a doctoral study of the nine bands of the Potawatomi at the University of California-Berkeley.



ABOVE: Tribal leaders greeting Del Laverdure who is the new principal deputy assistant secretary of Indian Affairs. Laverdure spoke at the Economic Summit Meeting.

Judicial Conference



LEFT: Staff members of the PBPB Tribal Court were hosts of a Judicial Conference at the casino on August 5.

See photos of the Language Conference on page 9



RIGHT: In the photo, left, is PBP District Court Judge Stacy Leeds who is with Michael Petoskey, Pokagon Band, and Eugene Whitefish, Forest County.



ABOVE: Participants listen at the conference that brought attorneys, judges and other court staff together for a day.



ABOVE: Eugene Whitefish, Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Judge, gave the keepsake he is holding to the PBPB at the closing ceremony. His wife, Justine, and he created the piece.

Youth Leadership Conference



ABOVE: Meet and Greet Wednesday night at the Bingo Hall. Approximately 90 youth participated in the conference that was held August 5-7.



ABOVE: A welcoming session was held at the Youth Leadership Conference Thursday at the casino. Also that day, tribal leaders spoke to the youth and Chance Rush was a keynote motivational speaker.



ABOVE: Young attendees each received t-shirts before breaking into groups at a "The Next Chapter Workshop" presented by the Prairie Band Casino & Resort staff and interns. The focus of the workshop was to teach the youth how to become future business professionals.



ABOVE: On the final day of the conference, 10 young people modeled professional outfits they had won in an essay contest. The Suited for Success fashion show was part of the luncheon entertainment on Friday.



ABOVE: Dawn LeClere and an unidentified participant had fun during a hypnosis presentation given by keynote speaker Robert Johnston after lunch on the final day.



Who We Are

Prairie Peoples Park happenings



ABOVE: Dave Greeson, left, serves up one of the community meals.

Special thanks to the Gathering Committee: Paula Hopkins, Linda Yazzie, LaVerne Hale & Yvette Washington



ABOVE: LaVerne Hale at the traditional meal.



Potawatomi Fashion Show on Thursday night.

RIGHT: Left to right, Adele Thomas, Priscilla Martin and Cheryl Walker were volunteers.



Language Department play.



ABOVE: Campers at the Gathering.



Sports activities

Golf Tournament Winners (submitted by Frank Shopteese)

1st flight

1st place: Wahweotten, Hale, Ortiz, Ortiz
2nd place: Bradford, Levier, McKinney, Lewis
3rd place: Tuckwin, Tuckwin, Coffin, Tuckwin

2nd flight

1st place: Tecumseh, Tecumseh, Tecumseh, Tecumseh
2nd place: Frank Sprague, Larson, Bush, Smith
3rd place: Lewis, Arche, Boursaw, Boursaw

3rd flight

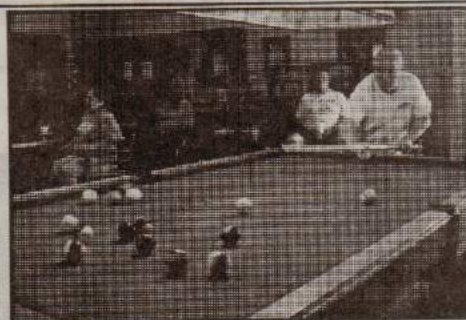
1st place: William Sr., Williams II, Teeple, Boda
2nd place: Sprague, Pigeon, Sprague, Day
3rd place: Deragon, Deragon, Deragon, Deragon

Longest Drive #8-Steve Ortiz
Closest to Pin #5-Alex Tuckwin
Closest to Pin #17-David Lewis

Shawnee Country Club
Topeka, Kansas
Friday, August 7



ABOVE: A softball tournament was held near 158 and K Road where three PBPB teams and one team from Oklahoma competed with each other.



ABOVE: Ron Lynch won the men's pool tournament held at the Firekeepers Elder Center. Charles Nez and Ron Wahweotten, not pictured, took 2nd and 3rd place respectively.



ABOVE: Kids were seen frequently on the basketball court in the park.



ABOVE: Women's pool tournament winners were, left to right, Maria Levier, 2nd, Audrey Tolkes, 3rd, and Nancy Stegman, 1st.

Music Fun



LEFT: Gary Cooper & Blue Feather performed in the arena and at the casino.

RIGHT: Karaoke singing made for Single Mingle fun.



ABOVE: Boney Pahmahmie throwing horse shoes.



ABOVE: A Fun Walk was held through the park on Friday morning.

More park happenings



ABOVE: Raphael Wahwassuck, left, greeting folks as they got off a Rez Tour bus.



ABOVE: Volunteer Randy Mitchell drove campers to and from the camp sites in one of the golf carts.



ABOVE: Cecilia "Meeks" Jackson's family had a refreshment stand.



ABOVE: There were lots of vendors and Gathering fun for the whole family.



ABOVE: Rey Kitchkumme, standing, helped with registration. The other two volunteers are unidentified.

Art Show at casino and other Potawatomi artists/vendors at the park



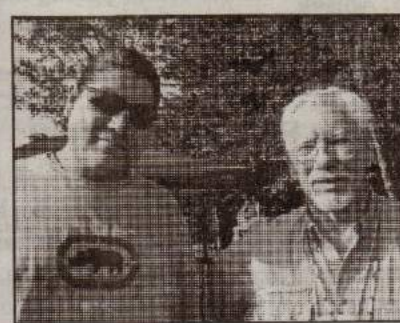
ABOVE: Audrey Pawis, Wasauksing First Nation, displaying her quill work at the art show that was held at the casino.



ABOVE: Karen Wahwasuck beading at the art show.



ABOVE: Penny Coates, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, was an artist at the art show.



ABOVE: Artists Sam Mitchell, PBPB, and Hal Wiggins, Pokagon, both had booths in the park.



ABOVE: Dianna Payne, PBPB, was an artist at the Gathering in the park and sold her work.



ABOVE: Lisa Littleaxe, PBPB, and her family had a booth at Prairie Peoples Park.

Pow-wows and closing ceremony



ABOVE: Chago Hale and Trilby Wahwasuck helped direct the pow-wow activities.

RIGHT: We-Ta-Se and veterans from the other Nations carrying flags on closing night.



RIGHT: Women dancers during Grand Entry on Saturday night.



RIGHT: Jackie Mitchell and Andy Mitchell in their regalia.



RIGHT: Tribal Council passing the staff to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for next year.



ABOVE: Potawatomi dancing all together before the give-a-way.



ABOVE: Hannahville Potawatomi at the give-a-way.



Youth Health Initiative Program will teach healthy lifestyles



ABOVE: Attendees at the stakeholder meeting held on July 31 at the Health Center. BELOW: Another meeting was held between tribal representatives and a representative from Region VII Department of Health & Human Services from Kansas City on August 10.



By Jerry Briscoe, Health Administrator

A Youth Initiative program is underway that will incorporate the use of physical activities with the teaching of healthy eating through learning about traditional foods at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center.

A stakeholder meeting was held on July 31 at the Center to get things underway. Tribal Chairman, Steve Ortiz, opened the meeting by giving the invocation and welcoming the group that included representatives from most of the tribes in Kansas, head start programs, youth organizations and the local community.

The PBP Health Center is also working with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Center for Health Disparities and Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Public Health and Science, Region VII. The two groups have entered into an agreement to create the

health and wellness initiative in an effort to address the serious public health problems that Native American youth face which are inactivity and increasing obesity. According to the Indian Health Clinical Reporting System data, 49% of Native American children (ages 6-11) are overweight or obese.

Other entities that are in collaboration are: KU Medical Center, Department of Preventive Medicine, Royal Valley School District 337, Kickapoo Nation School, Kickapoo Boys & Girls Club, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Prairie Band Potawatomi Boys & Girls Club, PBPB Education Department, PBPB Social Services, PBPB Tribal Fire Department; Sac & Fox Tribe, Iowa Tribal Youth Group, Lawrence USD 497, and Haskell Indian Health Service Unit. Special group members include Jerry Tuckwin, who was recently elected into the American Indian Sports Hall of Fame, and Barbara Jones

Slater, a Gold Medal Olympian in track and field.

The PBPB is partnering with other tribal communities in Kansas and the three other tribes have made their commitment to support this ongoing Youth Initiative.

A kickoff event is scheduled for Saturday, October 3. For additional information, please contact Verna Simon at 785-966-8303.

Under the Youth Initiative, the goal is to strengthen the abilities and competencies of young Native people into creating an atmosphere of hope where they can develop with dignity. By providing a consistent avenue of programs that are of interest to them and will stimulate their talents, it is hopeful that the youth will come away with knowing positive lifestyle skills that will empower them to live more fully in their communities which will be an investment to the future.



A greenhouse was recently erected behind the Health Center that will be used next summer as part of the Returning to a Healthy Past community gardening program. The program is sponsored by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and administered by the staff at the PBPB Health Center who are with the Diabetes Prevention Program. Seven community gardens were planted this summer that produced lots of vegetables for reservation residents. The gardens were also used as a teaching tool and as a way of providing exercise for residents.

Return to a healthy past program

Planting the seeds to healthy living



Vegetables, like the one seen above, were abundant this summer and harvested in July and August.



Left: Corn patch behind the Health Center.

Reflections on the greenhouse from a Health Center employee

I am proud to have taken part in the construction of the greenhouse at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center.

I took a real interest in building this structure since I have family members with Diabetes in the community.

So far, this is the best project for preventing Diabetes that I've seen. I want to help in anyway I can to encourage people to eat more fresh fruits, and vegetables. I have planted my own my own garden at home for many years so that I could have cheap, healthy food available for me and my family.

Thanks for this greenhouse and the traditional food program goes to the Diabetes program and staff at the clinic who have worked very hard to provide programs and services that will benefit the people of the community.

Tim Mendez



Mary Sands, director of Social Services, and Jeanie Combs, Independent Living coordinator, helped pick up trash in front of the Health Center during the Road Side Rez Clean Up July 29 in preparation for the Gathering.

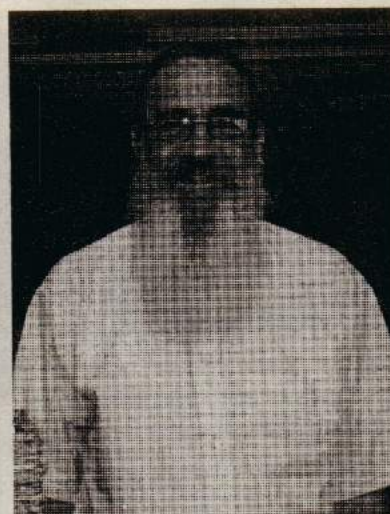


Health Center staff who were available to answer questions at the open house were, left to right, sitting, Verna Simon, Steve Corbett, Terry Caudle, Tim Mendez and Brenda Catron. In back, standing, left to right, are Dawn Matchie, Nicki Dugan, Jerry Briscoe, Nancy Stegman, Allison Catron, and Tony Scardina.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center hold open house during Gathering



Refreshments were served in the lobby of the center during the open house on August 8.



Dr. Terry Harter was also on hand to answer questions.

Health Center preparing for flu pandemic

The Health Center has had a couple of emergency trainings including a disaster drill in preparing for a possible H1N1 pandemic influenza outbreak. The Center is also working closely with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to monitor the situation.

Jerry Briscoe, Health Center Administrator, has been providing updates on the Nation's website that can be found at www.pbpindiantribe.com. He is also keeping the PBPB staff informed through the Nation's inner-office email system.

He reported to the *News* at press time that vaccines for the seasonal flu should be available soon and that inoculations for the H1N1 virus should be available in October.

September is National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month!!

Millions of Americans have substance use disorders or live in households with people who have had problems with alcohol or drugs. In addition, 63% of Americans say addiction to alcohol or other drugs has impacted them, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or their own personal addiction.

But there is hope. Substance use disorders can be treated effectively. A study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in 2000 found that treatment for substance use disorders are as effective as treatments for other chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, asthma, and diabetes.

If a friend or loved one has a substance use disorder, he or she may experience changes in appearance and mood, have episodes of chronic dishonesty, have difficulty at work, or hang out with 'new' friends. If you notice a problem, you can help.

To speak with your friend or relative about a problem:

- Sit them down individually in a private place.
- Start with positive reinforcement and explain that you are talking to them because you care.
- Offer a solution and ideas on how they can get help, such as identifying treatment and recovery support resources in your area.
- End with a plan of action. If they resist help, keep trying.

Presentations available by
The Alcohol & Drug Community Alcohol and Other Drug Information

The PBPB Alcohol and Drug (A&D) program recognizes the critical need for the Potawatomi community to have accurate information about alcohol and other drugs. The physical, mental, social and spiritual impact of alcohol and drug abuse on the community is a serious health issue that requires education.

The PBPB A & D program is committed to being a part of the solution and is implementing a plan to address this issue through community presentations.

For more information contact the PBPB
Alcohol & Drug program
Phone: 785-966-8350,
or 1-800 966-2411

Elaine Mzhickteno Barr, CADC I, LMSW
Mendy Thompson, CADC
Norman Arnold, CADC II

Alcohol and Other Drug Information School

The Alcohol and Other Drug Information School (ADIS) program is designed for people who have had some trouble with alcohol and other drugs but do not necessarily have a substance use disorder and do not require treatment.

The ADIS program consists of an evaluation and intake session (2 hours) and determines the appropriateness of this level of care. If an evaluation has been completed elsewhere, a copy will be required. If it is determined that ADIS is appropriate, then 8 hours of information/education sessions can be set up, equaling a total of 10 hours. These sessions can be individual or group depending on the number of clients in the program at any given time. This complies with the State of Kansas Addiction And Prevention Services requirements and is accepted by the courts throughout the State. If a higher level of care is needed, the appropriate recommendations and referrals will be made.

The curriculum will consist of information/education on:

- Substance use, abuse, dependency and the differences of each
- The Disease Concept
- Current drunk driving and drug laws in the state
- How alcohol/drugs (including nicotine products) effect the body, mind and spirit
- HIV and AIDS

The information/education provided in these classes can have a significant impact on the prevention of substance use, misuse, abuse and dependency. It can also be an effective intervention for those in the early stages of abuse.

Online resources

• Al-Anon or Alateen –
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

(offers support for friends and family members who know someone with an alcohol dependence)

• Families Anonymous –

<http://www.familiesanonymous.org> –

(helps concerned relatives and friends who lives are affected by a loved one's addiction)



The eyes have it: vandals witnessed striking Childcare Center

By Suzanne Heck

Last July a call came in to the Tribal Police that reported three individuals were on the roof at the Early Childhood Education Center out on K Road. Law enforcement responded to the scene, but by the time they got there the individuals were gone. They had damaged two surveillance cameras that were dangling off the roof which was proof that they'd been up to no good. According to Tribal Police Chief Mike Boswell, the crime is still under investigation and no one has been charged.

Hope Adame, Director of the Childcare Center, said it was not the first time the center had been vandalized. She told of playground equipment that had been ruined, window screens that had been slashed and prior damage to fencing that can still be seen. "Our playgrounds are continually getting harmed," she said. "Vandalism's been a real problem for us but luckily no one has broken into the building yet."

Damage to tribal property has occurred elsewhere on the reservation and to combat the situation the PBPB has installed surveillance cameras at the Government Center, Indian Health Center, Tribal Police Department, and the Boys & Girls Club. Directors of those buildings routinely monitor video footage in hopes of thwarting crime and in some cases it has helped.

Reservations have long had a history of being hard to patrol by tribal police departments and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is no different. Tribal Police officers have miles of land to cover and in the more remote areas like on K Road, for example, buildings are often unoccupied at

through the years in replacement and repair costs not to mention the cost of staff time to the Nation.

That is why when a member of the community saw a crime in progress at the Child Care Center it was such big help to law enforcement. Chief Boswell said that he is grateful to the caller who called in that night and for neighborhood watch programs that are springing up. In addition, more formally organized programs like Crime Stoppers, for example, have also been a real boon to law enforcement personnel.

On the reservation the PBPB has both. Tribal member, Sherri Landis organized a grassroots neighborhood watch program a couple of years ago in the Prairie Village Senior Garden Complex. She held a couple of meetings with some other elders and compiled an emergency handbook that is still in use. The handbook includes a street map diagram of all the housing units in the senior complex, the name and phone number of the occupants, a list of emergency shelters on the reservation, and other important PBPB phone numbers and names. She said the book was approved by PBPB administrators after its first printing and that she continues to pay for reprints herself and that she distributes the book to new residents who move in to the complex.

"I'm a night owl and I think a neighborhood watch is important," she said. "We need to look out for each other and not all of us can."

Another program that is available to the PBPB is the Jackson County Crime Stoppers. Based out of the Holton Police Department and directed by Officer Corey Schuetz, the Jackson County Crime Stoppers is the result of a collaborative program that includes the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, PBP Tribal police and the Holton police. The program allows citizens a method of offering information about a crime while remaining anonymous and it will offer a cash



The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department used the help of the Iowa Tribal Police to patrol the large number of people at the Gathering that was held the first weekend of August.

Juliet Carlisle who works at the Childcare Center points to where the vandals damaged the cameras on the roof.

night which makes it easy for vandals to strike. Additionally, in other areas like Prairie Peoples Park, prized structures like the Veterans Memorial are left unguarded and the beautiful markers have previously been scratched on and defaced. According to Carl Matousek, the PBPB Director of Construction Maintenance, whose crews have to repair or clean up the damage, the vandalism seems to occur more in the summer time when youth are out of school.

Matousek said that in addition to the recent vandalism at the Child Care Center, his staff has had to replace broken windows at the Boys & Girls Club, pick rocks out of the outside air conditioning units at the Firekeepers Elder Center, and lock all the buildings in Prairie Peoples Park unless there is an event taking place. He said that even though all property damages are reported to police it's usually after the fact.

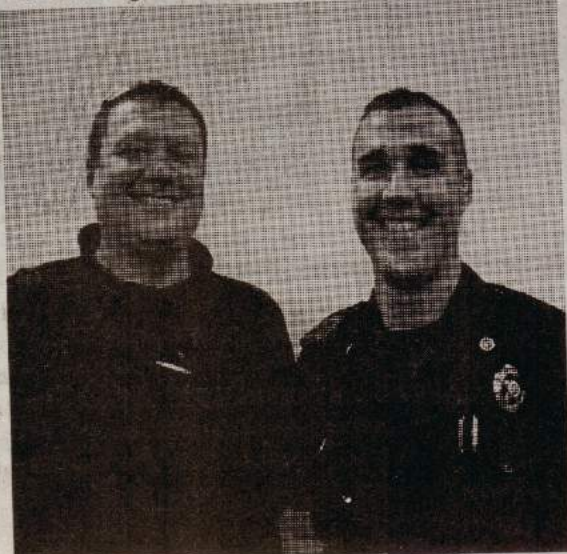
Trying to catch the culprits can prove difficult too with many reservation residents involved in tight family networks who often prefer looking the other way. It has also been ingrained in society that "kids will be kids" or that there is nothing left for kids to do. Matousek said, however, that vandalism had cost the tribe thousands of dollars

reward if the caller is eligible. Individuals can offer tips two ways either by going online to www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS.

The call that was made to the tribal police in July was a good example of how a community can help in keeping an eye on what is happening on the reservation. Although the case has not been solved yet, it should be a warning that someone was watching the vandals that night and eventually they are going to get caught.



Sherri Landis has prepared a Neighborhood Watch Handbook for her neighbors who live in the Prairie Village Senior Garden complex on K Road. The book includes her neighbors names, phone numbers and other emergency information.



Jon Gouge and Steven Smith are new officers who joined the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department this summer.

Potawatomi Language Department News

By Cindy LeClere

We have had a very busy summer this year. In June we participated in the summer school program at the Boys and Girls Club, teaching classes grades K-6. Everyone had fun and the feedback we received from parents, children and staff were positive. We plan to work with them more during the school year. We are also providing language to early head start parents and children at the child care center, focusing on immersion and interactive activities.

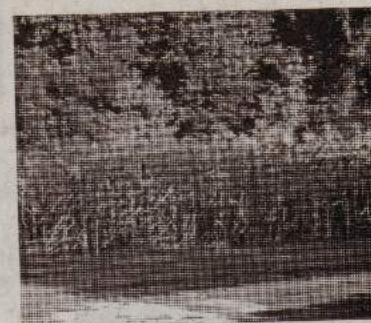
At the language house, the adult and family night students helped to plant a garden. We harvested māmnek, kōtēsēk, kēmētōyēn, kokobeyēn and are awaiting the winbētiyēn to be ready. Drying corn was hard work but fun. For some students it was something new and for some it was an experience that they haven't had in a long time but were very happy to be a part of again. We are thankful for the good growing season and the good harvest.

Another important event this summer was the 2009 Potawatomi Gathering. Our department sponsored the Potawatomi Language Conference on Thursday and Friday of the Gathering with over 250 registered participants that attended. The conference theme was "TTiyek Nishnabemon", which translates to "Everyone Speak Indian". The highlight of the conference was the elder speaker panel and their message was this: The language makes us who we are and, those who work with the language must continue the effort for the sake of the future. And, band and nation leaders must recognize the state of the language and do what is necessary to

continue the survival of our people. It was a very moving experience; we are grateful to our elders for their wisdom and for always looking out for our future generations. We need to say Igwiēn to the language class student volunteers, the community members who attended the conference and to the summer youth workers. You helped to make the language conference a success. And last but not least, Igwiēn, tēpenmōkton, Meeksekwe, for all you do for all of us.

Because it is that time of year, we put together some phrases to use while drying corn. We hope you will use them.

Ishe ewi māmnek kego - It's time to dry corn
Ibe kin webyewin - You start on that side
Tto goṭē kwett o gishkowat - These ones are not ready yet
Goṭē wiṣhe wēnsik - These ones are ready
Mno kwik wiṣhe goṭē māmnek - This corn is looking good
Mshishknēk gi māmnek - Shuck the corn
Boṭwen - Make the fire
Terngēt i mbish - Boil the water
Gwīkak namēn goṭē māmnek emkwanesēn kiwimēn - We are going to clean the corn with teaspoons



Adults preparing corn for drying on a summer evening.

Special thanks to Cindy LeClere and the Language Department for submitting photos



Children are a part of the Language classes as seen above.



Language class members drying corn.

Scenes from the Language Conference held at the Gathering

-Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Aug. 6-7



LEFT: Larry Berryhill gave an invocation on the first day of the Language Conference. He is seen shaking hands with an attendee at the conference.



LEFT: Don Perrote, Citizen Potawatomi, was one of the featured speakers at the conference.



LEFT: Kristen Kennedy and Chris Riley from Walpole Island, were recognized at the Language Conference for their work with the language.



RIGHT: Participants enjoying lunch.



Member News



This group of second graders won the 2009 Regional Pee Wee League Championships. Above, from left to right, is Jack Wiedmann, Nathan DeCoteau, No-no-Pah Masquat, Komesh Spoonhunter and Jaiden Wamego. Jaiden's mother, Jessica Youngbird submitted the photo and sends her congratulations to the team.

Lori Wahwassuck wins
KC Chiefs signed football

RIGHT: Lori Wahwassuck won a KC Chiefs football that was signed by Tony Gonzales last spring. The football was offered as a prize for a raffle held to help Tracy Bowman compete for the Miss Kansas USA pageant. Tracy is the daughter of Pam Bowman who works in the office of Jim Potter, Tribal Council Secretary, and Lori works in the PBPN Maintenance Department.



Congratulations Sandra Lee Bodah (Nashkowashshekwe')



- cum laude honors and B.S. degree from Upper Iowa University
- winner of high school state rifle competition
- top 5 percent of class (Alpha 139) Coast Guard
- veteran of Desert Storm
- We-Ta-Se member

*Gche apiténdem ndani ga je zhechkeyen.....
congratulations my daughter for what you have done
Nde banen ggyéyom.
My love for you, your Mom.*

Congratulations
to

Tyrra Ann Grant
on receiving your
B.S. of Nursing-R.N.
at
East Central Univeristy
Ada, Okla
May 9, 2009

From: Debbie Jessepe, Mother
Grandparents May Jo and Wesley Jessepe



Eddie Joe Mitchell with his pumpkin crop at his home. He reported to the News that it was the best crop he had ever produced and that he preserves food he grows through traditional methods.



Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Wichita State University for spring, 2009. She is the daughter of Kenneth Jessepe and Carol (Wahwasuck) Shopteese.

Congratulations
to

Jessica Rickert
on being inducted into the
Michigan Women's Hall of Fame
Jessica is also the first
Native American woman dentist

Congratulations to
Cecil Walker
for his work that was recognized
by the Federal Emergency
Management Agency in
the rebuilding of the
Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad in
Oregon



Congratulations to Rosa Thomas whose business called the Whiting Cafe was chosen for a makeover by the Kansas Sampler Foundation this spring. The cafe was selected as a pilot project for a new program the Foundation has begun that utilizes groups of volunteers to help removate businesses in small communities in Kansas.

Charles Wakole and Robert Jackson deployed to Egypt



Charles Wakole, in fatigues, photographed with members of his family before he left.

Tribal members Charles Wakole and Robert Jackson said goodbye to their families and friends on July 22 along with 80 other soldiers who are members of the 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artillery Kansas National Guard. The soldiers will take part in a military tour to the Egyptian Sinai.



Robert Jackson, holding child, with members of his family at the deployment ceremony.

Many Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal members attended the ceremony that was held at Holton High School.

The We-Ta-Se American Legion Color Guard posted colors for the event.

Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (happy day you were born)

Happy Birthday
Patrick Mills III
October 5

We love you!

From your family



SO BIG...SO FAST!!
Hope you have a
Happy 3rd Birthday
big brother
on
September 12
Love,
Mom, Dad
& Baby Sister

Happy Belated Birthday
Julia Kabance
on
August 10



U.S. Army
W W II

Happy Birthday
Roy Hale
on
October 19



U.S. Air Force
Korean War

Wishing
Happy Birthday
to my sister
Regina Boushie Gutierrez
September 15

From: Franie Boushie Minor



Happy Belated
Birthday
to
Nedra Darling
on
August 9,

From the family



Happy Birthday
to
Cidasnokwe Mills
September 15
Love,
your family



Shaw-no-gish-go-we
(Autumn Wabaunsee)

Happy 6th Birthday

Wishing you a wonderful day
September 30
Love,
Mom



Judith Hale-
Wabaunsee
November 8

Look
who's
turning
70?



Marilyn Hale-
Wakolee
November 7

Kanibwëtték
(those who stood up together)



Happy 40th Anniversary to Larene and Fred Thomas
September 20, 1969

Ganiñtëk (those who are born)



Alex Tyler Jim
Born August 4, 2009
to
Russell Jim

Cherie Jim
proudly
announces
her new nephew
and
niece to the world!



Rose Marie Jim
Born July 9, 2009
to
Thomas Jim Jr.



Welcome to the world
Delilah Jane Anderson

Born: June 15, 2009

Parent: Rachael Louise Anderson
Grandparent: Vicki Anderson
Great-Grandparents: Judy (Jacobson) and
Eldon Darnell



Kamboŋtek (those who died)

**Elizabeth Francis "Liza" Belair
Watchkee**

DELIA - Elizabeth Frances "Liza" Belair, Watchkee, 19, of Delia, died Wednesday, August 5, 2009 as the result of an automobile accident.

She was born September 15, 1989, the daughter of Virgil Shopteese, Jr. and Sharon L. Belair. She graduated from Rossville High School in 2008.

Liza was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion. She sang in the choir in high school and loved animals and being outdoors.

She worked for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe.

Liza was preceded in death by grandparents, Virgil Shopteese, Sr., Delilah Allen Shopteese, and Lorraine Jackson.

Survivors include her father, Virgil Shopteese, Jr. and wife Sabrina, Delia; her mother, Sharon L. Belair, Delia; two sisters, Sarah Jane Hurt, Topeka and Theresa Ann Belair, of the home; one brother, Albert Frances Belair, of the home; grandfather, Joe Hale, Mayetta; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Liza will lie in state until 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt where family and friends will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Drum Services will be held Sunday evening at the Dance Ground, west of Mayetta. Burial will be Monday afternoon in the Old Dance Ground Cemetery west of Mayetta. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

(Courtesy of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hoyt, Kan.)

**Michael Jackson
(Meaonini)**

TOPEKA - Michael Jackson (Meaonini), 50, of Topeka, died Friday, July 3, 2009 at his home. He was born September 13, 1958 at Oklahoma City, the son of Robert and Lorene Alexander Jackson.

Mike was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion. He was a devoted husband and father and enjoyed spending time with his family. Mike was Director of Security for the Prairie Band Casino at Mayetta. He took much pride in his work.

He married Danielle M. Penor on March 1, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She survives, of the home.

Other survivors include four daughters, Ilyana Jackson, Isabel Jackson, and Hannah Nicole Jackson, all of the home, and Sky Marie Davis, Topeka; two grandchildren, Sterling Marie Cortez and Santana Cortez; one brother, James Jackson and wife Judy, Mayetta; five sisters, Evelyn Seymour and husband Rusty and Lucy Jackson, all of Topeka, Linda Jackson, San Jose, CA, and Janice Jackson and Beverly Goslin and husband Doug, all of Mayetta; an adopted father, Ed Potts; an adopted brother, Benny Potts; and many nieces and nephews.

Drum services will be Tuesday evening at the Dance Ground west of Mayetta. Burial will be Wednesday afternoon in the Matwe-Shobney Cemetery. Mike will lie in state from 9:00 a.m. Monday until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt, where visitation will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday. Memorials are suggested to Michael Jackson's Minor Children's Fund, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 280, Hoyt, 66440. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

(Courtesy of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hoyt, Kan.)

**G. Kay Snyder**

G. Kay Snyder, 59, Lyndon, died July 23, 2009 in Topeka. She was born Dec. 9, 1948, in Holton, the daughter of Rowlin and Goldie Hunter Steward. She had lived in Mayetta most of her life until moving to Lyndon in 1979. Mrs. Snyder worked for General Printing and Paper in Topeka for 30 years. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She also was a 39-year member of the T.W.B.A., where she made the Top 10 in 1977. She married Jim Snyder on Sept. 20, 1980, in Lyndon. He survives. Other survivors include a sister, Opal Slocum and husband Virgil, Hoyt; a brother, Denny Steward and wife Mary Ann, Topeka; a stepson; three stepdaughters and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held July 27 at Feltner Funeral Chapel in Lyndon. Burial was in Lyndon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice Care and sent in care of Feltner Funeral Home, 818 Topeka Ave., Lyndon, KS 66451.

(Courtesy of Feltner Funeral Home, Lyndon, Kan.)

Renae Lynn Wahquahboshkuk Soto

Renae Lynn Wahquahboshkuk Soto, 47, of Topeka died August 5, 2009 at Stormont-Vail Hospital.

She was born on September 18, 1961 in Topeka, Kansas the daughter of Olivia Kay Marshno. She was adopted by Jack Shoptese who preceded her in death. She was later adopted by Wallace Leon Wahquahboshkuk Sr. who also preceded her in death. Renae was also preceded in death by two sons, Michael Rodriguez and Marco Martinez.

Renae was a homemaker. She was a member of the Native American Drum Catholic Faith and of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Indian Tribe.

She is survived by her children: David Rodriguez, Reina Rodriguez Higue, Gloria Rodriguez, John Martinez, Antonia Rodriguez Aguirre; her grandchildren, Joe, Angelica, Edgar, Omar, Melosa, Monica, Marcella, Mickaella, Sergio Jr., Michael, Audrina, Felicia, Thomasina and Yessica, a brother, Wallace Wahquahboshkuk, and sisters, Annette Soto Wahquahboshkuk and Diane Arreola Wahquahboshkuk.

Renae will lie in state at the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home on Sunday after 2:00 p.m. An Indian Drum Service will be held in Mayetta. Interment will follow in Dance Ground Cemetery.

(Courtesy of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, Topeka, Kan.)

**Llewellyn "Lou" Wabaunsee**

MAYETTA- Llewellyn "Lou" Wabaunsee, 85, of Mayetta, KS passed away July 29, 2009 at his home. He was born January 15, 1924 on the Potawatomi Reservation in Mayetta, KS the son of Louis Andrew and Catherine Ursula Shoptese Wabaunsee. He attended Grand Prairie school on the Prairie Band Reservation and high school in Marty, S.D. in which he later enlisted in the United States Navy serving 9 years during World War II. Lou was a lifelong resident of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation and had spent most of that time as a sheetrocker for Wabaunsee Drywall. He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a member of American Legion We Ta Se Post #410. He married Freda J. Nozhackum on January 27, 1946 in Mayetta, KS. She preceded him in death on July 7, 1986. He was also preceded in death by 2 sons, Richard Wabaunsee and Fred Lew Wabaunsee; 2 daughters, Louella "Henry" Wabaunsee and Marsha Ferrari; 3 sisters; a brother; 3 grandsons and a granddaughter. Survivors include 4 daughters, Mary "Monnie" Wabaunsee and Frances Wabaunsee both of Mayetta, KS, Winifred "Goffy" Wahweotten of Dowagiac, MI, Lois "Louie" Dominguez of Wichita, KS; a son, Ralph Wabnum of Topeka, KS; a sister, Anita Goslin of Rosalie, NE; a brother, Louis J. Wabaunsee of Topeka; 25 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and many, many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 3, 2009 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Burial will be in Shipshee Cemetery. Rosaries will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening, August 1, 2009 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening, August 2, 2009 at Our Lady of the Snows. Burial will be in the Shipshee Cemetery.

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

Philomine R. Favero

Philomine R. Favero, age 73 of Janesville, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2009 at Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington, Wis. Funeral services will be held at the ALL FAITHS FUNERAL CHAPEL, 1618 E. Racine St., Janesville, on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 2 p.m. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

(Courtesy of All Faiths Funeral Chapel, Janesville, Wis.)

**Michael Van Stanhoff
1959-2009**

Michael was born in Los Angeles, California on January 14, 1959 and passed away on August 18, 2009 in Whittier, California after succumbing to an aggressive form of cancer. He was 50 years old.

He leaves a wife, Maria "Elvia" Stanhoff, a daughter Rachel Stanhoff and a stepdaughter Nancy Stanhoff. Michael is also survived by his father Michael Edward Stanhoff, his aunt Lenora Dyer Hotema and his four sisters: Leslie Stanhoff, Tracy Stanhoff, Allison Hicks and Frances Halvorson.

His mother, Darlene Dyer Stanhoff, his grandmother, Elsie "Sally" Steward Dyer and his uncle, Vernon Dyer on his Prairie Band Potawatomi side of the family, preceded Michael in death.

Michael graduated from Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe Springs, California where he lettered in water polo and swimming. He also attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Michael enjoyed working and socializing with his work associates, being employed by Northrop Grumman Corporation, The Boeing Company, Nissan and the Walt Disney Company over the years. A life-long UCLA Bruin football and basketball fan, Michael enjoyed all types of sporting events and was an avid follower of U.S. and world politics.

Private family services will be held at the Rosecrans Funeral Home in Paramount, California on Sunday, August 23 followed by a supper at the Halvorson residence in Fullerton, California.

(Submitted by the family)

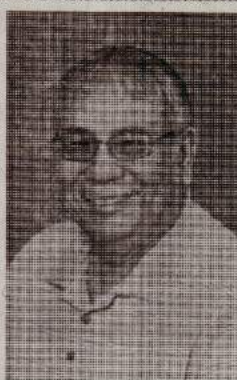
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**Albert "Sacto" Pahmahmie
(July 26, 1943-September 2, 2009)**

Topeka: Albert "Sacto" Pahmahmie, 66, of Topeka, KS went into the presence of his Savior on September 2, 2009. He was born July 26, 1943 in Mayetta, KS the son of Richard "Dick" and Josie Wamego Pahmahmie. Mr. Pahmahmie graduated from Mayetta High School. After high school, he worked in the farming community before serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. He also worked at Goodyear for 10 years. Albert had worked for the State of Kansas since 1981 and for the Office of Judicial Administration since 1983. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and attended Rock Creek Bible Church in Meriden, KS. He married Phyllis Bomar on February 2, 1969 in Rock Creek, KS. She survives. Other survivors include his son, Wade Pahmahmie of Mayetta, KS; his daughter, Allison Garcia (John) and 3 grandchildren, Taylor, Johnnessa and Eli Garcia of Pagosa Springs, CO; 3 sisters, Phyllis Dunn of Matamoras, PA, Dolly Richard and Anita Evans both of Mayetta, KS; 4 brothers, Henry, Richard Jr., Lawerance, and Alan Pahmahmie all of Mayetta, KS. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Roy and Merle Pahmahmie. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 5, 2009 at the Rock Creek Bible Church in Meriden, KS. Burial will be in the Wah-wak-sum Cemetery west of Mayetta, KS. Family will greet friends 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, KS. Memorials may be given to the Rock Creek Bible Church youth ministry trips or Midland Hospice c/o Mercer Funeral Home P.O.Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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

**A message of thanks**

We want to thank everyone for all the support that we have received during this difficult time. As most of you all know, my mother Renae was a kind and warm hearted women that tried to help everyone that she could. As her time came to a close, we knew that she would be better off in the other world. She has no more pain, hurt or frustrations to live. She raised her children to the best of her knowledge and we now have to be strong and raise our children to the best of our knowledge. Again we all thank the community for all the help and support.

We would like to say a special thanks to the EMT's that helped my mother when she was in pain or needed their help. Thank you all for helping in all the ways that you could during the busy month of July. We appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,
Reina Rodriguez Higue,
David Rodriguez,
Gloria Rodriguez,
John Martinez,
and
Antonia Rodriguez.

Dear Mother,
We were with you.
We never let you down.
Circumstance and situation are all illusion...
We were with you.



Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future,
but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

- Bill Keane



Attention Haskell Alumni

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma is sponsoring the Haskell Reunion October 9-11, 2009 Radisson Inn 10918 E. 41st Street Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: Flo Spotted Bear, 918.948.2505 (Haskell 2-Man Scramble Golf Tournament call Dan Little Axe at 405-694-3325)

Custom made shirts, aprons or bags with PBP seal on it and your name. Can also do pictures and other designs. Call Richard Brewer phone: 785.554.3320 or eml: pbbpbrw@hotmai.com Great for gifts!

Call Julia Lewis at 785.966.2812 for details

Got talent? Get ready for another Community Talent Show

October 8-9
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Rock Community Building

Must be 35 yrs or older, have a CDIB card, be dependable, and have own equipment.

Concessions at the shows by LaVerne Hale & family

Native Pride Parade

Saturday, Sept. 26
10 a.m.

Prairie Peoples Park

To enter parade call Dumps Mitchell 785.966.8336

(Rules to ensure safety)

A GEN S Youth Council event



Blue Earth Recovery, Inc.
Native American Cultural-Support Group

Every Friday evening at 7 p.m.
3300 S.W. 29th St.

Topeka, Kansas 66614.

Phone Number: 785.215.8360

contact: Terry Cross Bear, Life Skills Counselor/Office

E-mail: blueearthrecovery@live.com

web-site: www.blueearthrecovery.com

Come to the Social Services Parenting group Every first and third Wednesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Food and child care provided for families who confirm attendance prior to the end of the previous work day.

Call Georgia Platt-Sparta at 785.966.8324 or Denise Suisala at 785.966.8337

Meetings held in the Social Services Clinic Breakroom.

Elders also welcome and many thanks to Marilyn Brewer

MAYETTA PIONEER DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009 MAIN STREET OF MAYETTA, KANSAS CELEBRATING MAYETTA'S 123rd BIRTHDAY Welcome to our Community Wide Celebration 9 A.M. To 4 P.M.

Grand Marshals: Larry and Tanya Greeve

Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Queen: Alvina LaClair-Majeski
WE TA SE Post 410 Color Guard

Music By : Ed Thompson Band 12:30 pm to 2:45 pm
(Bring your lawn chairs)

7 am-10 am— Biscuits and Sausage Gravy (at Mayetta Methodist Church)
9 am— Sign up for all games and contests (at the City Hall Building)
9 am— Silent Auction Items on Display (in Gazebo in Park)
9 am-4 pm— Flea Market Food concessions- Indian Taco & much more
9:30 am— Turtle Races --Children 15 & under (bring your own Turtle)
10 am— Frisbee Throw
10 am— Mummy Wrap
10am— Cherry Dessert Contest Judging- (ALL Entries in City Hall by 9:30 am— limit 2)
10:30 am— Candy Scramble
10:30 am— Cherry Dessert Contest - Winners announced (at City Hall)
11 am— Cherry Dessert Auction - (in front of City Hall)
and Box Lunches Auction—following Apple Dessert Auction (Dessert first, then Box lunch)
12:00 pm— Senior Get To Gather— (in Masonic Lodge)
12:30pm to 2:45 pm —Ed Thompson Band
1:30 pm— Cow Chip Toss —(adults only) Pies furnished!
3 pm—PARADE—line up at Royal Valley Middle School at 2:15 pm (Prizes awarded)
4 pm—SILENT AUCTION—Winner's announced (MUST BE PRESENT)

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Sponsored by:
MAYETTA PIONEER DAY ASSOCIATION, INC.
PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
JACKSON COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

Cherry Dessert Contest, 10 a.m. at Mayetta City Hall

Enter your favorite dessert (2 per person- label with name and dessert name and bring copy of recipes); Winners announced at 10:30 a.m.; Desserts become property of Pioneer Day Association and will be auctioned off at 11 a.m. with proceeds going to next year's celebration.

The PBPN supports the Mayetta Community and gets involved

Special thanks to Judy Darnell



ABOVE: Judging barbeque during the 3rd Annual Backyard Barbeque Cookoff held June 13 were Jim Potter, left, and Joyce Guerrero, right.



RIGHT: Mike Coker of the Topeka Zoo poses with Iva Long and her granddaughter during the Sizzlin Sidewalk Sale August 15.



Native Encounter for Visiting Italian Students

On Sunday August 16th, a group of 21 Italian students were entertained by the Standing Bear Intertribal Brotherhood of Topeka, Kansas. The festivities took place at the Old Stone building on Q road in Mayetta, Kansas.

The students were welcomed by Portia Shoptesse (one of the women of Standing Bear) and Father Tim of St. Joseph's church in Topeka, Kansas. Father Tim and Portia were the coordinators of the event.

Ken Lopez started off the entertainment with his enchanting flute playing. He also informed the students of the Native American history of flute playing.

Next on the program was drum music provided by the men of Standing Bear. Mike Ballard explained the history and traditions of the drum. The women of Standing Bear accompanied the drum with their voices during the songs. During the drum performance a round dance was played. Portia instructed the students on the steps and everyone joined in. Ken Lopez led the boys and Verleta Myers led the girls.

After the dancing the drum was closed with a traveling song and a prayer song. The students were encouraged to take some of the medicine off of the drum.

There were several displays of Native American goods set up throughout the building. Regalia, beadwork, baskets, jewelry, toys, and model domiciles were all available for viewing. The students divided into groups to view the displays and ask questions.

At the end of the afternoon the students left the Old Stone building and continued on with a tour of the Our Lady of the Snows church, Prairie Peoples Park, and a buffalo sighting.

Story by Amanda Weber



Welcoming the students—Photo by DJ Schirmer



Ken Lopez playing the flute—Photo by DJ Schirmer



Listening to the drum music—Photo by DJ Schirmer



Dancing the Round Dance—Photo by DJ Schirmer



Native Goods Display—Photo by DJ Schirmer



Kishno Bell, 9, was the 2008-2009 Shawnee County Allied Princess (SCAT) in this year's pow-wow that was held during Labor Day weekend. The Inter-tribal pow-wow is in its 19th year and was held at Lake Shawnee in Topeka, Kan. Galen Hubbard, PBPN, was the head man dancer and We-Ta-Se color guard also participated in the pow-wow.

TOP 20 WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI

The Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) manages more than \$67 million in Indian Trust Accounts for more than 91,000 account holders whose whereabouts are currently unknown (WAU) due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them. The list below is Horton OST's Top 20 list for the Prairie Band Potawatomi:

1. Leland Louis Shegonee
2. Anita M. Wapskineh
3. Theresa A. Jessepe
4. Luis H. Gonzales
5. Gloria Holder
6. Mary A. Dougherty
7. Lorene (McDonald) Masquat
8. John Eagle
9. Joyce Kelly
10. Ramona J. (Ramirez) Alvarez
11. Deborah Folsom
12. Donita Jo Powless
13. Terry L. Stewart
14. Harry Lippitt
15. Joe Kabance, Jr.
16. Inez M. (Haley) Levier
17. Vivian (Hahn) Wabaunsee
18. Charles Keesis
19. Amanda L. Bodah
20. Deborah A. (Jessepe) Shields

If you are on our list or know how we can contact one of these individuals or family, please call the Horton Agency at 785-486-2161 or you may call The Beneficiary Call Center, toll-free, at 1-888-678-6836. To see a complete listing of WAUs check out our website at www.doi.gov/ost and click on "Is OST Holding Money for You?"