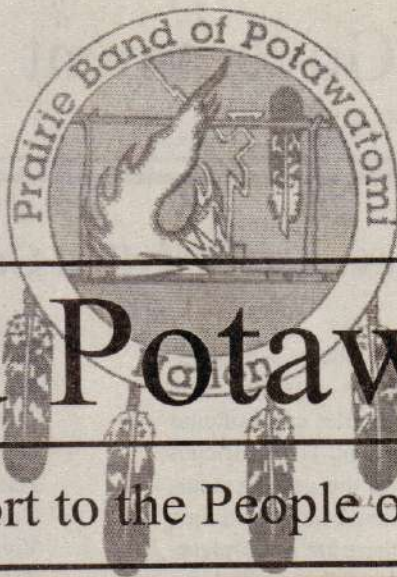


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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

PBPN reaches out to Shabbona community



At left, is Steve Ortiz, tribal chairman, with Matt Swanson, from DeKalb County, Ill., during a conference with the DeKalb Economic Development Corporation. Tribal Council made a trip to Illinois in February to meet with area citizens and leaders.

Four members of the Tribal Council made a visit to Shabbona, Illinois on February 23 and 24 to meet with local business and civic leaders and to offer their expertise and knowledge about the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) people and history.

Tribal Council members Steve Ortiz, Jim Potter, Ryan Dyer and Carrie O'Toole spent two days attending meetings, giving presentations, doing historical research and reaching out to area residents.

Other PBPN representatives who attended a meeting about the tribe's land in Illinois on February 23 included Tim Ramirez, director of public works, Chris DeCoteau, land manager, and Kathy Lake, an environmental engineer.

The primary focus of the Council's visit was to attend a breakfast conference that was sponsored by the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation held at Kishwaukee College in Malta. Also during their stay, Council members made a presentation to the Shabbona-Lee-Rollo Historical Society, provided updates to a free standing PBPN exhibit that is housed in the

Flewelin Memorial Library in Shabbona, and made a stop at the Sycamore Public Library to examine historical documents about Chief Shabeh-nay and to meet with DeKalb County Historian Phyllis Kelley.

In 2006 the PBPN purchased 128 acres of land near the community of Shabbona and are hoping to build an electronic bingo hall on the property. Presently the land is being evaluated by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) as to whether it should receive reservation status or not. The land was originally reserved by the 1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien for Chief Shabeh-nay and his Band which merged into and which is now recognized as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

An intergovernmental agreement between the PBPN and the Shabbona Village Board was struck last August where the board agreed to provide sewer and water service for the proposed gaming facility and pledged unanimous support for the project.

No date has been set by the NIGC as to when a determination will be made.

Mitchell, Eteeyan and Vega-Harjo win Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission seats: Run-off election March 31



Gary Mitchell



Rencie Eteeyan



Ruth Vega-Harjo

Gary Mitchell, Rencie Eteeyan and Ruth Vega-Harjo won seats in the Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission election on February 25 but due to no majority-plus-one-vote winner for Gaming Commission position #2, a run-off election will be held. Jancita C. Warrington, who had 168 (19.31%) votes in the first round, will face Larry Mzhickteno who received 151 (17.36%) votes on March 31.

Overall, there were 878 votes cast in the election. Mitchell won the Gaming Commission position #1 with 525 (59.79%) over Anna M. Wahwassuck Boswell who received 353 (40.21%) votes.

The Ethics Commission position #2 resulted in a vote count for Rencie Eteeyan with 620 (100.00%) and Ruth Vega-Harjo who won Ethics Commission position #3 with 681 (100.00%) votes. Both candidates ran unopposed.

Other vote counts for the Gaming Commission position #2 included Paula Hopkins with 112 (12.87%), Roy T. Ogden with 114

(13.10%), Donald "Jim" Shane with 44 (5.06%), Raphael Wahwassuck with 131 (15.06%), and Jacob M. "Tug" Wamego with 150 (17.24%).

Those assisting during the election were Tim Sanchez of Automated Election Service (AES), Albuquerque, Marty Hamlin, Joe Mendez, Frank Shopteese, Linda Yazzie, Leslie Marshno, Arlene Lingo, June Barber, Sam Grant and Steve Cook.

There was one protest of the vote count that was filed the following week. The Elections Board convened for a recount and concluded that the count was correct.

On March 6 a swearing-in ceremony was held for Gary Mitchell at the Bingo Hall and three days later Ruth Vega-Harjo and Rencie Eteeyan were sworn in at the Bingo Hall. Vice-chairperson Joyce Guerrero conducted the oaths of office to each of the new officers and several members of the Tribal Council and PBPN community attended the events.

More information about the election and swearing-in ceremonies are on page 5.

Marie Clement wins Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2009

PBPN member Marie Clement, Mayetta, Kan. was crowned 2009 Ms. Wheelchair Kansas at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kan. on March 15.

Marie won the pageant over Cherie Armstrong, Edwardsville, and Ashley Wagner of Leoti and Manhattan, in a series of events that were held over a two-day period.

Contestants were judged by a four-person panel in two personal interview sessions and on their accomplishments, self-perception, communication, and projection skills. The judging concluded with a platform speech presentation and two on-stage questions.

Marie's platform was about improving public

accessibility and developing an online forum for the disabled.

The contest was not a beauty contest but rather a competition to select an articulate, accomplished delegate who will serve as a role model and spokesperson for people with disabilities in Kansas.

Marie will travel throughout Kansas educating groups about the issues of importance to people with disabilities and share her voice and platform with the community through presentations, public appearances, and interaction with the media. She will also compete for the national title of Ms. Wheelchair America that will be held in Rapid City, S.D. in August.



See inside on pages 7-10 about the new changes at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort and photographs of tribal members who work there!

Tribal Council attends Inauguration Ball



The newest members of the Tribal Council (TC) and their families got to attend the American Indian Society Inaugural Ball held on January 20 in Washington, D. C. From left to right are Shayla and Chago Hale (TC), Joyce (TC), Aaron, and Shelly Guerrero, and Jim and Carrie O'Toole (TC). During their trip TC members also attended a summit meeting hosted by the National Congress of the American Indians and the National Indian Gaming Association. They also got to visit with members of Congress and did some sight-seeing during their trip.

(photo submitted by Jennifer Hale)

Champs again!



The Royal Valley Native American Dancers took first place in the Battle of the Plains dance competition that was held in Bartlesville, Okla. on January 24. The group has won the competition every year since 2005 except for 2007 when the competition was canceled due to snow. Tribal member Anita Evans and Connie Peters, are sponsors for the group and are teachers in the Royal Valley School District in Mayetta, Kan. The PBPN Boys & Girls Club also plays an active role in the development of the group above that performs at several events each year.

(photo submitted by Erin Pahmahmie)

PBPN will host this year's Gathering Aug 6-8 at Prairie Peoples Park



Important dates to remember

March 31
April 10
April 18
April 26
May 25
June 12-13

Run-off election for Gaming Commission #2
Government Offices Closed (Easter)
General Council Meeting
PBPN Earth Day
Government Offices closed (Memorial Day)
PBPN Annual Pow-wow





Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson

During the first quarter of 2009 Tribal Council continues to work on an agreement between the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) and Shabbona Township concerning roads. A traffic study report has been completed and sent to the township and Illinois Department of Transportation. Further meetings are being planned.

Tribal Council made a trip to the cities in DeKalb County to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation. Also, Tribal Council was introduced to the Shabbona School District Board, visited with Lake Shabbona Park officials on future development of the Shab-ey-nay reservation, and lastly met with officials of the local golf course about future plans and traffic concerns.

At this point Tribal Council still remains concerned that the Illinois State Attorney General will file a lawsuit against the PBP if any significant construction or rezoning occurs on the Shab-ey-nay property. There is, and continues to be, local support for the Shab-ey-nay project and Tribal Council is moving forward with an informational campaign about how our project will positively affect the job market in the DeKalb County area.

In addition, Tribal Council continues to await the opinion that was requested by the DeKalb County Commissioners to the National Indian Gaming Commission as to whether or not the Shab-ey-nay land is eligible for gaming. The opinion has not been rendered yet and coupled with that

is awaiting President Barack Obama's appointments at the Interior Department regarding who will be the new Assistant Secretaries and Solicitor General for the Interior Department. These officials will have decision authority on the gaming issue. Also in the loop with the National Indian Gaming Commission will be to see if there are any replacements made within it but as of this writing no appointments have been made. Due to this Tribal Council has chosen to wait until later in the second quarter to visit the new appointees in Washington, D.C.

In other business:

- During the first quarter Council Member Carrie O'Toole and I travelled to Oklahoma City to attend the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board meeting. The next board meeting will be held April 12 in Kansas at the Prairie Band Casino for tribes in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. The last meeting was productive and led to I.H.S. officials working with PBP on transition of the health facility to being operated by PBP completely without CR & Associates.
- Tribal Council continues to work together on focusing finances to pay off the original casino expansion loan of \$55 million. Positive progress has been made and we look forward to announcing its pay off in an April 2009 website news article.
- The Tribal Council has voted to go with Mar-Lan to build the new courthouse which will be located next to the health

- facility. Construction will begin during the second quarter.
- Tribal Council and General Council are needing Tribal Members to volunteer as Peacemakers for the Peacemakers Circle. If you are interested please contact Vivian Olsen, Tribal Attorney, at 1-877-715-6789.
- Kansas expanded gaming effort still continues to take unexpected turns. The bidding will close April 1, 2009 for the three remaining casino facilities. Only the Dodge City casino is under construction. The Kansas Legislature is not due to adjourn until mid-May or later.
- Tribal Council is working with members of the Drum Religion to renovate the Dance Grounds and work is underway.
- The 2009 Potawatomi Gathering Committee, headed by Laverne Hale, is working towards completing a schedule of activities that will include sunrise services, economic development meeting, language activities, powwow, give-away, registration and youth activities. Contact Laverne Hale for more information.
- Lastly, the Tribal Council is working on scheduling a town hall meeting in Wisconsin for 2009. No location or date has been set yet but that will be decided soon.

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)

Tribal Chairman



LEFT: From l to r is Jim Potter, Carrie O'Toole, Ada Gallagher, librarian, and Steve Ortiz at the Flewellin Memorial Library in Shabbona. They are posing in front of a PBP exhibit that has been placed in the library.

(photos courtesy of Sarafin & Associates)



ABOVE: From l to r is Paul Borek, DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation (DCEC) executive director, Ryan Dyer, Jim Potter, and Gary Evans, DCEC's incoming president. The men were at a breakfast conference.



Message to the Nation from Joyce Guerrero, Tribal Council Vice-Chairperson

Tribal Council continues to work on numerous projects including attending meetings here at the government center, Prairie Band Casino, with Jackson County officials, the Four Tribes, and visiting with the new Superintendent at the Horton Agency.

Traveling to meetings and conferences helps us to gain information and support in our endeavors for the Nation. I, and other council members, were also at the Kansas State Legislature last week attending committee hearings. We were there in opposition of Senate Bill 273 that was recently presented to the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee. Just as we opposed expansion of state gaming, we oppose any more amendments that gambling promoters are attempting in this bill.

We are also monitoring the progress of the stimulus monies and a meeting was held last month with the General Manager and all department heads to form a committee and submit ideas to apply for funds. I attended the winter session of National Congress of the American Indians (NCAI) held in Washington, D.C. and heard from federal officials about what is being considered and what funds

were available and contact information which I brought back and handed out.

The message received from the two-day meeting was positive for Indian people. They talked about the many firsts for Indian Country, appointments of Native Americans to federal level offices, and a President who is committed to Indian affairs.

We had swearing-in ceremonies last week. One gaming commissioner and two ethic commissioners were sworn in. We still have the run-off for the other gaming commissioner and those will be counted on March 31st.

As a gaming commissioner from 2002-2007, I had opportunities to visit other tribes' gaming facilities. Training session regulators frequently discussed options on how to structure gaming commissions. The majority of tribes appoint gaming commissions and do not elect as the PBP do. The challenge is, that if appointed by tribal council, you may feel that your decisions are influenced by council. On the other hand, I was questioned as to how do we, as elected gaming commissioners, make difficult decisions that are sometimes required when you have to be politicians also? Can you be an effective regulator when you are in campaign mode?

One thing for certain per the Indian

Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and our tribal state compact, we will always have a Gaming Commission. I think it is great to see so many candidates in these elections. To say you are ready for the responsibilities and commitment that these jobs require is commendable.

Last Saturday many came to the bingo hall to eat, enjoy the music, and visit with friends and show support for a newly organized Alcohol & Drug Resource Center named "Blue Earth Recovery" based in Topeka, Kan. Organizer Terry CrossBear, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, hopes to network with local agencies and the PBP Alcohol & Drug Program as well as Parr Recovery House to assist Native American inter-tribally enrolled members in the area. More detailed information is in this newspaper.

Hope all is well with everyone and that we will soon be enjoying some more warm weather as the seasons change to spring. Also, locally if you can check out the Prairie Band Casino's newly remodeled floor and buffet it is classy and awesome. They did a great job!

Sincerely,
Joyce Guerrero



Tribal Council pictured from left to right: Seated — Carrie O'Toole, member, Steve Ortiz, chairperson, and Joyce Guerrero, vice-chairperson. Standing — James M. Potter, secretary, Chago Hale, member, Ryan Dyer, treasurer, and Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, member.

New Superintendant at BIA-Horton Agency

Robin Bellmard, Kaw, has been named the Superintendant for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) at the Horton Agency.

She has degrees in anthropology and land planning/transportation and has worked in the BIA for approximately 10 years.

She is a native of Oklahoma.



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Spring

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Fall

Deadline for News: September 1
Publish Date: September 23

Winter

Deadline for News: December 1
Publish Date: December 16



Steve Ortiz speaks at 'Living the Dream' Luncheon in Topeka



Left:
Chairman
Ortiz
speaking
to the
crowd.

Inset: Carrie O'Toole and Jim
Potter at the luncheon.

Steve Ortiz, tribal chairman, spoke to a large crowd at the 3rd Annual Living the Dream, Inc. Community Leadership Recognition Luncheon held at the Ramada Inn in Topeka January 16.

Tribal Council members Jim Potter and Carrie O'Toole also attended the event. The purpose of the luncheon was to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King and to recognize community leaders in Topeka who have contributed to King's vision.

During his presentation, Ortiz said that Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) gaming had led to the economic success of the Nation and that, despite what some people think, the tribe does pay taxes and employs a lot of workers. To back his claim, he said that the Nation's government has around 250 people on its payroll and that approximately 850 people are employed at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

Ortiz further said that since gaming began the Nation has been able to make several donations to Topeka groups.

"We've given over \$6 million to approximately 258 organizations and many of them are represented here today."

He concluded by saying that Martin Luther King Day is a day that deserves great recognition.

"I went to school in the 1960s and I have witnessed the changes that have been made from the Civil Rights Movement to Barack Obama becoming president of the United States. It just proves to me that dreams do happen."

Other speakers at the luncheon included Graham Bailey, Vice President of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Shawnee County Sheriff Richard Barta, Michael Padilla, Kansas Alcohol Beverage Control Bureau, and Pastor Tobias Schlingensiepen of the First Congregational Church, as well as others who gave shorter presentations.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce/GO Topeka/Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program and is one of several events scheduled during the Living the Dream Week. Living the Dream, Inc. includes a series of activities and events that was founded in 1985 by Topeka community leader Robert Bugg who was also recognized at the luncheon.

Meet Mark Dodd the new tribal attorney



Mark Dodd, Cherokee Tribe of Oklahoma, is the new tribal attorney for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) and began his duties on January 20.

Dodd holds a juris doctorate from the University of Kansas (KU) and completed the Tribal Lawyer Certificate Program as part of his degree. In addition, while in law school, he held the position of Student Director for the Tribal Law & Government Center for one and 1/2 years and served as vice president of the Native American Student Law Association chapter at KU. After he graduated in 2006, he practiced law for two and 1/2 years with Hines & Ahlquist P.A. in Erie, Kansas.

When asked about his new position with the PBP, Dodd said that he was excited about the opportunity to work in tribal law and was looking forward to his work with the Nation.

He was raised on a farm in northeast Texas and comes from a large family. He was also a missionary in Mexico for two years and holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Brigham Young University. He is married with four children.

Dodd's office is located on the upper level of the PBP Government Center next to the Tribal Council offices.

Ethics Commission news



Members of the Ethics Commission have been meeting periodically and are developing a code of ethics for the Nation's officials. In the photo, left to right, are Trilby Wahwasuck, Frank Tecumseh, Ruth Vega-Harjo, Tony Wahweotten, and Virginia LeClere. The photo was taken last winter at the Government Center. Vega-Harjo and Wahweotten were sitting in on the meeting.



Ruth Vega-Harjo and Rencie Eteeyan shake hands after being sworn in to office on March 9 at the Bingo Hall.

Ethics Commission

Shirley Trull, chairperson
Trilby Wahwasuck, vice-chairperson
Virginia LeClere, secretary
Frank Tecumseh, commissioner #1
Rencie Eteeyan-commissioner #2
Ruth Vega-Harjo-commissioner #3

Court system changes take place: Judicial Council members sworn in

Overview of the Judicial Council

In 1992 by Tribal Council Resolution No. 92-55, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation established and activated a court system pursuant to the Tribal Constitution, comprising of a Tribal District Court and Court of Appeals. The Dispute Resolution System was modified by constitutional amendment in 2008 wherein there was established a separate and independent branch of government, a Judicial Council of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The Judicial Council is comprised of a judge of the District Court, justices of the Court of Appeals and magistrates of the Employment Disputes Tribunal. Also established is a separate mediating branch known as Peacemakers Circle.

The District Court is a general jurisdiction Court of record that hears all matters within the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's jurisdiction except for election and employment related disputes.

The Employment Disputes Tribunal has the responsibility for deciding all government employment related disputes and is comprised of five (5) magistrates.

The Peacemakers Circle members are determined by the General Council and they shall have the authority for mediating disputes voluntarily submitted to them by the parties.

The Court of Appeals is the Court of last resort to which appeals may be taken from the District Court. The judicial decisions of the Court of Appeals are final and are not subject to further appeal.

(excerpt from www.pbpindiantribe.com-judicial-council)



ABOVE are members of the Healing to Wellness Court posing with two of the court's judges and the Tribal Council chairman. From left to right are Brian Jones, Benny Potts, Chairman Steve Ortiz, Juanita Jessepe, Elaine Mzhickteno-Barr, Mary LeClere, Chief Justice John Wabaunsee, Nathan Hale, District Judge Stacy Leeds, and Mike Boswell.

The Tribal Court had a busy week in February when members of the Judicial Council were officially sworn in to office on February 11 and 13. Changes made to the Nation's Constitution in 2008 (see sidebar left) made the reappointments of some previous members of the Tribal Court necessary and the swearing in of some new appointments to the Nation's court.

On February 11 Ed Colozzo, the new tribal prosecutor, and Stacy Leeds, Judge of the District Court, were both sworn in which was followed by the swearing in of five magistrates of the Employment Disputes Tribunal who received their positions either through an employee election or by appointment. They include Mary LeClere, Paul Vega, Lori Wahwasuck, Mike Shobney, and Steve Duryea.

Also sworn in on February 11, but considered a separate group from the Tribe's Judicial Council, were members of a Healing to Wellness Court, comprised of individuals that will assist in the implementation of an adult treatment program for non-violent substance abusers. The drug court, that is administered by the Tribal Court, was made possible by a large grant from the U.S. Department of Justice awarded to the PBP last fall. Members of that court include Nathan Hale, Mike Boswell, Mary LeClere, Elaine Mzhickteno-Barr, Juanita Jessepe, Benny Potts, and Brian Jones.

On February 13 three justices of the Court of Appeals were sworn in by Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council chairperson. All three justices have served

on the court since 1993 but were officially reappointed to comply to the modified 2008 constitution. John Wabaunsee (PBP) Chief Justice, was the first to be sworn in followed by Associate Justices Francis Skenandore (Oneida) and Joseph Young (PBP).



ABOVE is a photo taken in Tribal Court chambers on February 13 after the Justices of the Court of Appeals took their oaths of office. From left to right is Steve Ortiz, Joyce Guerrero, John Wabaunsee, Carrie O'Toole, Jim Potter, Royetta Rodewald, Francis Skenandore, and Joseph A. Young. Rodewald is the Judicial Administrator for the Tribal Court and Wabaunsee, Skenandore, and Young are Court of Appeals Justices. Others in the photo are members of the Tribal Council.

planned for construction and scheduled to open next year east of the Potawatomi Health Center on 158 Road.



ABOVE is Ed Collazo on the left, who is shaking hands with Chairman Steve Ortiz after being sworn in as the new PBP tribal prosecutor. Collazo is an attorney at law and has an office in Topeka.



LEFT is Stacy Leeds being sworn in as the District Court Judge on Feb. 11 by Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council chairman, and Chief Justice Wabaunsee. In addition to her duties with the PBP Tribal Court, Stacy is a professor of law and directs the Tribal Law and Government Center at KU's School of Law.

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Out and about

New Environmental Health Officer hired in IHS Holton Field Office



Jamison S. Honeycutt

Jamison S. Honeycutt is the new Environmental Health Officer/Project Officer in the field office of the Indian Health Services (IHS) in Holton. Honeycutt is presently handling two jobs at the Environmental Health Services division including being the Project Officer and the Sanitation Facilities Construction division engineer until a sanitation engineer is hired.

His previous work experience includes working in similar positions for the state of Virginia and on the Navajo Reservation near Chinle, Arizona.

Honeycutt replaces David Hogner who left the Holton position in April to become the District Environmental Health Officer for the Oklahoma Area IHS.

Honeycutt works in the office with Barbara Tims, who has been with Indian Health for over 21 years, and is a tribal member.

The goal of the IHS Division of Environmental Health Services is to enhance the safety and health of Native American people for whom the IHS provides service. Program areas include general environmental health, institutional environmental health and community injury prevention.

Area law enforcement officers attend training on domestic violence cases



Jacque Spradling, a leading prosecutor, taught a day-long seminar on how to report on domestic violence cases in the courts to police officers on January 7 at the Government Center.

Approximately 30 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and victim's services professionals attended an *Investigating Domestic Violence Cases* training held at the PBPB Government Center January 7.

Jacque Spradling, who is the Assistant District Attorney of Shawnee County in the Domestic Violence Unit, and has been in the field for seventeen years, led the training that focused on specific information that prosecutors need to have from law enforcement officers in order to prosecute cases successfully.

Those who attended the day-long training were officers from Shawnee County, all of the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department, and law personnel from the surrounding region. Spradling illustrated her points through a power point presentation and by distributing handouts.

The training was sponsored by the Tribal Victims Assistance Program that is under the direction of the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department. The program is supported by a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Program and U. S. Department of Justice.

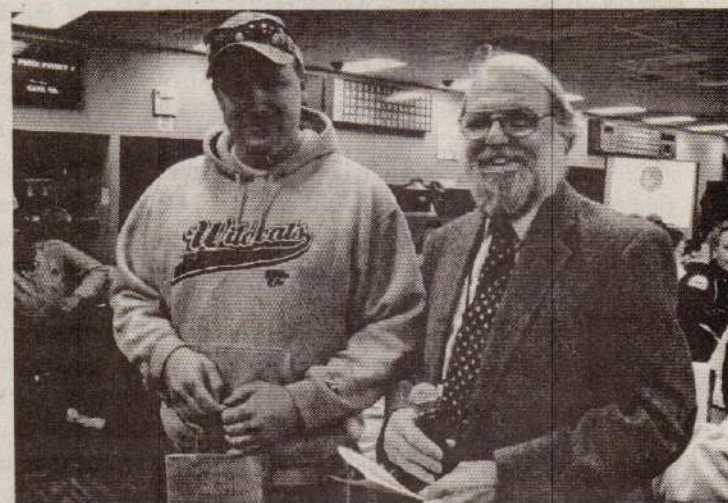
The Tribal Police Department also has other law enforcement trainings scheduled for this spring.

Timekeeping system updated



The PBPB has upgraded its Kronos timekeeping system. The new upgrade will allow employees the ability to view their annual and sick leave accrual balances and to receive messages and schedules from their supervisors, if needed. In the photo (with back to camera on the far left) is Audrey Oliverius from the Finance Department, teaching employees last December how to use the new system.

Employee meeting held in January



Above left, is Chris DeCoteau with Walt Racker after Chris was announced as the Employee of the Month for December. Walt is a member of the Employee-of-the-Month Committee and made the announcement during an All-Employee meeting held on January 23 at the Bingo Hall. Chris works for Land Maintenance and Walt is in the Finance Department.

Upcoming events at Prairie Peoples Park

Prairie Band Pow-wow
Potawatomi Gathering

June 12-14
Aug. 6-9

Information for Crime Victims & Witnesses
brochure now available
Email: rjones@pbpnation.org or call 785.966.3024

Department of Planning & Environmental Protection News



The Department of Planning sponsored a Hazardous Materials Emergency Responder (HAZWOPER) 40-hour training for PBPB employees and members February 2-6 at the Bingo Hall. A mock-disaster drill was held on the last day that had some trainees dressed in decontamination suits to go through an on-hands exercise. DIRECTLY ABOVE, in the foreground, is Virginia LeClere with Erin "Kumos" Hubbard. ABOVE, FAR RIGHT, is Robbie Griffith, suited up, with Charles Dusha, an instructor with McKinzie Environmental, Lenexa, Kan. who taught the course that day. DIRECTLY RIGHT, is Wade Schneider (left) and Barb Cornelius (right) who also participated in the training. LeClere, Hubbard, and Griffith are with the PBPB Public Works Department, and Schneider works for Tribal Police. Cornelius was formerly a Legislative Assistant in the Tribal Council Treasurer's office.



Don't forget to come to the Earth Day celebration April 26 at Prairie Peoples Park



LEFT: Erin "Kumos" Hubbard gave a presentation about recycling at the All-Employee meeting on January 23 and handed out coffee and drink cups that had the message to "Reduce, Reuse & Recycle" on them. Reminding people to recycle is a big part of an informational program that Kumos has been working on as a Solid Waste Specialist for the PBPB Division of Planning & Environmental Protection. The division, as part of its regular work, picks up recyclables weekly from various buildings on the reservation that include pop bottles, aluminum pop cans, newspapers, office paper, magazines, tin cans, boxes and office shred (long pieces only).

Steve Duryea 2008 Employee of the Year



Steve Duryea has been named the 2008 Employee of the Year.

Steve has worked for the tribe since 2004 and recently began working as an EMT in the Potawatomi Fire Department. Before that time, he worked in the Planning and Environmental Protection Department (EPA) as a Global Positioning System (GPS/Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technician. He was also involved in the department's composting program, solid waste management program, and has also served as the Tribe's official building inspector.

Steve is a member of the Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) and has been instrumental in mapping many facets of the reservation including an inventory of storm shelters and roadways, for example.

In addition to the Employee-of-the-Year honor, Steve was recently elected by the Nation's employees to represent them as a magistrate on the Employees Disputes Tribunal.

He has a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from Texas A & M and has also served in the Coast Guard.

2008 Employees of the Month

- Paula Hopkins (January)
- No employee (February)
- Renia Rodriguez (March)
- Jayne Wooten (April)
- Doneka Eteeyan (May)
- No employee (June)
- Michelle Emmert (July)
- No employee (August)
- No employee (September)
- Steve Duryea (October)
- Tracy Rogers (November)
- Chris DeCoteau (December)

Employees are nominated by other employees through a written nomination form that is submitted to an Employee of the Month Committee. The purpose of the committee is to select employees for the monthly and year-end awards.

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Above are employees milling about before the All-Employee meeting held January 23. The Human Resources Department holds periodic meetings to update employees on important matters that affect them. This year meetings will be held quarterly instead of monthly as in the past.

Jackie Cummings has been appointed a magistrate on the Employees Disputes Tribunal



Highlights of the Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission Election



ABOVE: Marty Hamlin, election judge, with Arlene Lingo, election board member, finishing up the paper work.



ABOVE: Kelly Mills waiting for the election results with daughter Marley.



ABOVE: Election Day at the Bingo Hall on February 25.



ABOVE: Aaron Hale signing in and visiting with June Barber.



LEFT: Tribal Council with the newly elected Ethics Commissioners.

RIGHT AND BELOW: Joyce Guerrero, vice-chairperson, giving the oath of office to the winners. Ruth and Rencie were sworn in March 9. Gary took the oath March 6.



RIGHT: Left to right, Rencie Eteeyan, Nancy Conboy (sitting), Barush Escamilla, and Josette Whitlock who are members of Rencie's family at the Ethics Commission Swearing-in ceremony.



RIGHT: Left to right, Linda Tecumseh, Ruth Vega-Harjo, Roman Harjo and Linda Yazzie who are members of Ruth's family.



Don't forget to mail in your ballot for the run-off election for Gaming Commissioner. Votes will be counted on March 31.



ABOVE: Tribal Council with Gary Mitchell and some of the Gaming Commissioners after Gary was sworn in.



ABOVE: Siblings Gary Mitchell, Lisa Wamego, and Eddie Joe Mitchell.

Bowie, the police canine, and Officer John Hurla cited for bravery in the line of duty



Police officer John Hurla, and Bowie, the police canine, were recognized for bravery in front of a large crowd at the All-Employee meeting held at the Bingo Hall on January 23.

During the meeting, Officer Hurla and Bowie were honored with a Meritorious Service Citation that was issued by Tribal Council and read out loud by Chief of Police Sam Grant, who gave a framed copy to Hurla and his wife, Rebecca, who was also at the meeting. Part of the citation read, "Both Officer Hurla and Canine Bowie maintained their composure and conducted themselves in the highest tradition of Law Enforcement."

"I was surprised by the award," Hurla said. "I had no idea this was coming but I am very pleased that it did."

On December 15 Hurla and Bowie were involved in a car-chase

incident where shots were exchanged and Bowie was shot in the neck. The assailant, John Bradshaw, also received minor injuries but his companion, Nicole Miller, and Officer Hurla were not harmed. After the shoot out, Bradshaw and Miller were arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder in connection with the incident and taken to the Jackson County Detention Center.

Before the formal presentation, Hurla conducted a drug-finding demonstration with Bowie who has fully recovered from his injury. Bowie is a Belgian Shepherd and has been with the Tribal Police Department for approximately 1 1/2 years. Hurla has been with department for eight years. Hurla and Bowie have both trained extensively together at the Kansas Highway Patrol in Topeka and attend refresher trainings regularly.

Keeping the Nation safe



Approximately 45 law enforcement personnel attended a training on Homeland Security at the Bingo Hall on March 13. In the photo above are members of the PBP Tribal Police who attended the training that was sponsored by Western Oregon University as part of the Regional Collaboration & Tribal Partnerships program. In addition, the Tribal Police Department will sponsor a Tribal Methamphetamine course on April 8 and 9 at the Bingo Hall.

We-Ta-Se News

We-Ta-Se held an open house on March 19 to showcase some new displays and exhibits they've acquired.



Upcoming We-Ta-Se activities

April 3-5	First District American Legion Convention
April 8-9	Boys & Girls Club, We-Ta-Se Health Conference
May 24	Casino Cemetery Visits
25	Potts Place Memorial Day Ceremony
June 12-14	Great Overland Station, Topeka PBP Pow-wow
Aug. 6-8	Prairie Peoples Park Gathering
Sept. 4-6	Prairie Peoples Park Shawnee County Allied Tribes Pow-wow, Topeka
Sept. 26	Veterans Pow-wow
Oct. 3	Prairie Peoples Park Mayetta Pioneer Day Parade

Education Department offers courses in upgraded computer lab



Above, are employees learning about Microsoft 2007 in the Education Department's computer lab that is located on the lower level of the Government Center.

The Education Department has recently upgraded the computer lab with new computers and monitors. computer-training courses and work-related courses like Introduction to Financial Planning and Effective Time Management.

This spring the Department is offering more For information call 785.966.2960.

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Provide mental health counseling services to all persons qualified; facilitate MRT group therapy sessions, make recommendations, referrals and support. Work directly with the Tribal Police Program Manager, the Family Violence Prevention Coordinator, and the Director of Social Services. Assist the Family Violence Prevention Coordinator in community awareness outreach.

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Health Center

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Jerry Briscoe is the new director of the Potawatomi Health Center

On December 21 Jerry Briscoe began working as the new administrator for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center.

Jerry is a tribal member and before becoming administrator, conducted a practicum at the Health Center in partial fulfillment for his master's degree in Public Health from the University of Kansas (KU). As part of his practicum, he shadowed Center Administrator John Holtz, who will remain at the Center during the management transition.

Briscoe's other credentials also include possessing a bachelor's of science degree in American Indian Studies from Haskell Indian Nations University and having previously worked as a Research Associate in the American Indian Community Health program at KU.

When asked about his new position, Briscoe said, "One of my goals is to enhance the communication efforts with the community and the Health Center – this is the community's center and we want to ensure that their health needs are being met by the services which are provided."

The Health Center is a state-of-the-art health facility built in 2006 and located on 158 Road on the Prairie Band reservation. It consists of three wings that provide medical, dental, and social services and it offers educational programs and other wellness materials for American Indian people.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center received an excellent to very good rating for overall quality service in its 2008 Medical Clinic Patient Satisfaction Survey. High marks were also given for the Dental Clinic too!
For a copy of the survey results call 785.966.8303

RIGHT: Jerry Briscoe in the lobby of the PBP Health Center. Jerry is a tribal member.



Chair exercise class held at the Elder Center



Above, seated in the forefront, is Jeanette Little Sun, PBP Community Health Nurse, who led a group in chair exercise at the Firekeepers Elder Center February 3. The group meets once a week to exercise to a video called "Seated Strength: Native American Chair Exercises" which is just one of the many programs sponsored by the Diabetes Prevention Program that are taking place this year. For more information about the wellness programs call Steve Corbett, 785.966.8271.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program held their quarterly meeting March 11 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort

Tribal Council met with faculty from the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and members of the PBP Indian Health Center and Social Services Department on January 28 in Council chambers to discuss expanding the School's internship program with the PBP and developing other programs with the school.

Following the meeting with the larger group, Council met with the three KU representatives and Dr. Venida Chenault, who is a Visiting Scholar at KU this year, about an endowment possibility for a Native Ph.D. scholars program. Venida is a PBP member and also the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Besides Chenault, those from KU included Dean Mary Ellen Kondrat, Dr. Rick Spano, Associate Professor, and Michelle Levy, Research Associate.

In related news, the PBP Department of Social Services plans to take part in a \$2.5 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services that will be administered by the School of Social Welfare. The grant will provide funds to build a statewide training program for child welfare workers and agencies in Kansas and the four tribes who provide services under the Indian Child Welfare Act will also be able to take part in the five-year effort.

Mary Sands, PBP's Social Services Director, sits on the Advisory Board in the School of Social Welfare at KU and will help in the project for the Tribe.

PBPN Tribal Council meets with KU's School of Social Welfare

--intern program and other exchanges with the School on the horizon



Tribal Council meeting with KU's School of Social Welfare and the Health Center staff.

Behavioral Health Services back at the PBP Health Center



Licensed social worker Cindy Kelly in her office at the PBP Health Center.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center has reactivated the Behavioral Health services component at the Center and Cindy Kelly, LMSW, who was with the program before, has returned as the medical social worker. Cindy began her duties February 2 and has an office located in the Center's west wing.

Behavioral Health services includes individuals, couples, and family assessment, counseling, and/or referral for children through senior age. The Health Center staff will continue to look at several options for expanding the existing services and plans to keep the community updated on program additions as they develop. Appoint-

ments are scheduled through Cindy and can be made by calling 785.966.8244. Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Currently, there are no psychiatric services available.

Cindy Kelly is a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas. Her father was a member of the Iowa Tribe and her mother was an Oklahoma Delaware tribal member. She has lived in northeast Kansas most of her life and attended schools in Lawrence, Kansas. She graduated from Haskell and also received social work degrees at the University of Kansas.

Cindy is a licensed masters level social worker

and has work experience and training in abuse/neglect investigations of children and the elderly, case management, trauma response, crisis intervention, psychotropic medications, family preservation, program administration, and therapeutic counseling.

"I am honored to be working for the Potawatomi Nation again," she said when interviewed. "I am looking forward to working in the community, being a part of the vision of the Clinic, and the future of the Tribe."

Questions & answers about Behavioral Health Services

(article previously published in the November 2007 issue of the Potawatomi News)
Editor's Note: Some updates have been made to the article in regard to current services

By Cindy Kelly, LMSW

Behavioral Health Services are available at the clinic Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed Tuesday afternoon for administrative duties. You can schedule an appointment in person at the clinic, call the office at 966-8244, or be referred through your PBP Clinic provider, through a tribal department, or through a community resource. Behavioral Health Services includes counseling, medication monitoring, resource acquisition/connection, and/or referral.

The following are some frequently asked questions about the Behavioral Health Services program.

Are you a doctor?

No, I am not a doctor. I earned a masters-level social work degree from the University of Kansas, and am licensed to practice social work in the state of Kansas.

Can you prescribe medications?

No, I can recommend certain medications to the clinic providers. The providers are Doctors Harter, Stevenson, and Pruiksmas, as well as the Nurse Practitioner Nola Ahlquest-Turner who prescribe medications. I also have training and education in the area of psychotropic medications.

Can you schedule an appointment for counseling or psychiatric services at the front desk?

No, I schedule my own appointments. You can request to see me for scheduling at the front desk or call directly to my office at 785.966.8244. I will try to accommodate your schedule as much as possible.

If I used to go to another clinic or saw another doctor and I want to begin services at the PBP Health Clinic will I be able to receive all my medications that I need on the day that I have my appoint-

ment with the PBP Health Clinic?

It depends. If you have your medical records sent to the clinic before the appointment or hand-carry them to the appointment, this will help. However, it is not a guarantee that your medication will be filled automatically. There should be a documented history of your medications. There will be several aspects to consider regarding the type of medications you have been prescribed as well as your previous diagnosis for receiving that medication. Also, this pharmacy may or may not stock the medication. After your initial session, and consultation, a provider may request that an appointment be scheduled with him/her as soon as possible. Situations and circumstances vary, so feel free to ask questions when you schedule your initial appointment.

I've never been seen before at the PBP Health Clinic, and I don't think my medications are working any more. What do I do?

If you were seen previously by another mental health provider and you don't have any up to date records (or any mental health records) at the clinic, you will either need to request those prior to your appointment, or hand-carry them to your appointment. To change or discontinue any prescribed medication, it would be better to consult your provider and do so with his/her approval. However, if you are establishing new services at this clinic, then you will need to schedule an appointment with one of the clinic doctors. After that appointment, the doctor may refer you to Behavioral Health Services to receive ongoing maintenance. Your previous medical records will need to be in your chart prior to being seen at that initial medical appointment.

I am working with the Prairie Band Vocational Rehabilitation Department and need a mental health evaluation for their services. Can I get one through you?

Yes, this is possible. I work regularly with the PBP vocational rehabilitation staff. There is a specific form they will send over, and request to be completed in a timely manner. I will do my best to accommodate the referral's schedule and complete the form so that the referral can fulfill their requirements needed through this office.

I need a mental health evaluation for substance abuse treatment through the Prairie Band Alcohol & Drug Program. Can I get one through behavioral health?

Yes, this is possible. I also work regularly with the PBP Alcohol & Drug Program staff. I understand that occasionally appointments are needed on an urgent basis due to substance abuse program bed availability. We have been able to successfully work through emergencies and deadlines. I have developed an assessment form that is accepted at the substance abuse programs that the Alcohol & Drug Program utilizes for their referrals.

What should I expect in my first appointment?

The initial appointment consists of a lot of paperwork. When appointments are scheduled, an intake form is either given to you or sent through the mail. This is provided prior to the appointment in order for you to fill it out and to bring it to the first session. The form will be reviewed and information clarified at that time. Historical and current information will be solicited to determine a current diagnosis. At that time, or at the following appointment, a treatment plan will be developed to address specific issues in which you are seeking treatment. As the goals are reached, new goals can be developed, or you can terminate services. If medication is recommended, and upon your request, then consultation with one of the clinic providers will be requested to review your information. That provider may prescribe medications, or request that you to come in and be seen by them in person. Again, circumstances and situations will vary.

Do you see children?

Yes. There are specific intake forms that need to be filled out for children. These may be received through a phone request, or inquiring at the clinic check-in desk. The first appointment is to gather history and current information regarding the request for services. Depending upon their age and attention span, a child may be seen for 30-60 minutes. Consultation with a parent and/or caregiver is recommended before or after each session.



Prairie Band Casino & Resort has a new image, a new buffet and a new gaming floor that will make you want to 'Play With The Band'

Prairie Band Casino & Resort rolls out a new logo

Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBC&R) has a new brand image that was developed to associate the values of the Nation more closely to the casino. Combining elements of the PBP logo, like the flame, for example, lets people know what the PBP stands for: having a deep respect for nature and being the "keepers of the fire."

In addition, the new image contains bold lettering of the casino's name and was designed to exude a clean and modern feel. Fun and excitement is what casino gaming should bring and the new brand image was created with that concept in mind.

The casino's marketing team said a new brand image was needed to appeal more directly to the casino's target audience and that they also wanted an image that would translate well into all media

channels and outlets.

The one component that is remaining the same is the casino's "Play with the Band" tag line. The slogan was so creative that it won a prestigious Davey Award in 2008 and is only given to top-notch small marketing, advertising and media firms like the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

In April a professional photo shoot is planned of the new casino renovations and will become available on the casino's website. Photos will feature a new buffet, a remodeled gaming area, and a new longer bar. Another area on the gaming floor, that is presently under construction, will allow space for more slot machines expected at a future point in time.

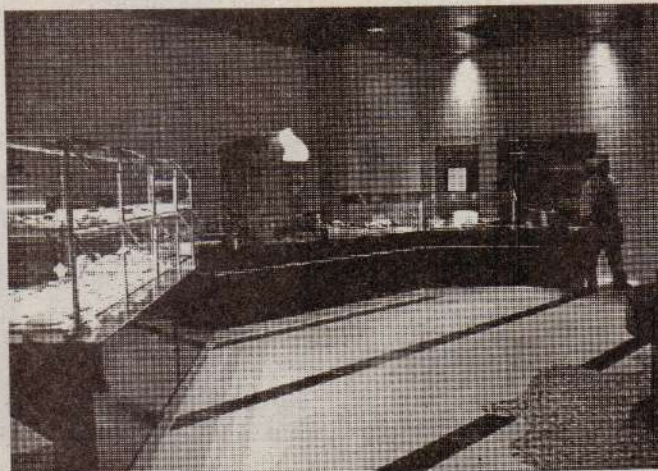


THE LONGHOUSE BUFFET

The newly remodeled buffet has a traditional Potawatomi interior and new and different menu offerings

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort is proud to announce the Longhouse Buffet, formerly known as the Village Garden Buffet.

The buffet's interior features a fireplace, four spacious seating areas complete with new modern furnishings, better lighting, new art work, and more. It is highlighted by much of the



existing casino architecture that has stone columns and earth tone colors.

On the buffet, in addition to the normal comfort foods, is a salad station with 21 different dressing options, Asian foods, and a dessert station that includes fresh baked cookies and a soft serve, self-serve ice cream swirl dispenser.

The casino's management would like to thank you for your patience and patronage during the renovation and invites you to dine in at the new Longhouse Buffet.

Meet Robbi Jenkins, PBC&R's new Executive Chef

In my everyday work at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort my responsibility is setting the culinary standards of the casino's restaurants and food service venues; training and developing our team members; writing menus and recipes; determining which food products by which purveyors are utilized. My opportunities to cook regularly are far too few, but I love working "the line" in Three Fires Steakhouse, or preparing a meal for a banquet event.

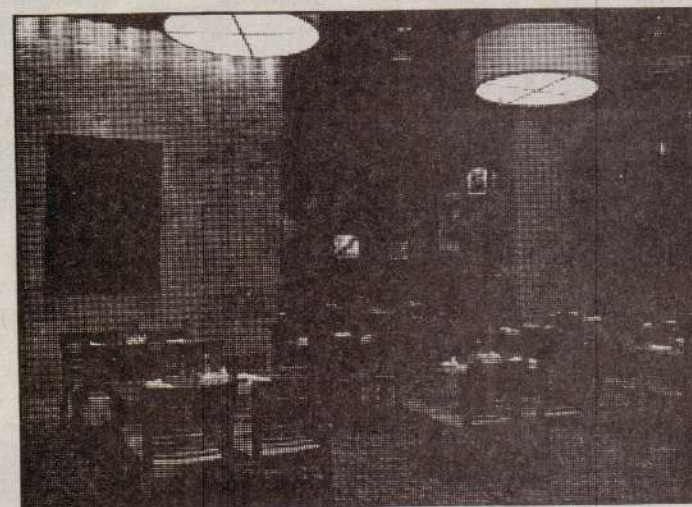
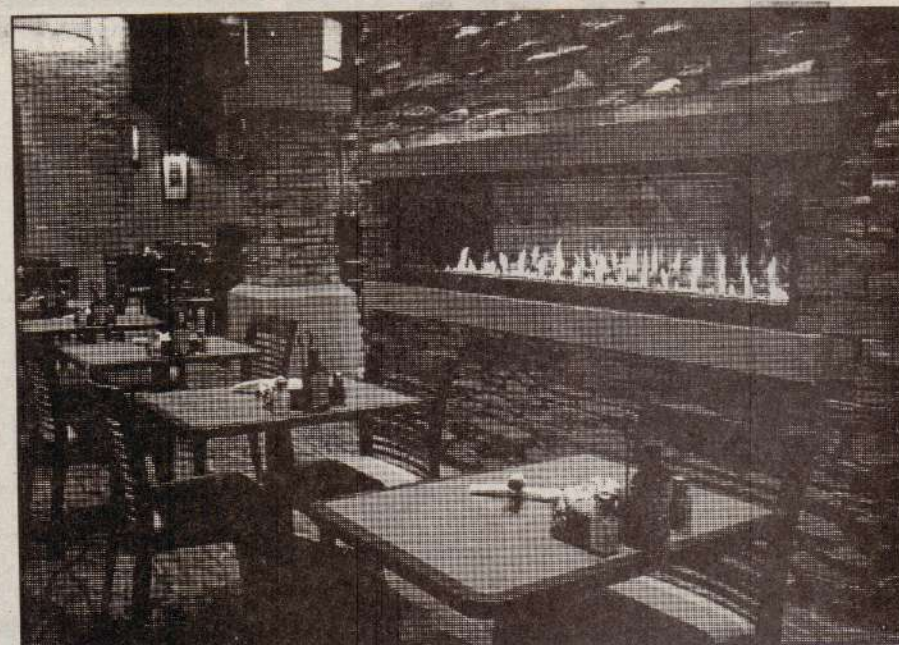
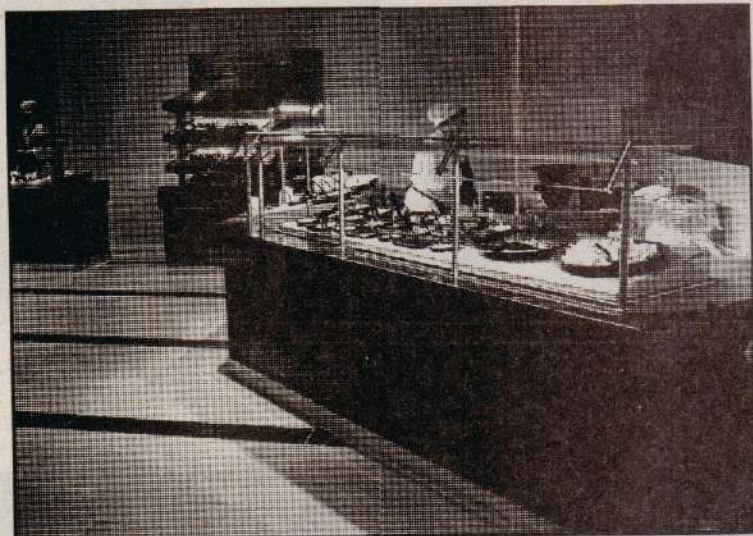
-Robbi Jenkins, Executive Chef



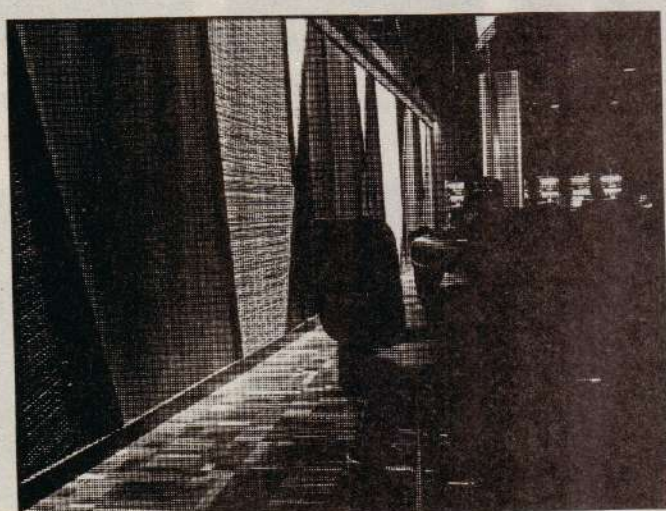
PBP member discount in the buffet!

Tribal members receive a 20% discount on food only (no alcoholic beverages) in the buffet. Members must show their Enrollment Card when ordering to receive the discount.

Inside the Longhouse Buffet



Remodeled gaming floor and new longer bar add impressive look



photos by Suzanne Heck
with special thanks to the PBC&R Marketing Team



Here are tribal members who are working for you



Noah Wahquahboshkuk
Recruiter,
Human Resources



Cody Nozhackum
House Person,
Hotel



Joetta Walrod
Wardrobe Supervisor,
Services



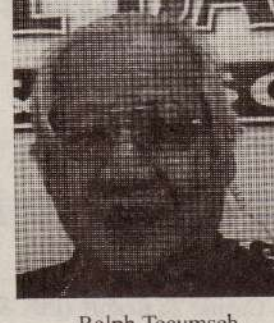
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House Person,
Hotel



Damian Johnson
Games Assistant,
Table Games



Anna Boswell
Database Analyst,
Marketing



Ralph Tecumseh
Slot Technician,
Slot Operations



Frank Tecumseh
Director,
Human Resources



Blake Garrison
Slot Technician,
Slot Operations



Phillip McKinney
Cleaning Person,
Environmental Services



Daniel McKinney
Cleaning Person,
Environmental Services



Annie Potts
Front Desk Clerk,
Hotel



Bert Vega
Slot Performance
Manager,
Slot Operations



Doren Van Zile
Steward,
Food & Beverage



Amber Tecumseh
Accounting Supervisor,
Finance



Rosalie Whayne
Telecommunications
Service Agent,
Hotel



Marty Greemore



Lara O'Toole
Beverage Server,
Food & Beverage



Dustin Cook



Dawn Matchie Harjo
Revenue Audit Clerk,
Finance



William Mitchell
Accounting Clerk,
Finance



John Mitchell
Accounting Clerk,
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Richele Pahmahmie
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Zach Pahmahmie
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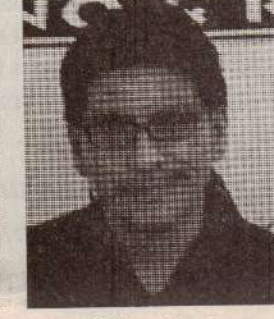
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Gift Shop/RV Park
Services



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Kathy Knight
Players Club Supervisor,
Casino Marketing



Wilson Garcia
Heavy Duty Cleaner,
Environmental Services



Ernest Jones Jr.
Warehouse Clerk,
Finance



Vickie Wilson
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Lisa Wamego
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Purchasing Manager,
Finance



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Dealer,
Table Games



Marcus Wahquahboshuk
Cleaning Person,
Environmental Services



Derek Otero
Bus Person,
Food & Beverage



Erie Otero
Cook,
Food & Beverage



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Laundry Attendant,
Hotel



Jilena Knoxsah
Cashier/Host,
Food & Beverage



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Kitchen Supervisor,
Food & Beverage



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Dealer,
Table Games



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Food & Beverage



Kimberly Simon
Cashier,
Nation Station



Stephanie McClure
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Nation Station



Brenda McClure
Lead Cashier,
Nation Station



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Food Expediter,
Food & Beverage



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Steward,
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Bartender,
Food & Beverage



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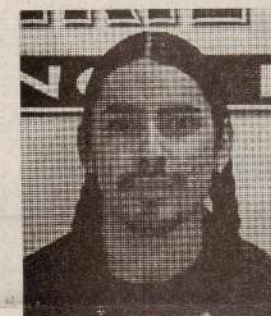
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Table Games



Anthony Hale
Heavy Duty Cleaner,
Environmental Services



Allison Milton
Room Attendant,
Hotel



Shawna Wabaunsee
Employee Relations
Supervisor,
Human Resources

Other Employees (no photo available)

•Mary Brown
Room Attendant, Hotel

•Racheal Deo
Revenue Audit Clerk, Finance

•Terry Forster

•Tamara Green
Count Team, Finance

•Michael Jackson
Director, Security

•Philip Jim Jr.
Houseman, Hotel

•Franklin LaClair
Slot Technician, Slot Operations

•Josie Masquat
Cleaning Person,
Environmental Services

•Aaron Mzhickteno
Players Club Representative,
Casino Marketing

•Dominic Ortiz
Director, Finance

•Stephen Ortiz
Director, Marketing

•Drusa Wabaunsee
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•Rachel Wamego
Manager, Table Games

•Josette Whitlock
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•Michelle Yoshida
Laundry Attendant, Hotel



*Special thanks to the Prairie Band Casino & Resort
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Photo gallery



ABOVE: Blake Garrison



LEFT:
Bert Vega



LEFT:
Ralph
and
Amber
Tecumseh



ABOVE: Left to right, Mike Jackson, Kim Schimmel,
Ruth Vega-Harjo, Gary Mitchell, and Joyce Guerrero.



RIGHT:
Frank
Tecumseh
and
Roman Harjo



LEFT: Serving
line of
casino
employees
at the
2008
Firekeepers
Elder Center
Thanksgiving
Dinner.



LEFT:
Left to
right:
Tom,
Jerry,
and John
Tuckwin

Proud to be a Prairie Band Potawatomi!



Casino intern program helps college students become managers

By Suzanne Heck

The summer of 2007 was a big year for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) with the change over of casino management from Harrah's Entertainment to the PBPB.

Even though it had been a positive and productive work environment for tribal employees under Harrah's, some of the PBPB who had gone through Harrah's internship program believed it needed more. Interns learned about the casino business all right but only in one area which some tribal members didn't think gave them enough experience. After Harrah's left, and the tribe began managing on its own, a group of former interns, who are now casino managers, decided to do something about it.

Mark Adame, Employee Relations Manager, Tami McClammy, Gaming Commissioner, and Ruth Vega-Harjo, Planning and Analysis Manager, spearheaded an effort to come up with a new plan. They decided to broaden the internship program to allow students to work in several areas of the casino and to let them tailor their internship to their individual interests.

In the summer of 2007, Justin Pahmahmie, William Mitchell, Joe Mitchell and Noah Wahquahboshkuk all worked in a variety of departments at the casino to gain knowledge and experience about the casino industry.

Adame supervises the intern program that is administered through the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBCR) Human Resources Department. The program is offered to upper-level college students who attend accredited schools and is also available to some students in professional vocational programs on a case-by-case basis. Interns are usually paid by the hour with first preference given to PBPB tribal members but students are expected to provide their own room and board during the internship period.



These three casino employees helped create a new and improved internship program for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. On the left is Tami McClammy, Mark Adame, center, and Ruth Vega-Harjo, right.

"What we want to do is to help young tribal people become leaders," Adame said. "We have had some real success stories here and we want more."

Although not a PBPB member, Adame (Winnebago) was raised on the PBPB reservation and is a success himself. He is a retired Air Force officer, holds a master's degree in organizational management and has worked in management positions at the casino since 2005.

McClammy has also set a good example. She won a seat on the Gaming Commission last year and before that had worked for the casino in various capacities for four years. She has a master's degree from Baker University and also earned a license by the State Gaming Agency to qualify as a Category 1 employee.

Vega-Harjo has also excelled. She was elected as a PBPB Gaming Commissioner from 2000-2003 and has worked in a variety of areas at the casino since that time. She has a master's degree from Baker University and was recently elected as a member to the PBPB Ethics Commission. She also sits on the PBPB pow-wow committee.

For more information about the

internship program or jobs at the casino call the Human Resources Department at 785.966.7666.



Left to right, are Joe Mitchell, Justin Pahmahmie, Noah Wahquahboshkuk and William Mitchell who interned during the summer of 2007 under the expanded PBC&R internship program.

A success story

My experience as a tribal intern in 2002 was a great opportunity to learn the casino business. The internship allowed me to work side by side with department management and staff to experience the casino business first hand. Our tribal intern program has been very successful in educating and retaining our tribal members that are in college. A vast majority of our former interns are now directors, managers and professional staff. I would highly recommend that if you are in college you take a serious look at this internship.

- Frank Tecumseh
Director of Human Resources



Prairie Band Casino & Resort is now hiring for summer internships

The focus of this internship is to gain an understanding of the casino business through practical experience. Interns will have exposure to a variety of casino departments with the opportunity to work side by side with casino staff. Junior and senior collegiate level students with business, marketing, accounting, finance and management majors preferred. Candidates will need proven communication skills with the ability to interact professionally within all levels of the organization. Come and spend the summer learning the casino business with the company voted "Best Place to Work" by the *Topeka Capital Journal*.

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Casino promotions

Another exciting kiosk promotion will kick off on April 1. Players can swipe their Prairie Band Players card once a day in one of the four game kiosks located at the casino entrance for a grand finale entry and a chance to win an instant prize. Instant prizes include Prairie Cash, free buffet meals, extra entries or \$50,000 in cash!

Players can collect entries throughout the month for a chance to win big in the grand finale drawings on April 26. Players with a valid e-mail address on file will receive an extra entry via e-mail the week of April 20. Players can drop the collected entries beginning at 10 a.m. Drawings will take

place every 1/2 hour beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the lucky winners will each receive a gift card valued from \$100 to \$500.

Then, in May, players will have a chance to win Prairie Cash, a GPS system or a new Chevrolet Silverado courtesy of Crown Chevrolet in Lawrence.

In addition, the Sole Survivor Game Show is back by popular demand and in July players can play for a chance to become one of the finalists in the Sole Survivor Game on July 25. The show will once again be hosted by Barry Williams, better known as Greg Brady, from the television show *The Brady Bunch*.

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Saturday, June 6

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, July 5

Saturday, August 1

Saturday, September 5

Saturday, October 10

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Concerts held in the Convention Center. Details on ticket prices and on sale dates will be posted on the casino's web site.

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The Prairie Band Potawatomi journey to gaming and regulation

By Gary E. Mitchell, Chairman PBP Gaming Commission

At a recent meeting, Jaimie Hummingbird of the Cherokee Gaming Commission said, "Regulators are present in all our Indian gaming operations. If I'm doing my job then you won't hear anything about gaming commissions, but if not, it's in the news."

His words are true, Gaming Commission (GC) work is done mostly out of the spot-light, is non-political and operates on the principle of providing a fair game to those customers who walk through the front-doors of the casino.

Casino gaming came to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in the mid-1990s, but it wasn't an easy development. The Potawatomi Nation followed the procedures outlined in the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the law that authorized gaming on Indian reservations, and tried to bargain in "good faith" in the early 1990s. Governor Joan Finney, an ally of the four Kansas Tribes, signed a compact in January of 1992 with the Kickapoo Tribe and the Potawatomis in May of 1992, but the Secretary of the Interior refused to rule on the compacts because of a state lawsuit Attorney General Bob Stephan filed against Finney over the issue. Stephan's contention was that Finney lacked legislative approval.

All in all, a civil approach didn't work in Topeka, Kansas, so the next step was a long-drawn out litigation process. This legal fight cost both sides a tremendous amount of money. For the Nation, who had little financial resources at that time, litigation hurt immensely, but by 1995 the state grew tired of the legal fight and the cost. They too had expended huge amounts of tax payers' money to fight a modern day Indian war.

During the 1995 legislative session a compact for each of the four tribes was approved by the Legislature and signed by Governor Bill Graves. The four compacts are identical with the exception of the name of the Tribe and the location of the reservation and their proposed casino. After the Governor signed the compacts, they were forwarded to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for federal approval. By October of 1995, all four compacts had been approved by the BIA.

Tribal-State Compact of 1995 (Public Law 100-497, 102 Stat. 2426)

This agreement authorizes Class III gaming and regulation on the Potawatomi reservation pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. In the spirit of cooperation, the Tribe and the State agreed to carry out the terms of IGRA, regarding any Class III gaming conducted on Indian lands. Since the approval of the compact in 1995, the Nation has experienced an economic growth that nobody envisioned before gaming arrived and all the projects, programs, job creation were investments in the truest sense of the word for the Potawatomi Nation.

The Gaming Commission of the Prairie Band Potawatomi was established shortly after the approval of the Tribal-State Compact in 1995. The Gaming Commission has the exclusive purpose of regulating and monitoring gaming on behalf of the Nation. The Commission conducts oversight to ensure compliance with federal,

tribal, and if applicable, state laws and regulations. The Gaming Commission also serves as the licensing authority for individuals employed in the gaming enterprises, administering an effective program for background investigations as part of the licensing process. The GC also has a role in monitoring compliance with the internal controls standards for the gaming operation. In order to carry out its regulatory duties, the Gaming Commission has unrestricted access to all areas of the gaming operation and to all records. Lastly, the Gaming Commission is regulatory not managerial.

Established in compliance with the Tribal-State Compact, the Gaming Inspector is an important contributor to the success of the gaming operation by encouraging accountability throughout the gaming facility. All employees of the Commission are separate from regular tribal operation - a mandate of the Tribal-State Compact and supervision of any employee of the Commission is an indirect violation of the Compact and Tribal Law. This system ensures that no collusion, disloyalty, and other problems inherent to having employees subject to another's control would arise.

Other existing laws the Nation must comply with:

Tribal Gaming Oversight Act

The Tribal Gaming Oversight Act, designated by Executive Order 95-177, established the State Gaming Agency as a part of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. The budget of the State Gaming Agency, the number and qualifications of employees of the state gaming agency and expenditures by the state gaming agency for expenses of dispute resolution pursuant to a tribal-state compact is subject to approval by the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. The act created an Executive Director who handles all the administration of the agency.

The State Gaming Agency may disclose information received to a tribal gaming commission as necessary for the purpose of determining qualifications of employees or applicants for employment by such tribal gaming commission or applicants for licensure by such tribal gaming commission. Any information, other than conviction data, received by the state gaming agency or by a tribal gaming commission is confidential and shall not be disclosed except to the executive director, employees of the state gaming agency and members and employees of the tribal gaming commission.

Federal Regulation

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is responsible for monitoring and regulating 225 tribes operating 443 gaming operations in 29 states with revenues totaling over \$26 billion. The National Indian Gaming Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency of the United States. The Commission was created by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) of 1988 to monitor and regulate certain gaming activities on Indian lands.

Recently current NIGC Chairman, Phil Hogan said "Throughout Indian Country we are seeing new faces on tribal councils and on tribal gaming regulatory agencies. A combination of

diminishing resources and growing demands continues to be a challenge at all levels. Thus, a challenge to gaming regulators at all levels will be to insure that as belts are tightened and corners are cut, necessary controls do not lapse, and that the level of vigilance and documentation required to protect tribal revenues and assets and to maintain fairness of play do not fall to unacceptable levels."

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission yearly budget has historically been derived from the total operating revenues of the casino, however the 2009 budget has been cut by 9%, so this required staffing to be reduced. Yet, the responsibilities to existing law remain the same as before.

To that end, Tribes across the Nation invest nearly \$300 Million annually on regulation of their operations. The Breakdown:

- \$228+ Million on tribal regulation
- \$55+ Million reimbursed to States for State regulation
- \$12 Million to fund the National Indian Gaming Commission annual budget.

With all this regulation in place, internal controls are followed in the casino operation with the express purpose:

- Assets are safeguarded;
- Financial records are accurate and reliable;
- Transactions are performed in accordance with the Tribe's general or specific authorization;
- Access to assets is permitted only in accordance with the Tribe's specific authorization;
- Recorded accountability for assets is compared with actual assets at frequent intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any discrepancies;
- Functions, duties and responsibilities are appropriately segregated and performed in accordance with sound practices by competent, qualified personnel so that errors will be disclosed and corrected in a timely manner;
- The efficiency of operations is increased;
- Fraud is prevented or exposed;
- The safety of employees and the public is enhanced;
- Competency of staff and ability to comply with the stipulated policy and procedures is promoted through training.

As stated earlier, a gaming commissioner is not a politician. Yet, it is good we have elections for these positions. We have four year terms. In some tribes there are appointments, and a commissioner can be fired over anything and that's not good for regulation or stability and elections can nullify this kind of nonsense. Most people don't like to be regulated, but it is necessary to show the public we have a fair game here at our casino. Although the gaming commission receives little respect, because of the nature of regulation, it is nonetheless federal law and part of our Tribal-State Compact, so, it won't go away anytime soon. The day regulation stops is the day the casino stops, so it is necessary.

More detailed information is posted on the Nation's website at www.pbpdiantribe.com.



The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center offering educational programs this spring

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center (PBPHC) will begin offering a series of educational programs this spring. The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) will begin in March, and will feature 16 one-hour classes presented once a week. The classes focus on weight-loss through healthy eating and exercise, with preventing diabetes as the overarching goal. To qualify for the program, participants must be diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is defined as having a fasting blood sugar between 100 and 125, and/or a two-hour glucose-tolerance result between 140 and 199. Pre-diabetics are 10 times more likely to develop diabetes than people with normal blood sugar levels. Studies have shown that weight-loss through diet and exercise is an effective way to prevent diabetes.

The PBPHC staff will be presenting the "Balancing Your Life and Diabetes" curriculum for diabetic patients. The

curriculum was developed by the Indian Health Service and features 12 sessions on topics ranging from foot care to medications. The one-hour presentations are planned for scheduling on a monthly basis. Any person with diabetes can attend, as well as family members of diabetics, or anyone else interested in learning about the condition.

The PBPHC staff will also be presenting the "Honoring the Gift of Heart Health" (HGHH) curriculum. The focus of this curriculum is to prevent heart disease, and the program features nine educational sessions. The HGHH curriculum will include screenings for risk factors for heart disease. Door prizes or incentives will be given away at the various presentations. For more information contact Steve Corbett, 966-8271, Sebe Masquat, 966-8273, or Roy Spoonhunter, 966-8270.

Community gardening projects planned



The group, above, got together on March 6 in the Government Center Training Room to meet and discuss another grant about growing native foods that is being offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In the photo, clockwise, is Sebe Masquat, Health Center, Virginia LeClere, Division of Planning and Environmental Protection, Tracy Rogers, Commodities, and Liana Onnen, General Manager, and Dawn LeClere, Grants Writer (whose back is to the camera).

For additional information on the PBP Health Center's community gardening project contact Randy Mitchell, Mike Jensen, or Steve Corbett at 785.966.8271

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center has announced plans for a 2009 Community Gardening project. Co-coordinators for the project, Randy Mitchell and Mike Jensen, will be working to establish a number of projects. There will be at least two community gardens with the goal of involving participants from the Boys and Girls Club, Elders Center, Health Center staff and other interested community residents. An additional component will be a large field of sweet corn at a site that will be available to the community. Other smaller plots will be located around the reservation, and the two project coordinators will be available to help individual households to establish their own private gardens.

The project includes not only the community gardening plots for healthy living and exercise, but also a Native foods component. This component will be accomplished with the help of elders willing to share cooking techniques and other information. The program will also include several local field trips to identify and harvest wild plants.

Additional plans include an exhibit at the Gathering to share and hopefully learn more from the other Potawatomi Nations. In the fall, there will be a harvest festival dinner for the community using many of the foods that were grown in the gardens.

The gardening project is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called "Using Traditional Foods and Sustainable Ecological Approaches for Health Promotion and Diabetes Prevention in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Communities".



Blue Earth Recovery resource initiative being developed in Topeka to help Native Americans

A newly organized Alcohol & Drug Resource Center named Blue Earth Recovery is currently being developed and will be based in Topeka, Kan. The "soon to be" non-profit organization is designed to assist Native American inter-tribally enrolled members in the Topeka and Northeast Kansas area.

The resource initiatives will include: assisting individuals by referral in the detoxification process; limited counseling to inter-tribally enrolled Native American members; networking with local agencies including the Prairie Band Potawatomi Alcohol & Drug Program and PARR Recovery House; and, providing social services' resource information and education.

Organizer Terry CrossBear said, "Too often, members of our Native communities who are dealing with alcohol and/or drug related problems find themselves at a difficult point in life with no where to turn. It will be one of several objectives of Blue Earth Recovery to address this crucial need which occurs particularly in the first 30-days of a person's pursuit to sobriety. At a time when methamphetamine abuse has become rampant and devastating on reservations and in urban Native communities across the country, health-related problems and death from alcohol still remains our number one problem today."

Terry CrossBear, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, is the contact person for Blue Earth Recovery, and can be reached at: 785.383.5877.

News briefs

The Early Education Childcare Center will host a Health Fair at the Center on April 17. The Center also recently underwent a federal audit of its facilities and programs. For more information about the Health Fair call Hope Adame, Director of the Center, at 785.966.2527.

The Lands Division of Public Works wants to let community residents know that a wood cutting permit is needed to cut wood on the reservation. For more information please call the Lands Division at 785.966.2727.

The Firekeepers Elder Center was entertained by the Royal Valley Middle School choir the morning of March 10 at the Center. The Center also held a fundraiser breakfast on March 16 and sold Biscuits and Sausage Gravy.

The Vocational Rehabilitation program, a branch of the Social Services Department, held its quarterly meeting at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort March 11. Morris Taylor, Dawn Masqua, and Joanna Mitchell are on the Vocational Rehabilitation staff.

For upcoming community event information visit www.pbpindiantribe.com

Community blood drive held



A blood drive was held March 13 at the Rock building that was sponsored by the PBP Health Center's Community Health Representative (CHR) program. An American Red Cross mobile unit came from Wichita to assist and several PBP employees and members of the community gave blood that day. Donors each received a t-shirt as a thank you for their donation.

Norman Arnold hired as PBP Alcohol & Drug Counselor

Submitted by Social Services Department

Norman Arnold has been named the new Alcohol & Drug (A/D) counselor in the Social Services Department.

He has an Associates of Arts degree in A/D counseling and became certified in 1989. He has also completed a bachelor's degree in human resources.

Norman has worked in many A/D areas including a detoxification unit, a residential program, outpatient program and a half-way

house program. In 1994, Norman became an outreach case manager and worked with people with severe and persistent mental illnesses. In addition, he has also developed and implemented a dual diagnosis track for partial day program clients.

His other work experience includes being an employment specialist and assisting people with the condition of dual diagnosis in finding employment. He has also taken several upper graduate courses in social work.

He resides in Topeka, Kan. and is married with two children.



The earth and myself are of one mind. The measure of the land and the measure of our bodies are the same.

*-Joseph (Hinmaton Yalatkit) (1830-1904)
Nez Perce Chief*

A message from Billy D. Matchie from the Language Department

Bo'ho!

There has been a lot of exciting news concerning the classes that the Language Department has been offering. The turn out for classes has been very encouraging. All of the students who have been showing up for class have shown remarkable progress on the language that we are teaching.

I have heard a lot of good things about the classes and how much they enjoy what we are doing. We try to get every one involved with listening and speaking the language.

Another thing that is very encouraging is to listen to the little ones in class getting excited about using the language. It is a joy to listen to these kids wanting to do activities that involve learning how to speak Potawatomi.

On behalf of the Language Department, I would like to say "Igwián, mine kiwigasâm" to all the students and families that have come to our classes.

As seen below, we are offering another session of eight week classes now.

Pama mine kowabmán



Nishnabemwèn Ewitonaktēngo

(We are going to try to follow our Indian ways.)

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3/19/09-Thursday	Adult Night	
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3/26/09-Thursday	Adult Night	
3/31/09-Tuesday	Family Night	Cultural Activities
4/02/09-Thursday	Adult Night	
4/07/09-Tuesday	Family Night	Cultural Activities
4/09/09-Thursday	Adult Night	
4/14/09-Tuesday	Family Night	Cultural Activities
4/16/09-Thursday	Adult Night	
4/21/09-Tuesday	Family Night	Cultural Activities
4/23/09-Thursday	Adult Night	
4/28/09-Tuesday	Family Night	Cultural Activities
4/30/09-Thursday	Adult Night	
5/05/09-Tuesday	Family Night	Pot luck supper
5/05/09-Tuesday	Adult Night	

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Obama waves to the crowd: history in the making



The photo, on the left, was taken on Inauguration Day and shows President Obama on the Capitol balcony waving to the crowd shortly after the inaugural ceremony. The inset photo below, is of Nathan and Jennifer Hale who made the trip to Washington, D.C. and submitted these photos.





Royal Valley Native American Dancers take first place at Battle of the Plains dance competition

The Royal Valley Native American Dancers placed first at the "Battle of The Plains" dance competition held on January 24, 2009 in Bartlesville, Okla. The competition was open to any Title VII or Johnson O'Malley Indian Education Program in the state of Oklahoma and Royal Valley was invited as special guests. Teams that competed included dance groups from: Jay, Okla.; Skiatook, Okla.; Pawhuska, Okla.; Bartlesville, Okla.; Shawnee, Okla.; Owasso, Okla.; Norman, Okla.; Atmore, Ala.; and Royal Valley, Mayetta, Kan. Royal Valley placed first; Pawhuska, took 2nd, and Owasso took 3rd. Royal Valley has won first place titles in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009. The 2007 competition was cancelled due to bad weather. Sponsors for the dance group are Anita Evans and Connie Peters.

The competition consisted of dancers competing against other dancers from various schools and one another for points. Royal Valley won the competition with 71 points and entered 50 dancers in the competition. A total of 54 dancers were from Royal Valley.

Listed below are the RV participants:

Ages 5-7 Girls Fancy

1st-Mae Joslin
2nd-Delilah Trager

Ages 5-7 Boys Fancy

No RV entry

Ages 5-7 Cloth

1st-Kiikto Green
HM-Jaina Serna-Blakemore

Ages 5-7 Boys Grass

1st-Mando Tinajero
2nd-Kobe Jordan
3rd-Edgar Higne

Ages 5-7 Jingle

2nd Pudge Coon
3rd-Madison Boswell
HM-Violet Mesa

Ages 5-7 Boys Traditional

Ages 5-7 Boys Straight
No RV Entry

Ages 8-10 Girls Fancy

2nd-Tamo Green
HM-Kishno Bell,
Isabella Wamego-Martinez,
Candy Alcantar

Ages 8-10 Cloth

HM-Sage Pahmahmie
HM-Felicity Price

Ages 8-10-Girls Jingle

1st-Taryn Boswell
2nd-Dania Ortero

Ages 8-10 Boys Fancy

2nd-Daniel Scholfield
HM-Zach Wahweotten

Ages 8-10 Boys Grass

1st-Darius Thomas
2nd-Bryce Garrison
3rd-Blake Garrison
HM-Dubba Wilson,
Jason Serna-Blakemore
Pak-to Mitchell-Alvarado

Ages 8-10 Boys Traditional

1st-Jaiden Serna-Blakemore

Ages 8-10 Boys Straight

No RV Entry

Ages 11-14 Girls Fancy

1st-Alicia Scholfield
2nd-Brenna Wahweotten
HM-Pam Knoxsah
HM-Faith Potts
HM-Kacie Boswell
HM-Leonna Wilson
HM-Danielle Lesdesma
HM-LaKota Knoxsah-Duncan
HM-Micaela Wamego-Martinez
HM-Pe-Qwas Hernandez

Ages 11-14 Cloth

3rd-Sylvana Levier
HM-Rebekah Navarro

Ages 11-14 Girls Jingle

HM-Sierra Pahmahmie
HM-Kek Mitchell
HM-Hannah Wahwassuck
HM-Sandra Solis

Special thanks to Erin Pahmahmie
for submitting this information

Ages 11-13 Boys Fancy

HM-Cody Garrison

Ages 11-13 Boys Grass

HM-Rory Lange
HM-Eugene Masquat

Ages 11-13 Boys Traditional

Ages 11-13 Boys Straight
No RV Entry

Ages 14-18 Girls Fancy

2nd-Elizabeth Gaona
3rd-Andrea Alvarado

Ages 14-18 Cloth

HM-Sam Wahwassuck
HM-Amber Mahkuk

Ages 14-18-Girls Jingle

No RV Entry

Ages 14-18 Boys Fancy

(No RV Entry)

Ages 14-18 Boys Grass

No RV Entry

Ages 14-18 Boys Traditional

2nd-Isiah Potts
Ages 14-18 Boys Straight
(No RV Entry)

Youth Council "Gen S" getting involved

Submitted by Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell

Youth Council "Gen S" is a newly formed Boys & Girls Club group that has already begun a community project. They have become active with Youth United, Heartland Habitat for Humanity by raising money and volunteering their time to help a family in need have a better home in the Kansas City (KC) area.

The newly formed "Gen S" Youth Council, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club, made a trip to Kansas City recently to work on a community project.



On Saturday, February 28 "Gen S" traveled to Kansas City, Mo. to attend a steering committee meeting, in hopes of meeting other youth from the Kansas City area that were to be involved, and to learn more about the Habitat for Humanity project. However, the PBP group was the only group who showed up despite the snowy conditions.

Sarah McMillan, the development coordinator, greeted "Gen S" at the door and was happy that they came. She took them to a meeting room, but it was locked, so the girls just sat down in the hallway and talked. They discussed

ways that the Youth Council can help raise money through either painting or landscaping and what else could be accomplished at the job site by the youth. The new Youth Council are very excited this project and when Susan asked why they wanted to be involved they came to the consensus that they just want to help and will enjoy getting involved.

In addition, during the introductions they were asked if they could have a super power what would it be and comments like to "Mind-read", "fly", "be invisible", "travel in time" and to "stop time", are some of the things they said.

In April, the Youth Council plans to begin fund raising and attend the ground breaking for the home to be built. To learn

more about Habitat for Humanity visit www.heartlandhabitat.org.

Gen S Youth Council Members:

President: Sylvanna Levier
Vice Pres: Cheyenne "Kek" Mitchell
Secretary: Sierra Pahmahmie
Treasurers: Ashley "Mittena" Hale and Leona
Adult Advisory Members: Nathan Hale, Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell
Member: Danielle Marshno, Desiree Morris, Peqwas Hernandez



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Students in the news

RIGHT: Katrina Ogden, daughter of tribal member Michael Ogden and Kim, placed "Best in Show" out of 446 entries at the Richardson County (Neb.) Falls City General Woman's Club Art Show held at Stalder Gallery in Falls City. Each year the club sponsors a county youth art contest.

In the photo, Katrina is seen standing near her winning entry called "The Joker" which is on the top left. Katrina also placed second in the mixed-media category which is not pictured.

Katrina is a senior at Falls City High School and plans to attend college to major in pre-veterinarian studies, and art.

(Photo courtesy of the Falls City Journal)



LEFT: Zach Wamego, sitting third from left, signing a letter of intent to play football for Butler County Community College next year. In the photo, from left to right, sitting, are Tug Wamego, Rachel Wamego, Zach, and Joe Rupnicki. Standing, are Royal Valley High School coaches King, Grider, and Lee. Zach is the son of Rachel and the late Mike Wamego. (Photo submitted by Samantha Wahwassuck)



LEFT: Tyler "Toad" Shobney, son of Ron and Angie Hester, was crowned King of Courts at Rossville High School recently. He is the grandson of Joe Shobney and Sharon Shobney and the late Shirley Shobney. He is a senior and plans to attend Tulsa Welding School in July. Angie Hester, who submitted the photo, also sent this message to Toad on behalf of the family:

We are all very proud of you!
Ronny, the crew, and grandpa and grandma!

Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe makes honor roll

Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe, a freshman at Wichita State University, earned a 4.0 GPA and was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for fall 2008. Charissa graduated from Holton High School in May 2008. She is the daughter of Kenneth Jessepe and Carol (Wahwasuck) Shopteese. Charissa resides on the Kickapoo Reservation in Horton, KS.

Albert Belair places first in recycle & redesign competition

Albert Belair won first place in the District Family, Career & Community Leaders of America Recycle & Redesign competition in Rossville, Kan. He makes bean bag chairs and oven mitts out of recycled jeans, plastic bags and packing peanuts. He will compete at the state level on March 30 and is the son of Virgil "Wamp" Shopteese Jr.

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When: June 1-July 31, 2009
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Cost: \$10 per week if paid by April 30th. \$20 per week on/after May 1st.

Important Dates to Remember

- Enrollment Forms & Payment Due by April 30, 2009
- Late Enrollment fees begin May 1st

Members must be pre-enrolled and fees must be prepaid to attend! Late Enrollment Policy: a late fee of \$10 per week will be added to initial cost for enrollment received after April 30th. Financial assistance is available for families that qualify. Financial aid applications are due before May 1st. Contact Coleen Thomas for an application.



Contact person: Coleen Thomas
Phone: 785.966.3031
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2009 Potawatomi Gathering Update

Submitted by LaVerne Hale

Since we began planning the 16th annual Potawatomi Gathering there has been a feeling of togetherness in the air here on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Everyone seems to be excited about all the visitors coming here and they are thinking of ways to meet them and make them feel welcome.

A preliminary schedule has been formed. We are still finalizing activities and you can keep informed through the website www.pbpdiantribe.com where we will have updates and registration forms. Also, a packet of information and registration forms will be sent out to each Potawatomi Band. We are encouraging you to register on the website if possible. This will help us have an early indication of how many Potawatomi will be attending.

It was decided to end the Gathering on Saturday, August 8. That evening during the pow-wow we will do our giveaway and end the night with passing the staff and the ashes to the next hosting Potawatomi Band. We felt this would be good for the travelers and we felt three (3) full days of activities would make a good Gathering.

We still need volunteers for the following: A Volunteer Coordinator, Fashion Show Coordinator, Princess Pageant Coordinator, and Barter Day Coordinator. For now you can contact me or Paula Hopkins and let us know what volunteer job you would like to sign up for.

I was asked to explain about the dish bags again. We are going to do our best to not use a lot of styrofoam plates, cups and plastic ware. We are going to try and keep our beautiful grounds clean of trash and cigarette butts. We are asking each of you to help us. When our visitors register they will receive a dish bag with a dish, mug, and spoon. When you, as the hosting Prairie Band, register, you will receive the same dishes, mug and spoon but we are asking you to provide your own dish bag. We will all use these dishes to eat during the duration of the Gathering. This will eliminate all the trash and plastic/foam ware. This is our goal. Now, if

you don't know how to make a dish bag we can help you or the Elders are going to have dish bags for sale. You will have to contact me at the Elder Center if you would like to order a bag made by the Elders.

Along with this dish bag craze, we came up with the idea of having a "spoon drive". We are collecting spoons to put in the dish bags. When ordering the dishes, the company sent us a sample with plastic silverware. We don't want plastic silverware so we decided to have a spoon drive. We are collecting spoons new or used as long as they are clean. This will also save us from having to make another purchase. So if you would like to donate spoons let us know.

Along with all the usual Potawatomi Gathering activities we have added a few new things this year. We will offer an "Art Show" which will be held at the Casino Convention Center. All Potawatomi artists are encouraged to participate and a registration form will be posted on the website. The other new activity will be a "Single Mingle". Refreshments and mood music will be provided for this activity.

To summarize our Gathering events here is a list of most of the activities. Every morning will begin with a Sunrise Ceremony. We will provide breakfast, lunch and supper for the three (3) days. Teachings include traditional games, finger weaving, appliqué work, talking circles, bias beadwork, and storytelling. There will be conferences for the youth, the Language and an Economic Summit for Tribal Leaders. Reservation tours and casino shuttles will be available. Of course we will pow-wow and have the health walks. There will be sport tournaments such as a Pool Tournament, ball tournament and a golf tournament. We plan on having a fashion show, princess pageant and barter day. Information is listed for "Honoring the Outstanding Potawatomi" We would like each band to submit their individual Potawatomi to be honored.

If you have questions or ideas and most important when you are ready to volunteer contact either LaVerne Hale @785-966-0041, email lavernh@pbpnation.org or Paula Hopkins at 877-715-6789 ext. 4032, email phopkins@pbpnation.org.

Words of thanks

I am taking this opportunity to thank all of the members that voted in the Gaming Commission election. It was a close election. There were many capable members that sought the opportunity to be a Gaming Commissioner. I thank all of the members that supported me during this endeavor. I have been blessed with wonderful family, great friends, and have the pleasure of being a part of one of the best Native American communities in the country. I will continue to be an advocate and supporter of our people. We have a great Nation and I wish the best for all of our members.

Jacob "Tug" Wamego

Three Rivers, Inc.

Independent Living Resource Center

December 23, 2008

Steve Ortiz, Tribal Chairman
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Government Center
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, Kansas 66509

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877.714.7272 Toll Free
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Dear Mr. Ortiz,

On behalf of Three Rivers Inc., thank you to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the generous contribution made to our agency to further the impact we are able to make on the reservation.

With the help of our area communities and supporters such as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Three Rivers is able to provide independent living options to individuals with disabilities throughout nine counties in northeast Kansas. We have been promoting independent living through education, advocacy, training, and support for more than 20 years.

Again, thank you for your generous monetary contribution.

Sincerely,

Cindy Diederich
Cindy Diederich
Business Manager
Three Rivers Inc.

Cc. PBPN Newspaper
Holton Recorder

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Prairie Band Team places in pool tournament



Above is the certificate the team won that was submitted by Ron Lynch.

Tribal members Ron Lynch, Ron, Ray, and Chuck Wahweotten, along with Erwin Yazzie, Navajo, and Gillis Miller, Comanche, took 3rd place out of 22 teams in the 2009 Native American 8-Ball Pool Tournament in Tulsa, Okla. March 14-15. Lynch also placed 9th out of 135 in the 9th through 12th bracket.

The event was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Prairie Band Team received a \$1,500 cash prize for their win.

Member News

Tracy Stanhoff of AD PRO receives award



Tracy Stanhoff, President and Creative Director of AD PRO, was awarded the 2008 Service Provider of the Year Award at the 14th Annual MED Week Awards Ceremony and Networking Luncheon in Los Angeles on March 18. The event celebrated the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs.

Stanhoff currently serves as President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California and as Vice President of the Southern California Indian Center.

In 2006 Stanhoff was appointed, and subsequently elected as Tribal Chair of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) and served until July 2007.

She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from California State University, Long Beach where she was named outstanding graduate in the journalism/public relations department. She completed the Minority Business Executive Program at the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and has completed numerous other industry-related continuing education courses throughout the course of her professional career.

Marie Clement Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2009

In the photo, left, is Thamar Morris with her daughter Marie Clement shortly after Marie was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2009. Marie won the title on March 15 at the Capitol Plaza in Topeka, Kan. and will become an advocate for people with disabilities.



See page 1 for more details about the Ms. Wheelchair Kansas event

Carol Shopteese accepted into doctoral program

Carol Shopteese, LMSW, MBA, has been admitted to the Ph.D. Program in the School of Social Welfare at the University of Kansas for the 2009 fall semester. Ms. Shopteese passed the General Records Examination (GRE) and reports that she is very happy for the opportunity to work toward her education goal of attaining a doctorate in social work.

She is a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. She resides on the Kickapoo Reservation with her husband, Kenneth, and her three children, Charissa, Shannon, and Cordell.

Ganiŋtēk (those who are born)



Welcome to the world! Jyla Marie Tieyah

Born: December 16, 2008
Weight: 8 lbs, 5 oz
Length: 21 1/2 inches

Parents: Valerie Blackbird & Jimmy Tieyah
Grandmas: Debra Matchie-Wakolee
Lavenia Eieyah
Tincey Tieyah



Announcing Michael Kinser Barbosa

Born: November 29, 2008
Weight: 8 lbs, 15 oz
Length: 20 3/4 inches

Parents: Michael & Amanda Barbosa
Grandparents: Lyle & Barbara Nioce
Nelson & Verda Barbosa

Send your good news
to
the
Potawatomi News
PO Box 116
Mayetta, KS 66509
email: suzanneh@pbpnation.org



Say hello to Rishi Skadone Bhargava

Born: March 4, 2009
Weight: 6 lbs, 9 oz
Length: 21 in

Parents: Shalini Bhargava & Michael Belaire





Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)

Happy Birthday to Cheryl Wahweotten-Walker March 9

We are sure lucky to have you in our lives. We want you around for a long, long time. May the Creator bless you in your everyday walk of life forever,

We love you,
Your Tribe

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

•Anthony His Law	March 25
•Amber Walker	March 31
•Inez Dodds	April 3
•Lorene "Snooks" Wahweotten	Feb. 3
•Ahshoni Stanley	May 5
•Mariah Eteeyan	April 3

From: Cheryl Walker



Happy 6th Birthday Thurman "Dutch" Keo March 14

We love you and are very proud of you.
Keep up the good work!
From
your family

Note: Thurman placed 3rd in his weight division in a wrestling meet in Horton, Kan. on Jan. 24. The family would like to thank the PBP Student Services program for providing his wrestling gear and all the other help. Thurman loves to participate in this aggressive sport.



Happy 21st Birthday Denae LaClair March 16

Love,
Brandon, Joey &
Aunt Brenda

Love,
Mom, Fran &
Chris



Happy Birthday Christopher Grant June 7

Love ya,
Brandon, Joey &
Aunt Brenda



Happy 37th Birthday Aunt Jill April 14

Love, Brandon, Joey &
your sis, Brenda



Happy 90th Birthday Marie Kreipe May 27



with lots of love from
your 8 kids,
all your grandkids,
great-grandkids,
great-great-grandkids,
and
the rest of us.

Happy Birthday Azabee

Always much love,
mom



Happy 22nd Birthday to Nancy Vanderblomen on March 15

Happy Birthday Misho Raymond (Raymond Wahwasuck Sr.) March 2

We love you and hope you had a great 49th birthday.

Love,
Dutch & Ashtyn Keo



Happy Birthday Mom

Love you always,
Mariann,
Aron,
Alonzo,
Lawrance,
Ray-Ray



Happy 1st Birthday to our baby boy Juaquin Alvarez March 5

Love,
Mommy & Daddy,
Brother & Sister



Happy Belated Birthday to Ms. Yazzie March 3

Only Navajo Potawatomi
I know
-your Sista



Happy Birthday Rayne Na-she-wa-suck Kingfisher

Sweet & Sour "16"
on April 21



Kamboŧëk (Those who died)

Caleb E. "Tah-Tah-Wen" Wahwasuck

Caleb E. "Tah-Tah-Wen" Wahwasuck, 22, of Horton, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2009. He was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, Mayetta, Ks. Caleb was a student at Wichita Technical Institute in Topeka, Ks studying Computer Technology. He graduated from Holton High School in May, 2005. He continued his educational pursuits and graduated from Kaw Area Technical School, Topeka, Ks, in May, 2008 and attained an Associates Degree from Allen County Community College in December 2008. His life goal was to complete a degree in Electrical Engineering. He planned to attend the University of Kansas in June, 2010. He was born on March 1, 1987, in Lawrence, Kansas, he was the oldest of five children to Patricia J. Wahwasuck, she survives. Caleb is also survived by his parents/grandparents Francis "Big Man" and Arlene (Shipshee) Wahwasuck. Other survivors include his siblings: Jacob "Shonnesii" Wahwasuck, Netaane Thomas, Okoonii Thomas and Elijah Wahwasuck. Raymond Wahwasuck, uncle and wife Christine; Carol (Wahwasuck) Shoptee, aunt and husband Kenneth Jessepe; Karen F.W. Milton, aunt and numerous cousins and extended family members of the Wahwasuck, Shipshee, Allen and Green families all of Horton, Kansas. Caleb was a member of the Kennekuk Church, Kickapoo Reservation, Horton, Ks. Caleb was a gentle, loving, and kind man like his Misho Big Man. Caleb was a gifted musician, a self taught guitar player and created music by ear. He enjoyed sharing his talents with his friends and family. His family wishes for those that knew Caleb to consider this verse from Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. It was Caleb's wish to donate needed tissues and organs. This is an example of Caleb's thoughtfulness and generosity. He knew his donations will help other people to obtain a higher quality of life. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Kennekuk Church services will be held at the Kickapoo Community Building, Horton, Ks; wake services at 6:00 P.M., Saturday, March 14, 2009. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 15, 2009. Interment will be at the Kennekuk Cemetery, Kickapoo Reservation, Horton, Ks. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com.

(Courtesy of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Funeral Home, Horton, Kan.)

Barbara Ann Green

Barbara Ann Green, 65, of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on October 21, 2008 at the Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. She was born on April 10, 1943 in Topeka, Kansas the daughter of William and Alice Wahquahboshkuk Eteeyan. Barbara was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. Most of her life she worked as a housekeeper in Topeka, Kansas. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She also enjoyed powwows, cooking, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren. In 1966 she married Gerald Green in Miami, Oklahoma. Barbara is survived by her husband, Gerald, and great granddaughter, Sequoia Harlan of the home; three sons, Roger Eteeyan of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Steve Dahlsten of Palmer, Iowa and Frank Dahlsten of Dakota City, Iowa; three daughters, Christine Wishteyah of the home, Hildreth Green and Nicole Parker both of Oklahoma City; fourteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, JoAnna & Major Yellowhair, Richard, Jamie & Jennifer Parker, Dionne & Tab Harlan, Robert Wishteyah, Zack, Megan, Jenna, Jael, John, Josh, Justen, James, Vivien, Dionne, Cornell and Jordon; sister Geraldine Eteeyan of Kansas City, Kansas; two brothers, Bill Eteeyan of St. Joseph, Missouri and John Eteeyan of Topeka, Kansas; half sister, Rose of Seattle, Washington and very special friend Mary Newton of Omaha, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Betty Eteeyan and a granddaughter, Michelle Jane Harlan. A prayer service will be held at the Kickapoo Community Building on the Kickapoo Reservation at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2008. Burial will be on Saturday at the Green Cemetery on the Kickapoo Reservation. The Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com.

(Courtesy of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Funeral Home, Horton, Kan.)

Sherman "Sam" Marshno

Sherman "Sam" L. Marshno, 77, Tucumcari, N.M., died Feb. 15, 2009, in Albuquerque, N.M. He was born Oct. 6, 1931, in Topeka, the son of Ernest and Cecelia Marshno. Mr. Marshno served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He was a retired truck driver. Survivors include his wife, Chris Marshno; a daughter, Cindy Burnett, Albuquerque, N.M.; a granddaughter, Kayla Burnett, Albuquerque, N.M.; and three sisters, Mary Ann Mitchell and Vicki Wahquahboshkuk, both of Mayetta, and Lori Wabnum, Sisseton, S.D. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Feb. 20 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Tucumcari, N.M. Interment will be in Tucumcari.

(Courtesy of the Holton Recorder 2/18/2009)

Will "Herman" Ogden Sr.

Will "Herman" Ogden Sr., 64, died on January 1, 2009 at the Maple Heights Nursing Home in Hiawatha, KS. He was recently moved to the nursing home during his fight with prostrate cancer. Will was born February 17, 1944 in Falls City, NE.

Will married Opal M. Penny on May 25, 1963. They had three children; Melinda (Ogden) Scates of White Cloud, KS, Norman Ogden of Falls City, NE, and Will Herman Ogden (Junior) who preceded him in death in 1984.

Will and Opal were divorced in 1980. She preceded him in death in 1998. Will married Peggy Eccles on April 18, 1989 and they separated in 2005. She survives. They had two children; Dwayne Ogden, Hiawatha, KS and Juanita (Ogden) Davis of St. Joseph, MO. Three step children; Dan Eccles of Hiawatha, KS, David Eccles of Topeka, KS and Rachelle Crumbaker of Lakewood, Washington.

Will has 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and another due in June 2009. Other survivors include: brothers; Roy Ogden of Mayetta, KS, Larry Ogden of Independence, MO, and sisters; Irene Henninger of White Cloud, KS, Cora Humon of Elmwood, NE, Mildred Rohr of White Cloud, KS, and Cass Marlow of Capay, CA.

He will lie in state at the George Ogden Building at White Cloud, KS after 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

A Native American wake service will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2009 at the George Ogden Building at White Cloud, KS. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. that evening.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2008 at the George Ogden Building at White Cloud, KS. Interment will follow at the Tesson Cemetery. A meal will follow interment at the George Ogden Building. Online condolences may be made to www.chapeloaksfuneral-home.com.

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

Delores E. Young

Delores E. Young, 74, of Mayetta, KS died Friday, February 13, 2009. She was born December 17, 1934 in Keshena, WI, the daughter of Amos John and Rebecca Mary Simon Young.

She had lived in the Mayetta community for the last 4 years. She had previously lived in Wisconsin, California, and Arizona. She retired from Bank of America as a bank encoder. She was a member of the Indian Revival Center Assembly of God in Bell Gardens, CA. She was a member of the church choir. She is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Delores is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth A. Young of Phoenix, AZ; sisters, Alfreda F. Young of Milwaukee, WI, and Mary L. Young of Mayetta, KS; 3 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Jean Young and a brother in infancy.

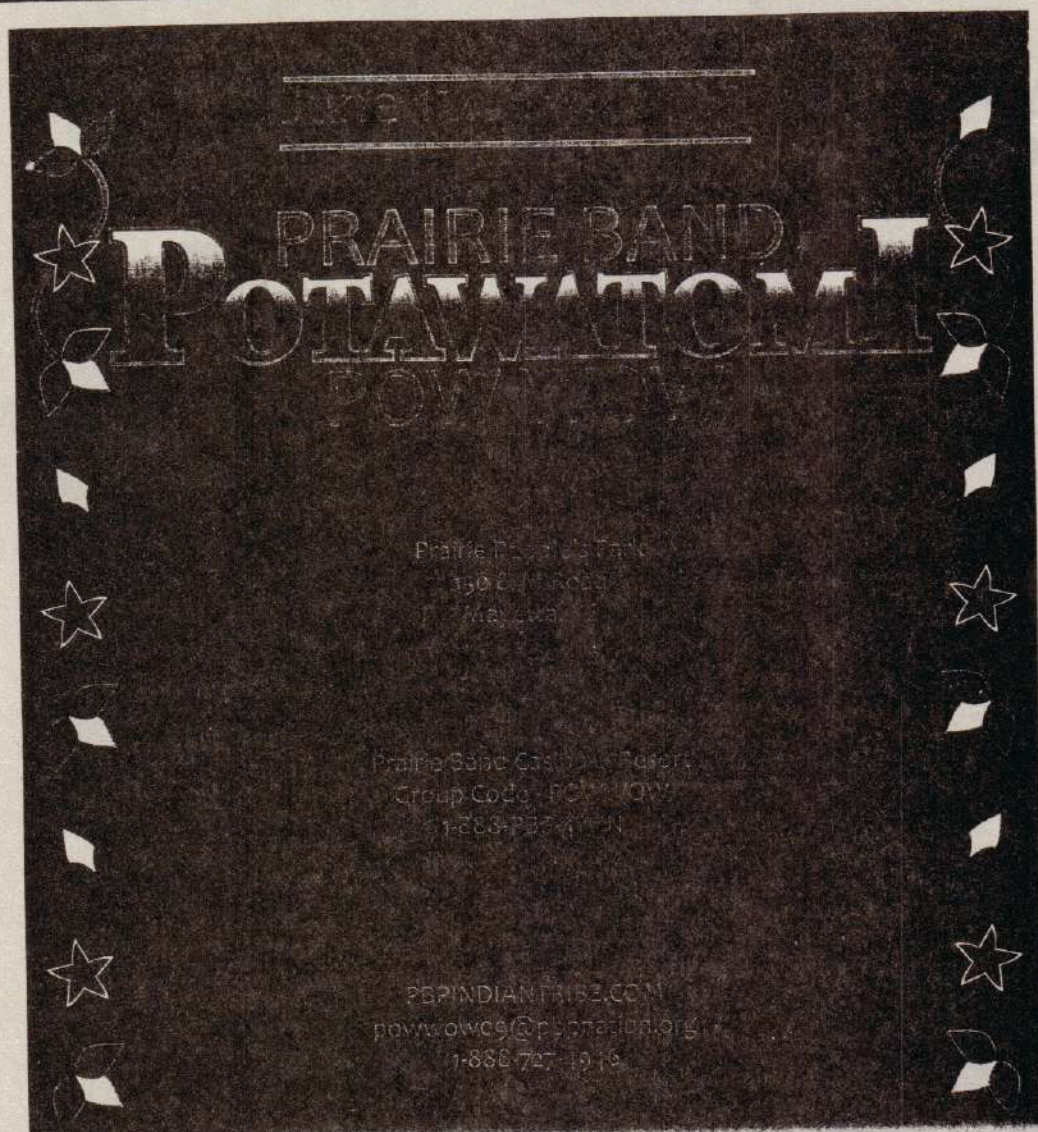
Delores was cremated. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be at a later date in Wisconsin. Memorials may be given to Midland Hospice or St. Francis Hospital c/o Mercer Funeral Home, Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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



Community Notices

Prairie Band Potawatomi News



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Handmade craft items, beadwork, ribbon
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and much more

Biscuits and gravy served at 8 a.m.
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Door prizes

To reserve a booth contact: LaVerne
Hale, 785.966.0041 or email
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Sponsored by the Firekeepers Elder
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Come have fun at the 11th Annual PBPB Earth Day

Sunday, April 26

Prairie People's Park
Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Events: 9 a.m.



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- Run/Walk/Bike Ride
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for registrations, updates, schedules, and more**

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August 6-8, 2009

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901 SW Robinson Ave., Topeka, KS 66606

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300 S Arizona, Holton, KS 66436
Red Roof Inn - 785.364.3172
115 S Hwy 75, Holton, KS 66436
(Ask for Potawatomi Gathering Block)

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For more information contact Laverne Haag at
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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE 16TH ANNUAL POTAWATOMI GATHERING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

9:00 am - 4:30 pm
12 noon - 4:30 pm
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

All Bands Council Meeting - Economic Summit (CCC)
Judicial Conference (Casino Convention Center)
Youth Leadership Seminar (Bingo Hall)
Community Potluck at Prairie Peoples Park

Thursday, August 6, 2009

7:00 am - 9:00 am
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
9:00 am - 10:00 am
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

11:30 am - 1:30 pm
1:30 am - 5:00 pm
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Sunrise Ceremony

Breakfast
Registration
General Assembly
Youth Leadership Seminar (Casino Convention Center)
Language Conference (Casino Convention Center)
Concurrent Sessions
Cultural, Elder, Youth Activities, Tours & Tournaments
Lunch
Concurrent Sessions
Supper
Evening Activities
Language Presentation

Friday, August 7, 2009

7:00 am - 9:00 am
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
8:00 am
8:00 am
9:00 am - 11:30 am
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Sunrise Ceremony

Breakfast
Registration
Fun Walk
Golf Tournament
Concurrent Sessions
Language Conference & Youth Leadership Seminar
Lunch
Concurrent Sessions
Supper
Pow-Wow and other evening activities

Saturday, August 8, 2009

7:00 am - 9:00 am
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Sunrise Ceremony

Breakfast
Registration
Concurrent Sessions
Art Show at Casino Convention Center
Lunch
Concurrent Sessions
Traditional Meal
Pow-wow - Prairie Band Potawatomi Giveaway
Closing Ceremony - Passing the Staff

Play some golf at the Gathering Golf Tournament on August 7

Limited to 18 four-person teams
\$40 per player
deadline for entry: July 15

For details email: franciss@pbpnation.org



look for registration forms
at
www.pbpindiantribe.com
and click on
Gathering icon
on the home page