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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Prairie Band win tribal tag case from State

After several years of battling for the right of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) to have their license plates recognized by the State of Kansas, the Tribe can claim a final victory having won once again in the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

On February 6, the 10th Circuit issued a decision upholding and protecting the use of the PBPB motor vehicle registrations anywhere in Kansas. The Court held that the Nation's registrations must be permitted in Kansas in the same manner as registrations issued by other governments.

"This is an important federal court decision supporting the sovereign governmental functions of Indian nations," said Tracy Stanhoff, PBPB Tribal Chair. "However, it is unfortunate that it has taken seven years of litigation in order for the Nation's sovereign rights to be recognized."

Litigation began in 1999 when the State challenged the Tribe's right to issue their own license plates and titles after the PBPB had created a motor vehicle department. They created their own codes and began distributing license plates to tribal members who lived on the reservation. However, when tribal members with the tags began driving off the reservation and on to state roads, Kansas police officers began ticketing them for having illegal tags. The State's law enforcement officers went so far as to seize tribally-tagged vehicles on the public highways in Kansas so the Nation decided to sue the State.

Since that time the case has gone before the U.S. District Court in Topeka and the 10th Circuit Court has issued three opinions upholding the Nation's registrations.

The Nation's legal team has always argued that as a sovereign nation they have a right to license and to regulate their own transportation system. Tribal litigators and leaders have also not understood why the State has allowed license plates from other states on Kansas highways to be recognized but not the PBPB's.

The primary argument that the State presented was that law enforcement officers feared for



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation license plates, like the one seen above, must now be officially recognized by the State of Kansas due to a court decision made on February 6. Around 350 tags have been issued to tribal members who live on the reservation.

their public safety because the PBPB tribal vehicle registrations were not in a national criminal database system. The 10th Circuit Court judges disagreed, however, stating that the Tribe had clearly stated they "would take whatever steps necessary" to put registration information into appropriate databases.

The Kansas Department of Revenue and the Kansas Highway Patrol are the two groups that have challenged the PBPB in the courts.

"We are hopeful that tribal-state relations can be improved," said Stanhoff. "State and tribal governments have many interests in common."

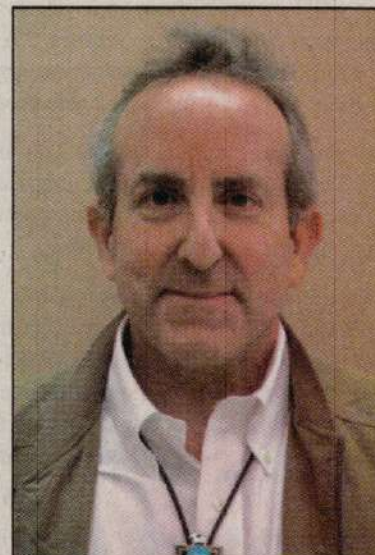
"All of us are seeking to govern in ways that improve the quality of life for our people and our communities," added Stanhoff. "We would like to work more cooperatively with Governor Sebelius to accomplish this."

Tribal attorney David Prager said about the win, "Beyond enabling the Nation's vehicle registrations, this decision will help to strengthen the federal law protections for tribal governments everywhere on an equal basis with states, foreign countries and other sovereigns. This recognition and respect for the sovereignty of the Nation and its people is a key aspect of this important decision."

Micki Martinez, Manager of the Motor Vehicle/General Public Transportation Department said that as she has administered the tag process she has witnessed the pride in which people take in exercising their sovereignty.

The Motor Vehicle/General Public Transportation Department is located in the Tribal Police Department Building located on Q Road. For more information about the tribal tags or the department call (785) 966-2995.

To obtain a copy of the 10th Circuit decision contact the Tribal Attorney's office at (785) 966-4032.



David Prager, Tribal Attorney

A message with an attachment of the February 6 10th Circuit Court decision was sent to all PBPB email users on February 8 from David Prager. In his message he suggested that tribal members with tribal registrations should probably carry a copy of the decision in their glove compartments for travel in Kansas and out-of-state.

Tribal Council visits Capitol Hill: building relationships in new Congress

On January 29-31, Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff and four members of the Tribal Council, including Secretary James Potter, Treasurer Ryan Dyer, and Council representatives Jackie Mitchell and Junior Wahweotten visited Washington, D.C., to call upon new members of Congress. The main purpose of the trip was to build relationships among the new Congressional members and, with these relationships, garner support for the Nation's activities.

While the Council was in Washington, they also met at length with the Tribe's attorneys at the law firm of Hobbs, Strauss, Dean and Walker. The firm, which has been representing the Tribe for many years, arranged for a series of meetings with American Indian affairs political strategists who are assisting the Tribe in its efforts in Kansas and Illinois.

"This trip, while taking the majority of the Council away from home for four days, was absolutely essential to the interests of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe at this time," said Stanhoff. "While we have many concerns at home



LEFT TO RIGHT: Tracy Stanhoff, Jackie Mitchell, Rep. Nancy Boyda, Junior Wahweotten, Ryan Dyer and Jim Potter in Nancy Boyda's office at the Capitol in Washington D.C. Photo submitted by Jackie Mitchell.

in Kansas, we also must make new friends on Capitol Hill who will help us not only on our Kansas reservation but also in Illinois on our Shab-eh-nay land."

"We are the Nation's elected representatives and it's our obligation to spread the message about our Tribe and about all of the things we are doing to make Kansas a better place for everyone through our gaming efforts and other activities," noted Stanhoff. "At the same time, most people do not know the TRUE story of our Shab-eh-nay reservation in Illinois; and we must educate law-makers, the news media and others."

While Monday, January 29, was reserved for an all day meeting with the Tribe's attorneys and lobbyists at Hobbs, Strauss, Dean and Walker, Tuesday, January 30, and Wednesday January 31, were spent in an ongoing round of meetings on Capitol Hill. The Council returned to Kansas on Thursday, January 31.

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Vestina Nonken receives Hall of Fame award

Approximately 75 people from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) saw Vestina Nonken inducted into the Holton Chamber of Commerce 2007 Hall of Fame at a dinner on February 15.

A former PBPB tribal leader and lifelong member of the reservation and Jackson County community, Vestina was one of four people selected for the honor.

Before Vestina came to the stage, a video tribute of her work was presented. The video featured photographs taken by Mary Young of the *Potawatomi News* and interviews with Peggy Houston, PBPB Casino Transition Manager, and Rey Kitchkumme, Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council.

Peggy said that she had known Vestina all of her life and that Vestina had been a role model for her. "I can remember that in addition to her professional work with the Indian Health Center, Vestina was working every night for some event or activity that was taking place on the reservation or in



Vestina Nonken received her award from Dan Mehringer of the Holton Chamber of Commerce.

town," she said.

Rey Kitchkumme, said that he had known Vestina for 10 years and that he had always admired her for ability to bridge Jackson County and the PBPB into working together.

Following the video, Vestina was escorted to the stage and given a standing ovation from the crowd. She accepted the award from Dan Mehringer and then gave a short speech.

She told the audience that she was deeply honored to have been chosen and that she credited her parents for always telling her to do everything right and to always show respect for others. She also said that Jackson County had come a long way with their community projects and that good teamwork was the key to success citing the present PBPB Tribal Council as being a good team.

She closed by introducing her family, asking the PBPB senior citizens in attendance to stand, and recognizing Tribal Council.



Tribal member Amber Tecumseh (center) played her last home basketball game as a senior at Haskell Indian Nations University Feb. 10. She is seen here with her parents Linda and Ralph Tecumseh who have been ardent supporters of Haskell's sports programs through the years. Read more about Amber inside this issue. Photo by Suzanne Heck



2007 February message to the Nation from Tribal Chair, Tracy Stanhoff



I am in hopes that your February has been well. Much progress has been made by Tribal Council and below is the February update on Tribal Council activities:

- We have been in contact with the Department of Interior (DOI) in order to check in on our pending Constitutional Amendment election. We are waiting for their final budgeting of the election process and are actively monitoring their progress. Remember, the next step is that all eligible voters will receive a voter registration form from the Department of

Interior and **you must complete and return this form to be able to vote in this special Secretarial election.**

- A letter and certification kit will be sent to those individuals who have been selected to move on to the next step in our Section 17, Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation board selection process. Again, thanks to all who submitted their names in for board selection.

- Tribal Council is poised to start the planning on the 150 and highway 75 interchange development. This process will take approximately three months after which we will have a detailed plan for this commercial area to augment our casino enterprise on our Kansas reservation.

- Congratulations to our Nation for the great win on our state tag case. Tribal Attorney David Prager did a marvelous job in litigating this through the court system. After this decision was announced, I was called to meet with Kansas Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagnon at her office in the Topeka Statehouse. Secretary Wagnon provided greetings directly from Governor Kathleen Sebelius and indicated that the state will not be appealing this decision.

- Secretary Jim Potter, Treasurer Ryan Dyer, Councilwoman Jackie Mitchell, Councilman Junior Wahweotten and I spent a very fruitful four

days in Washington D.C. advocating for and educating politicians about our Nation. An article detailing this trip is included in the newspaper. One point of note in the trip that I want to make in this message is that Councilman James Wabaunsee has taken the lead on working to have our Congresswoman, Nancy Boyda, carry a bill increasing our funding for the Health Clinic. Congresswoman Boyda graciously offered to assist us in this quest.

- The Shab-eh-nay project is well under way. I have traveled to Chicago and had a meeting with our lawyers and various governmental groups to discuss completion of our agreements which will re-confirm our jurisdiction over the land and set up our government operations and enterprises on that Prairie Band reservation.

- The Elder's Chat went very well with a number of seniors participating. One of the most important parts of this dialogue is to discuss the needs of seniors. A couple of points stressed were to continue to renovate senior housing and continue to promote senior activities on the reservation. A big thank you to those seniors who participated. Tribal Council is looking forward to the next quarter's chat.

- Tribal Council also participated in an employee rally at our casino. This rally was for the Tribe to formally introduce Dan Kennedy as our new General Manager and to answer some questions from our employees on our new Players Club and other casino processes. The new casino logo was unveiled and our employees had ample time to ask questions regarding the transition to tribal casino self-management.

As always, I am available on an appointment basis to discuss anything a tribal member has on their mind. Please call Verna Simon at 785-966-4008 to set up an appointment.

We're Moving Forward,

Tracy Stanhoff

Representative from the American Indian Environmental Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency visits with Tribal Council

LEFT: Teresa Kuklinski, from the American Indian Environmental Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (front row left), and members of the EPA Region VII office from Kansas City, Kansas came to the reservation to review the PBP's Department of Planning and to visit briefly with Tribal Council on February 15 in Tribal Council chambers. From left to right are Kuklinski, Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair, and Ira Salvini, EPA Region VII. On the back row are David Prager, Tribal Attorney, Wolfgang Brandner, EPA Region VII, Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council, Virginia LeClere, PBP Department of Planning Director, Ryan Dyer, Tribal Council Treasurer, Jim Potter, Tribal Council Secretary, Emajo Mayberry, EPA Region VII, and Rey Kitchumme, Tribal Council Vice Chair.



News briefs

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian Health Center was recently featured on KCUR radio station 89.3, a national public radio station in Kansas City. Tribal members Brenda McClure, Brenda Catron, Jerry Briscoe and Tracy Stanhoff were interviewed about different aspects of the Health Center that aired on February 15.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) held a press conference at their headquarters in Topeka on

February 14 to publicly thank the Tribal Council and Charitable Contributions Committee for giving them a \$15,000 donation during the fourth quarter of 2006.

NEK Health & Wellness Center representatives Kristi Dean and Barb McClain from Horton, Kan. came to the reservation on February 16 to thank Tribal Council and the Charitable Contributions Committee for their \$5,000 donation that will help them purchase a CT scanner.

PGA Professional Steve McDonald is offering free golf lessons to the people of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on Sunday, March 25, April 15 and May 6 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Lake Shawnee Golf Course. Just show up during these times and non-golfers and golfers of all ages and all skill levels are welcome. Bring your clubs (if you don't have clubs they will be provided). Call 267-2295 for details.

Bank's eye view: How to buy a house

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank

Today's article contains a series of steps to help you buy a house. Buying a house can be a complex and daunting task. Below are a number of steps written by consumers all over the United States on wiki-How.com. I have chosen to use their words to keep from using bank terminology that may hinder as much as it helps. I have deleted some of their writing to fit this in the space allotted, but I have not added any words. As always, I do look forward to answering any questions you might have. I can be reached at 1-800-633-2423 or rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com.

- Strengthen your credit. Pay off credit cards and resolve credit disputes or delinquencies.
- Use a mortgage calculator to determine how much house you can afford, and how much you'll likely be able to borrow. Get preapproved (not prequalified) to get the actual amount you can pay. Most lenders allow you to put up to 28 percent of your gross income or 36 percent of your net toward a house payment.
- Be ready to hand over a substantial down payment. Most mortgages are based on the buyer putting down 10 to 20 percent of the purchase price. Putting down less up front often, but not always, requires you to pay private mortgage insurance (PMI).
- Meet with a loan officer or mortgage broker before contacting a real estate agent. This way, you'll have a clearer idea of what you can truly afford considering your personal financial situation.
- If this will be your first home, strongly consider attending a free first-time buyer's seminar before house shopping.
- Calculate whether buying or renting makes more financial sense for you. If you are planning on

moving in the foreseeable future, renting may be more cost effective.

- Sign up for an MLS alert service to search on properties in your area so you can get a feeling for what is on the market in your price range.
- Find a good real estate agent to represent you in the search and negotiation process. Learn the agent's rates, methods, experience, and training. Ask for a referral from your loan officer.
- Decide from the beginning that you will not "fall in love" with the house until after you close the contract. Be willing to walk away from any home. If it comes down to it, you can always hire a builder to design and build your dream home.
- Define the area you'd like to live in. Scout out what's available in the vicinity. Look at prices, home design, proximity to shopping, schools and other amenities.
- Visit a few open houses to gauge what's on the market and see firsthand what you want, such as overall layout, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, kitchen amenities, and storage.
- Go into detail when describing what you want in a home: number of bathrooms and bedrooms, attached garage, land and anything else that may be important, like good light or a big enough yard for the kids.
- Shop aggressively. Unless you're under the gun time-wise, look at as many homes as possible to get a sense of what's available. Don't rush into buying if you don't have to.
- Look beyond the home to the neighborhood and the condition of nearby. The area in which your home is located is sometimes a bigger consideration than the home itself, since it has a major impact on your home's resale value. Buying a fixer-

upper in the right neighborhood can be a great investment.

- Visit properties you're seriously interested in at various times of the day to check traffic and congestion, available parking, noise levels and general activities.
- Determine whether you need to sell your current home in order to afford a new one. If so, any offer to buy that you make will be contingent on that sale. Contingent offers are more risky and less desirable for the seller, since the sale can't be completed until the buyer's house is sold. You may want to put your current house on the market first.
- Include earnest money with your offer.—usually \$1,000 to \$5,000. Once you sign an offer, you are officially in escrow, which means you are committed to buy the house or lose your deposit, unless you do not get final mortgage approval. During escrow (typically 30 to 90 days), your lender arranges for purchase financing and finalizes your mortgage. This is also when all inspections must be completed.
- Make sure final acceptance is predicated on a suitable home inspection. Request the following surveys and reports: inspection, pests, dry rot, radon, hazardous materials, landslides, flood plains, earthquake faults and crime statistics.
- Close escrow. This final step in buying a home, usually conducted in a title office, involves signing documents related to the property and your mortgage arrangements. The packet of papers includes the deed, proving you now own the house, and the title, which shows that no one else has any claim to it or lien against it. If any issues remain, money may be set aside in escrow until they are resolved, which acts as an incentive for the seller to quickly remedy any problem areas in order to receive all that is owed.

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Prairie Band Casino & Resort unveils plans to casino employees at rally



ABOVE: Peggy Houston, Guest & Human Relations Manager, answered questions about future operations and services during the meeting.

Tribal Council, Gaming Commission and Transition Team offer information and answer questions



ABOVE: From left to right are casino kitchen staff Laura Calva, Bertha Garcia, and Claudia Todack, who showed off their T-shirts after the meeting.

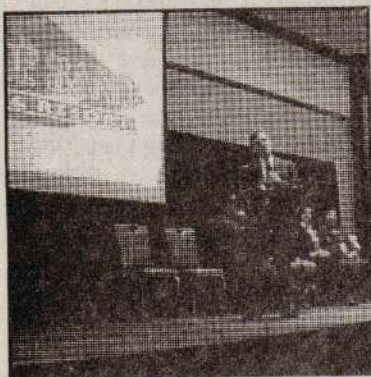
RIGHT: Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Councilperson, unveiling the new logo design for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. January 2008 is the date when the Tribe is scheduled to take over the casino from Harrah's.

Also in the photo is Vice Chair Rey Kitchkumme. Three rallies took place on January 25 so that all of the 973 employees who work in different shifts could hear about the new plans.



Photos
by
Suzanne Heck

Each casino employee received a T-shirt with the Prairie Band Casino & Resort logo on it.



LEFT: Designated casino general manager Daniel Kennedy spoke at the meeting about plans for the changeover. Behind him to the right are some members of the Gaming Commission.



ABOVE: Amy Heston, beverage server, and Carlton Cook, supervisor of table games, posed after the meeting with their new T-shirts.



ABOVE: Employees listened to what Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal leaders had to say about the upcoming changes that will take place when the Tribe takes over the casino.

Vestina Nonken honored by Holton Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame for years of service to Jackson County and Prairie Band Potawatomi

By Suzanne Heck

The photographs in this section were used in a video tribute to Vestina Nonken before she was inducted into the Holton Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame (see page 1) on February 15. A banquet was held at the Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton where Vestina was honored along with other honorees, Jim Birkbeck, Scott Foster and the late Harold Ireland.

The following is some other information about Vestina's life.

Vestina was born on the Potawatomi reservation to Joseph and Alice Nioce. She graduated from Holton High School in 1945 and after graduation began working in state civil service for the income tax department. Following that work she was transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and worked for Indian Health Services in the Holton/northeast Kansas region for 21 years.

In addition to her community work, she has been quite active in tribal government. In 1982 she became

executive director for the Tribe and from 1992-1994 was manager of the bingo hall. In 1996 she was elected vice chairperson of the Tribal Council and helped direct the opening of the casino that allowed for the expansion of PBP government departments, programs, and enterprises in which the PBP has reaped many benefits.

"I could not have done any of these things without the rest of the Tribe," she said when asked about the honor. "It's been a team effort all the way."

Presently she is an active member of the Indian Health board and on the Firekeepers Elder Center board. She is also a member of Our Lady of Snows Church.

In Jackson County Vestina has been involved with Jackson County Economic Development, the Eagles Auxiliary, VFW and American Legion and she is a former member of the Holton Chamber of Commerce board.

She resides on the reservation with her husband, William.



ABOVE: Vestina with Sylvia Moss who became bingo manager August 4, 2003. Vestina served as acting bingo manager before Sylvia came on board and as bingo manager from 1994 to 1996.

Photos
by
Mary Young



ABOVE: Former PBP Vice Chair Vestina Nonken (third from left) cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the Fire Department on August 18, 2001. Groundbreaking for the Fire Department was held July 11, 2000. Other members of the Tribal Council in the photo are, left to right, Steve Ortiz, Roy Ogden, Gary Mitchell, Jim Potter, Badger Wahwasuck, and Jackie Mitchell.



ABOVE: L to r is Dr. Richard Pruiksma with Vestina at an open house of the "old" Indian Health Center in Holton in 2004.

Vestina Nonken: a tribal member who has made a difference

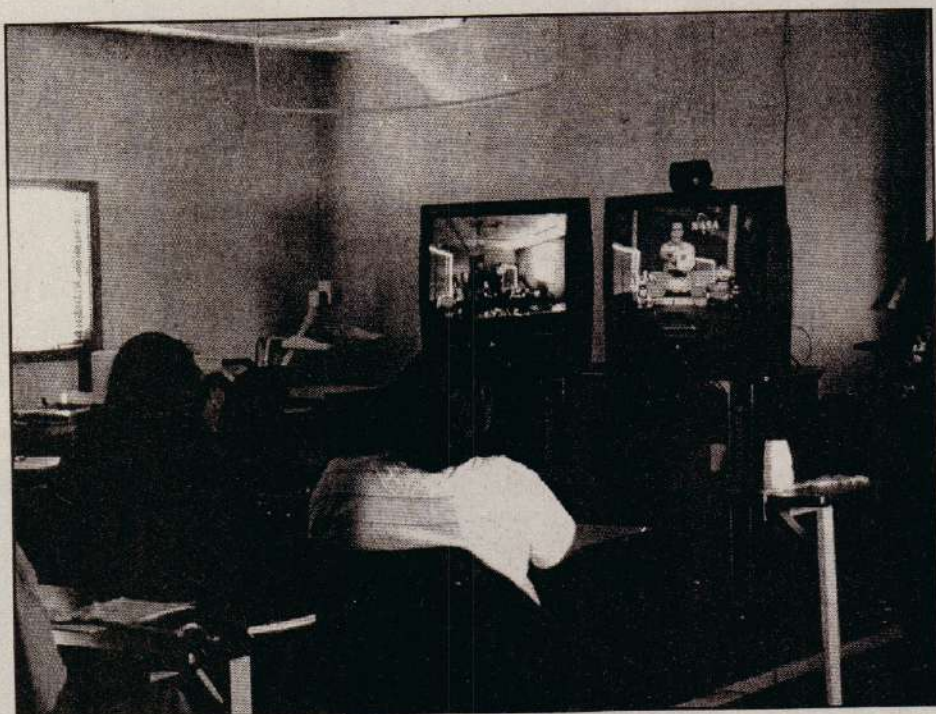
- born on Potawatomi reservation and life-long resident
- worked for betterment of Indian health, land leasing and tax exemption issues
- served on Tribal Council, as the executive director and manager of bingo hall
- helped expand Fire Department, Tribal Police Department, Indian Health Center, Boys & Girls Club, Firekeepers Elder Center, PBP Nation Station, and Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Childcare Center
- active in Jackson County community and economic organizations



ABOVE: Another one of Vestina's prouder moments was sharing in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center grand opening on October 18. From left to right is Jackie Mitchell, Jim Potter, Jona Rupnicki, John Daugherty, Tom Tuckwin, Tracy Stanhoff, Lily Hall, Junior Wahweotten, Vestina, Helen Sumner, Ryan Dyer, Gary Mitchell, James Wabaunsee and Laveda Wahweotten. Vestina was on the planning committee for the grand opening and is an active member of the Indian Health Board.



PBPN Distance Learning Lab site for teleconference with NASA astronaut



Kickapoo Nation School (KNS) students were able to view their class on the television monitor, left, and the NASA astronaut, right, during a teleconference between the PBPN Distance Learning Lab and NASA's Digital Learning Network.
Photos by Mary Young

On January 30, 10 Kickapoo Nation School (KNS) students made a journey to the PBPN Distance Learning Lab to learn about space robots.

The 50-minute teleconference came live from the Johnson Space Center in Houston to PBPN and Marysville Junior High School; the students were able to communicate with the astronaut as seen in the above photo.

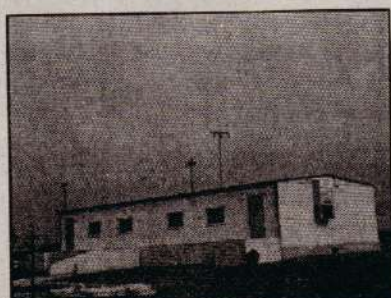
A \$1.2 million grant, funded by the National Science Foundation, made this event possible. KNS is one of 25 schools to participate in the National Middle School Aerospace Scholars program; NASA's Digital Learning Network offered the classes.

Students and teachers learn in this program. The teachers study at the Johnson Space Center and take online courses on how to better integrate this technology with the courses already being taught by them.

PBPN's distance learning venture came about when Smokey McKinney gave a presentation to

Tribal Council on the advantages of long distance education to the community. In May 2002, Tribal Council authorized funding for long distance learning between Haskell and PBPN. At that time, the whole concept was to incorporate video cameras, teaching staff and off-site students to communicate and take college courses through this method.

In April 2004, a trailer was set up behind the old tribal Fire Department to become the new Distance Education Center. The first long distance education class began shortly after.



Above is a photo of the Distance Learning Lab.



Bozho,

Introducing the new J.O.M. and Job Skills Coordinator

My name is Melinda Williamson, the new J.O.M. and Job Skills Coordinator for the Nation! I am a tribal member, the granddaughter of Walter and Augustine Cooper, and the daughter of Phil Cooper. I am a recent graduate from Kansas State University where I received my bachelor's degree in Natural History Biology. For the past five years the focus of my studies has been reptile behavior; in particular lizard behavior. I have spent many years studying and researching these animals and I felt that it was time for a change. Although I will always be an ecologist at heart, my love for teaching and helping others is just as strong. That is why I feel this position is well-suited for me and I am very excited to get things started. I have a lot of ideas and plans that will continue to help our native people be prepared as they go off to school and into the workplace. I am currently building a folder with scholarships, fellowships, and internships for students of all ages. I am also interested in holding some workshops in the near future that will aid in job preparation (resume writing, interviewing prep., etc). If anyone has any suggestions I would love to hear from you! Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that we do offer distance learning classes. I am currently working to get a larger variety of classes offered which would allow for some flexibility in scheduling as well. It would be great to hear some input on what classes you would like to see available. I am located in the J.O.M. office on the lower floor of the government center so I encourage you to stop by or make an appointment. I look forward to meeting you.

Igwien,

Melinda Williamson
785-966-3041

Scholarship/fellowship/ internship opportunities

For students planning to attend college in fall 2007 or interested in summer internships, now is the time to be looking and applying for these opportunities. On the web there are a number of websites that provide an array of scholarships, internships, and fellowships for a number of different degrees. Two websites to check out are <http://scholarships.fatomei.com> and <https://studentaid2.ed.gov/>

getmoney/scholarship/v3browse.asp. Both websites contain a wealth of undergraduate and graduate school scholarships and fellowships, as well as summer internships. I also encourage you to contact your school's financial aid office or look on their website to check out scholarships that your institution offers.

The National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) is a health, biomedical research and policy development program designed to prepare high school students for admission to college and professional school. NNAYI's curriculum is presented in a series of lectures, interactive workshops, and field trips. During this weeklong program, participating students receive a broad perspective on health science and biomedical research. They will also have the opportunity to network with Native American health professionals and physicians as well as learn about various health legislation/policy and educational issues affecting Native American communities. The program is held in Washington, D.C. and is open to high school students ages 16-18. Students with a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA and an interest in the health profession are encouraged to apply. The NNAYI scholarship covers lodging, most meals, and travel expenses. Application deadline for the fall semester is April 20, 2007. Please visit www.aap.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm to download the application. Or you can contact: Lucinda Myers, NNAYI Program Director, Association of American Indian Physicians, 1225 Sovereign Row, Ste. 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73108 Tel: 405-946-7072 Fax: 405-946-7651

Catching the Dream's MESBEC scholarship awards over 200 scholarships a year to undergraduate and graduate students studying math, engineering, science, business, education, and computers. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$5000 per academic year. Applicants must be at least one-quarter Native American and be an enrolled member of a U.S. tribe that is federally recognized, state-recognized, or terminated, with high GPA and test scores and be enrolled in an accredited college or university. Students are required to write a comprehensive essay about themselves and their plans, and provide proof of high school completion, college admission, and tribal enrollment.

Application deadlines:
March 15—summer school
April 15—summer school
September 15—spring

Please visit their website <http://www.catchingthedream.org/Scholarship.htm> or contact them at:
Email: NScholarsh@aol.com Subject line: Scholarship application request
Mail to: Catching the Dream, Attn: Scholarship Affairs Office, 8200 Mountain Road, NE, Ste. 203 Albuquerque, NM 87110
Tel: 505-262-2351 ext. 116

Bošho from Boŭewatmi Tēshēmwen

By Sydney Van Zile, Language Director

Niŭe na kinwa – How are you all? I hope you are well and in good spirits through this winter season. Here in the Department, immersion classes are progressing right along. Listed below is the schedule for the next three months of classes. Come and enjoy the language with us.

Thursday, March 15th from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Using the same hours as listed above these are the coming dates:
March 29 – April 1
April 19 – 22
May 31 – June 3
June 21 – 24

Below are some work phrases that might be useful for you. We have included the alphabet to help with the sounding of the words. Please remember that the underlined vowel in the word is how that letter sounds.

A-Ma B-B T-D E-At Ē-Yet Ē-Duck G-G I-Me I-Sit T-T-J K-K M-M N-N O-O P-P S-S T-T W-W Y-Y S-Soft Z EY-Lay TT-CH EW-Cow AY-Lie

Wibyawak ne wabek
Wekniŭe wēshtoyēn ofopi
Kīanebyeān ne ote
Kikŭte miktŭewi ne
Tani šhokmo ne

Is he/she coming in tomorrow?
What are you working on now?
Can you write it down?
Are you working hard?
Can you help me?

Here is an area that your children or grandchildren will enjoy.

Draw a line from the picture to the printed word. The solution is in another part of the paper.



kokosh



nēmosh



nēktosha



shishibe

More news from the We-Ta-Se



A new Wal-Mart store opened in north Topeka, Kan. recently and We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 received a \$2,000 goodwill donation as part of the store's grand opening activities. In the center of the photo with his back to the camera is Shawn Steinkamp, store manager, who is shaking hands with We-Ta-Se Post Commander Jim Darnall, next to last on the far right. The other people in the photograph are unidentified.

Photo submitted by We-Ta-Se



We-Ta-Se office expands: Francis Shopteese, left, and Jim Darnall, right, are seen moving file cabinets into the former PBP News office. The move is an improvement to their crowded surroundings.

Photo by Mary Young



Road & Bridge News: Federal Highway Bureau of Indian Affairs; Indian Reservation Roads for the PBPB

By Tim Ramirez, Road & Bridge Director

Before I have submitted articles to the PBPB (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation) News on my own accord, this time I was requested by the news staff to submit a newsworthy story. I have been working on our tribes LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) for the last season as well as this one. The last LRTP has expired, it covered a 20-year period. It was a simple snap shot of the then reservation road system. By comparison to today, I would say we exceeded it by 1,000 percent. A lot of the main roads were not near all-weather as today and single lane, low weight limit wood plank bridges were prevalent. Back in those days the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) would show at National Road meetings how many black top roads they had nationwide. At one of these meetings, tribes were given the opportunity to give testimony in front of a U. S. Senate panel and all 12 BIA regional road engineers. I told them how bad our roads got due to lack of road rock and the only black top on our reservation is the magic marker on the map. That day was a true start on how to work the system, the road rock is BIA road maintenance, a Department of Interior BIA appropriation, the black top was federal highway/ BIA road construction, Indian reservation roads (IRR).

Every six years a new highway bill is passed by Congress, the portion that funds IRR comes out of federal lands, which includes federal parks, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lands, national forest, and wildlife refuges. Federal highway, federal lands. In Washington, D.C. it gives the IRR dollars to the BIA who controls the distribution to 564 federally recognized tribes within the 12 BIA regions. PBPB is one of 34 tribes that are in the Anadarko, Okla. BIA Southern Plains Region. Historically these funds were never adequate to address the needs of tribes to improve their transportation needs. The BIA Washington, D.C. offices were always aware of the vast unmet need but by federal law they could not lobby Congress for increased allocations.

Back in the mid-1980's tribal governments and reservation BIA road maintenance departments began to form associations and today this group is known as the Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA) which the PBPB has always been a member. Together tribes were able to meet and network together and write letters to lobby their state U.S. Senators and Congressmen to increase IRR funding levels. Meetings were held in D.C. to visit in person on Capitol Hill with their State U.S. Representatives to support language in new highway bills that increased IRR funding levels for reservation roads. Into the 1990's appropriations increased due to this combined effort by tribes. The level jumped to \$90 million, with bridge projects still funded separately by the federal highway.

Before Y2K the highway bill was then TEA21

designed to take the nation into the next century. More special language was lobbied for by the tribes to be inserted and it was. In laymen's terms tribes wanted more say in how IRR dollars were spent, the regional offices were choosing what projects to do sometimes listening more to county governments than tribal priorities. Tribes became more aware of transportation, 2 percent of a tribe's IRR dollars were used for planning. Public Law 93-638 came into play--self determination. This law gave the tribes the right of first refusal, thus meaning they became the general on road construction or bridge projects and could do a portion or all of the job that was chosen by their respective tribal governments by resolution.

Another problem was tribes were either over or under funded by projects completed using the fair share dollars according to the distribution formula. PBPB was fortunate to be in the over-funded category for a change. In bridges we rank in the top five nationwide with 32 BIA IRR funded bridges. On a couple bridges I wrote a report stating we had to jump through some loopholes to get them, the tribal attorney said I couldn't say that because legally it was something you're not suppose to do. Regarding 158 Road Phase I and Phase II, they are BIA IRR projects with 12.8 miles of asphalt spanning the whole reservation, plus a BIA bridge at Crow Creek. The reservation was also fortunate to build 22 tribal bridges through Tribal Council's approval to use general funds. The five-year road plan by Council completed the 14 miles of asphalt plus housing streets.

In the TEA21 days, federal highway and the BIA were instructed to set up NEGOTIATED RULE-MAKING with Indian tribes from all 12 BIA regions. Two individuals from each area representing small, medium, and large tribes, reservation and non-reservation were selected and appointed by federal register. Additionally, a BIA transportation chief and federal highway appointee with counsel and a mediator group were involved. During the life of TEA-21 tribes received \$190 million each year. I was appointed to represent the Southern Plains area, as well as an individual from the Kiowa Tribe. The task was to make changes in the 25 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 170 that govern Indian reservation roads. When not in full committee, the representatives divided into four work groups: policy; tech; standards, formula, and delivery of services. I was a member of policy. It was not an easy task, the most difficult part was the formula. It had to be fair to all tribes, small, medium, large, reservation, non-reservation, Alaska and California tribes. In the end a consensus could not be reached on the distribution formula, so two formulas were presented to Washington, D.C.. The tribal representatives fought hard with each other in full committee, we were given the task to decide for ourselves, and being from such different tribes and regional variations to please everyone was impossible. Rather then let D.C. decide, we agreed upon one formula. The formula

came out 50 percent cost to construct (CTC) , 30 percent vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and 20 percent population, according to the inventory, traffic counts, and U.S. census figures/BIA labor force numbers. This process took just over three years, a total of 28 meetings all over the nation. In the end this is what the tribes wanted to be implemented into the now new six-year highway bill. The budget and travel for all these meetings came out of IRR construction dollars.

The signing of the current highway bill in August 2005 includes how the recognized federal Indian tribes get IRR funding for road construction projects, this is called Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFTEALU). A lot of items that came out of negotiated regulations (NEG REG) were put in this, also tribes as well as PBPB lobbied Capitol Hill for increased funding and were successful. IRR funding will receive \$2,135,000,000 in the next five years about 1.1 percent of the the national total of \$193,218,478,514 (a little over \$193 billion dollars). The money to fund such a huge sum all comes from the federal gas tax. A side bar to this is that we are hearing the Trust Fund will be spending more than it is taking in in 2009.

IRR will step increase every fiscal year as follows:

FY05-\$300,000,000
FY06-\$330,000,000
FY07-\$370,000,000
FY08-\$410,000,000
FY09-\$440,000,000

You would think with the increase of more BIA IRR dollars that more projects on the Tribal Transportation Improvement Priority (TTIP) would be funded. It is with regret to report to you that is not the case. We receive less of a fair share than the previous highway bill. It is a topic that I spend much of my time on, and one of the reasons I wanted to write it all down to the tribal members so if you read this far, it gets better. Another good thing that came with the new authorization was the Indian Reservation Roads Policy Coordinating Committee (IRRPC). During negotiations the tribes wanted to be at the table with the BIA and federal highway to make recommendations on issues dealing directly with IRR.

As part of the new highway bill tribes were able to be at the table. A selection process for committee members was done by the regional engineers and submissions from tribal governments. For the most part the committee makeup is former negotiated rulemaking members, nominated by the Secretary of Interior, plus two non-voting representatives of the BIA-Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Thus I represent Southern Plains BIA area, for a three-year term, appointed by the federal register. So far we have had seven meetings in Billings, Minneapolis, Phoenix, San Diego, and three

in Albuquerque. At first we tribes going in knew the items for discussion would only be our recommendations to the BIA and FHWA and that D. C. would do what they wanted to anyway. The committee supplements, but does not replace, government to government consultation by coordinating with and obtaining input from tribes, the BIA and FHWA. 25 C. F. R. Part 170.155(a).

A big surprise to us was that we are tasked with a lot of hot topics, all burners, back to front, and for the most part the recommendations are followed. To date, the topics have been IRR inventory, federal highway bridge program regulation matrix (23 CFR Part 166) IRRBP, CTC, eligible cost issues 25 percent, road maintenance changes in SAFTEALU, interim guidance for area engineers, flexible financing, IRR high priority project policy, overall self-determination (P. L. 93-638) policy, inflation issues, population adjustment factor, safety, intermodal transportation, transit, and a different view from the areas to hammer it out.

The biggest issue is the IRR inventory, in trying to please all tribes, the merging of the two formula's left in some things and excluded others. When the 2006 fiscal year BIA IRR inventory came out, the funding shifted a lot. The large land-base tribes lost millions, we lost 40 percent of what used to be our fair share. We did not see this coming, how it would play out, a shocker but it was now the law, 2007 compounded it. The old way was reservations with BIA routes like PBPB received the lion's share of IRR dollars.

It all came down to the interpretation of what was allowable to be included in a tribe's IRR inventory, a county road, class I roads, state highways, interstate highways, and proposed roads, otherwise roads that were under the ownership of others. The criteria was roads leading to health and welfare, jobs, access to Indian lands, airports, landfills, and hospitals. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) or memorandum of agreement (MOA) had to be attained from the county or state as to the inability to provide funding. All 12 BIA areas were shown to use the roads they were allowing, and the area's not allowing, the difference shifted funding unbelievably. One of the larger tribe's reservation covered five counties and stated if the highway patrol came on the reservation they would be arrested for trespassing, so you know they didn't get a MOU. To start every meeting we hear from the tribal leaders, and most were very unhappy, the various Sioux, Crow, Navajo, and large land-base tribal chairpersons vented their dissatisfaction, or tribes protecting the increase that their inventory has created. It was said by one of them that we will all walk away equally dissatisfied and even that's not true because those who benefited are satisfied for now. The majority of the attendees are those who benefited and do not want to see the coming change.

Whiplash Wrestling comes to the rez

**Whiplash Wrestling was such a hit
(as these photos show)
on
February 7
that they are planning on coming back
March 10
to the
Boys & Girls Club
15424 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509**

**Main event-6 man
Survivors Elimination Match
Doors open at 6 p.m., matches at 7 p.m.
\$7.00 admission(5 years and under free)
\$2.00 off with canned food donation**



Special thanks to
Nathan Hale and
Coleen Green for
submitting the
photographs



Boys & Girls Club

What are you doing for spring break?

Who: All youth ages 5-19

When: spring break-March 19-23

Time: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

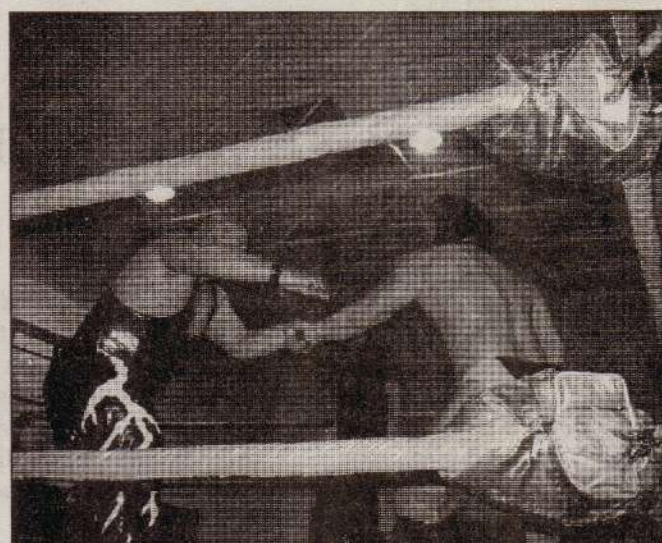
Where: Boys & Girls Club Nation
15424 K Rd.

Mayetta, KS 66509

Cost: FREE with current Boys & Girls
Club membership

- swimming, water games
- computer
- dodgeball tour
- arts and movies
- Topeka Zoo's creepy crawlers
- Junior Olympics
- Ps2Madden

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FIRE DEPARTMENT BRIEF



FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 15, 2007 - FEBRUARY 10, 2007 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING ALARMS:

1-17-07 at 12:35 p.m. units responded to a Fire Alarm at 17797 N Rd. on a barn fire with livestock in the structure. Mayetta, Hoyt and Holton Fire Departments also responded. Units arriving on scene reported a single story structure fully engulfed in fire. With winds at 10 mph and temperatures at 25F, the weather only added to the difficulty of fighting this blaze. A portion of the barn was saved, however, contents including hay, farm implements, three motorcycles and other assorted items were lost in the blaze. A faulty wood burning stove was found to be the cause of the fire.

2-1-07 at 9:35 a.m. units responded to a Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm at an address on 18367 U.S. Hwy 75 at Parr Ranch. CO was found to be coming from a wood stove on the main floor. Units responding found a CO reading of 15PPM on the main floor. Units responding ventilated the main housing area and brought CO levels down to 0. Cause of the alarm was found to be improper operation of the flue for the wood stove.

2-6-07 at 9:33 a.m. units responded to a Motor Vehicle Accident at 214 and K Rd. PTFD was requested by Holton Fire Department for Landing Zone coordination for Life Star Air Ambulance.

2-9-07 at 5:33 p.m. units responded to a Motor Vehicle Accident at 19000 O Rd. No extrication needed, minor injuries found, patient refused treatment.

Public Assist:

2-2-07 at 12:37 p.m. units responded to a lock-out situation at 12305 150th Rd.
2-5-07 at 07:20 a.m. units responded to a sus-

picious odor in the residence at 8310 156 Ln. Apt# A. The odor turned out to be sewer gas.

Calls to Harrah's Prairie Band Casino:

Fire Alarm - 2
Standby Event - 1
EMS Calls - 0

Other Alarms:

EMS Calls - 31
Medical Assists - 52
Lifeline Alarms - 3
Good-Intent Call - 5

Special Training:



All line personnel with the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department have been working this month on completing their NIMS IS-800 Course. NIMS stands for National Incident Management System. This course gives employees an introduction to the National Response Plan provided by the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. The National Response Plan describes how the Federal Government will work in concert with State, Local and Tribal Governments and the private sector to respond to disasters.



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The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department will be partnering with WeTip. WeTip is a national nonprofit organization, staffing tip operators that take anonymous tips from all 50 states including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. For over 33 years, WeTip has taken over 411,000 tips. These Tips are always anonymous, WeTip never knows who you are. The hotlines are answered by bilingual tip operators, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The department will be placing signs in prominent locations and encouraging you to call WeTip should you have information that may lead to solving a crime. WeTip is

not an investigative agency. They are a neutral independent 3rd party organization that operates fully staffed hotlines. WeTip has affected more lives than anyone will ever know.



For a tip
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a **CRIME** call
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American Heart Association.  beating heart disease
Learn and Live.

February is American Heart Month. If you're at risk for heart disease, we have good news for you. Many people can take steps to significantly reduce their chances of developing it. Even if you already have atherosclerosis or have had a heart attack, there's a lot you can do to prevent future heart problems. Cardiac catheterization, bypass operations, angiography, stents and statins are helping many people with heart disease live longer. Even so, heart disease is still the most common cause of death in the United States, according to the American Heart Association (AHA). You can help make sure you don't become a statistic by taking steps to lower your risk.

Risk Factors:

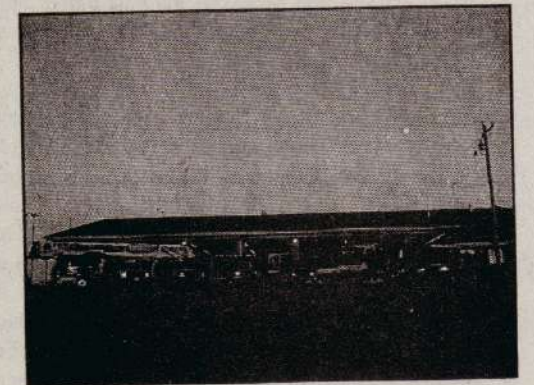
Some risk factors are beyond your control: You can't change your gender (males have a higher risk), your family history or your age (risk increases with age). Other major risk factors, however, can be modified. You can help lower your risk for developing heart disease by making positive lifestyle changes. Even if you already have heart disease, doing these things can help you prevent a future heart attack:

- Stop smoking. The AHA says Smokers are two to four times more likely to develop heart disease than nonsmokers.
- Control high blood pressure. If you have blood pressure higher than recommended, work with your health care provider to lower it. Dropping just 12 to 13 points can lower your risk of having a heart attack by 21 percent.
- Control high cholesterol. If you have high cholesterol, particularly if you have high LDL ("bad") cholesterol, work with your provider to lower it. Even a 10 percent reduction in your total cholesterol may decrease your risk for heart disease by 30 percent.
- Lose extra weight. If you are overweight or obese, even dropping just 10 pounds can make a difference.
- Get physically active, with your doctor's approval. Being inactive can raise your risk by 50 to 140 percent. That makes it just as dangerous as smoking, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol.
- Control diabetes. If you have diabetes, maintain control. About 75 percent of people with the condition die from cardiovascular disease, not diabetes.

You can tackle several risk factors at once by doing just three things: eating healthier foods, exercising, and taking your medications as instructed.

Stay Safe!

From the PTFD



Above: PTFD trucks and ambulance on display.

Capitol Hill

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Highlights of the trip included lunch with Kansas' new Democratic Representative Nancy Boyda. The Council had especially high praise for Boyda.

Apologizing for having to leave lunch for a House vote, Boyda promised to come back and finish her lunch meeting with the Council. "And, she was true to her word," said Stanhoff. "She told us she was just so pleased to meet with us and didn't want to cut short our time with her."

"That was impressive and told us that we have a new friend on Capitol Hill," noted Stanhoff.

The list of Congressional offices that the Council met with included: the Office of Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.); Majority and Minority staffs of the House Committee on Natural Resources; Majority and Minority staffs of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; the Office of Senator Sam Brownback (R-Kan.); the Office of

Rep. Dale Kildee (D-Mich.) (whose staff also advises the House's Native American Caucus); and the offices of Illinois Democratic Senators Richard Durbin and Barack Obama.

Another highlight of the trip was an after-hours tour on Wednesday, January 31, of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. Edison Wato (Zuni), the Museum's Director of Member Services, conducted the tour. Council members were informed that long-time NMAI staff member and Prairie Band member Martha Kreipe de Montano had recently retired after many years of service to the Museum. Wato presented Tribal Chair Stanhoff and the Council with copies of the Museum's quarterly magazine, "American Indian," copies of the Museum's "Insight Member Newsletter," and literature about the Museum.

"The Council was successful in Washington, D.C., because we were able to relay the messages from our Prairie Band people that people needed to hear on Capitol Hill," noted Stanhoff. "While it was a good first step, it will be the first one of others that we will need to make in order to be successful in our efforts."

"Everywhere we went, we were told that

we were doing a good thing - coming to visit and talk about our Tribe and our activities," added Stanhoff. "But, we were cautioned that the work definitely does not stop here - we must continue to build upon and nurture the relationships we have made."

It would be a mistake to think that we can just stop with this one diplomatic mission," noted Stanhoff. "The way to make diplomacy work is to continue communicating with our friends - as well as foes - about the Nation."

"We need to show Capitol Hill, the news media, and the public-at-large that we are the original people of Illinois, and that we never 'went away' - in fact, we are back and here to stay," said Stanhoff. "But, we need to work cooperatively with everyone in Kansas - and in Illinois - to accomplish the goals that have been set before us."



About Nancy Boyda

•Represents Kansas Second Congressional District: Topeka, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Pittsburg and parts of Lawrence.

•Congressional platform is to directly serve constituents through her two district offices in Topeka and Pittsburg. Wants to rein in America's skyrocketing prescription drug prices, advocate for the three military bases in the Second District and pass strong ethics reforms to reduce the influence of the lobbying industry.

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Real estate and living in the world today: Tips to make your home sell faster

By Christina Barth, Realtor



Whether you sell your home with an agent, or decide to sell your home on your own, there are several important inexpensive updates and tips that will help make your home sell faster.

You want to make a good impression so the buyer will remember your home. Clear out clutter and clean absolutely everything. People buy homes that are well taken care of. If a home has an odor, or is full of clutter, they may overlook the potential a home has. Think about, would you want to buy a dirty house?

If a home smells bad, has an overly pet smell, or is musky, it can be a major turn off. Taking out the trash will eliminate odors. Add a couple of drops of vanilla extract on a lit light bulb, or for a few seconds on the kitchen burner. Don't overdo it with strong air fresheners or sprays.

Remove finger prints and dirt marks off the

walls by cleaning the walls with soapy water. Better yet, repaint the walls in neutral colors. Don't overdo it with bright colors, full pattern or floral wall paper and borders. A look may look nice to you, but may be distasteful to another. Many people will overlook a home if it needs a lot of updates. Fresh neutral paint is an inexpensive way to update your home to make it more attractive.

Clean the carpet and get the stains out as much as you can. Carpet is expensive and can make a big difference to the look and value of a home. After buying a home, most people don't have the extra money to make updates. Carpet is very important to people, especially buyers with little children or babies who crawl and play on the floor.

Lighting is important. People want to buy a home that is inviting. Not a home that is dark and feels like a dungeon. When you know buyers are coming to view your home, leave a few lights on and open the curtains to let natural light in.



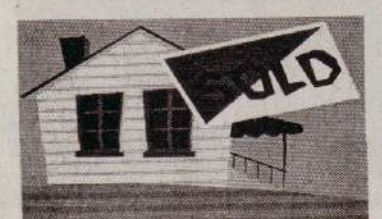
Other important tips to make your home more appealing: make the bathroom and kitchen squeaky clean; wash windows inside and out; remove cobwebs and dead bugs along floor boards and windows; re-caulk tubs, showers, sinks and bleach dingy grout; polish chrome faucets and mirrors; and if the refrigerator is included with the home, clean it out; vacuum and dust, including ceiling fans and light fixtures; and finally, make your bed. It can make a world of difference to a room.

Although it may be inconvenient to show your home on occasions, keep in mind that buyers want to see as many homes as possible. If you're unable to show your home when it's convenient for them, you may miss the opportunity of selling; there are always more homes on the market to view. It's possible the buyer may never ask to view your property again. They may look at it as a "sign" not to buy it, because you didn't allow them to see it.

Curb appeal is the first thing the buyer sees. Make sure to mow the lawn and remove any trash in the yard. Try to fix loose shingles or anything that is falling from the house. In the winter, remove the snow and ice on walkways and the driveways. In the summer and spring, plant flowers to add color to the lawn and make sure to rake the leaves. Get rid of any junk in the yard and garage. This will also make it easier for you when its time to move.

Doing these inexpensive improvements and tips to your home will make your home more attractive. The more appealing a home is, the faster it will sell.

Like always, if I can be of any assistance to you and your family, I can be reached at (785) 383-8500 or cbarth@TopekaAreaHomes.com





Road & Bridge
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While doing the numerous assigned tasks, this issue is the topic that is slowly being legally re-written through changing the regulation on what is allowable, we hear it over and over we are getting away from the intent of the law, Indian Reservation Roads. A for instance is a tribe with 1.5 miles of roads submitted 286 miles and 28 miles of proposed roads to their inventory. They have a population of 450 and own 280 acres and received \$2.8 million. There are plenty instances like this. They receive more than Pine Ridge, a vast reservation with 12,000 population. Or a small reservation with 167 miles of access, one-way and 87 miles another direction. It goes back to what an area office allowed. Southern Plains BIA was in no way a help to our tribes. The higher ups in FHWA & BIA-DOT realize the IRR is now funding construction of roads that are supported by others, as state highways and county governments.

Reservation and treaty tribes were and are in a way penalized. A long and hard look at the issue of ownership of others is being tabulated and formatted to exclude many, such as state highways, interstates, city streets, and county roads, the high traffic count. VMT is 30 percent of the formula, although many county roads are accesses to reservations. The allocation of IRR dollars has compelled the PBPB to seek agreements with Jackson County as well as Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to not be left out. Even if it swings back the other way, our IRR inventory will be updated to include the main access roads leading to and from the PBPB. The Tribe has many needs for the general fund that can be used besides funding this inherent federal function.

I had a few reasons for letting this all be known to the tribal members. A lot of this is in my head and my crew as well as others wonder why I travel so much. I feel like I'm doing my part to help transportation in Indian Country. It is such a wide topic, a lot goes on here at Road & Bridge. The majority of our east/west roads drifted shut last weekend, and the V plows were out. I get compliments on the fine job we as a tribal program do. I agree, the men and ladies at PBPB Road & Bridge need to pat themselves on the back.

Any questions or observations call or e-mail @pbprb@pbpnation.org.

By Suzanne Heck

An Elder Chat meeting was held on February 7 at the Firekeepers Elder Center with approximately 35 elders showing up to share ideas and information with members of the Tribal Council and other Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) administrative staff.

Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chairperson, directed the meeting that began at 2:15 p.m. Also attending from the Tribal Council that day were Rey Kitchkumme, Jim Potter, Junior Wahweotten and James Wabaunsee.

Tracy opened the meeting by giving an overview of items that the Council has been working on. Among them were highlights of their recent trip to Washington, D.C., news about the casino transition, and restating their position on the Community Service Program (CSP).

In addition, Tracy also voiced Tribal Council's concern about the condition of some of the senior citizen housing. She said that she and General Manager Rick Rooth had visited an elder's home that very morning to examine a home in need of repair. "We need to know if your home is drafty and cold," Stanhoff said, "so contact my office if you are having problems and we will look into the situation."

After Tracy's overview she opened the meeting for questions and everyone was encouraged to speak. Paper and pencils were also handed out during the meeting so individuals could write their questions or concerns confidentially, if preferred.

Topics from the floor ranged from concerns about the increase in housing costs due to social security amounts rising, the role of the Elder Advisory Board and who had a copy of the bylaws, whether inspectors for the construction of buildings on the reservation were certified, response and alert methods to be used in the event of reservation emergencies, and pharmacy procedures presently being used at the Prairie Band Indian Health

Elder Chat meeting draws large crowd

Center.

Other items brought up at the meeting were requests for more social activities and events for elders at the Firekeepers Elder Center, what the Center's smoking policies were, the use of the senior citizen van and who can drive it, and fundraising monies and efforts for the elders.

The meeting adjourned around 4 p.m.



ABOVE: Juanita Jessepe serving ice cream and pie to Ron Wahweotten (left) and Laveda Wahweotten (right) at the Elder Chat meeting.

RIGHT: Tribal elder Alvina LaClair and Tribal chairperson Tracy Stanhoff stopped their visit long enough to pose for the camera. Elder Chat meetings are being planned quarterly so that elders and the Tribal Council can get together to share information. Meetings have been held at the Firekeepers Elder Center or the PBPB Government Center.



RIGHT: The meeting in progress with attendees listening to Tracy.



PUBLIC NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern
February 22, 2007

A DRAFT of the (Prairie Band Potawatomi Road & Bridge Department) Long Range Transportation Plan was prepared by PAIKI to meet the (Prairie Band Potawatomi Road & Bridge Department) goal of identifying roads eligible for the Indian Reservation Roads system so as to secure funding for needed transportation improvements. The (Prairie Band Potawatomi Road & Bridge Department) is under the jurisdiction of the BIA Southern Plains Regional Office (SPRO), which must review the contents of this study to fulfill the requirements set forth in SAFETEA-LU.

The proposed document is accessible to read at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Road & Bridge Department during working hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. until March 9, 2007.

Comments can be given to (Tim Ramirez) Roads Director, pbprb@pbpnation.org, 14880 K Road, Mayetta, KS 66509 or call (785) 966-2375.

Hearing Notice
Bureau of Indian Affairs hearing
on 174 Road, Mayetta, Kansas, 66509
March 19
7 p.m., Firekeepers Elder Center

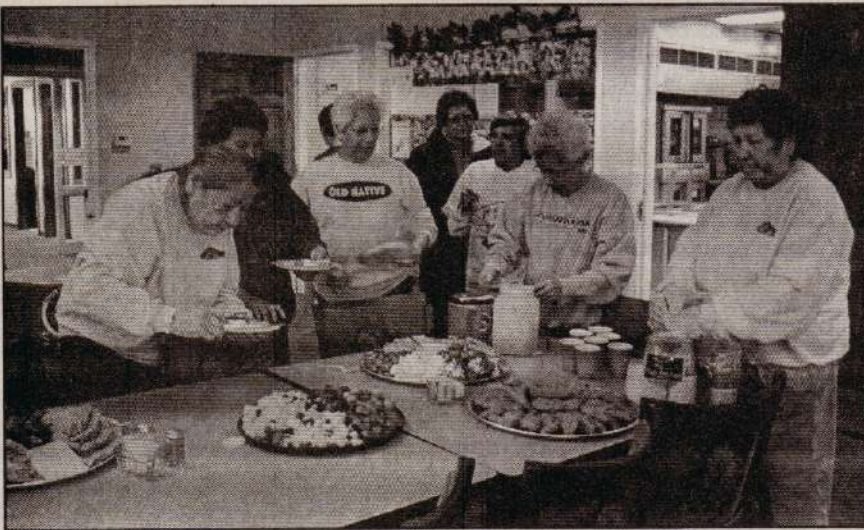
Potawatomi Fire Keepers Elder Center
March 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bologna Sandwiches Macaroni Salad Pork & Beans Whole Fruit	Breaded Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Creamed Corn - Roll Jelled Carrot Salad	Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Egg Noodles Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit	Honey Baked Chicken Wild Rice Stuffing Brussels Sprouts Roll - Fruit Salad	Salmon Patty Macaroni & Cheese Carrots - Bread Spinach Tomato Salad
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Tossed Salad - Roll	Turkey Salad Sandwich Tomato Soup & Crackers Chef's Salad Fruit Cocktail	Chicken Tenders Baked Beans Potato Salad - Roll Mandarin Oranges	Sliced Roast Beef Potatoes & Gravy Roasted Vegetables Waldorf Salad	Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut Broccoli Rice Casserole Honeydew Melon
Hungarian Goulash Steamed Spinach Tossed Garden Salad Garlic Bread	Thighs Cacciatore Baked Potato Steamed Broccoli Cott. Cheese - Roll	Roasted Pit Ham Cornbread Stuffing Sweet Potato Gratin Tossed Salad - Roll	Birthday Dinner Corned Beef Potatoes & Cabbage Fried Bread	Fish Sticks Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Cole Slaw - Rolls
Sloppy Joe Sandwich Baked Fries - Salad Green Bean Casserole Peaches & Cottage Cheese	Parmesan Chicken Macaroni & Tomato Steamed Broccoli Waldorf Salad	Breakfast for Lunch Sausage, Bacon Hash browns, Eggs Biscuits & Gravy	Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Steamed Zucchini Roll - Carrot Salad	Baked Cajun Cod Red Beans & Rice Creamed Peas Bread - Salad

Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30
Menu Subject to Change.

Native Seniors 50+ Free
Adult \$3.50
Child \$2.50

Blizzard does not stop party goers



Seniors fix their plates at the valentine's party at the Firekeepers Elder Center. Above (l-r): Tamar Morris, Teresa Asselin, Hedy Noland, Rose Jessepe, Delores Porter, Joy Yoshida and Julia Lewis.

Photo by Mary Young

A rescheduled valentines party from February 14 was held Friday, February 16 at the Firekeepers Elder Center. Nona Wahweotten, director of the center, said everyone had fun and more would have attended if the unexpected blizzard hadn't occurred.

Twenty seniors attended the party and invited guests included the language instructors from the Bay Mills Community College.

Entertainment included games and naming Ron Jessepe as king and Tamar Morris as queen.

Sydney VanZile won the cotton ball game, she had the most cotton balls attached to her face—36! Participants put Vaseline on their faces and rolled their faces in cotton balls. Other games included a new type of bingo and charades.

Recipe
Corner

By Mary Young

The song continues—
Kansas is experiencing cold weather and snow as is the rest of the country. It's crock pot time! It's time for a hot bowl of soup or some other delicious meal to come home to. Please submit your favorite recipes and share with the readers. Send your favorite cold weather recipe to the PBPB Newspaper. Be sure to include your name, telephone number and/or address in case we have any questions. Enjoy the following recipes and wis-ne-men!

The following recipes, compiled by the Office of Public Information, are the courtesy of the United Tribes Technical College's book *Indian Recipes*.

Squash Soup

(use Crooked Neck or Mother Hubbard squash)

- 1 Crooked Neck squash or 1/2 Mother Hubbard squash
- 1/2 lb. salt pork (sliced)
- 10 medium potatoes (quartered)
- 1 can (no. 10) whole kernel corn or 3 cups or
- 3 cups dried corn

Boil the salt pork for 1/2 hour then add other ingredients.

Mother's Vegetable Soup

- 6 fresh icicle radishes
- 1 lb. dried meat or stew meat
- 4 large potatoes
- 1 small onion
- 3 carrots
- Salt and pepper seasoning

Dice the carrots. Add the carrots and meat to 3 quarts of water. Boil 1/2 hour. Quarter the potatoes. Dice the onions and radishes. Add to the stew. Boil until soft.

Pumpkin Soup

- 1 (1 lb. 13 oz. can) water-packed pumpkin puree
- 1 quart of milk
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup or light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon powdered marjoram
- Dash fresh ground pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon mace
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Juice of 1 orange

Heat pumpkin puree, milk, butter, and honey together slowly in a large saucepan, stirring.

Combine maple sugar, marjoram, pepper, cinnamon, mace, and salt. Stir in pumpkin-milk mixture. Heat slowly, stirring to a simmering point. Do not boil.

Add the orange juice, a little at a time, stirring constantly. Serve hot.

Hominy Soup

- 1/4 pound salt pork, sliced about 1/4 in. thick
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and sliced thin
- 2 (1 lb. 13 oz.) cans hominy, drained
- 1 quart buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Render the salt pork thoroughly in a large, heavy kettle. Drain off the drippings.

Add the onion to the kettle and sauté slowly until golden transparent.

Mix in the hominy and heat gently, stirring for about 5 minutes.

Add buttermilk, salt and pepper. Heat very slowly (do not allow to simmer) for about 5 minutes. This soup should be served warm, not hot.



Department & Program News

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Boys & Girls Club Calendar for March

Gear up for summer fun!

**Boys & Girls Club
Summer Session 2007**
**What: 10 weeks of summer
activities**
Who: Jr. youth ages 5-12
When: June 4-August 10
Times: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10 per week

Summer hours available for senior youth
ages 13-19; M-F 4 p.m.- 8p.m.



Important dates:

March 16 Enrollment
forms due
May 1 Payments made
May 2 Late
enrollment fees

MARCH 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		*5th grade and up are now able to stay until 7pm for tutoring and club programs			1 Club Tech Meeting Power Hour 4-5 Monday - Thursday	2 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
4 Volleyball 2-5 Basketball 7-9	5 Power Hour 4-5 Monday - Thursday	6 T.R.A.I.L. Club Officers Meeting	7	8 Club Tech Meeting T.R.A.I.L.	9 NO School Open 7:30-4:30	10 Whiplash Wrestling Doors Open @ 6pm
11 Volleyball 2-5 Basketball 7-9	12 Power Hour 4-5 Monday - Thursday	13 T.R.A.I.L. Key Stone Club Meeting	14 Club Open 7:30am- 9:00am for Late School Start	15 Club Tech Meeting T.R.A.I.L.	16 Last Day for Grade Cards	17
18 Volleyball 2-5 Basketball 7-9	19 Zoo 1:00 pm	20 Language presentation 1:00 pm	21 Helping Hands 1:00 pm	22 Smoking Prevention 1:00 pm		24
25 Volleyball 2-5 Basketball 7-9	26 Power Hour 4-5 Monday - Thursday	27 T.R.A.I.L. Club Officers Meeting	28 Boys & Girls Club Week Carnival	29 Club Tech Meeting T.R.A.I.L.	30 Softball @ RV Leave the Club @ 4:15 Sr. Youth	31 (Calendar is subject to change at anytime)
National Boys & Girls Club Week						

Tribal Jurisdiction to Enforce Sex Offender Registration Law

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

To: Tribal Leaders
From: NCAI Staff
Date: December 5, 2006
Re: Tribal Jurisdiction to Enforce Sex Offender
Registration Law

Late last summer Congress passed a sex offender registry and notification statute that requires Indian tribes in non-Public Law 280 states to opt-in to participation in the registry system or accept state criminal jurisdiction for limited purposes under the Act. Tribal leaders recently received a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (attached) explaining the options available to tribes under the new law. NCAI strongly encourages all tribes to review the new law and take the appropriate action.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, P.L. 109-248, contains a section (language attached) that requires tribal governments to affirmatively elect to comply with the mandates of the Act by July 27, 2007. If a tribe fails to pass a resolution stating its intention to comply with the Act by this date, the tribe will be treated as though it has delegated its authority under the Act to the state. *The state would then have the right to enter tribal lands to carry out and enforce the requirements of the Act.*

If a tribe elects to comply with the Act, it will be required to maintain a sex offender registry that includes a physical description, current photograph, criminal history, fingerprints, palm prints, and a DNA sample of the sex offender. Participating tribes will also be required to comply with the notification requirements established in the Act and maintain a web site making sex offender registry information available to the public. The Department of Justice will have some grant money available to help participating jurisdictions (including tribes) to build a registry and come into compliance with the law. NCAI will share additional information about the specific requirements of the law, strategies for implementation, and funding opportunities in the coming weeks.

Obviously, it is very concerning that this new law forces Indian tribes to opt-in in order to preserve tribal governmental authority. A similar requirement is included in legislation that has been introduced in the House that would establish a national drug dealer registry, H.R. 6155. NCAI is meeting with Members of Congress to explain that this approach unnecessarily erodes tribal governmental authority on tribal lands and would represent an unprecedented grant of state jurisdiction on tribal lands for many tribes. Please contact NCAI General

Counsel John Dossett, 202-466-7767 or jdosssett@ncai.org, with any questions.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 P.L. 109-248

SEC. 127. ELECTION BY INDIAN TRIBES.

(a) Election-

(1) IN GENERAL- A federally recognized Indian tribe may, by resolution or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable governmental body--

(A) elect to carry out this subtitle as a jurisdiction subject to its provisions;

or

(B) elect to delegate its functions under this subtitle to another jurisdiction or jurisdictions within which the territory of the tribe is located and to provide access to its territory and such other cooperation and assistance as may be needed to enable such other jurisdiction or jurisdictions to carry out and enforce the requirements of this subtitle.

(2) IMPUTED ELECTION IN CERTAIN CASES- A tribe shall be treated as if it had made the election described in paragraph (1)(B) if--

(A) it is a tribe subject to the law enforcement jurisdiction of a State under section 1162 of title 18, United States Code;

(B) the tribe does not make an election under paragraph (1) within 1 year of the enactment of this Act or rescinds an election under paragraph

(1)(A); or

(C) the Attorney General determines that the tribe has not substantially implemented the requirements of this subtitle and is not likely to become capable of doing so within a reasonable amount of time.

(b) Cooperation Between Tribal Authorities and Other Jurisdictions-

(1) NONDUPLICATION- A tribe subject to this subtitle is not required to duplicate functions under this subtitle which are fully carried out by another jurisdiction or jurisdictions within which the territory of the tribe is located.

(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS- A tribe may, through cooperative agreements with such a jurisdiction or jurisdictions--

(A) arrange for the tribe to carry out any function of such a jurisdiction under this subtitle with respect to sex offenders subject to the tribe's jurisdiction; and

(B) arrange for such a jurisdiction to carry out any function of the tribe under this subtitle with respect to sex offenders subject to the tribe's jurisdiction.



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to inform you of changes to federal law concerning sex offender registration and notification, which give tribes the opportunity to choose to carry out registration and notification functions in relation to sex offenders in their jurisdictions. Tribes that wish to discharge these functions must decide to do so by July 27, 2007, by passing a tribal resolution or other enactment. This letter and its attachments also provide information about general reforms in the national standards for sex offender registration and notification that Congress has recently enacted.

On July 27, 2006 the President signed into law the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-248). Title I of the Adam Walsh Act, entitled the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, comprehensively revises the national standards for sex offender registration and notification. These standards address such matters as tracking of convicted sex offenders following their release, sharing of information about sex offenders among the jurisdictions in which they live, work, or attend school, and notification of the community concerning the presence of registered sex offenders.

While federal law predating the Adam Walsh Act provided national standards for state sex offender registration programs, it made no comparable provision concerning sex offenders who are convicted in tribal courts, or who enter the jurisdiction of a tribe following conviction in some other jurisdiction. As a result, there has been a lack of consistent means for tribal authorities to be notified about sex offenders entering their jurisdictions, to track those offenders, or to make information about those offenders available to members of tribal communities for the protection of themselves and their families.

Reforms enacted by the Adam Walsh Act seek to fill this gap by enabling the tribes to participate in the national system of sex offender registration and notification programs. Specifically, section 127 of the Adam Walsh Act gives tribes in most states a choice between functioning as registration jurisdictions, or delegating sex offender registration and notification functions to the states in which they are located. If a tribe elects to function as a registration jurisdiction, it will have essentially the same sex offender registration and notification functions and responsibilities as a state, but will be free to make cooperative arrangements with a state or states (by mutual agreement) for pooling or sharing of these functions in areas of overlapping responsibility. If a tribe elects the other option, delegation of sex offender registration and notification functions to a state or states, then the state or states will be responsible for registration and notification concerning sex offenders in the tribe's territory in conformity with the federal law (Adam Walsh Act) standards. In case of delegation to a state or states, federal law grants the state or states a corresponding right of access to the tribe's jurisdiction to implement the law.

Section 127 of the Adam Walsh Act gives tribal governments one year from the date of the Act's enactment that is one year from July 27, 2006, to make the choice described above. Your tribe accordingly will need to decide within that time frame whether it wishes to function as a sex offender registration jurisdiction under the Adam Walsh Act, or to delegate that function to the state or states in which it is located. If a tribe does not make an election to function as a registration jurisdiction by July 27, 2007, then it will be deemed by federal law to have delegated this function to the state or states in which the tribe is located. Also, delegation to the state is automatic if a tribe is subject to the law enforcement jurisdiction of the state under 18 U.S.C. 1162.

The U.S. Department of Justice is responsible for providing guidance and assistance to state and tribal jurisdictions in implementing the Adam Walsh Act sex offender registration and notification reforms. More specifically, section 146 of the Adam Walsh Act creates within the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice a new Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (the SMART Office) to administer the national standards for sex offender registration and notification. The SMART Office's responsibilities will include working with tribal governments on sex offender registration and notification under the Adam Walsh Act provisions. The Department of Justice is currently working to start up the SMART Office and contact information for that Office will be provided as soon as it becomes available. If you have any concerns about the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act as it relates to Bureau of Indian Affairs programs, please contact Joe Little of our Office of Justice Services, Division of Tribal Justice Support, at (505) 563-3833.

There are three attachments to this letter, which provide additional information about these matters, as follows:

Attachment #1: Text and explanation of section 127 of the Adam Walsh Act, which governs the Act's application in relation to Indian tribes.

Attachment #2: Address by a Justice Department official explaining the background of the Adam Walsh Act and its principal sex offender registration and notification reforms, from a National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability held in September 2006.

Attachment #3: Detailed summary of the Adam Walsh Act sex offender registration and notification provisions.

Sincerely,

W. Patrick Ragsdale
W. Patrick Ragsdale
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

At the local level: It is happening here

Tearful statements from the two victims parents and other family members were heard prior to the defendant's sentencing at the Jackson County Courthouse on February 21.

Their major concern was the defendant, Raymond Hall, would receive probation for his sexual assault on a child crime. In each statement, parents and family members stated that the little girls suffered trauma that has changed their lives tremendously such as, the girls are fearful, they refuse to be close to their fathers, they are withdrawn, they have nightmares, and one girl has to resume counseling.

After the statements were given, the judge pronounced the defendant's sentence and Jackson County Attorney Kristie Hildebrand explained the sentence more fully:

Hall was sentenced to 52 months on

the 4-year-old victim and 52 months on the 5-year-old victim concurrently, his total sentence is 52 months. The judge had the discretion to run the cases consecutively, which would have yielded a 104 month sentence, or concurrently, like he did. The reason for the concurrent sentencing was because of the defendant's age — 76-years-old. He was 74-years-old at the time he molested the two little girls who were then three and four. He has 281 days jail credit which will be subtracted from the 52 month jail sentence. He will also be eligible for up to 15% "good time credit" depending upon his behavior in prison, which would make it a 44.2 month sentence minus 281 days jail credit, which means he could be released as early as 35 months. He will have a five year post release supervision period (parole) after release

from prison.

The judge denied the defendant's motion for probation. The law requires the defendant prove substantial and compelling reasons for the judge to have the authority to grant probation in a case like this, and the judge found that no substantial and compelling reasons exist.

One of the little girls was a tribal member.



At right, Smoker, Bikers Against Child Abuse and Rose Bone, PBPN Social Services were on hand to support the case involved.

Judge denies defendant's motion for probation



PBP Health Center representatives participate in Kansas Diabetes Advisory Council

Three representatives from the PBP Health Center, who are members of the Kansas Diabetes Advisory Council, met to develop a statewide policy for addressing diabetes concerns in Wichita on January 29. Sebe Masquat, RN, Steve Corbett and Richard Pruikisma, MD, have been working as members since August 2006. The Council was convened by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

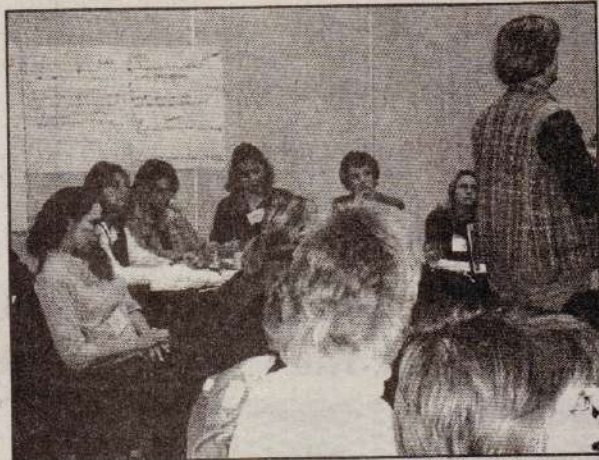


Photo at left, Sebe Masquat, far left, listened intently as her committee's spokesperson presented the action plan for addressing prevention of diabetes and its complications on a statewide level.

At right is Dr. Richard Pruikisma, standing, who presented his committee's recommendations for improving Quality of Care for diabetic patients across the state to the rest of the Kansas Diabetes Advisory Council.



At left, Steve Corbett, second from left, the Diabetic Program Coordinator at the PBP Health Center, worked on policy change at the state level while attending the meeting of the Kansas Diabetes Advisory Council.

Photos courtesy of Tara Schooler from Kansas Department of Health and Environment

What to do about that wound.....

By Mina Neuburger, RN
Community Health Nurse, PBP Health Center

Home Care

Scrapes and abrasions often do not require any more care than washing the area four times daily for the first 48 hours and keeping the area covered with a sterile bandage. Deeper wounds and bites will require medical attention.

- Stop the bleeding: If bleeding will not stop, apply a clean bandage to the area and press down on it for 10 minutes.
- Clean the wound: Water under pressure is the best way to clean a wound. Either a briskly running faucet or a hand-held shower nozzle is the best way to wash a wound. The wound should be washed for 10-15 minutes. Make sure you remove all dirt and debris. Do not scrub deep wounds or bites, just wash them out.
- Check when you last had a tetanus shot.

When to Call the Doctor

- All bites and any cut or laceration greater than 1/2-inch long in which you can see fat or deeper tissues (muscle or bone) will require medical attention.
- If bleeding is brisk or blood spurts with your heartbeat or does not stop after 10 minutes, your doctor should be called.
- If there is still dirt and debris in an abrasion after your best attempt at cleaning the area, you should notify your doctor.
- Any redness extending from the wound after 2 days or yellow drainage from the area should warrant medical attention.
- You should find out from your doctor when you last had a tetanus shot. If the wound was dirty, you should have one if it has been more than five years since your last tetanus immunization. You should have this done within 48 hours of the injury.

Prevention

- Take care when using sharp objects such as knives, scissors, saws, and trimmers.
- Wear shoes or boots on your feet.
- Use helmets when riding a bicycle.
- Use helmets, kneepads, wrist protectors, and elbow pads when using in-line skates.
- Avoid picking up broken pieces of glass and handling razor blades.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Telephone Directory and Hours

Medical/Dental/Pharmacy Areas

Medical Center Main Number
785-966-8200
Medical Center Toll Free Number
866-694-6728
Medical Center Appointment Desk
785-966-8211
Dental Clinic Appointment Desk
785-966-8290

Pharmacy Main Number
785-966-8260
Pharmacy Toll Free Number
866-727-6330

Press 1 to make an Appointment
Press 2 to reach the Nurse's Station
Press 3 to reach the Pharmacy
Press 4 to reach the Dental Office
Press 5 to reach Medical Records
Press 6 to reach the Referral/Managed Care Office
Press 7 to reach the Administration Office

Social Service Area

Social Services Main Number
785-966-8330

Drug & Alcohol Program
785-966-8350

Family & Domestic Violence
785-966-8340

Independent Living
785-966-8344

CHR Office
785-966-8360

Medical Clinic Hours
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(Evening hours for medical clinic
by appointment only)

The Twelve-Step Study Group

Will meet at 7:00 p.m. each week
on
Friday evenings
at
P.A.R.R. House
18301 Hwy. 75
Mayetta, KS
Enter the south door

Light refreshments

For more information, contact Helen Slattery at
(785) 966-3010.



Mark your calendar

Victims Impact Panel
with
M.A.D.D.

March 26, 2007
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at the
Rock Building
16283 Q Road
Mayetta, KS

Support groups in the community area

SUNDAY

Mayetta AA meeting—8:00 p.m., St. Xavier Catholic Church basement

MONDAY

P.A.R.R. In-house AA meeting—7:00 p.m., 18301 Highway 75, south door, Mayetta

Al-Anon meeting—12 noon, Social Service Conference room, Health Center, Mayetta

Holton NA meeting—8:00 p.m., Evangel United Methodist, 227 Pennsylvania, west door

TUESDAY

Alateen meeting—5:00 p.m., 15434 K Road, We-Ta-Se meeting room, Mayetta

WEDNESDAY

AA meeting—7:00 p.m., Rock Bldg. 16283 Q Road, Mayetta [moved from We-Ta-Se]

Al-Anon meeting—7:00 p.m., First Christian Church, 5th & Wisconsin, upper level, Holton

THURSDAY

Al-Anon luncheon meeting—noon, P.A.R.R., 18301 Highway 75, south door, Mayetta

Holton AA meeting—7:00 p.m., First Christian Church basement, 5th & Wisconsin

FRIDAY

NA luncheon meeting—noon, 15434 K Road, We-Ta-Se meeting room, Mayetta

P.A.R.R. AA meeting—The 12-Step Study Group—7:00 p.m., 18301 Highway 75, south door, Mayetta

Holton NA meeting—8:00 p.m., Evangel United Methodist, 227 Pennsylvania, west door

SATURDAY

Holton AA meeting—9:00 a.m., First Christian Church basement, 5th & Wisconsin



Am I dependent on alcohol and/or other drugs?

- Do you ever use alcohol or drugs in larger quantities than you intended?
- Do you ever use alcohol or drugs for longer periods of time than you intended?
- Do you now have or have you had in the past a persistent desire to cut down or control your alcohol and drug use?
- Have you ever tried to cut down or control your use?
- Do you spend more time than you should getting ready to use, using or recovering from using?
- Have you ever failed to meet a major life responsibility because you were intoxicated, hung over, or in withdrawal?
- Have you given up any work, social or recreational activities because of alcohol or drug use?
- Have you had any physical, psychological or social problems caused by or made worse by your alcohol or drug use?
- Have you continued to use alcohol or drugs in spite of knowing they were causing physical, psychological or social problems worse?
- Did your tolerance (your ability to use a lot of alcohol or drugs without feeling intoxicated) increase with your use within the last year?
- Do you ever get physically uncomfortable or sick on the day after using alcohol or drugs?
- Have you ever used alcohol or drugs to keep from getting sick or to make a hang-over go away?

Yes to 3 or more questions = high probability chemically dependent
Yes to 6 or more questions = diagnosable chemically dependent
Yes to 9 or more questions = advanced stage of addiction

If you have a desire to stop using, contact the Alcohol and Drug program counselors @ 966-8351.



P.A. R. R. Ranch update

By Helen Slattery

Patty Jo Wahwasuck is doing her practicum for her internship with Washburn University at P.A.R.R. This is her second internship position with an alcohol & drug addiction treatment program. We are glad to have her in our program to help her learn more about counseling skills, intakes, screenings, developing individual treatment plans, continued care discharge plans, case management, record keeping, professional ethics, crisis intervention and utilizing the team approach.

P.A.R.R. welcomes a new team player on our staff. He is Terry CrossBear. Terry comes to us with experience working in the field of alcoholism and addictions. He began his orientation to his job duties on Friday, January 26th. He will be the week-end live-in house attendant.

P.A.R.R. is accommodating space for a newly formed AA meeting. The meeting is a 12-Step Study Group that will read and discuss each one of the 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous per meeting. By attending 12-step study meetings a recovering person increases the knowledge and understanding how the step can apply to life's problems and help them grow deeper towards spiritual progress. The *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* textbook will be provided for each one attending the meeting. The principles of the 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are: honesty, hope, faith, courage,

integrity, willingness, humility, forgiveness, justice, perseverance, spiritual awareness and service. These principles are wonderful qualities for anyone to attain. Often to most recovering people, the 12-promises take place in their life. The promises result from "living" the 12-steps: You will know a new freedom and happiness. You will not regret the past, nor wish to shut the door on it. You will comprehend the word serenity and know peace. No matter how far down the scale you have gone, you will see how your experience will benefit others. The feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. You will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in your fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Your whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave you. You will intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle you. You will suddenly realize that the Creator is doing for you what you could not do for yourself. Coffee, ice tea and light snacks will be provided. The meeting will take place on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Watch for flyers posted at locations in the community.

See ya at the meeting





Community Notices

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Community Notices

The
Oxford House
on the
Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation
has openings for
PBBN women & descendants
who are in recovery
from alcohol and drugs.

Call PBBN Social Services Dept.
Alcohol & Drug program at (785) 966-8351

**Harrah's
Country Concerts**

March 30
Joe Diffie
7 p.m. & 10 p.m.

March 31
Tracy Lawrence
7p.m. & 10 p.m.

Gathering meeting
March 8, 1 p.m.
Firekeepers Elder Center.


This is a trip for the Potawatomi Elders and by attending this meeting you have an opportunity to participate in the planning and rules for this trip. As coordinator it is always good to hear what did and what didn't work for you on the past trips. We will try to accommodate you the best we can to make this a fun and pleasant trip. A tentative schedule has been set to leave from here on August 7th and return on August 13th. The actual Gathering dates are August 8th through the 12th hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi, Crandon, Wis.

If you can't make the meeting
contact LaVerne Hale @ 785-966-4014 or toll free @ 877-715-6789 or e-mail @ laverneh@pbbnation.org.


Joy Yoshida can be reached @ 785-966-0041 @ the Firekeepers Elder Center.

**Potawatomi
Language Conference**
August 5-8, 2007

Look for information about the conference
in future issues of the *Potawatomi News*



Potawatomi Gathering
August 8-12, 2007
Forest County Potawatomi
Crandon, Wis.



PBBN Social Services Department announces
The Kansas Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

Application period until March 30, 2007
LIEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit.

Persons eligible must meet the following requirements:

- 1) An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for purchasing heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord of fuel vendor.
- 2) Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy. Each payment must be 10% of the applicant's monthly gross income or \$40 (whichever is less) for two out of the three months prior to application.
- 3) The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level.

For applications call PBBN Social Services Department at (785) 966-8330 or 1-800-432-0043.

Huge Inside Sale
Mayetta Christian Church
212 E. Jones St.
Mayetta, KS 66509

March 2 & 3
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

food, rummage & bake sale,
silent auction, bingo & more
Sponsor: Mayetta Area
Business Association

Be a vendor at
the
Pathways to our Future
Early Childhood Education
Conference
August 13, 14, 2007

For applications contact
Natalie McClane
at (785) 966-2527

PBP Pow-wow
June 8, 9, 10
Prairie Peoples Park
Mayetta, Kan.

- dance contest
- drum contest
- PBP Princess contest


Attention High School Seniors!

Free workshop to assist you in filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Who: High school seniors & parents
When: Saturday, March 3
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Where: PBBN Government Center Training Room.
Parents and students need to bring copy of 2006 federal income tax return

For more information call Melinda Williamson in the Education Department at (785) 966-3041 or email: MelindaW@pbbnation.org

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Ladies Auxiliary**
is
accepting greeting
card donations.
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We-Ta-Se Office
or at the
Tribal Police Department

Water aerobics
at the
Boys & Girls Club swimming pool
Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



Other fitness programs available. For more information call
Roy Spoonhunter at (785) 966-8270 or
email: royspoonhunter@pbbnation.org.



Nom Ki Wash's Stories
Submitted as is by Rebekah Jones

One clear and cool, but not cold, late winter evening, my then six year old, Nom Ki Wash, was sitting on the front porch looking at the stars with me. After being quiet for a few minutes, Nom Ki Wash told me he used to be scared of the Thunder but he wasn't anymore. When I asked him why he wasn't he told me because they talk to him, they tell him things. When I asked him what they tell him, he said "Well it's not always words, but mostly they sing to me." He said "The Thunder brings the drum and the Lightning brings the sticks then they can sing together." He paused for a second then said, "They sing the songs like when we dance like this." Then he danced like he dances at the dance grounds - not pow wow dancing.

Then he told me "Mom did you know..." and started with this story...

"A long time ago the people were getting burned cause the sun was so hot. It was a big fire that just kept burning the people up. So the Cloud Dancer, the Thunder Dancer, the Wind Dancer and the Rain Dancer saw this and they wanted to help the people out, so they sat down to talk about it. The four of them...they sat down around the Sun. Each of them sat down on a different side of the Sun so then the fire could not burn the people up anymore."

I asked him who told him that story - he said "They did. I've known that for a long time. A long time ago I knew that Mom."

About a year before that, we were looking at the stars on another clear evening and he asked me which one was his. I told him "I don't know son. Which one do you want?" He said "Noooooooo Mom. One of them is mine. When I got my Indian name they put my name up there on one of those stars." I said, "Okay...well which one is it then?" He replied, "I don't know but...", he then pointed to a star, a star among millions of other stars and different or special in some way only to him, "...I think that one right there is yours." Made me laugh but I thought that was pretty cool.

Solution: Dog-nēmōsh; Duck-shishibe; Pig-kokosh; Horse-nēktōsha



Area Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

Bethany Baptist Church
821 New York Ave., Holton, KS (785) 364-4379

David Noland, Youth Sunday School Teacher, preaches on months with five Sunday's.

Prairie Band Baptist Outreach
P. O. Box 206, Holton, KS 66436, Pastor Terry Paine, (785) 364-4259

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish
5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta, KS

Mass: 8:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays
2 pm on 2nd Sundays

For additional information go to www.pbbpindiantribe.com



A word from Lakeview Faith Chapel

Dear brothers and sisters:

I trust you are all in good health and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. God is such a wonderful creator! I am especially glad that He came up with the idea of man and woman. I have been married to my wife Nancy for 34 years! She has been, and still is a wonderful companion. We have two grown children and eight lovely grandchildren.

I just don't know of a more wonderful thing in this life than family. I was blessed to be raised in a Christian home and learned of the love and greatness of God at an early age. Let me say this, however, even if you didn't get started early being a Christian, you can



pbbpindiantribe.com and click on Our Lady of Snows icon.

Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist
On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.
Mayetta, KS, Rev. Howard Sudduth

Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship service

Pentecostal

Lakeview Faith Chapel
3-1/2 mi. south of Holton, KS on U.S. 75,
Pastor Steve Cappleman, (785) 364-2416

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service
6:30 p.m. Youth group
6:30 p.m. Evening worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible study

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church
4-1/2 mi. west on 134 Rd. from
U.S. 75, Mayetta, KS

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service
7:00 p.m. Evening worship

start any time. God has been there all the time and He is just waiting to accept you as you are.

There is no doubt, that having God in my life makes me a better person. For example, I want to be a good husband because from reading the Bible, I know God expects me to be just that. I have found that being kind to my wife and being considerate of how she feels, has helped my marriage to be a good one, and, I eat well, and on time, as a bonus. It doesn't hurt a thing to buy some flowers for her every once in a while, and maybe even write a poem, or at least a few words. Valentines Day is the perfect time to be thoughtful, but I don't just wait for February 14. Everyday is a good day to be a loving spouse.

May your homes be filled with love and laughter!
Blessings! Pastor Steve

Kamboŕtēk (Those who died)

Cody Alan Baker

Cody Alan Baker, 18, Caldwell, died January 27, 2007 at the Sumner County District #1 Hospital in Caldwell. He was born May 1, 1988 in Wellington the son of Edward Baker and Rose Newland Baker. He graduated from Caldwell High School and was attending Cowley County Community College in Wichita at the time of death. In high school Cody was a member of the Industrial Arts Club, football and basketball team and he was on the math relays team. Survivors include his parents, Edward Baker, Caldwell, and Rose Newland Baker, Horton; two brothers, Charlie and Chad Baker, Horton; a sister, Chrystal Newland, Horton; two grandfathers, Henry Baker, Caldwell, and John Ramirez, Powhattan; two great-grandmothers, Cleda Newland, Dumas, Texas, and Nancy Runnels, Horton; and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were held January 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Caldwell. Interment was in Caldwell City Cemetery, Caldwell. Memorial contributions can be made to Horton High School, sent in care of Dave Norman, 1120 1st Ave. E, Horton, KS 66439.

Native American Church moves to new location



Above: The "old" Native American Church once located on 158 and O Road near the Health Center, at right.

Below: The "new" Native American Church located west of I Road on 158 Road.

Photos by Mary Young





Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)



Happy 1st Birthday on February 2
to our baby girl
Alyssa Constance Levier

We love you so much!
Love, your parents John & Jackie Jessepe-Levier,
siblings Sydney Lauren, Sylvana Brooke,
& Ivan Wesley Levier,
Misho Joseph Jessepe, Grandma Mary Lou, Auntie "Ann"
Juanita Jessepe, Auntie Jodi, Arrow, Aislan, and
Grandma Rosanna & Buzz Jessepe

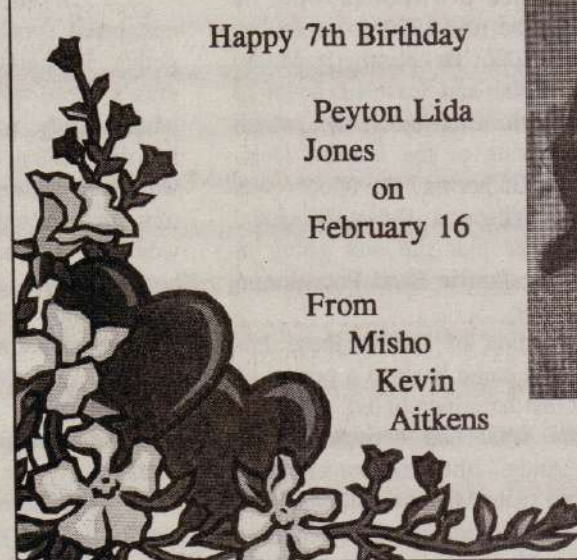


Happy 12th Birthday
to
a wonderful niece!

Samantha Elizabeth
Warrior

Born in January

From: Aunt Jackie &
Uncle John Levier
&
cousins Sydney,
Sylvana, Alyssa &
Ivan Levier and all
your grandmas &
grandpas



Happy 7th Birthday

Peyton Lida
Jones
on
February 16

From
Misho
Kevin
Aitkens

Happy 9th Birthday
to
Ivan Wesley Levier!
on
January 23
We love you and are proud of you!
your parents John & Jackie Jessepe-Levier,
sisters Sydney Lauren Jessepe, Sylvana Brooke
Levier, & Alyssa Constance Levier,
Misho Joe Jessepe, Grandma Mary, Auntie Jodi, Aislan,
Auntie "Ann" Juanita Jessepe, Grandma Rosanna &
Ron "Buzz" Jessepe
& Arrow Levier



Happy 12th Birthday Sylvana Brooke Levier
February 21

We are very proud of our helpful, wonderful
& gracious daughter!
Congratulations on your second nine weeks
on the Royal Valley School honor roll!

Love,
your parents John & Jackie Jessepe Levier,
sisters Sydney, Alyssa & Aislan,
brothers Ivan & Arrow,
Misho Joe Jessepe, Grandma Mary, Auntie "Ann" Juanita
Jessepe, Auntie Jodi, Grandma Rosanna & Buzz



Happy 11th Birthday

Kett Kut Quah
(Yolanda Solis)
on
February 10

Love,
Mom (Justina) & Gilbert
Grandma & Grandpa
(Judy & James Jackson)



Happy 13th
Birthday
to
Marcus Ortega
March 3

From
Nanny &
Uncle
Darnell

Happy 9th Birthday Arrow Lee Levier!
February 4

We love you very much!
your mom & I'll sister Jodi Jessepe &
Aislan Levier,

Misho Joe Jessepe, Grandma Mary,
Auntie Jackie, Uncle John, Auntie "Ann"
Juanita, Grandma Rosanna & Buzz,
Sydney, Sylvana, Alyssa & "Soup"



Happy Birthday

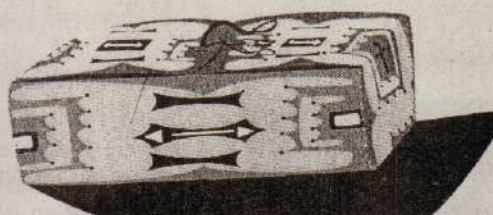
Gramma Mimi
on
February 23

Love,
Nsowahkwit



Happy Birthday
Gabriella M. Holstein
5 years old
on
January 15

Parents: Paul & Rusty
Grandparent: Mildred Holstein



Ganiñtèk (Those who are born)



Welcome!

Izabella Jean Holstein

Born: January 23, 2007
Place: Topeka, KS
Wt: 7 lbs. 10 oz.
Parents: Rusty & Paul Holstein
Sister: Gabriella "Gabby" Holstein
Grandparents: Millie Holstein & Sandy
& Ronnie Lozano
Great-grandparents: Kenny King &
James T. Holstein



Congratulations to
Tammy Darling
on winning her
second Emmy award for news
directing at
WSVN-TV, Miami.
She began a file tape library and
has worked her way up to direc-
tor. She earned a degree in
Communications and Directing
from Florida International
University.

(submitted by Rex Darling)

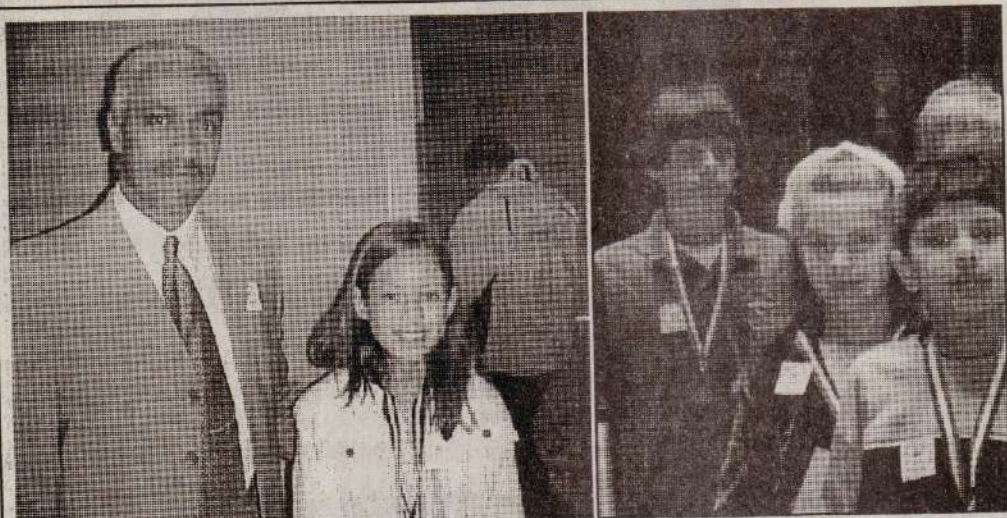


People News and Notes

Congratulations to
Johnathan Dahlsten
who is a member of the Humboldt (Iowa) High School
football team that took the state championship
at the Class 3A & District 2 level.

Johnathan is a senior and also involved in the wrestling
program at Humboldt High.

Submitted by his father, Steve Dahlsten



First place winners in the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Art & Essay Contest held in
Topeka recently were Sloane Dyer who is with John Nave, Topeka City Councilman (left
photo), and Roman Harjo III who is standing with some other award winners (right
photo). Sloane won for art work and Roman won for essay writing. Sloane is the daugh-
ter of Tribal Council Treasurer Ryan Dyer and his wife, Michelle. Roman is the son of
Roman and Ruth Harjo who are both in management at the Casino.

Congratulations to
Steve McDonald
for being selected
as a member of the
2006 PGA President's
Council on Growing the
Game.
Steve is a PGA professional
and was recognized for
his efforts in
increasing participation
in
Play Golf America
and ongoing support.

In memory of Cody Alan Baker

A scholarship fund has been
established for high school
seniors at Horton High School
in memory of
Cody Alan Baker.

Funds will be used to help
individuals
interested in a career
in aviation technology.

Please send donations to:
Dave Norman, Principal
1120 1st Ave. E
Horton, KS 66439





Reunion: 1930's boarding school friends reunite

By Kathy Slimmer

A journey that reunited two young boys, who had formed a friendship while in boarding school in the mid-1930's, began last fall. In September 2006, Dr. Kimberly Moore of the Delaware Tribe had traveled down to Oklahoma to attend the Delaware Days, which is an Annual Gathering of the Eastern Delaware. While at the Gathering, Dr. Moore was speaking with Ed Wilson a Delaware elder. Dr. Moore mentioned that she was going to begin working at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Health Clinic.

At the mention of Prairie Band Potawatomi, Ed Wilson came back to a period of time and a friend that he remembered. Ed Wilson was not sure what had become of his friend, Andrew "Andy" Mitchell, but he knew that Andy had been from Mayetta and was with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. Ed Wilson told Dr. Kimberly Moore to look up his best friend from the second grade.

After returning to Topeka, Dr. Moore was able to locate Andy through the Mayetta phone book and they arranged to meet each other. They met at Andy's home and Dr. Moore shared the story with Andy about how this classmate/friend of his, Ed Wilson, had told Dr. Moore about going to school with Andy. As young boys, Andy and Ed Wilson had met in the second grade at the Sequoyah Indian Boarding School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Dr. Moore told Andy how Ed Wilson had remembered him and asked Dr. Moore to

look him up.

Dr. Moore and Andy continued to stay connected, visiting and attending matters together, including Dr. Moore attending the Veteran's Pow-wow in Holton in November, where Andy was an honored veteran. Dr. Moore, during this time, determined that she was quite willing to assist the two men in getting reconnected. Dr. Moore stated that she would be willing to take Andy down to Oklahoma, to the community where Ed Wilson lives. Andy was excited about taking the trip with Dr. Moore and becoming reacquainted with his old friend.

At the end of January (2007) Ed Wilson and Andy saw each other after seventy years. The two men had gone to school from second to fifth grade at the Sequoyah Indian Boarding School. Their paths parted when Andy had come home in the summer after the fifth grade, and Joe Mitchell (Andy's father) had learned how mean the matron was at the school. Joe Mitchell went to the BIA and

asked that his son be withdrawn from school. Ed Wilson continued to attend the Sequoyah Indian Boarding School, graduating from that school, while Andy attended the Wahpeton Indian School in Wahpeton, North Dakota for the sixth grade.

Their reunion was made at the weekly cultural social night at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The three participated in the festivities and the Stomp Dance, with the two men reminiscing about their past lives and learning where the years had taken them. Andy had an aerial map/picture of the Sequoyah Indian Boarding School, as it was in the mid-30's, so they viewed the picture together and talked about those old times. "We had a good meeting, after not seeing each other for seventy years," stated Andy about returning from the visit.

Dr. Moore said of their reunion, "I was touched with the thought of these two young boys at the Sequoyah Indian School. Andy and Ed were sepa-

rated from their families and native culture then forced into an environment to learn a new language and follow strict rules for eating, chores and sleeping. I'm sure they leaned on each other to survive."

The next morning, the three met for breakfast along with Dr. Moore's parents. Ed gifted Andy with a Cherokee Pipe crafted from briar wood and Andy gifted Ed with his tobacco and the picture of the Sequoyah school. Following breakfast, Andy, Ed Wilson, and Dr. Moore all went to Woolaroc, which is a museum and wildlife preserve near Bartlesville, Okla. Woolaroc is a museum begun in 1929, with two rooms dedicated to Native Americans including lands known as Indian Territory.

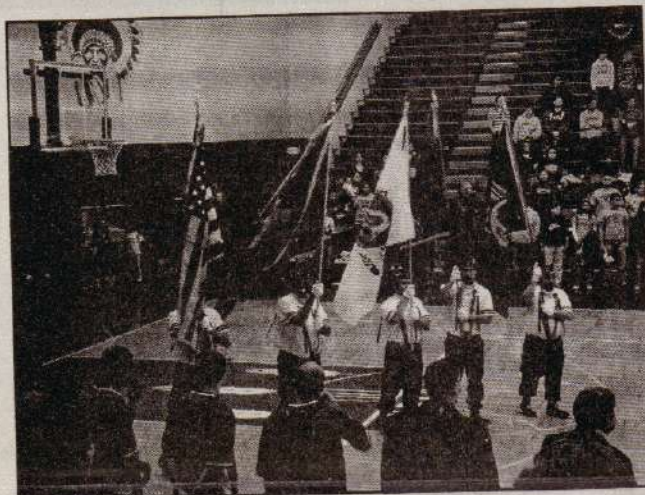
Author's note:

Whether it was two young boys having to leave their homes to attend boarding school or tribes being removed from their native lands, moments in history were written. These two young boys, after seventy years had a reunion that crossed the years. Andy said that he appreciated the visit, and he wanted to give special gratitude to Dr. Moore for not only making the connection between these men, after all the years, but also for making the visit and the reunion a possibility. Andy spoke of his appreciation for the gifts that Dr. Moore gave, including providing the transportation for this trip, etc. that made the two men's reunion a reality.



L-r: Andrew Mitchell, Prairie Band Potawatomi (Mayetta, Kan.); Dr. Kimberly Moore, Delaware (volunteer physician, PBPN Health Center); and Ed Wilson, Delaware (Copan, Okla.).

We-Ta-Se performs at Haskell Indian Nations University: Parade of Colors



At left, We-Ta-Se, American Legion Post 410, entered the Haskell Indian Nations University auditorium on February 10. Post 410 served as one of the color guard in the Parade of Colors.



Photos by Suzanne Heck

At right, Andy Mitchell, carried the Post 410 eagle staff at the Parade of Colors. Andy is a member of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410.



Young Prairie Band Potawatomi women excel in sports and provide good role models

College senior Amber Tecumseh plays her last home game for Haskell Indian Nations University Women's Basketball

Tribal member Amber Tecumseh played in her last home game at Haskell Indian Nations University on February 10 and was honored after the game by her coach, family and other members of the university.

Amber played guard and was recognized along with other senior players Melinda Adams, Tia Semallie, and Margaret Stevens. Head coach Phil Homeratha praised the team for sticking together and being such good role models. Each of the girls was given flowers and gifts and individually recognized.

At press time, the women's basketball team had made it to the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) playoffs.



During the game against Newman University, the team huddled together to hear what Coach Homeratha had to say.



Amber, number 11, went up for a shot during the game on the Haskell court.



Ralph Tecumseh, who has his back to the camera, is seen hugging his daughter, Amber. Ralph and Linda gave a rose and envelope to each senior during the ceremony and were mentioned as long time supporters by Coach Homeratha in his farewell speech to the women's team.



Amber and Tara also participated as part of the women's basketball team for the Indigenous Games in Denver last summer.

Royal Valley high school senior Tara Mitchell

By Gary Mitchell

One of the largest crowds to ever witness a Royal Valley High School's (RVHS) girl's basketball game on January 26 saw RVHS defeat number 2 ranked Pleasant Ridge 59-38. Royal Valley improved their overall record to 10-3 that night and with each game the girl's team has continued to show improvement over the last.

Of course more than a few fans also came from both the Potawatomi and Kickapoo Indian communities to see how Tara Mitchell would fare in the King and Queen of Courts contest and she didn't disappoint her many relatives and friends.

On the court during the girls game she scored 15 points, grabbed six rebounds, four steals, and four blocked shots. Defensively she also held her own against the opponent's top player who is a 6'1" center named Kate Stafford. Stafford scored 16 points and fouled out mid-way through the second half.

Tara's average for the year is 15.7 points a game and 11.7 rebounds a game and those averages put her among the state leaders. Her rebounding average puts her third in the state. In addition, a personal highlight was her 35-point performance in a 66-63 win over league rival Nemaha Valley. Tara also scored 23 points against Hiawatha.

During halftime of the boy's game, Tara was named Queen of Courts along with Josh Streeter who was chosen King through a vote of the student body. When they were officially named king and queen Tara and Josh received applause from the crowd. Other candidates were Andy Massey, Trent Andler, Jordan Beckerman and Haley Nocktonick.

Tara is the daughter of Joanna Mitchell

and Stephen Thorpe. Her grandparents are Gary and Voncile Mitchell, and Pat Lorentz. Tara's great grandfather or "Misho" is Maynard Potts, who attends most of her games. He is 91 years old. Other family members are her Aunt Martie, her brothers Nyeh Washkeh, Hooty, Pat ko shuk and her sister Kek.

Overall it was a good day in the Potawatomi neighborhood.



Josh Streeter and Tara Mitchell were named the Royal Valley High School King and Queen of Courts on January 29.

Photo courtesy of Holton Recorder

Tara Mitchell set the all-time second-best single game scoring performance ever by a Royal Valley High School Panther player against Nemaha Valley this season