



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

“Believe in Yourself”

By Doris A. Potts

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members were honored with keynote speakers Teri Barr (Kern) and Zachary Pahmahmie, delivering inspirational messages to all the youth at the Annual School Awards presentation. Teri received her notice 2 weeks ago that she had passed her Kansas Bar Examination and is now a bona fide lawyer and has been sworn in as a new attorney on April 27th. Zach Pahmahmie is currently a 3rd year law student at KU, graduating in May 2001.

Teri spoke about her first year at Kansas State, thinking she could miss classes. She had the notion that since the class sizes were so large, she wouldn't be missed. She found out differently when she received her report card of unfavorable grades with the next semester the same way, basically, one whole year of failing grades.

She thought, “This is not me. I am capable of doing better than this.” Continuing, she said she made up her mind that she had to believe in herself. Yes, there'll be obstacles, but you can be whatever you make up your mind to do. She said family and friends told her that she couldn't be a lawyer; she was too easy-going, not cutthroat enough. She knew that a person could do whatever they wanted to if they put their mind to it.

Recapping Terri's background a little, she is the daughter of Jim and Tutti Kern of Mayetta. She graduated from Royal Valley High School in 1981. She married Alan Barr in 1984 and has 3 sons: Chris, Alex, and Mason. After starting a family, Teri went back to college in 1991 and graduated with honors from Haskell Indian Nations University in 1994 with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts.

She went to the University of Kansas from 1994 to 1998 and earned a bachelor degree in English with

an emphasis in creative writing. While a student at KU, Teri received the Edgar Wolf Creative Writing Award for a short story. She was also chosen as a McNair Scholar in 1996 and 1997 while at KU.

Teri began law school at KU in 1998 and graduated in August 2000. She received the W. Ross Hutton Memorial Award in 2000, an award given to the legal intern with the best overall performance for the year.

Teri currently teaches English at Haskell Indian Nations University. She will begin working as an attorney at the Appellate Defender's Office in Topeka after her teaching job ends this May.

Zach Pahmahmie's message was that anyone from a small community could do whatever they want to do. He went to Stanford University, one of the top 5 universities in the Nation. He told the students to stay involved in activities, keep your grades up, and stay focused. The person that determines your fate is yourself; all things are possible. Good work will determine your destiny in the end. He encouraged parents to talk to your kids on a daily basis. Older kids should remember that they are the role models as the smaller ones are looking up to you.

Zach is the son of Cheryl Crossbear (Simon) of Horton, KS and Richard Pahmahmie, Jr.(Mayetta). Zach graduated from Horton High School in 1992. While in high school, he was involved in the National Honor Society, American Indian Science and Engineering Society (attending 2 AISES summer programs – computer science and engineering camp at Cal State Long Beach and genetic research at University of Iowa College of Medicine), scholar's bowl, and track & cross-country.

In 1996, Zach graduated from the prestigious Stanford University. While at Stanford, he was active in Stanford American Indian Organization, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, internship with the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu, CA, internship with the National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian Institution, Research Branch, NY.

Zach would like to return to the Reservation to work for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as one of our attorneys.



Zach Pahmahmie and Teri Barr (Kern) have already climbed that ladder of success—lawyers.

Venida to Represent Potawatomis in Hawaii

By D. Potts

PBP Nation member Venida Chenault has been selected to participate in the Indigenous Women's Healing and Wellness Conference in Hawaii on August 4-7. Ho'omau Ke Ola, a Hawaiian Substance Abuse Treatment Program, which merges western medicine and Native Hawaiian treatment, is spearheading this conference. They are expecting up to 1,000 indigenous women from all over the world to attend.

This is an opportunity of a lifetime, as it will enable Venida to look at cultural competency, empowerment, and health care delivery issues as they relate to women of color. Venida is currently in the doctorate program at Kansas University, School of Social Welfare, where her primary research interest has focused on Indigenous women.



From Bo sho to Aloha for Venida

The Potawatomi Nation has the highest respect for Venida as she has been instrumental in key projects for the Nation's overall betterment, serving as a consistently positive advocate in General Council forums.

Office of Public Health and Science Region VII in Kansas City is co-sponsoring this conference and will be financing Venida's trip. Congratulations for a well-deserved honor.

April 25, 2001— Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Awards Banquet pictures can be seen on page 9. JOM Coordinator Juanita Jessepe reports that she is awaiting a comprehensive awards list from local schools. To date, she has Royal Valley list only and prefers to wait for entire lists before publishing. That list will be published in next edition of newspaper.

Reminder: Haskell graduation on May 11th @ 10 a.m.
Royal Valley High School Graduation on May 20 @ 2 p.m.
Royal Valley Middle School Grad. On May 22 @ 7 p.m.

COMPETITION IS KNOCKING AT OUR DOOR

By Doris A. Potts

“We always listen to a person when they have a suit on,” a quote often heard in Council meetings. National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman, Montie Deer, (Muskogee Creek) said he has repeatedly told gaming tribes they need to diversify their revenue. The State will eventually approve slots machines at the race tracks. That bill was narrowly defeated last month in the Kansas Senate.

Currently, the State of Kansas is falling short of education funds, meaning they will be looking at ways of finding the needed cash. Timing is very critical for the Native Nations to continue seeking lucrative business endeavors.

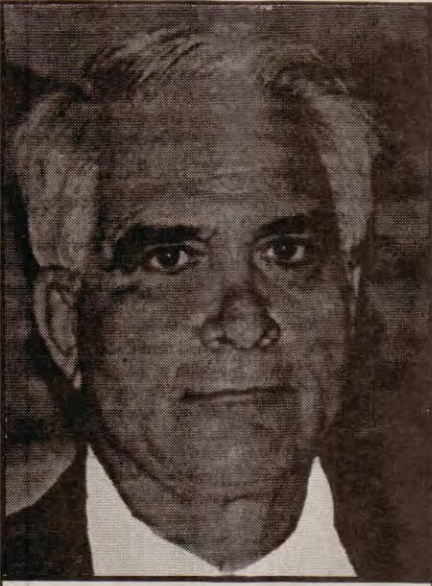
Montie Deer was brought to Haskell Nation Indian University through the joint efforts of KU Tribal Law & Government and the American Indian Studies & Social Sciences Programs to present “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Indian Gaming, but Were Afraid to Ask.”

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was represented by Gaming Commissioners Ruthie Vega, Calvin Evans, and newly elected Carrie O'Toole to hear Mr. Deer's strong advice. Mr. Deer stressed the importance of good internal controls, measures designed to protect the assets of the organization/PBP Nation.

In a recently released study by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, it was estimated that 6% of a tribe's casino gross revenue is lost to fraud and abuse. That figure equates to more than \$9 a day per employee. Further data indicates that about 58% of the reported fraud and abuse cases were committed by non-managerial employees, 30% by Managers, and 12% by Owner/Executives.

Another fact pointed out by Mr. Deer is the misconception that ALL gaming tribes/Nations are rich. That is not true. There are 119 of the 252 gaming tribes that are under \$10 million gaming revenue range. Included in that figure, the Dakotas and Montana tribes still struggle with location, location, and location. Prairie Band Potawatomis are fortunate to be in our current location but what happens to that location theory when State gaming is allowed? No doubt, due to the high cost of gasoline, customers will stop making that 20-30 minute ride outside of Topeka, choosing to stay in the cities in hopes of compounding their hard-earned dollars.

Heed the warning! “The golden egg is not always going to be there!”



Montie Deer



April 24th—Chairman Badger Wahwasuck and Council Person Reye Kitchkumme Present \$50,000 Check to American Red Cross—Kansas Capital Area Chapter.

POTAWATOMI NATION SENDS \$50,000 TO AID HOISINGTON TORNADO VICTIMS

By Doris A. Potts

Early Monday morning, April 23rd, at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Government Center, hustling and bustling was witnessed as Chairman Badger Wahwasuck rushed around directing Executive Director Jon Boursaw to contact the American Red Cross to find out if manual labor or trucks were needed to help out with the tornado disaster clean-up efforts. Do we have men available that we could send out there to help with the clean up or whatever they need? Get on the phone!

Early reports estimated that about 458 structures-

mostly homes- were destroyed when the tornado cut through a 6-block, mile-long area of Hoisington, KS Saturday night at around 9:30 p.m. The twister devastated twenty-five percent of the town of 2,900 people with one life lost as a result of this tornado.

An hour later, Boursaw response from the American Red Cross was, “No, they have the manual help needed.” At that moment, Council Members were gathered and decided to make a decision on how best to assist, as it was obvious that financial contributions would desperately be needed in such a disaster.

It was decided the PBP Nation would contribute \$25,000 directly to the Hoisington tornado disaster victims and \$25,000 to the Topeka Chapter American Red Cross for on-going support.

During check presentation to the American Red Cross, Chair Badger Wahwasuck said “This is a wake up call. It could happen to anyone. The warning system wasn't in operation. We live in Kansas. It struck home. We would want help if it were us.” In closing, Chair Wahwasuck encouraged others to assist in this disaster relief drive.



APRIL 2001 GENERAL COUNCIL SUMMARY

(Note: This is an unofficial report and should not be construed as the final report. When it becomes available, Court Reporter transcriptions will be verified for information accuracy. If there are corrections to be made to these, they will be made in the next edition of the tribal newspaper, June 2001.)

Meeting called to order by Chair Badger Wahwasuck at 9:40 a.m. followed by invocation by Vice Chair Gary Mitchell. Official membership count was 211; 14 guest/presenters.

Motion to approve agenda passed by vote of 105 for and 3 against.

Chairman's Address is printed in its entirety on this page.

Next was Treasurer's Report which included a presentation by Speedi Ready Mix planners with an offer to our Nation to consider being business partners in a concrete company they are developing in Chicago, IL. SRM presenters spoke about their plan for approximately 2 hours with much discussion with Nation members when the idea of SRM changed their business plan from the concrete business to a joint casino partnership in Chicago. **Result of this discussion was a motion from the floor to complete the feasibility study as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, answering other unanswered questions about the Speedi Ready Mix business plan, and to come back for the July 2001 GC Meeting for discussion. This motion passed with 143 for and 0 against.**

Treasurer Potter gave the Treasurer's Report during lunch followed by questions and discussion.

Discussion was brought up about the \$200,000 donation to Royal Valley School. Gary Mitchell requested to respond to that; *Mr. Mitchell has submitted a detailed report in this newspaper called "The \$200,000 Question."* As a result of this education money discussion, a motion was made and approved (118 for; 0 against) to prepare a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Student Service Plan for presentation in the July 2001 General Council Meeting.

Rey Kitchkumme, Council Member, gave Allegation Update Report which can also be found in its entirety in this edition.

Next on the Agenda, Council Person Jackie Mitchell presented the Housing Plan followed by lengthy discussion. Housing issue remains at a deadlock as no motion was followed through with voting.

Secretary Steve Ortiz gave the Eye Glass Program report. **Nation members passed a motion to approve Vision Service Plan B by a vote of 95 for and 0 opposed. A brief summary of Plan B can be found in more detail in this edition also.** Many details must be worked out on administering this program. Steve's office will be sending out information about this service to all Nation members as soon as the details are finalized.

Returning to the Housing Plan, a motion to have a final Housing Plan for the 7-2001 General Council Meeting was made with a vote of 87 for and 0 against.

Tribal Attorney Ralph Simon gave an update on the Economic Development Committee. This committee has been appointed by the Tribal Council and is comprised of the following committee members: John Crites, Peggy Houston, Steve McDonald, David Prager, and Ralph Simon. To date, the Committee has been meeting on a weekly basis. Ralph explained the position of the Committee as they viewed it. This committee will be developing the groundwork for a Board that will be comprised of PBP Nation members, establishing policies/guidelines, basically defining the Board's parameters that will allow them to make sound economic development recommendations and decisions for our Nation. It has always been evident that the Nation should secure an economic development professional to progressively move forward with the Nation's economic development endeavors. It is acknowledged that this economic development strategizing should be a priority and it is an elaborate and time-consuming task "An economic development plan should be created for the tribe (Nation) identifying a strategy and path to sovereignty." (Per Economic Development Committee, March 16, 2001) Ralph Simon has submitted an Economic Development update which can be found in this newspaper edition.

David Prager, PBP Nation Attorney, gave Harrah's Management Agreement Update. **In July 2000, Harrah's proposed the following management fee terms: 2001- 2007 (26%) In April 2001, the Nation delivered its latest proposal to Harrah's with the following management fees: 2001 (25.5%); 2002 (23.5%); 2003 - 2007 (12%) (There were 2 counteroffers within the beginning offer and the latest offer.**

Prager reviewed the 12 revisions of the current management agreement that are being considered for change. **Of the twelve proposed revisions, General Council Member Dale Delg brought one up for a motion. Dale made a motion to strike revised 3.4 from the Management Agreement (leaving that section as it currently reads) Proposed revision read, "Section 3.4: Operation of Management Committee - a consensus of the Tribal Council will exercise the duties of two votes of the Management Committee under the Management Contract. The Tribal members of the Management Committee will become Tribal Advisers to the Tribal Council.**

A quorum count was called for before the vote. There were 79 present yet. Vote was 46 for; 0 against. Motion carried.

At 4:50, quorum was lost; meeting adjourned.

General Council Address

by Chairman Badger Wahwasuck

April 20, 2001

Since December (2000) the Tribal Council has been busy in not only, day to day activities but, in various new projects that are under consideration, and are in the planning stages.

Recently the Tribal Council has created the PBPN Economic Development Advisory Board. The members are Steve Mc Donald, Ralph Simon, David Prager, Peggy Houston, and John Crites. The main objective of the board is to assist the Tribal Council to develop policies and guidelines for our future development office and tribal planning department.

There has been much talk in the news media about the possibility of state-run slots at race-tracks or other locations. Monty Deer, from the N.I.G.C. has predicted that within two years that will be a reality and that Indian tribes should diversify and not depend on casinos for income.

Many of you will recall that I have always been a strong advocate in the past, present, and future for our heritage, ancestors and our way of life. The present, let us look at ourselves as we are now...through the eyes of our children and grandchildren, are we proud of what they see... are we good role models to our young, do they see responsible sober adults who are concerned with their future? If, they will be prosperous or impoverished, or good health care or none, financial stability, or do we someday look back and talk of the days when we were the only ones who had a casino?

The future, let's not just look at what we have now and be content. Let us look at what we have now and acknowledge the many tribal members who got us as far as we are now, now let us take our place in the history of our tribe and work together as the ones who will ensure our grandchildren a future that does not resemble the impoverished conditions that we grew up in.

The Tribal Council has taken the first steps in that direction, now we are looking to the people and asking for help and support. The power of the people is the people of this nation. We, the "Tribal Council", are your tools to achieve a better life for our future generations. The Council needs to know if they have the confidence and trust of the people so that decisions can be made or do we save all decisions for three months and present it to General Council for a vote?

The checks and balances are the fact that we all have open doors. The fact that if the people want a special meeting on any subject, like we do at our community pot-lucks. This Council will meet with our people anytime it is needed, not just at regular General Council Meetings.

The housing situation on the reservation is one of the most pressing issues, new homes, existing houses, repairs on elders homes. The Council has enlisted the aid of Native American attorney who specialized in housing in Indian Country. Lyndee Wells and Tribal Council Member, Jackie Mitchell, Ralph Simon, David Prager, have been working very hard, drafting plans. Most of you are aware of that.

Tribal Council spent two days meeting with Harrah's at their Shreveport property negotiating the "Management Agreement", more details will be given at General Council.

The Eye Glass Program and Health Committee, are currently drafting procurement policies & guidelines.

Each tribal member will be receiving a mail-out from "American Income", offering discounts on various services for a activation fee. Remember, the PBPN is not paying for these services. If, you accept the services it is at your own expense, however the \$1,000.00 accidental death and/or dismemberment is given to each tribal member at no cost to you.

April 10th thru 12th, 2001 is the beginning of filming by 21st Century Native Americans, a Native American owned film & media group from Phoenix, AZ. They are doing a Public Relations Video for the tribe. This film will be on video format in our efforts to bring economic development to the reservation. Therefore, striving to educate possible business and investors about our "Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation".

Dealings with the State of Illinois it will show our progressive approach to social and economic development. It is a needed tool to educate the Non-Indian community about the contributions we the PBPN to make the overall community, both state and local.

On a personal note I would like to add a thought..."This is only my opinion and does not attempt to speak for anyone else. I have heard it over and over again, "We are shareholder's", we cannot buy more shares or sell our shares, we cannot sell out our share. We, are the PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION. The casino belongs to all 5,000 or so members from the oldest to the ones yet to be born. It belongs to people we have not met, and may never meet, they are Potawatomi's. The benefits to some may never be more than the per cap they receive, but it belongs to each and every one of us.

Knowingly that each and every council-person who has children and grandchildren will do their best to insure a better life for future generation. Should that not be the answer, just as with the finances from the casino it can never be divided into share. Some will always receive more, it can never be totally fair. Just like the small gifts we sometimes receive at "General Council" and the lunch, some will never share that. Some of us may never have a utility bill paid, but let's be happy that we can now do that for our people.



PBP Nation member Vincent Hernandez said, "I have never had my picture in the newspaper." Here it is!

The \$200,000 Question

By Gary E. Mitchell

A question at a General Council focused on why a recent donation of \$200,000 was given to the Royal Valley School system. Though the donation was included in a financial report at an earlier General Council meeting, the question still deserves a response but one directed to all the members of the tribe.

The legal basis for any contribution is grounded in the 1988 Gaming Regulatory Act where it outlines what a tribe can legally spend its gaming revenues on.

It states revenue from gaming can only be used in five specific areas. Net revenues from any tribal gaming are not to be used for purposes other than:

- To fund Tribal Government operations or programs;
- To provide for the general welfare of the Indian tribe and its members;
- To promote Tribal economic development;
- To donate to charitable organizations; or
- To help fund operations of local government agencies. See 25 USC 2710(b).

Allocations to one or more of these five requirements of IGRA must be met before a Tribe can file for a "Revenue Allocation Plan."

The Potawatomi Nation submitted a plan that was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Tribe adopted a Per Capita Ordinance on May 16, 2000. This plan was approved in a General Council meeting and states:



Three-Year Internal Audit Update By Council Member - Rey Kitchkumme

At a previous Quarterly General Council meeting a motion was passed to implement a three-year internal government audit. Since then the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Tribal Council accepted Clarence M. Kelly and Associates, Inc. (CMKA) to conduct a Needs Assessment for the audit.

The Needs Assessment began on January 24, 2001. Mr. Larry Cook of Clarence M. Kelly and Associates interviewed thirty-five tribal members and received over five thousand tribal documents, including General Council Meeting minutes, Tribal Council Meeting minutes, Resolutions, and Independent Audit reports from 1996 to 2000. The Needs Assessment Report identified twenty-six allegations of misconduct meriting further investigation, and recommended and examination of purchasing and inventory at the Road and Bridge, Fire, Police, Land, and Parr Ranch.

The Tribal Council approved the recommendations in the Needs Assessment Report and ordered the examination of purchasing and inventory to include the Nation Station, Gift Shop and Bingo Hall.

Approved Plan

- 30% revenue of the net gaming revenues shall be used to fund or supplement Tribal Government Operations and Programs;
- 24% percent of the net gaming revenues shall be used for per capita distributions to all eligible enrolled members;
- 43% percent of the net gaming revenues shall be used to fund tribal economic development, including but not limited to developing tribal business enterprises, business opportunities, goods and services that may provide employment to its members, and financial returns to the tribe and its members;
- 1% percent of the net gaming revenues shall be used to donate for tribal or non-Tribal charitable organizations or local government organizations providing services to the Potawatomi Indians;
- 2% percent of the net gaming revenues will be used to provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members.

Within the scope of existing law, the Tribal Government allocated \$200,000 for the Royal Valley school district.

The justification was not only based on law but need. For example in two recent school years:

1998-99 School Year

- Trust Property value in USD 337: \$46,628,790;
- Assessed value @11%: \$5,129,167;
- Tax not collected @ 43.2 mills: \$221,580;
- Impact Aid collected: \$164,431 which leaves a \$57,149 tax shortfall for this year, and:

2000-01 School Year

- Trust Property Market value in USD 337: \$59,744,770 (figure does not include value of new construction on this

property).

- Assessed value @11%: \$6,571,925;
- Tax not collected @ 47.154 mills: \$309,893;
- Impact Aid collected: \$150,268 which leaves a \$159,625 tax shortfall for this year.

Impact Aid, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1950 is designed to directly reimburse public schools districts for the loss of traditional revenue sources due to a federal presence or activity. Today, its legal reference is P.L. 103-382, Title VIII.

Traditionally, property, sales and personal income taxes account for a large portion of the average school district's annual budget. But federally connected students can adversely affect a school district's financial base because their parents or guardians do one or more of the following in the school districts that the students attend:

1. Often pay no income taxes or vehicle license fees in their state of residence;
2. Live on non-taxable federal property;
3. Shop at stores that do not generate taxes; or
4. Work on non-taxable federal land.

Impact Aid provides a payment to school districts in lieu of lost taxes to assist with the basic educational needs of its students.

The tax shortfalls for these two cited school years were \$216,774 and the contribution helped off-set the shortfall. But more importantly, this gives the Nation the opportunity to pay its own way in the field of education for its youth and to lessen dependence on others.

In March, the Tribal Council contracted with CMKA to conduct an investigation of the twenty-five allegations identified in the Needs Assessment and conduct an examination of purchasing and inventory in the programs identified. Since March, the CMKA investigator has been actively investigating these allegations by interviewing tribal members and non-tribal members, reviewing tribal records including bank records, accounting records, land records, computer files, and correspondence files in addition to property and tax records on file at Jackson County.

The next stage is to hire a qualified professional accounting firm to complete the final portion of the audit. The scope will include taking account of the Tribal government operations as well as all programs and departments.

With the addition of hiring an accounting firm in May, we anticipate the Internal Audit will be substantially completed by the end of July 2001.

If you have any questions regarding the audit please contact Rey Kitchkumme at (785) 966-4019 or 1-877-715-6789 toll free.



Nation Members Approve Eye Glass Program

On April 21st, General Council approved vision Service Plan B for administration and implementation. This comprehensive eyeglass program will be available for all enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members throughout the United States to participate in. Target date to begin program is July 1, 2001. Brief program summary follows. If you have questions regarding this program, contact person is Steve Ortiz, PBPN Secretary @ 785-966-4013.

VSP has three plans, A, B and C. The primary difference is the interval when services are available. The following table shows these intervals.

	PLAN A	PLAN B	PLAN C
EXAMINATION	12 Months	12 Months	12 Months
LENSES	24 Months	12 Months	12 Months
FRAMES	24 Months	24 Months	12 Months

Plan A, B and C benefits are identical, except for the frequency as noted above. Further Plan C allows tinted or photochromic lenses, while these cost the patient extra under plans A and B.

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION FULLY-INSURED PROGRAM 100% PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION PAID

	PER MEMBER PER MONTH (24-MONTH RATE)	PER MEMBER PER MONTH (36-MONTH RATE)
PLAN B (12/12/24) \$ 0.00 COPYMENT	\$8.85	\$8.97
PLAN B (12/12/24) \$ 0.00 COPAYMENT - EXAM \$ 5.00 COPAYMENT - MATERIALS	\$8.67	\$8.78

The above monthly rates are based on approximately 3,500 eligible Nation members and are valid with an effective date on or before July 1, 2001.

- The above rates assume one contract, one billing location, one point of contact for membership
- The above monthly rates assume no set Dependent Age limitations
- The PMPM rating requires unique SSN# (or I.D.) on each covered Nation member
- Prairie Band is an actual tribe and the Tribal nation is contributing 100% of the PMPM premium

The above rates reflect a \$45 wholesale member doctor frame allowance that provides coverage for approximately 66% of the frames on the retail market.

The above rates reflect a \$105 Elective contact lens allowance (instead of spectacle lens/frame benefit) to assist with the doctor's professional fees including the fitting and evaluation.

TWO-YEAR OR THREE-YEAR RATE GUARANTEE

Contracts will be issued for two years unless other arrangements are made with VSP in advance. VSP will consider longer rate guarantees, but at higher rates. If it is necessary to raise our rates at the end of the contract period or any month thereafter, you will be notified at least 60 days in advance. These rates are based on the assumption that VSP will receive these amounts over the full plan term. Financial penalties may apply in the event of early termination of the contract.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Draft Housing Plan

By Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member

The Tribal Council has submitted a draft plan for housing assistance. Housing has been a concern of tribal membership for many years. Many families live in homes in much need of repair and renovation or with family members in possibly two to three families in one home. Many tribal members have met their dreams of owning their own homes through much hard work and planning, but others have not been able to meet this dream. The housing plan would assist tribal members in financing the purchase, construction, repair or renovation of a home, or the rental of a home, apartment or duplex, and would consist of loans or grants and may include reduced rental rates.

Many tribal members have called from not only the reservation and surrounding communities but from many other areas of the country including San Diego, California to Grand Rapids, Michigan and many points in between. Comments have been favorable and many members have specific questions. One member stated that he had been saving for his home for years and he would like assistance with putting in the utilities. Another member had concerns about her credit history and it was suggested to her to pay her bills on time and demonstrate that she was working in good faith to improve her credit. One family had their home that they saved for and worked hard to renovate burn in a tragic fire. These and many others demonstrate the need for a tribal housing plan.

The housing plan survey was answered by 414 the deadline date of April 10. More surveys continue to be sent in daily. The results of this survey included many different requests for assistance including assistance with home purchase and renovation and repair to existing homes. Many didn't need assistance in any form.

A big concern is the tax issue, gaming money provided to membership is taxable and the plan allows for a sliding scale to address this issue. Many final decisions will have to be made including how to finance on and off reservation home purchases and renovation. The Tribal Council will meet with banks and mortgage companies to assist in this process. Administration of this program will be based on clear guidelines and priorities that will be enforced and strictly adhered to. The success of this plan will insure that future homeowners will have the same opportunity and benefits dependent on available funding.

A public meeting was held on April 14, 2000. Approximately 60 tribal members listened to the presentation on the housing plan and asked questions such as would the plan be offered to tribal members both on and off the reservation. This program will be for both on and off reservation tribal members. A presentation at the April 21, General Council meeting allowed members to voice their support or concern about the plan. A concern at the general council meeting was question about the tribal council forgiving past HUD home loans. Many homeowners for a variety of reasons including thinking that the government owned them their homes to hard financial times did not pay their required minimum amount. In 1985, HUD directed tribes that they had the discretion to forgive outstanding debt on these HUD homes. Previous tribal councils had this option and did not take action. The present tribal council is considering many options concerning these HUD homes and moving ahead with the 2001 housing plan.

The tribal members at the April 21, 2000 general council meeting voted 89 for and 0 against to bring the final housing plan and projected budget to the July general council meeting. Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members will vote yes or no to approve the housing plan at the July 21, 2000 general council meeting. Please plan to attend with your approval or disapproval.

Any further questions or concerns, please call Jackie Mitchell at 785 966 4016, toll free 877 715 6789, or email mjackie@pbpnation.org

Welcome to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation

By Jackie Mitchell

Plans are underway for development of 2.3 acres at the corner of 158 and Q Road at the entrance of the reservation. A granite sign with the tribal logo and the message

"Welcome to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation" has been purchased as the official welcome sign to the Potawatomi Reservation. 158 and Q is on the main road into the reservation and on the eastern edge of the boundary. The PBP Nation recently purchased this land specifically for this project as the land is under the amount for a home site as specified in the tribal zoning codes.

Harrah's National Corporate office has offered to finance a project on the

reservation and ideas for this donation could include development of this site. Ideas include a historic/cultural site to be developed as part of this project. An interpretative site could include a map of the area, historical information, accomplishments and current information about the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The development of these 2.3 acres will promote knowledge and pride in the nation and provide a beautiful entrance to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Submitted by Ralph Simon, Jr.

The Tribal Council formed an Economic Development Advisory Board in March 2001 to assist the tribal government in formally organizing the economic development function for the Nation. In the past, economic development opportunities were received by the Tribal Council and other government officials, and then reviewed as time and resources permitted along with other duties of those officials. Economic Development is such an important function for the Nation that, with revenues now available for this purpose derived from gaming activities, a concentrated effort needs to be undertaken to make it a priority for the benefit of the Nation and its members. The members of the Advisory Board are Peggy Houston, Steve McDonald, John Crites, David Prager and Ralph Simon. This Board reports to the Tribal Council.

The tribes that are most successful with economic development are those that fully exercise their sovereign powers. This includes making policy decisions on how the economic development activity will be organized and carried out. In order to get to that point, it is critical that tribal members be given the opportunity to provide their input into Strategic Planning for the Nation. The Strategic Plan will identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Nation, and the opportunities and threats to its economic development based upon those strengths and weaknesses (SWOT). It is anticipated that the Advisory Board will host meetings in the next few weeks and months for tribal member input on both the formation of the Economic Development Group

Decision Impacts PBPN Harrah's Casino

By Mary Young and David Prager, III

A final ruling in the arbitration of the Tribal State Gaming Compact between the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the State of Kansas occurred on October 3, 2000. The Nation was successful in defending its interpretation of the Compact. The issue that was presented to the Panel was the interpretation of Section 26(c); gaming machines and alcohol.

Section 26(c) provides: Alcoholic and Cereal Malt Beverages. No alcohol or cereal malt beverages shall be served or consumed on any gaming floor, nor anywhere within the gaming facility between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic and cereal malt beverages in the gaming facility shall be regulated pursuant to state law as provided in 18 U.S.C. 11611.

The Panel was composed of Michael A. Barbara, Chairman, Lance Burr and Tim Madden. Debra L. Billingsley represented the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission and David Prager, III, represented the PBPN.

The State of Kansas and the PBPN entered into a Tribal State Gaming Compact dated April 20, 1995 concerning the operation of a gambling casino on the Nation's reservation in Jackson County, KS and known as Harrah's Prairie Band Casino.

The casino opened on January 13, 1998 with a "Class B" liquor license by the State of Kansas for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The Prairie Pub is in the casino and sells liquor according to the State "Class B" liquor license as a private club. Table games and slot machines are located in the Pub. Ten slot machines were located on top of the bar at the January 1998 opening.

The State Gaming Commission (SGA) was aware that the slot machines were placed on top of the bar and were in working order but the SGA's Director, Mr. Diel, did not approach the Nation about this issue until March 6, 2000, after the relocation and expansion of the new Pub to include 88 slots and nine gaming tables at a cost of \$1.5 million.

On March 6, 2000, Mr. Diel informed the Nation's Tribal Council that the casino was in violation of Section 26(c) of the Compact. He did not invoke arbitration and complain until the renovation and construction was well under way in January, 2000 and almost completed on March 2, 2000.

The Conclusion of Law in the arbitration decision was that under the Compact, liquor and beer can be served at the same time and place in the casino where gaming is occurring. The Nation agreed under the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Cabazon* that the Compact should be construed to permit the casino to conduct the same alcohol consumption and gaming activities as allowed elsewhere in the State. The State allows liquor consumption at race tracks and where State lottery tickets are sold. Therefore, the casino should be allowed to serve liquor where casino gaming occurs.

Several witnesses testified as to the intention of the Compact when it was negotiated in 1994 and 1995. The Nation's proof of the intention prevailed and the arbitrators unanimously ruled in favor of the Nation.

Lessons From the Women's Wellness Conference—We have to be well leaders to be effective leaders. Wellness means holistic wellness (mind, spirit, body, and emotion). The Creator has given us a complete self in which to care for. We each have the POWER within us to control our lives—whether it be happiness, hurt, negativity, fears, forgiving, bad/good lifestyle, virtues/vices—just to name a few. Take responsibility of what you let come within your heart, body and mind. You have the POWER!

and for the development of a Strategic Plan.

One of the reasons for having a formal organization for the economic development function is to assure that adequate procedures are in place, and sufficient resources are available, to properly review business opportunities when they are received by the Nation. The procedures and resources will be devoted to due diligence evaluation of each worthy proposal. Failure to conduct due diligence, and make appropriate decisions based upon the results of that due diligence investigation, resulted in significant business investment mistakes. The purpose of due diligence is to provide the investor with sufficient information regarding the proposed business so that the investor may make a reasoned decision as to whether or not to pursue such a transaction and, if the decision is made to pursue such a transaction, what the appropriate terms and price might be. The decision made with respect to price must also consider potential liabilities, including any post-transaction indemnification obligations.

In the context of an acquisition transaction, four main components are included in the due diligence investigation. The components targeted are: (1) a comprehensive analysis of the company generally; (b) an evaluation of the company's management; (c) an analysis of all material parts of the company's business; and, (4) an understanding of the company's financial statements and financial condition. A review of these four main areas will usually cover several hundred detailed issues relating to the business and the proposed transaction.

Any tribal member interested in economic development for the Nation will be welcome to attend, and is encouraged to attend, meetings of the Advisory Board as it considers the most beneficial form of organization for the Economic Development Group and the Strategic Plan for the Nation. You may contact one of the Advisory Board members at the Government Center for times, dates and locations of these meetings.

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The Daily Tribune

New judge reviews Powers Bluff case

Adams County Circuit Court Judge Duane Polivka was assigned Monday to review a request by Native Americans to halt the cutting of trees at Powers Bluff Park.

On April 12, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation filed a request for a temporary order to keep the county from continuing work at Powers Bluff Park until a study on the park is complete.

A hearing on the injunction was postponed April 19 after Alysia E. LaCounte, attorney for the Potawatomi Nation, requested a substitute for Wood County Branch 3 Circuit Court Judge Edward Zapfen Jr.

No new date for the injunction hearing had been set Monday afternoon.

In summary, the Wis. Rapids Daily Tribune [April 5, 2001] reported that in mid-March, 40 trees had been cut in Powers Bluff Park leaving the Descendants of Powers Bluff representatives feeling betrayed and the Wood County officials defending their decision to cut the trees.

Nettie Kingsley, Descendants of Powers Bluff representative, states that the county did not notify the members of the cut.

According to Committee Chairman Lance Pliml, a county letter was published in the Potawatomi Traveling Times Sept 1 that stated the county would continue regular maintenance of the park, which may include cutting of trees.

He further stated that "This was not a secret letter from the Wood County Park and Forestry Department to some committee members. His point being that there was notice that these types of maintenance operations may have to occur."

sites located on Powers Bluff. On April 20, 2001, the Descendants of Powers Bluff met with the Ad Hoc Powers Bluff Long Range Planning Committee to show why they were fighting so hard to protect the Park.

Brian Snowball showed the Ad Hoc Committee a picture of his aunt who was buried at Powers Bluff. He felt that showing a face would put a different perspective on the situation.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with a representative from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin on the archeological survey but he was unable to attend the meeting.

Shortly after as list of goals were added to the minutes, members of the Descendants of Powers Bluff and about 15 Native Americans left the meeting.

After they left the remaining members decided to schedule the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting; it will be held on June 11 after the archeological survey on one area is completed.

Carol Brown, attorney for the Prairie Band of Potawatomi said that there is a misunderstanding between the two parties as to what the actual agreement was and she further stated that she had pictures of the cut and it was not a maintenance cut.

According to the Marshfield News-Herald, April 7, 2001, a decision had not been made concerning he restraining order filed by the PBPN on Thursday [April 12, 2001] to keep Wood County from working at Powers Bluff until a study on the park is complete. The concern pertains to the many burial



PBP CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE APRIL 2001 RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation for Constitutional Convention

The Constitution Committee is recommending to the General Council of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation that a Constitutional Convention be held for the purpose of finalizing recommendations for changes to the Proposed Constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi People. The Constitutional Convention would be held on the Thursday and Friday before the October 2001 General Council meeting.

The purpose of the Constitutional Convention would be to convene a group of voting delegates appointed to serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation who would review and forward a final draft of the Proposed Constitution for a vote by all voting members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Guidelines for the selection of the Constitutional Committee Delegates would ensure that these individuals would represent the groups that make up the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Delegates appointed to the Constitutional Convention should not take their responsibility lightly and must agree to represent the interests of the group they represent as well as the interests of the Nation.

The selection of delegates is intended to make sure the final draft reflects the concerns and interests of all the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Only delegates appointed to this convention will have vot-

ing rights in the constitution convention although all tribal members may attend.

At the conclusion of the Constitution Convention, a final draft of the Proposed Constitution will be forwarded by these delegates to full membership. At this time, a Secretarial Election will be called and a vote by all voting members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will be held.

To ensure that all blocks of eligible voting members are represented in this process, the following will select the number of delegates identified below. After each group has selected their delegate(s), these names will be presented at the July 2001 General Council meeting. Delegates will be formally appointed at this time.

Elder/senior citizens - 5 delegates
Religious/church groups - 8 delegates (2 from each of the four groups on reservation)
Large families - 4-6 delegates
Off reservation (in state) - 1 from Topeka, Lawrence and Kickapoo areas - 3 delegates
Off reservation (out of state) - 3 delegates (1 from Wisconsin, Oklahoma and other)
On-reservation members - 4 delegates
Youth representatives - 2 delegates
Revisers of the 1970's constitution - 4 delegates
Others - to be determined by general council

TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION-2001

MILTON LACLAIR, LAVEDA WAH-WEOTTEN, CALVIN EVANS, RUTH VEGA, CARRIE O'TOOLE

Written by Ruthie Vega

The Commission would like to congratulate Carrie O'Toole and Milton LaClair for their victory on Election Day. We have been working them pretty hard over the past few weeks. Carrie is learning at a fast pace and seems to be keeping up with the learning curve. Those of us on the Commission are relaxing with the addition of the fifth member...it means less calls on the weekends and the wee hours of the night.

I want to write a series of articles educating the General Council of some of the things that the Commission does. First, I wanted to explain the overall picture of the Commission and our function.

Being on the Commission is a huge responsibility because from the start, we guard the (gaming) assets of the tribe through regulation. The regulations that we monitor are Federal, State and Tribal. The Casino and Bingo Hall are periodically reviewed by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for compliance to the NIGC's Minimum Internal Control Standards and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). On the State level, the Commission ensures that the Casino follows the regulations set out in the State of Kansas Compact by the State Gaming Agency. Tribal Law and Order Codes delegate the authority and scope that the Commission acts within. The Commission has adopted Tribal Minimum Internal Controls for both the Casino and the Bingo Hall, which tie all of these regulations together as well as include additional regulatory oversight by the Commission. All in all, we deal with a lot of rules from various organizations. Sometimes it gets overwhelming!

The Commission would like to dispel certain rumors about Commission functions. We do not

regulate or have any authority over any of the other tribal programs (i.e. road and bridge, etc) other than bingo and the casino. The Commission does not determine the amount of percents. The Commission regulates the casino, see that the players get a fair game and that all money is accounted for. Each month the casino writes a check to the tribe, the Tribal Council determines how the money is used. We, the Gaming Commission have no say in how the Tribal Council spends the money, so long as it is within the distribution plan approved by NIGC or as shown in the pie chart, which was distributed at a previous General Council meeting.

On to a lighter subject, we employ 25 people to help the five Commissioners carry out their duties to regulate gaming on behalf of the Prairie Band Potawatomi.

Shayla Catron-Receptionist
Pam Bowman-Secretary
Linda Hegemann-Secretary
Lily Hall-Finance Manager
Jodi Jessepe-Compliance Officer
Geraldine Hamlin-Compliance Officer
Pat Chapman-Compliance Officer
Jean Batt-Administrative Inspector
Ken Young-Internal Auditor
Tracy Rodewald-Investigative Inspector
Bill Jim-Inspector
Robert Engler-Inspector
Tina Catron-Inspector
Lea Jim-Inspector
Elwin Welbourne-Inspector
Barbara Catron-Inspector
Bruce McKinney-Inspector
Dennis Degand-Inspector
Dennis Gibbs-Inspector
Vince Carter-Inspector
Gabe Strangeowl-Inspector
Roger Soza-Inspector

New Hires:
Martin "Joe" Redlightening-Inspector
David Hegemann-Inspector

We would like to convey our thanks to our employees for assisting us in fulfilling our obligations. Thank you to each and every one of you!

LATE BREAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Brent Master** hired as New Bingo Manager
- **April 9** - Final walk through inspection of child care expansion project.
- **May 5** - Final walk through inspection of new Fire Station.
- **HAMM Quarries** selected to do highway repaving project - First 7 miles.

Mitchell appointed to Haskell regents board

Jackie Mitchell, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council, was recently appointed by the Four Tribes of Kansas' council as their representative to the Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents.

Mitchell, who holds a master's degree in early childhood education, plans to use her experience to improve the overall academic environment by nationally promoting the university's forward-thinking image. One of her primary goals includes securing outside funding for future Haskell developments.

"Maintaining communication is essential," Mitchell says. "An open line of communication between different tribes, the university and the students is a major contributor to the continued successes of Haskell."

Among Mitchell's educational accomplishments is the development of the Early Childhood Education Center on the PBP Reservation. Over 70 children attend what is now a model program, nationally recognized and accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Mitchell will join the board at their spring meeting held in late May.



Jackie Mitchell named to Board of Regents at Haskell Indian Nations University



Written road accord with Tribe sought

By Sandra M. Siebert
Recorder Staff (March 15, 2001)

The Jackson County Commission does not want to stand in the way of road improvements on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation, but indicated on Monday that it would like a more clear agreement with the tribe as to road maintenance responsibilities.

The discussion was prompted by a publication last week of the tribe's intent to hold a hearing Monday evening concerning plans to construct a hard surface on several roads on the reservation.

The county and tribe have an agreement that the tribe is responsible for maintenance of 118 miles of road on the reservation, said Commissioner Lois Pelton. But the proposed projects constitute construction, not maintenance, and the county should be consulted, she said. She also pointed out that some of the roads cited for paving are not ones the tribe has agreed to maintain, so the county is responsible for their maintenance.

The maintenance agreement between the county and the tribe was sealed by little more than a handshake years ago. According to Pelton, a verbal agreement only has designated more than half of the tribe-maintained roads, and a letter from the tribe's road and bridge department designates the others.

The commission agreed on Monday to immediately get a message to the tribal council concerning the need for a written agreement outlining road maintenance responsibilities, and more communication concerning road projects.

"We don't want to stop anything," said Commission Chairman John Grau. However, he said, a written agreement is needed to more clearly define responsibilities.



NATIVE AMERICAN JR. GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
Left to right: Jon Boursaw, Steve McDonald, Ryan Ross, Jimmy Cisneros, and Randy Conroy

Native American Junior Golf Association Comes to Northeast Kansas

Let's Tee It Up! That is one of JB's favorite sayings. James "JB" Cisneros enjoys working with youth and playing golf. These two things are so close to his heart that JB decided six months ago to begin his search for Native American junior golf associations. JB soon found out that no organizations existed, at least not the World Wide Web. JB contacted the PGA and other organizations who had no information. That is when JB decided to organize the Native American Junior Golf Association, Inc. (NAJGA) a non-profit organization. NAJGA will address two issues: **the lack of access to quality golf facilities and quality golf instruction in rural areas.**

As many Native Americans' know all too well, most reservations and rancherias are situated in remote areas of the country. **Native American and other youth who reside in rural America come up short when it comes to access to one of America's fastest growing sports: Golf.** JB and the NAJGA Board of Directors' do not want to take a chance on missing out when it comes to the next Tiger Woods, Notah Begay or Nancy Lopez. JB and the board

want to give Native American and other youth in rural America the opportunity and the challenge of being the next great golfer.

A junior golf camp is scheduled for this summer and will culminate with the first NAJGA junior golf tournament. Steve McDonald, president of the Board of Directors, Potawatomi tribal member, and member of the PGA is in full support of NAJGA and clearly understands the potential and impact that this national organization will have for Native American and other youth in Northeast Kansas as well as for other tribes and their youth. Steve McDonald said, "as the National organization for Native American junior golf, we want to support Native Americans youth through developing NAJGA chapters around the country, but it all starts here and now."

The other board of directors are, Jon Boursaw, vice president, Ryan Ross, secretary, Randy Conroy, Treasurer, and Ralph Simon, Parliamentarian. JB will serve as executive director. JB commented that the NAJGA board of directors is the "Dream Team" of board of directors. The knowledge and experience that the board brings to NAJGA is unmatched, as well as the enjoyment of working with youth and playing the game of golf.

JB and the board informed us that NAJGA was making history. Not only is NAJGA possibly the first Native American junior golf association in the United States, they are also the first non-profit to incorporate with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe, a sovereign government. Details are being finalized for this summer's camp, golf tournament and website. NAJGA will have a sign-up picnic for youth and parents in late May. NAJGA is seeking financial and other support, for the organization. For more information call (785) 364-5480.



A Valedictory

By Veronica N. Zerrer

I will be leaving the employment of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in May for a Development Director's position in Orange County, California. The Grants Office did not exist in 1998 when I first arrived at the tribe. As of today, the office has overseen the development of over 55 different grant solicitations and has applied for over thirty-five grants totaling \$ 4,254,547. To date the office has helped to contribute over \$1,036,751 to the Tribal economy. Programs in existence now that did not exist in 1998 are the Potawatomi Alcohol abuse Recovery Resource (PARR) ranch, The Social Services program including a plethora of projects ranging from Indian child welfare to Vocational Rehabilitation, and a Community Cancer Prevention Educator. Other Programs that have benefited from this office are the Police Department, the Child Care center, the Language Program, Tribal Courts, the Youth Program, and others.

The Grants office has only helped the tribe. The office exists to provide support to the program directors in their efforts to secure funding resources for their special projects in excess of what their programs currently call for. Grant writing is increasingly becoming a team effort, incorporating research, writing, project development, and editing support. To that end the office has contributed to Tribal programs acting as a facilitator and a bringing other tribal programs together to plan collaborative efforts for the betterment of the people in the tribe. The Office has also taken the lead in acting as a liaison to The Small Business Development Offices located throughout the state of Kansas.

This office has never limited its activity to writing government grants only. There are very many healthy Foundations nationwide and regionally that would entertain donations to an American Indian tribe. The Grants office has established effective relationships with the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri, The Gates Foundation, and the Security Benefit Companies in Kansas. The tribe is an active participant in the Kansas Non-Profit Association. We have approached the Kellogg Foundation, The Bingham Foundation, the Security Benefit Foundation, the Sosland, The O'Shaughnessy Foundations for support of tribal projects. In short, this office has been a good investment of Tribal resources. An investment that the tribe should not overlook and ensure continues.

I have enjoyed my tenure here as the Grant Writer. I want to thank the Tribal Councils I have had the opportunity to work for and express for them my continuing admiration for the work they are doing. I will miss my colleagues in the Tribe, and I will always be ready to provide whatever assistance to them that I can. To the tribal members I have come to know I wish to say that the honor of your trust and friendship has been mine.

I leave feeling great sadness and joy. Yet I believe that in order to continue growing I must continue to experience new experiences beyond those I have already had. An inspirational photo that sits upon my desk shows a juniper tree growing from an outcropping of bare rock in a Southwestern canyon. The caption reads: "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow." I think this an excellent articulation of my personal values, and my hopes for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys & Girls Club Board of Director Training Workshop

May 17th
from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Old Rock Building

PRAIRIE BAND OF POTAWATOMI NEWS

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The Prairie Band of Potawatomi News encourages and welcomes letters, editorials, articles and photos from its readers. This publication reserves the right to reject, edit or condense items submitted.

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Photos submitted

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New Hours ADDED Elder's Center Crafts & Activities

Eligible participants, here's your chance to take part in the activities:

Evening hours: (starting April 10, 2001)

Tuesdays and Thursdays:
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Day hours:

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

15372 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509

Phone: (785) 966-0040
FAX: (785) 966-0052

Crafts and activities are scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday. Bring your patterns and sew with the group or relax in the "TV" room. Several pool tables are available as well as exercise equipment.

**** For more information call Shirley Wakole.**

Prairie Band Potawatomi

Toll-Free Numbers

The following are the toll free numbers that are available to the various departments at PBPB:

Government Center
877 715-6789

Social Services
888 966-2932

Tribal Court
866 966-2242

Alcohol & Drug
866 966-2411

Boys & Girls Club
866 727-6242
(866 PBP-NBGC)

Learn the Role of a Council Member

Summated by Dale Delg

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Human Resource office cordially invites you to attend a workshop held here on the reservation on May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Please make it a point to attend. You will learn the role of a Council Member and their responsibilities as our leaders.

Facilitator, Julie Johnson, an enrolled Lummi Indian woman from Washington state has over 21 years of experience working for Indian Tribes and organizations in the areas of setting policy and implementation of direct services. Instructor, Rachel Joseph, Chair of the Lone Pine Tribe of California will teach the program. She Co-Chairs the National I.H.S. Re-Authorization Steering Committee of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Please call the Human Resource office at 785-966-3060 to put your name on attendance list as space is limited— call early. The workshop will be at the Bingo Hall. Topics include:

- *The Re-Authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.*
- *National I.H.S. Budget Committee Report.*
- *Area Health Boards & Local Health Boards.*
- *The role of Council member and Leadership.*

Haskell Commencement Pow Wow
May 11-13, 2001
Haskell Indian Nations University Campus
Lawrence, Kan. (785) 749-8437

"Brave Warriors" We-Ta-Se Post 410

By Mary Young

Traditional posting of flags and the 21-gun salute for all veterans grave sites on the reservation will occur on May 27, 2001, Memorial Day, by the American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410 following a breakfast at Cecelia Jackson's home.

The We-Ta-Se Color Guard will visit nine cemeteries on the reservation, about 300 veterans, including the new Prairie People's Cemetery located one mile west of the Road and Bridge Dept. on 150 Road. The Prairie People's Cemetery is open to those who have passed on without a designated space for interment.

Please contact the We-Ta-Se office (1-785-966-2580) if you know of a veteran's grave that has been missed due to lack of military identification on the tombstone or head marker. The Post is aware of two cemeteries that do not have an access road.

To be remembered this Memorial Day are those Potawatomi killed in action and the P.O.W.'s: Frank Cadue (WW I and the first Potawatomi killed in action), Edward Mitchell (WW II), Lavern Thomas (WW II), William Lasley (WW II), Nelson Potts (WW II and P.O.W.), Paul Wamego (WW II), Vernon Mzhickteno (Korea), Victor Hale (Vietnam), and Martin Jim (Vietnam).

As of March 14, 2001, Post 410 has 63 active members and six female veterans. The current Post 410 Officers for 2000-2001 include the following: Commander: Tim Ramirez; Vice Cmdr: Ralph Tecumseh; Adjutant: Roy A. Hale; Finance Officer: Eugene R. Masquat; Chaplain: Francis Jensen; Service Officer: Lawrence E. Hale; Historian: Roy Ogden; Sgt. Of Arms: Jim Vanderblomen.

Historically, on September 15, 1990, the American Legion Post 410 was created and chartered with 15 members. In the Potawatomi language "We-Ta-Se" means, "brave warrior." This Post is the only all-Indian post in Kansas and one of the first in the country. Although the majority membership is Prairie Band Potawatomi, any tribal affiliation is welcomed as long as proof of Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) can be provided. To join Post

410, write to The American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410, 15434 K Road, Mayetta, KS 66509 or call 785 966-2580.

In the past, the Color Guard has appeared at the Kansas City Chiefs football game, the Kansas City Royals baseball game, Armed Forces Parade in Topeka, and the American Legion State Convention in Wichita. Their schedule also includes local and distant pow wows, groundbreaking ceremonies, parades, funerals and the Potawatomi Gatherings.

Roy and Emery Hale keep busy as they provide transportation to area Veterans Administration hospitals and assist the CHR's when called upon for needed transportation. They also establish the computer membership roster and maintain current addresses, telephone numbers for mail-outs; they research deceased members for recognition plaques and/or display case; answer all incoming calls from veterans or dependents concerning benefits; and, process American Legion membership applications and fees to central office and maintain the log of all applications for accounting purposes.

At the monthly Employees Meeting on April 6, 2001, Roy Hale won two folding chairs and refreshment cooler. Not to be left out, Emery Hale won a dome camping tent. The door prizes will be used at all summer events and pow-wows. Roy states, "It pays to attend the Monthly Employees Meetings which are informative and rewarding."

Stop by when you're in the vicinity and say hi.

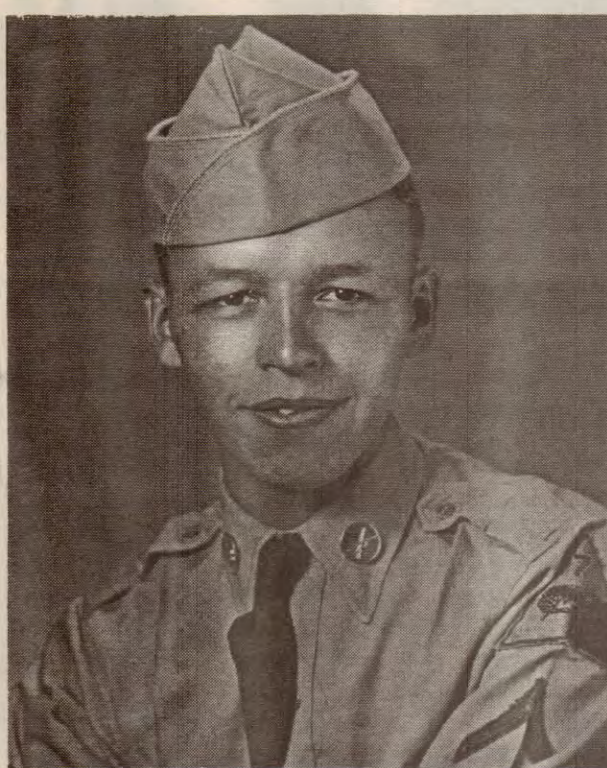
A reminder to all veterans, Public Law 102-547, 38 U.S.C. 3761-3764, for those interested in direct loans (to certain Native American veterans) for the purchase or construction of homes on trust lands. You can access this information using this website address: <http://www.cfda.gov/public/viewprog.asp?progid=808> or <http://www.va.gov>

Information contacts: Regional or Local Office: Loan applications are processed completely by the Veterans Benefits Administration field offices for their respective geographic area jurisdiction. Initial contact should be made with the appropriate office listed in Appendix IV of the Catalog under Veterans Benefits Administration. Headquarters Office: Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: (202) 273-7377.



Emery and Roy Hale today at the We-Ta-Se building.

(PBPB staff)



Lawrence (Emery) Hale at Leadership School, Calif., Jan. 1952.

(Photo submitted)

Seniors & Community Members Share Ideas for Elder Center Landscape

Back in September and October, Greg and Latane visited with many of the seniors during lunchtime at the Meal Site to get suggestions for what kinds of plants they would like to have planted at the new Elder Center. We would like to thank and recognize those who shared ideas then, including Curtis Masquat, Alberta Marshno, Delores Abrams, Bay Bell, Don-Don LeClere, Lysette Morris, Glenn Levier, Hedy Noland, Nona Wahweotten, Mary Young and Doris Potts.

Work on the design of the water garden which was a suggestion that people seemed to really like for the sunken court area is being finished this week. We hope to have the waterfall and ponds you suggested with many water plants and vines, such as wild iris, arrowweed, cattails, spike rushes, and moonflower. What we would need you to help with is finding the stone to use in making the waterfall and bordering the garden ponds. The stones should be 2 - 4" thick. Take a hammer with you. If you strike a stone and it "pings" or has a hollow ring to it, it is probably a solid stone. If it "thuds", sounds dull, or is striated (colored bands), leave it where you



Pvt. Roy A. Hale, Ft. Leonard, Wood, MO, 1951.

(Photo submitted)

found it. We will mark an area by the deck on the south side to contribute your rocks, or place them on the concrete area down the stairs in the sunken garden area. Put a piece of tape on your rock with your name, so we can build our pond and waterfall with your rocks!

Just last week most of the trees were planted at the Elder Center. What a difference it makes! You will find many of the ones you recommended such as the flat cedar or arborvitae and Colorado spruce; several varieties of birch trees; flowering crabapple and redbud; and for fall color sugar maples, red and white oaks and pear trees. Other shrubs, groundcovers and wildflowers are still on order. Many thanks to Tim Ramirez, Charlie Seymour and Vern Wabaunsee for getting the underground lines flagged before planting.

Most of the smaller plants will be flowering with some juniper to stabilize drainage areas. Native prairie grass plantings that include wildflowers will be on the north and south sides. Manooshuk (bee balm), Echinacea, butterfly milkweed, sage, vinca, Indian currant, daylilies, Iris, lantana, black-eyed susan and Indian blanket flower are some of the plants included for around the building, under the tree canopy.



VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Vocational Rehabilitation Program has begun taking applications and providing services for American Indians with disabilities.

The VR program has been taking applications for the past 2 ½ months and already has about 20 applicants. The number of clients projected to be served the first year of this five-year grant is 25. Six months remain before the end of the first year.

The goal of the VR program is to assist American Indians with disabilities find or maintain employment. A disability, for the purposes of VR, is any physical or mental impairment that prevents or limits an individual's opportunity for employment. Many services are available to assist an individual. Some services include counseling and guidance, vocational and other training services, mental and physical restoration, and transportation.

To be eligible for the VR program, an individual must be an enrolled member of an Alaskan Native or American Indian tribe and live in Jackson or Shawnee counties. The individual also must have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment. Finally, the individual must be expected to benefit from the provision of VR services.

If you want services or know someone who needs VR services, please refer them to the PBP Vocational Rehabilitation Program at the Social Services department at the We Ta Se building or call (785) 966-2932.

Domestic Violence Program

Shirley Rice

I have been recently contracted to develop a Domestic Violence Program for our community. Domestic Violence has plagued our Nation for many years. It has only been in recent years that we have begun to talk about it.

Domestic Violence can take many forms; it can be verbal/emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or property damage. Verbal/emotional abuse can consist of; calling people names, talking in a threatening manner or making threats of physical harm. Physical abuse is actually physically hurting someone. It might start out as push but can escalate to black eyes or broken bones. Sexual abuse can be forced to have sexual relations when you don't want too or participating in sexual activities that you are not comfortable with. Whatever type of abuse is being used, the ultimate goal is to gain control over another individual.

There is a three-part cycle that one may experience. This cycle consists of a tension building phase, followed by a crisis phase, and then a calm or honeymoon phase. The tension can be best described as walking on eggshells. It's the calm before the storm; you know something is going to happen you just don't know when. The crisis phase is where the actual violence occurs. It is after this phase that the victim will often seek outside intervention such as calling the police or seeking emergency shelter. The

victim just wants the abuse to stop. The honeymoon or calm phase is where both the victim and the abuser want to believe it will never happen again. The abuser may promise never to hurt again if the victim would just come back. The abuser may offer presents in trying to woo the victim back.

The cycle will continue to repeat itself unless one of the following three things happen 1. The victim gets help for herself and decides she doesn't deserve to be treated like that and may decide to terminate the relationship. 2. The abuser gets help for himself and learns to be non-violent. 3. One or both parties end up Dead!

The toll Domestic Violence takes on the individual or family is devastating. The self-esteem of the victim is seriously affected. Children who have witnessed violence may act out in the home or school. As the children become adults they may repeat what they have learned. Violence then has become inter-generational. It's like the energizer bunny it just keeps going and going....

The only way we can slay this beast is by taking a stand against it. We can say as a community that we will not tolerate behavior that is harmful to one another whether it is a female, male or child that is on the receiving end. We as a community will stop blaming the victim, by asking, "Why does she/he stay?" and start asking the abuser "Why does he/she hit?" It is time that we return to our traditional ways and violence was not one of them. Every time we raise our voice or fists in anger, we have violated the most precious gift our creator has bestowed upon us, the "Gift of life".

"A nation is not defeated until the hearts of its women are on the ground. Then it is done, no matter how brave its warriors or how strong its weapons."

-Cheyenne proverb

Western Community Policing Center Offers Summer Training to Indian Youth

Recently we received notification of the First National Indian Youth Police Academy sponsored by the Western Community Policing Center. This academy is designed to give the participants hands on experience and a working knowledge of major areas of police work and well as other justice areas. The goal of the academy is to get Indian youth interested in Law Enforcement or other justice fields as a career (whose heard "Why don't we hire more Indian cops around here?"). Even if the youth participants of this academy don't choose Law Enforcement as a career, they will leave the academy having learned a lot, made some great friends and developed self-confidence.

The Academy will be held August 6 - 18, 2001, in San Bernardino, CA. If selected, all travel and expenses are paid for by the academy (no cost to the tribe or individual family).

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of a tribe that is receiving CIRCLE Project or TRGP Grant funds (the Potawatomi Tribal Police does receive TRGP Grant funds)
- Must be 13-16 years of age
- Must currently be in school or actively working on their GED.

Okay so you're qualified...now:

- Get three letters of recommendation that state why the writer believes that you would benefit from attending the Academy. The letters must be from:
 - A school teacher, counselor or school resource officer.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Police Department Welcomes 3 new officers. Darren Brown, Wayne Tye and Jack Lichlyter. Darren is a state of Kansas certified officer with 18 months experience. He lives in Holton. Wayne is new to Law Enforcement. He lives in Holton with his wife and children. And, last but not least, Jack is also new to Law Enforcement. He hails from Lawrence. Jack and Wayne are currently attending the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson.

Sergeant Terry Scott recently attended a Conference sponsored by the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, in Florida. While at training he was elected as the Southeast Regional Director, he will be conducting his duties from his office at the Tribal Police Department. The Society also has a Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum. This allows the Nation to send one youth that is interested in the Wildlife and Conservation Field, at no cost to the individual. However, the Society needs donations to help with the costs of the program. Interested individuals can contact Sgt. Terry Scott at 785-966-3024.

The department has had several certification and training updates of late. Recently we've had three officers graduate from Kansas Certification Academy's. Russell Whiteside completed his certification at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson on December 22, 2000.

A&D Program

Lester Sumner, Director
Submitted by: Heather Daugherty

The month of March was a very busy one for the Alcohol and Drug Program. Lester has been under the weather and has been out of the office; please keep him in your thoughts. We hope he is back soon.

The office has done many evaluations this month and has many more scheduled, so we are receiving additional help from Tim Oliver from the EAP Program. Before falling ill Lester had attended the Kansas Baseline Meetings in Topeka on March 12. He also had attended a meeting at the Government Center on Stress Management. We have 2 clients currently in treatment and 2 more waiting to enter facilities.

On March 28 and 29 the A & D program co-sponsored the second annual "Red Road Approach" Workshop with the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Mayetta at the St. Francis Xavier Hall. Attendance was approximately 100 people per day, which has grown since last year. We hope the numbers will continue to grow each year. This workshop was given by Rick Thomas co-founder of the Red Road Approach, which is a holistic approach to spiritual, mental, physical and emotional wellness based upon Native American healing concepts and traditions. The workshop was a totally free event for all who participated with costs being absorbed by the A & D program and the Sac and Fox tribe. The Alcohol and Drug program would like to extend a tremendous thanks to the Harrah's Prairie Band Casino for their donation toward part of the workshop lunch fees. We are already hoping to have a bigger and better workshop next year.

Read the following sentences and take a minute to think about each one and how it affects your life.
*You can only go as far as You push.

*Don't let the past hold you back, you're missing the good stuff.

- A tribal official...like a tribal council member, tribal police officer, tribal government official, etc.
- A tribal member at large...any adult who is a tribal member.

- You must submit a response by any media you choose (i.e. written essay, poem, cassette recording, video recording, drawing, painting, song, or how ever you choose to express yourself) to the following two questions:

1. How do you see yourself contributing to the safety and health of your community when you are an adult?
2. What are you doing to reach those goals now?

- The letters of recommendation, your response to the two questions, the application form*, the medical release form* and the agreement to the rules and regulations* of the academy must be received no later than June 5, 2001, to: David Rogers, Academy Director

(877) 601-6866 toll free

Western Community Policing Center

(503) 399-7667

fax

1860 Hawthorne Ave, NE, Suite 140

Salem, OR 97303

*Available from Cpl. Ken Dolan or Rebekah Potts at the Tribal Police Department or on-line at www.tribaltraining.com.

If you need help completing the application process or other information about this academy, contact Cpl. Ken Dolan or Rebekah Potts at (785) 966-3024.

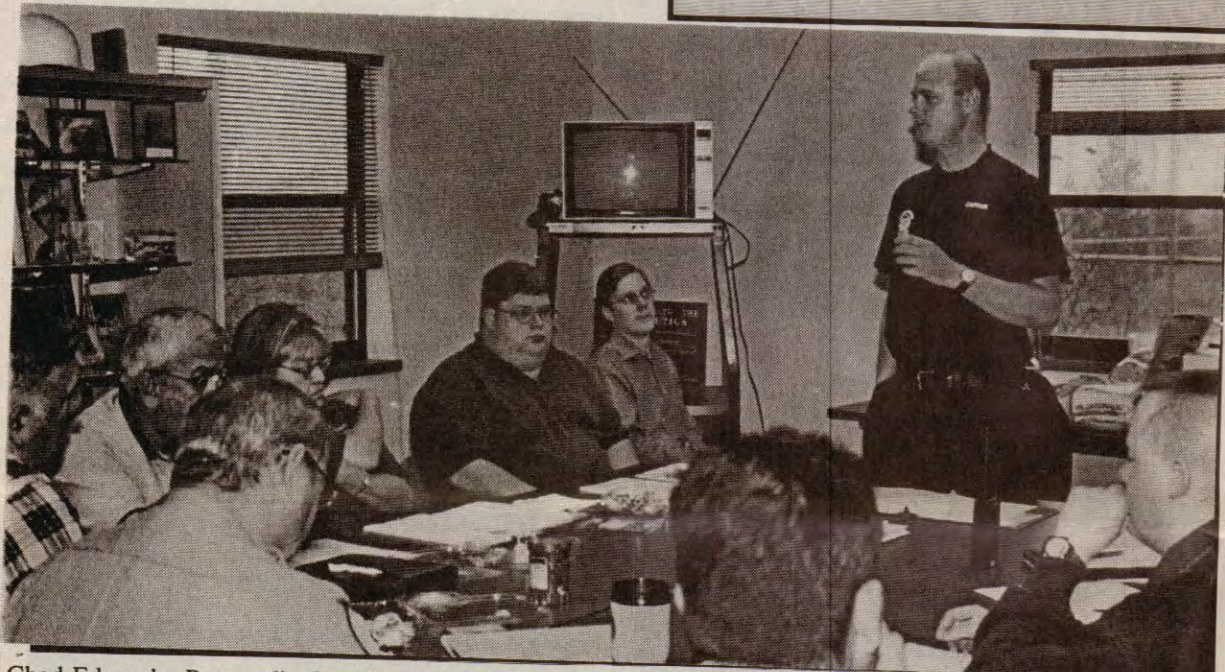
While Robert Neill and Wade Schneider completed their training with the Topeka Police Academy on January 19, 2001.

To maintain their status as a certified Kansas Law Enforcement officer, each officer must log 40 hours of continuing education in the Law Enforcement field. Cpl. Mike Boswell and Cpl. Ken Dolan completed Basic Supervision for First Line Supervisors in Hutchinson. Both Boswell and Dolan were recently promoted to Corporal and will be supervisors for their respective shifts. On March 28, 2001, the Tribal Police sponsored training on Accident Investigation and Report Writing instructed by Sgt. Terry Scott and Patrol Supervisor Sam Grant. Officers from the Kickapoo Tribal Police, Sac and Fox Tribal Police and Holton Police Department as well as our own officers attended this very informative and much needed training.

Our biggest personal news event as of late is the marriage of Rebekah Jones to John "Sam" Potts. Rebekah, Sam and their son Nom Ki Wash are awaiting the arrival of a new addition to the family in late May.

Also the Police Department will be sponsoring the 1st Annual Sah Gett Tti Kah Sone "Go Play Outside" Golf Scramble - June 25, 2001. Look for more news on the event in the near future.

Stay Safe - Buckle Up and Obey the Speed Laws.



Chad Edwards, Paramedic Captain PBP Emergency Services, teaching the basic Incident Command System (ICS) on March 15, 2001 at the We-Ta-Se building on K Rd. Three scenarios were demonstrated: fire, police and multi-casualty incident. This is part of the Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC). The committee needs to approach Tribal Council with a proposal to commit funds and obtain a resolution for these funds needs. (PBP staff)

Wraparound Project

Bozho, My name is Shirley Rice and I am the Project Coordinator of the Wraparound Project. It is a new venture under the Social Services Program. The Wraparound Project was funded in October 2000 by a grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Our project is one of sixteen being funded nationally to develop new strategies to assist youth at risk. Potentially the model that we develop could be used throughout Native country to assist other Native youth. We are one of only four Native American projects, including the Navajo Nation.

The goal of our project is to develop a definable philosophy of care for our young people who have been identified as being at risk. These young people may be experiencing problems with substance abuse, truancy, problems in the home or just having difficulties with life in general. These are often the cries for help by our young people. As a Tribal Nation how do we respond to those cries?

The wraparound initiative hopes to develop a plan that will join the family, the tribal community, and service providers to respond to those cries. In reality what we are hoping to accomplish is nothing new, but a return to our traditional ways of caring and support.

In days past our families and tribal community would gather around that individual or family who was experiencing difficulties. The tribe had a vested interest in that individual or family for they knew the survival of the tribe depended on that inter-support of one another. Unfortunately for many of our families and young people, of today, those supports no longer exist.

We talk of our children being our future. If they do not have the resources and necessary supports to have a healthy and productive life, there will be no future for them or our Nation. It is time that we do more than talk. Chief Joseph said, "Good words do not last long until they amount to something."

Please join us in our quest to develop a community

voice to respond to those cries. We will be holding meetings within the community where you can offer your input. We are planning our first community meeting. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Look for further details. If you have questions about the project, I can be reached at 1-(888)-966-2932.

Child Welfare

We are continuing to build a larger and better array of services for Tribal members not only on the reservation and nearby community but also across the United States. Carol Wahwasuck has joined the office staff in the position as the Indian Child Welfare worker. She will monitor the case of PBP youth in out of home placement across the county. She works with the family and Social Workers to ensure that first the child is safe and in a good environment. She then coordinates to make sure that the family has a clear understanding of the problems to correct so that their child can be returned. We have found that the extra support can really make a difference in these parents' lives. Additionally, Carol will be completing her bachelors degree in Social Work this spring. She is planning to apply for her Masters degree in the fall at Washburn University.

There has been a good response to the requests for foster homes. We can always use more homes. We have gotten a little behind in our training as Jackie Kern has taken a position in Topeka. We really appreciated the hard work she did for us over the past year. We wish her well. By the time this is mailed we hope to have interviewed for filling her position and getting back on track.

We want to extend our thanks to the families that have offered their homes to care for children who cannot live with their families. They are to be honored in the community because they are raising the children of the future. Without tribal foster parents, these at risk youth would be in grave danger of being lost forever. It is never late to become involved in the life of a child. If you would like to help please contact our office at 1(888) 966-2932.

Local youths make USA Junior Olympic baseball team

By Mary Young

Adam Patch and Keenan Van Zile have been selected to be members of the 2001 Native American Baseball team participating in the USA Junior Olympic Championships in Tucson, Arizona on June 22-30, 2001.

The first Native American Baseball team has been guaranteed a spot in the open national tournament and 15 players will be selected to represent Native American tribes and nations across the United States.

The program is designed to provide Olympic athlete development opportunities for youth, ages 16 years and under, across the country. The tournament will host 64 teams (more than 1,800 participants).

Only 48 players of the 1,800 participants will be further selected to compete in the 2001 USA Baseball Youth National Team Trials. The qualifying team will then continue on and compete in the International Baseball Federation's (IBAF) World Championships in Veracruz, Mexico in August.

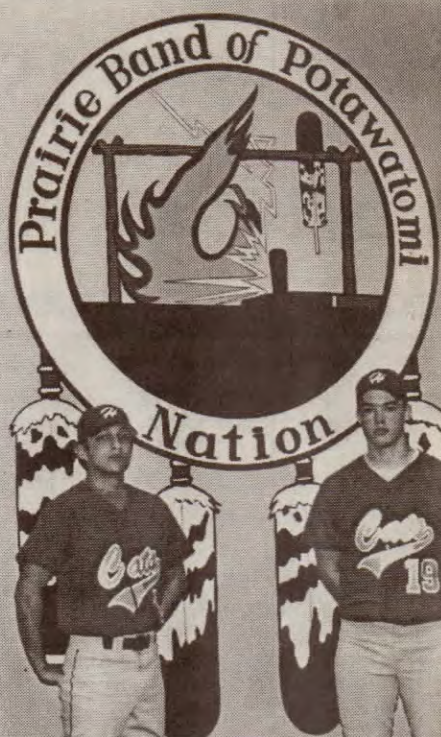
Both boys will be leaving for Shiprock, NM on June 15th to meet with the other Native American participants. During this time they will practice twice a day for a week to connect as a team and then they will continue on to Tucson.

Keenan and Adam are both sophomores at Holton High School and play on the Wildcats team. They both have been playing baseball since they were five or six years old. They are excited and anxious to see how everyone plays because they are playing with the best high school students from every state in the United States.

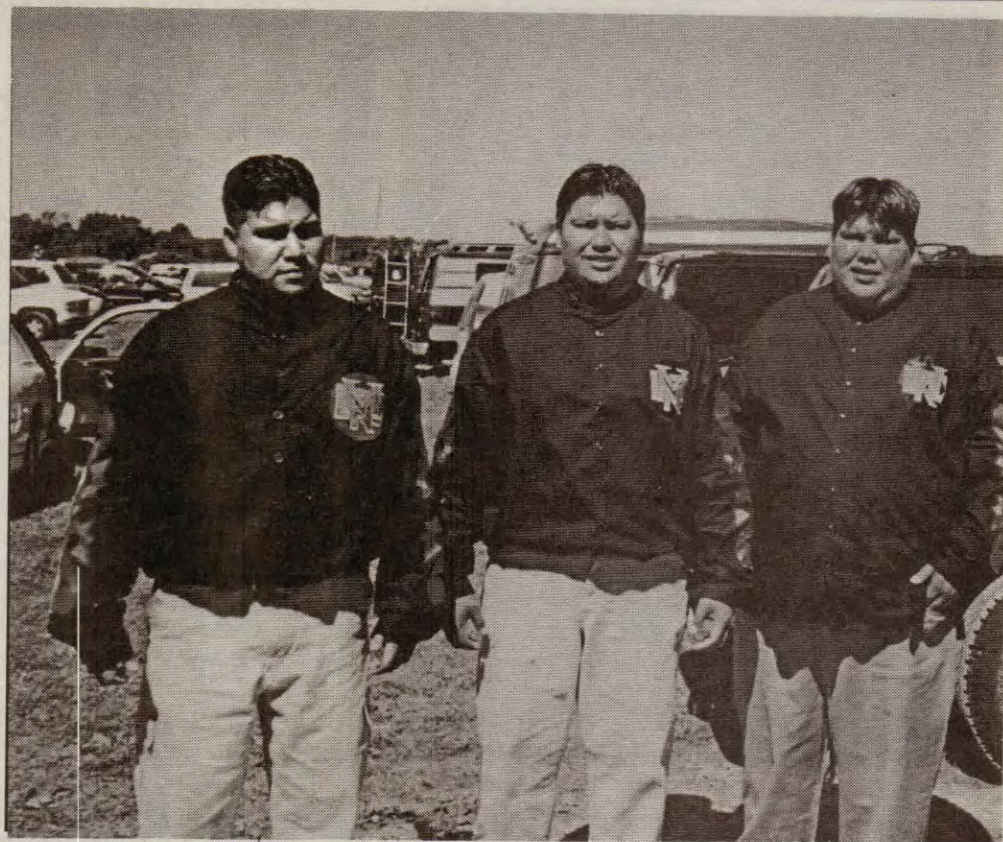
Although they will be in a competitive arena, they feel that this is an incentive for them to play better and show other Native American kids that they can have the same opportunity.

Adam's grandparents are John and Eileen (Mattwaoshshe) Patch and his parent's are Travis and Debbie Patch.

Keenan's grandparents are Edward and Lucy LeClere and Henry K. Van Zile and the late Jane Poler Van Zile. Keenan's parent's are Sydney and Warren Van Zile.



Wildcats Adam Patch and Keenan Van Zile, team members of the USA Junior Olympics to be held at Tucson, AZ on June 22-30, 2001. (PBPN staff)



Here's a little news this proud mother would like to share with all of you. The reason I am so proud this time is because my sons sang with one of the 19 drum groups that won the first Grammy Award for Best Native American Music Album. The winning album is the "Gathering of the Nations Powwow". Three of my sons, Cha-go, Na-se-ka, & Mek-tew-shuk (Gubba) Hale, have sang with Meskwaki Nation for about 6 years. They have two younger brothers, Wahpi & Kwaki Hale, who sing with their Dad, Joe Hale. I know we did a good job by teaching them this way & I wanted everyone to know how proud they make me.

Proud Potawatomi Mother - LaVerne Hale



Congratulations Nye ne skwi A! ThunderChild Thomas. 2001 Graduate of Horton High School.



High winds wreak havoc when winds in excess of 60 miles per hour with gusts to 80 miles per hour sweeps through Marge Abney's property in Mayetta on April 11, 2001. (PBPN Staff)

Picture to the Left:

(left)Hattie Mitchell, Junior at Royal Valley High School was named to the Second Team All Jackson County in Basketball for 2000-2001 school year.

(right) Josie Pahmahmie, Sophomore at Royal Valley High School was named to the First Team All Jackson County in Basketball for 2000-2001 school year.

Chup's Free Time

Hi, my name is TTA Po Ko Ke, it means, "Clear Blue Sky" in Kickapoo. That is how you spell it in Kickapoo. In English it is spelled "Chup Po Ko Kwe".

Are friends are a positive thing at the Boys & Girls Club? Well, when I get into a fight at school with one of my classmates and you don't want to talk about it in front of other people, I can then go to the Boys & Girls Club to talk about it to a staff member. When you are sad or there is something wrong with you, you can come here to think about things. When times get hard I can have a shoulder to cry on.

Is it important meeting new people? Well, when you meet a new person it's like you are meeting a friend. When you are meeting someone and you get to talk to them for a long time and then you start to write and call or email them you learn a lot. Meeting someone from a different tribe or different state is the best thing.

Seeing my little cousins having fun lets me know I

can have fun, because I get involved in the activities. They are so fun at the Boy & Girls Club! I enjoy seeing the little kids have the time of their lives. It feels so good seeing my little cousins have fun.

When I'm at the club, I don't have to think about problems at school because I'm always playing pool, shooting hoops, playing wall volleyball, or just having fun. Sometimes I think hard about what I have to do in school. Being at the Club I can have fun without thinking how hard school is. I love going there because I don't have to think about school.

Are having more adults around to depend on important? Having more adults makes it possible for me to talk more and it's easier to because I can choose. Sometimes if you are down and you need to talk to an adult you can always come over to the Boys & Girls Club and talk to them. Adults can be easier to talk with than teenagers. If I have a problem I can always trust the adults to help me. Having help from adults can be more help than the teenagers.

Sometimes once you start to talk to the adults at the Boys & Girls Club they become a friend, teacher, and someone to look up too.

How do you feel the club can improve? Well, when you want to have fun and maybe get out of the house you can go to the Club or on trips. The way I see it is that most of our parents need time to themselves. So I think that we need to have more trips, because that can help our parents clear their minds and we can also. We can also learn more things on trips.

We also need more computers because a lot of people want to check there emails or chat. No computers is a big problem for the Boys & Girls Club, because they can help us learn better and we can stay connected to the rest of the world. On Mondays, there was a lot of people who wanted to check their emails or get information and there was only one computer and sometimes it didn't even work. So people started to lose interest. Computers can help us a lot.

THANKS for reading my paper.

Thursday, April 12, 2001

Potawatomi support new golf team: \$3,000 gift to be used for new Royal Valley High School sport

By Lou Ann Thomas

Special to The Capital-Journal

Hoyt--Three years ago, Chuck VanHoutan approached the Royal Valley Board of Education about starting a golf program at the high school. The board also was considering new softball and baseball programs and decided they couldn't afford to start three new athletic programs at once.

"We're in a budget crunch," Reilly said. "Here we are cutting teachers and programs and we couldn't justify starting up a new athletic program."

So, VanHoutan suggested a creative solution. What if the golf program was parent-funded? The school district would still administer the program, but money would come from the parents. The board agreed, and VanHoutan and his wife, Cynthia, wrote a check to get the program started.

But neither the VanHoutans nor the board anticipated the amount of student interest in golf at Royal Valley High School.

"We thought we might have four or five students participating and figured transportation costs for the team and coach to use the district's seven-passenger van," VanHoutan said.

With more than twice that many students coming out for the team, they now needed a school bus and driver to travel to meets and tournaments.

"That meant a huge increase in funds needed. It looked like it would now require more than \$2,000 just for transportation costs," VanHoutan said.

That was when he approached Roy Ogden of the Prairie Ban of the Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council. VanHoutan told Ogden that the new program was being paid for by parents and asked if the council could help. Anita Evans, a teacher at Royal Valley High School, also offered to write a letter to the council requesting financial assistance on behalf of the parent-funded golf program. On March 27, the Potawatomi handed VanHoutan a \$3,000 check.

"I thought that was outstanding, especially right after they had already given the school district \$200,000. There are no strings attached to either donation, and the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation only has the best interests of the kids at heart," VanHoutan said.

According to Tom Barta, coach for the new golf team, Royal Valley was the only school in its league without a golf program before this year.

"We're now up there with the rest of the league and can participate in the league tournament this year," Barta said.

He also appreciates what the Potawatomi Nation has done to get the program started.

"Their generous donation has allowed us to get into a few more meets and do a lot more for the kids, and that's exactly why they did it," Barta said.

Having a spring golf program will be a big advantage to Sean VanHoutan, a junior at Royal Valley, who hopes to get a golf scholarship to college. Sean has competed for several years during the summers through the Topeka and Kansas Junior Golf Programs, but his father said most college recruiters look for how student athletes do in their school programs and at state tournaments.

The members of the Potawatomi Nation aren't the only ones helping get Royal Valley's golf program started. Village Green and Lake Perry golf courses and Safari Golf and Tee-It-Up driving ranges are allowing the team to practice at their facilities at no cost.

"Without all their help, it'd be an astronomical cost to get this program started," VanHoutan said. "They're going out of their way to help and they don't have to do that."

The team is young, with seven freshmen, three sophomores and two juniors, but Barta is happy with the turn out and encouraged by the early improvement in his players, he said. Barta also is happy that more parents are getting involved.

"The thing it's done is get the parents more involved with their kids," the coach said. "Some of them are going out on weekends and playing a round of golf with their kids. Others have called and asked for information about the sport so they can learn more about what their kids are doing."

VanHoutan said it took some perseverance to get the program started, but he credits the school board with being willing to look at new ways to pay for the golf team. He hopes that with some upcoming fund-raisers and continued support from the Potawatomi, the program will continue to grow.



Spring Impressions Fashion Show

by Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell

During Royal Valley's spring break, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys and Girls Club sponsored a huge & successful "Spring Impressions Fashion Show." Participating youth were dressed in the best spring wear attire; proud parents filled the audience seats. I was proud of all the models-- even the adults. After a week of preparation for the big show, it was well worth it.

I'd like to share a few comments that I was unable to on stage. I have been working with the youth for the last two years and I have to say, this is the best job I have ever had. The youth are a big and visible part of this community. Anytime they are willing to stand in front of an audience, it is building their self-esteem and confidence in themselves. I hope that more of the parents and community members take time to come out and support our youth.

Acknowledging that the public school system can sometimes be a challenging place, we offer the youth a safe haven to call theirs, including a gym. I didn't know the patience I had until I went to work with the Youth Program. The youth in our program have taught me that I am now a role model, and I hope I can continue to be a good role model for them.

I would like to let all parents and community members know that the Boys and Girls Club is open to all of the youth on and near the PBP Reservation. Everyone is welcome to stop by and sign up. Become a Boys & Girls Club Member today! Parents are encouraged and welcome to volunteer to help. Program membership is rapidly increasing and the staff is getting the programs ready for the summer.

If you would like to come out and visit, please feel free to stop in and meet the staff and sign up your youth for our summer programs.

Special Thanks

Janelle Murk is to be credited for all of the hard work she put into the show. Janelle was responsible for the retail store outfits, making the phone calls and taking girls to be fitted, and managing the stage for the show. In addition to all that, she designed and sewed 4 of the fashion dresses in only 2 days. She is greatly appreciated for her time and energy she put in.

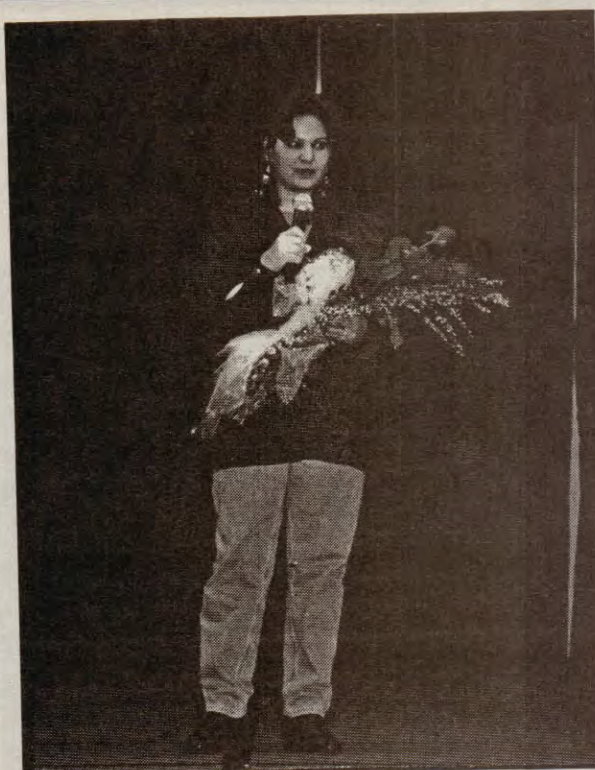
Beka Potts and Debbie Hale were also a big part of sewing dresses for girls who needed an outfit. They also assisted the Girls Scouts in making the flowered bouquets, boutonnieres, corsages and table decorations for the show. They were all beautiful and the girls loved their new dresses and flowers.

Other volunteers to be thanked are Vicki Wahkahboshkuk, Danny Cozad, Royetta Rodewald, Linda Tecumseh, Martie Mitchell, Brenda Nozackum, Voncile Mitchell, and Doris Potts along with the Bingo staff who helped set up.

Thanks to the adult models who participated in the show and had a great time: Chago Hale, Laverne Hale, Ben Joslin, Sogi Leclerc, Dwayne Cheshire, Ann Garcia and Shayla Catron.

Big thanks out to Mirah from Fashion Exchange and Council Person Reye Kitchkummie for serving as the delightful masters of ceremony. Thanks to the Community College of Cosmetology School students for all of the smashing hairstyles and gorgeous make-up jobs for the models.

This was one of the first times we coordinated a show this big and the staff did what needed to be done for the show. This is one of our 4 special events for the year 2001. *We'd love your support!!! Thanks, again.*



Surprise honor paid to "Dumps" by Boys & Girls Club for all-time extra efforts toward all youth.



Kateri O'Toole, Royal Valley High School student, looking suave in evening gown.



Amber Wahweotten, Royal Valley High School student, awaiting an evening on the town.



Ashley Hale, Royal Valley School student, in a "knock-em-out" gown.



Miyah Danielson, Royal Valley High School student, looks absolutely divine in wedding gown.



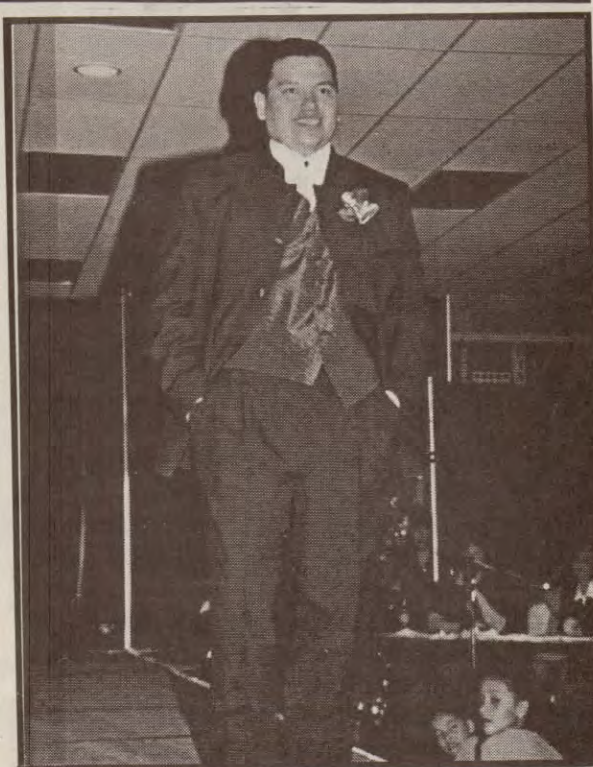
Ella Garcia, Royal Valley School student, was all smiles & curls.



Wah bah Maquat, Royal Valley School student, so sweet & cute in yellow.



Tara Mitchell, Royal Valley School student, has a real model's figure!



"Chago" Hale, famous Pow Wow singer, pleases female crowd in his tuxedo.



Another heartbreaker, Royal Valley student Bill Evans, gives the ladies a cheezy grin.



Modeling is serious business for Royal Valley student Kwake Hale.



Faith Darnell posed for the longest time; she loved modeling!

Recreation and Physical Fitness on the Potawatomi Reservation

By Jackie Mitchell

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Housing Authority has provided funding for three playgrounds adjacent to the three housing sites on the reservation. Ap-

proximately \$60,000 has been spent on equipment that includes playground structures, swings, benches, bicycles racks, barbecue grills, picnic tables and geo domes. Additional funding will be allocated for the undersurface, which will be the soft rubber like material for cushioned falls.

The sites are at the Prairie People Park next to the first cluster on M Road, at the end of the second cluster on L4 and 158 Road and at the third cluster complex near the present ballpark. The Ben-no-tteh Wigwam (Early Childhood Education Center) is

presently renovating the playgrounds at their center. The renovation includes additional playground structures, shade in each area, and the center is working with the EPA department on creating a more natural environment. All of the children in the community will benefit from the placement of these playgrounds.

Another project to be started this spring is the recreational walking trail between the three clusters and the K Road complex. The Road and Bridge department are planning this project. Landowners

will be asked to grant permission for the right of way across their property. Preliminary work and planning is being completed.

Departments assisting in the development of these improvements include Road and Bridge, EPA, Housing, Land Department, and Maintenance Department. The community appreciates everyone that is helping in making the community a better place to play and live. Thank you.



Rey Kitchkumme. PBP Annual School Awards MC.



Joe Hale and "The Rez Boys Singers."



Danny Cozad and "Louie" holding the cakes for the PBP staff photographer.



Ramona Jackson, overall outstanding student of the year.

The man whispered, "Creator, speak to me"
And a meadowlark sang.
But the man did not hear.
So the man yelled, "Creator, speak to me!"
And the thunder rolled across the sky.
But the man did not listen.
The man looked around and said, "Creator, let me see you"
And a star shone brightly.
But the man did not see.
And the man shouted, "Creator, show me a miracle!"
And a life was born.
But the man did not know.
So, the man cried out in despair,
"Touch me Creator and let me know that you are here!"
Where upon Creator reached down and touched the man.
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

- author unknown

Something to think about:

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.



Community and family attending the Annual School Awards.



The Boys and Girls Club Youth Choir doing their rendition of "Education Rocks."

Graduation Announcement

Brandy Mahkuk
will be graduating from

Two Eagle River
Indian Alternative School,

Pablo, Montana
on May 25th at 7 p.m.

Accomplishments include:

- Upward Bound participant for last 5 years which included the Bridge Program, attending Montana Tech for Mechanical Engineers
- Received the Gear Up Scholarship

Brandy will be attending Salish-Kootnai College—then plans to transfer to Montana State for a degree in Engineering

Proud parents are Artis Beauchamp and Robert Mahkuk.

Artis said Brandy has many family members here on the Reservation and would like them to know of this upcoming proud event.

2001 Graduates

Seniors

Shane Catron, Rossville
Skylar Karns, Jackson Heights
Dan McKinney, Jackson Heights
Richele Pahmahmie, Royal Valley
Lisa Slater, Jackson Heights
Bobby Slocum, Royal Valley

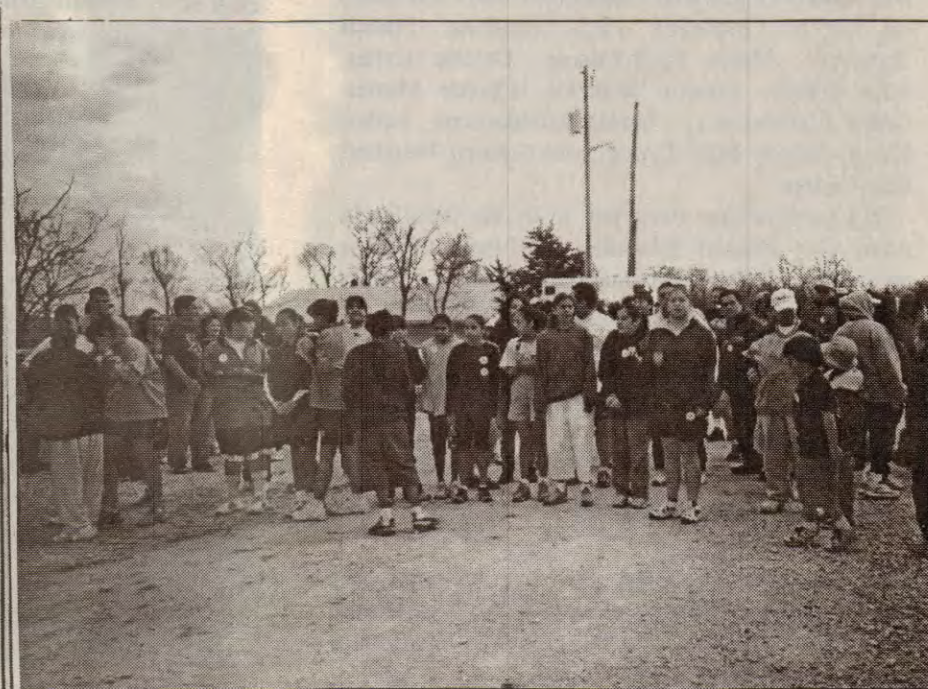
8th Graders

Justine Berryhill, Jackson Heights
Ashley Carraway, Delia
Tarissa Danielson, Royal Valley
Shawna Greemore, Eisenhower
Megan Hyatt, Holton
Rose Anna Lewis, Royal Valley
Rose Martinez, Holton
Jessica Matchie, Royal Valley
Allison Milton, Royal Valley
John Mitchell, Royal Valley
William Mitchell, Royal Valley
Andrew Pahmahmie, Royal Valley
Morningstar Pelcher, Royal Valley
Patrick Potts, Royal Valley
Asa Van Zile, Holton
Kristene Wabaunsee, Royal Valley

Congratulations
to Cheri-Micol Smith
for receiving her
EMT-Basic Certification in
December 2000 and EMT-
Intermediate in March 2001!
Way to go!!



Everyone is gathering for the Bike Race.



Predictors Walk. Get ready, get set! What was your guess for your finish time?



OPINION/Letters

In answer to

I am writing this letter to the Editor to answer the many questions and phone calls I've received in regards to my traveling to Washington D.C. to attend the NCAI meetings.

Prior to being chosen by H.R. for this position as Admin Asst for Council I myself always had questions that remained UN answered about many issues. The one I am mainly devoting this article to be Travel, I discovered that a job requirement of AA's is "must be willing and readily available to travel". And as time goes by I now understand what the financial aspect of Governmental Travel is.

The US Government finances a lot through GSA and that is a whole other topic, So I will get back and explain what priceless resources can be acquired by way of sending a Tribal official or representative to these National Congress of American Indian meetings "Being in the right place at the right time can not only affect our Nation in the here and now but also the well being for the next seven generations". By taking a strong position in Washington D.C. is a sign to the US Government that the PBPB does care about the people of our tribe and that we are honestly looking out for the best interest of all Native Peoples by being present to sign those "sign in sheets." whether it is in a group discussion on Bills currently being presented up on the hill or the creation of a much-needed new resolution to help better the currently passed Bills.

KNOWLEDGE is power and with out knowing what is going on in congress is going to leave us powerless. The general assembly is designed to face, understand and question opposition with governmental Officials and vice versa creating a fairness that our people are only now able to get a glimpse of. It's amazing how the required information that US Congress must provide Tribal Governments with can be obsolete by the time our council finally receives it.

By attending NCAI we are on the cutting edge of breaking news as it happens, by keeping that in mind and keeping our minds open to positive change we can prove to the Nations Capitol that we are taking steps in the right direction by way of good Government-to-Government relations. Lysette Morris Administrative Assistant For Roy Ogden Tribal Council

NCAI Executive session

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has two voting delegates and alternates that attend every National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) convention, especially the recent one that was an EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Knowledge is Power when it comes to tribal relations with government. That is why we have a law firm to represent us in Washington, D.C. As soon as anything comes up on the Hill we receive a FAX or a phone call, usually both.

Sometimes if we were to depend on the tidbits of information from the convention it would be obsolete by the time we receive it.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council is working for the best interest of the people continuously, not just at annual conventions.

Tribal Council members are elected representatives whose duty is to attend and represent The People at appropriate conventions. Administrative Assistant's or anyone else would have to have Tribal Council Resolution to represent Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a representative.

The cutting edge of breaking news is in each Tribal Council office: the phone, the FAX, and the e-mail.

Badger Wahwasuck, Chair

A Special Thank You

By Jackie Mitchell
Tribal Council Member

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Housing Plan has been submitted to the membership for comments and possible approval. There were numerous helpers in this process. The Tribal Council approved a contract for Lyndee Wells, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, to complete the housing plan. Lyndee has experience working in this area assisting other tribes in this same process. Tribal Lawyer, Ralph Simon, has spent many hours assisting in the development of the housing plan.

Special thanks to the hard working staff at the government center who helped fold, stuff and stamp the surveys including Paula Hopkins, Francis Shopteese, Mario Kitchumme, Celeste Crites, Julia Barber, Voncile Mitchell, Lysette Morris, Grace Wahwasuck, Theresa Kitchumme, Arlene Lingo, Johnny May Taylor, and Council Member, Roy Ogden.

414 surveys have been sent in by the deadline of April 10th. Francis Shopteese and Paula Hopkins entered the survey information into the computer access program to tally the results and present the final survey results.

The Tribal Council would like to thank all of these individuals for all their assistance in helping with this project.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for your help with the children during our stay at the hospital and all the cards, flowers, food and prayers at the time of our loss. All was truly appreciated.

Shirley Wakole and Cecelia Potts Jackson, and family.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

I I have lived in Hoyt, Kansas located in Southern Jackson County for thirty plus years. In this time I have never seen what I have witnessed, TWICE, in the last thirty days. The first incident I saw on the local news and was shocked!!!! The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) handing our Royal Valley School District Superintendent Marceta Reilly a check for \$200,000 dollars. No Strings attached!! No expectations of special treatment, or privileges, just the willingness to help out our school's tight budget.

The second incident, I initiated. After three years of visiting with the Royal Valley School board to start a golf team, I was given the opportunity by the board to start a golf team, if it were parent funded. No one anticipated the participation level of the Royal Valley High School students. We thought we may have 4 or 5 students participating, we now have 12 students participating. This was great news from where I stood until we realized that this many students could not ride on the 7 passenger van. This meant we had to utilize a bus and driver to provide transportation to the team. Utilizing the bus meant a higher cost in the transportation cost of the budget. Although the school district is willing to work with us in this area, I wanted to keep my word that a golf team could be self-supporting.

I turned to an old friend of mine, Roy Ogden of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Council. I simply told him of our program and that it was parent funded and asked if there was any help available. He asked me to send a copy of the proposed budget to him and

2000 Census: Tentative release schedule for late summer

by Mary Young

As of March 2001, the Prairie Band Potawatomi figures have been gathered although the statistics from the U.S. Government Census Bureau for the entire native population continues to be compiled with a tentative release schedule date for this summer.

Enrollment records for the PBPB can attest to the fact that statistics have increased within this past year. Figures reported in *The Topeka Capital-Journal* (TTCJ) as of March 24, 2001 show that 850 Potawatomi members live in Jackson County, with a total of 518 living on the reservation and 2,300 members residing in Kansas. On a national level, there are approximately 5,000 members.

PBPB Tribal Administration statistics show that two adults are serving in the United States Military; two adults and two minors live in Canada; and one adult resides in Belgium. Please be aware that the figures for the PBPB can only be as accurate as the information is reported.

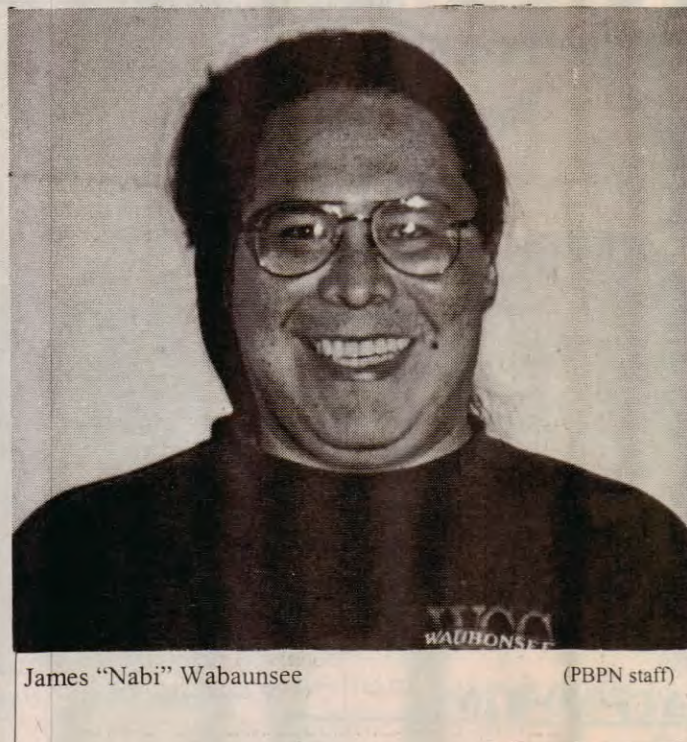
According to TTCJ, March 18, 2001 issue, "The minority group with the largest undercount percentage was American Indians and Alaska natives, who had an undercount of about 8 percent. Of that total, 4.74 percent of the undercount was on the reservations and 3.28 percent was off the reservations.... American Indian tribes receive federal funds based in part on their population, so it is important the tribal members are counted accurately.... Net undercounts, broken down by race and age: 2000 Census: (percent): American Indian and Alaska native (on reservation): 4.74; American Indian and Alaska native (off reservation): 3.28; White or some other race (not Hispanic): includes American Indians living off reservation: 0.68; American Indian and Alaska native (on reservation): 12.22. (Statistics were obtained from The Associated Press)"

One headline reads, "Culture, wealth luring Indians back to reservations nationwide" (TTCJ, April 11, 2001). Tribal casinos and returning to their heritage are reasons given for the surge in census figures on reservations.

According to TTCJ of April 14, 2001, the increase stems from "the fact that American Indians are living longer, as well as the natural growth in population." Donald Fixico, director of the Indigenous Nations Studies Program at The University of Kansas states that the reason for the increase "is simply due to more people saying they are Indian because of self identification."

The manner in counting has also played a major role in rising statistics; better questions, especially the multiracial category and in some areas, tribal members were hired as census takers. Statistics indicate that the Indian population is growing throughout the country.

Be aware that until the final statistics are released from the U. S. Census Bureau, figures will vary in each news-reporting situation.



James "Nabi" Wabaunsee

(PBPB staff)

he would see what he could do. The same day that I called Roy, Anita Evans who is the title 9 Indian Education Director/teacher for Royal Valley contacted me and asked if there was anything she could do to help our program. I informed her that Roy was going to help us out. Anita told me that she would write a letter requesting funds because "She was at Royal Valley to help the students out and that is what was important." Anita stated she was glad to see a program that had reached 12 kids that had not previously participated in spring athletics.

On March 27th the PBPB handed the parent funded gold team a check for \$3,000.00 "Go and have fun!" is what the students were told.

I am proud to live in a community where there are leaders of this caliber. I have never witnessed such generosity in my life. The PBPB shows genuine concern for the community, and for the youth of their community. What do they expect in return? Nothing! What would I like to give the PBPB? RESPECT! They have proven time and again that they are willing to help the community in which they live and they bring tremendous resources with them, the most important resource is the willingness to help and try to make Jackson County a better/safer place to live. To the PBPB I say "THANK YOU" for your generosity and your efforts to make OUR community a better place. If there is ever anything I can do for you, do not hesitate to call. I am proud to have you in our community!

Chuck Van Houtan, Hoyt, Kansas

Proud Grandparents Penny and Bob McCrory wish to Congratulate Vernon and Tonya Shopteese on the handsome little bundle of joy born to them on April 9, 2001, Ty James, 5:57 am, weighing in at 7# 10 oz and 20 1/2" long.

April 2, 2001

'Charles Curtis' moniker may not fly

By JIM McLEAN

The Capital-Journal

The Legislature has made it clear that it would like to see the new state office building nearing completion downtown to be named after former Vice President Charles Curtis, an American Indian and native Kansan.

But the final decision isn't up to lawmakers -- it belongs to the Topeka Public Building Commission. And Dan Stanley, state secretary of administration and building commission chairman, said he can't predict what choice the panel will make.

"I think it sends a strong message," Stanley said, referring to a resolution that sailed through both houses urging that the building be named in honor of Curtis. "But I'm one vote on the commission."

While the Legislature's wishes will be considered, Stanley said so will suggestions that the building be named after former Gov. Robert Bennett, who died in January. He said while Curtis was a "remarkable figure" in history, tradition dictates that state office buildings in the area of the Statehouse be named after former governors.

Buildings that stand to the east and west of the Statehouse are named after former governors Alf Landon and Robert Docking.

Rep. Lana Gordon, R-Topeka, primary sponsor of the resolution, said Curtis deserves more recognition than he has received from his native state.

"He really epitomizes those Americans who went through hardships and rose to the top to represent the people," Gordon said. "He was pretty much a self-made man."

Curtis was born Jan. 25, 1860, in North Topeka. He was the great-great-grandson of White Plume, a noted chief of the Kaw Indian Tribe. He lived on the tribe's reservation in Morris County until he

Who Am I today, asks James "Nabi" Wabaunsee

By Mary Young

According to the *U.S. News and World Report*: July 17, 2000, p.49, Mayo Clinic ranks #2 as one of the best hospitals in the nation states John G. Bartlett's Top 10 The Johns Hopkins University resource. Although Mayo ranked 15 in Bartlett's "Top 10 Medical Schools," Mayo's mission is "to enroll outstanding students and to offer them a curriculum designed to foster their individual strengths and talents and to take full advantage of the unique integrated research, education and practice resources of Mayo Foundation." An advantage for the student attending Mayo would be the "small class size" and the uniting of a "large faculty of practicing physicians, scientific investigators and educators to promote the humanistic and scientific practice of medicine."

As a 1996 Mayo Medical School graduate, James "Nabi" Wabaunsee can attest to that fact that Mayo does offer a team-building atmosphere where character building is more important than grades. One of the points that he made was that the students could "feed off of each other" and this added something to the class; this method works for the Mayo Medical School. A sample of the class makeup included a schoolteacher, an "older" lady from Romania, and a student from Portugal as well as a PBPB member studying physical therapy. Nabi went to medical school in Rochester, Minnesota.

BOOK REVIEW

SUGAR BUSTERS!: Cut Sugar to Cut Fat By H. Leighton Steward, et al. Ballantine Books, ISBN: 0-345-42558-8.

Doctors are recommending SUGAR BUSTERS to diabetics and it is great for those who want to lose weight. SUGAR BUSTERS has been revised and expanded and continues to be on the bestseller list.

SUGAR BUSTERS is a revolutionary book on nutrition rather than a diet. The book informs the reader about certain foods and combinations of food that generates the production of insulin.

Sugar in the digestive system is a byproduct of the carbohydrates and starches that a person ingests. This sugar stimulates the pancreas gland to produce insulin. Staying away from these food-types will slim you down because insulin will cause the body to store the excess sugar into fat.

People are at risk due to the rise of insulin because this promotes obesity, high blood pressure and heart disease. Refined sugar is a culprit and we find sugar everywhere, even in low-fat food! The main point is that sugar is toxic. Cutting down on certain food and reading the labels will benefit the person.

According to the authors of SUGAR BUSTERS, "recent statistics strongly suggest that excess sugar consumption is either directly or indirectly causing diabetes or at least speeding the onset of diabetes by causing so many people to become obese and/or insulin resistant. The rate of diabetes in the United States has more than tripled since 1958, which correlates closely with the increased amount of sugar consumption."

SUGAR BUSTERS offers a fourteen-day meal plan and recipes for a low-sugar lifestyle. The author points out that this book is not about a no-sugar lifestyle but a low-sugar lifestyle.

Remember to check with your doctor before trying this book, especially those who have diabetes because your medication may have to be changed.

was 8. When his mother died, he was sent to live with his maternal grandmother, Julie Conville Pappan, in North Topeka.

After teaching himself the law, he was admitted to the bar at age 21. At 24, he was elected Shawnee County attorney. His political career took him to Congress in 1893. During his long tenure in Congress -- both in the House and Senate -- Curtis authored several substantial pieces of legislation and played a role in the passage of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote.

Curtis' record on Indian affairs is mixed. Some Indians have criticized him for his involvement in the federal government's systematic effort to break up tribes and allot their land to whites.

After coming up short in his own bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1928, Curtis was selected as Herbert Hoover's running mate. He was on the ticket again in 1932, but Depression-weary voters preferred Franklin D. Roosevelt to Hoover.

Gordon said Brad Hamilton, director of the State Office of Native American Affairs, came to her with the idea of naming the new office building after Curtis. She said the more she learned about Curtis, the more excited she got about the idea. The same was true of her House colleagues, 102 of whom signed on as co-sponsors of the resolution.

"As I explained to them who he was and what he did, they said, 'yeah, this sounds like somebody who should be remembered,' " Gordon said. "I certainly think this building would be a very nice tribute to him."

The new \$52 million building stands just a few blocks from Curtis' former Topeka home at 1101 S.W. Topeka Blvd.

Stanley said he will ask the building commission to decide on a name before state agencies start moving into the building, which he said should be sometime in late June or early July.

During high school, Nabi's interest in sports led him in the direction of "exercise science" at KU in 1993. While he was fulfilling the pre-requisite requirements, he applied to four medical schools. Upon completion of his studies, Nabi was offered a position at Mayo but he declined because "his grandma was still living and he had much to learn from her." Nabi was fortunate to have a year's clinical training where some students had only 18 weeks. His training and experience brought him to St. Francis Hospital in Topeka until recently when he accepted the PBPB Social Service position as the Vocational Rehabilitation Program Coordinator where he serves 16 clients. When the telephone rings at the office, Nabi will ask of himself, "who am I today" and all this depends on the caller because many know him by "Nabi" and some people know him by "James."

To keep his state license current, Nabi upgrades his skills by attending conferences and home study courses. Currently, he is preparing for his State Board Exam in June. Nabi enjoys working with people and would like to stay in the physical therapy field.

Speaking of field, Nabi does play a variety of positions for the PBP Neshnabe team. Practice is on Monday and Wednesday nights with a game on Sunday. On May 5th the game will be in Kansas City, KS and on May 12 at Haskell, Lawrence, KS.

GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

James Waubiness, Jr.

James Waubiness, Jr., age 57, passed away Monday, January 15, 2001, at Appleton Medical Center. He was born December 26, 1943, in Tomahawk, son of the late James and Millie (Thunder) Waubiness. He married Sherry Tom, April 9, 1976. He was formerly employed by GSTC Trucking in Wild Rose. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; a daughter, Sarah Waubiness; five sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy Waubiness, Billy and Wendy Waubiness, Jamie Waubiness, Dusty Waubiness, and Jeffery Waubiness, all of Appleton; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Diane and Gale Mundell, Milwaukee; Rose Thunder, Baraboo; five grandchildren, Timothy Jr., Michael, Brianna, Ryan, and Nickolas. Two brothers, Kenny and Duane, precede him in death. Services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, January 18, 2001, at the Bretschneider-Trettin-Lederer Funeral Chapel. Friends may call at the funeral chapel on Thursday from 12 Noon until the time of services.

Ernest Pidgeon

Ernest Pidgeon, age 88 of Madison, Wisconsin died Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at the Sunny Hill Healthcare Center in Madison.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 10, 2001 at the Dorothy Young residence at Wisconsin Rapids with Leon White officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

Ernest was born May 20, 1912 in Arpin, Wisconsin the son of James and Rebecca (Kitchumee) Pidgeon. He grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. He had been married to Rosine Link and she preceded him in death. From 1970 to 1986 he lived in the Wisconsin Dells and Baraboo area and then moved to Madison. He enjoyed attending Pow Wows and was the Chief Elder of the Big Drum Lodge of Wisconsin Rapids.

Ernest is survived by a son, Curtis (Kathleen) Pidgeon of New Lisbon, Wisconsin; a sister, Carol Snowball of Wisconsin Rapids; 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a daughter, Carol Lippitt; brothers, Luther, Levi, and Horace; a sister, Gwendolyn Houghton and a half sister Blanche.

The Picha Funeral Home of Lake Delton, Wisconsin assisted the family with arrangements.

Harvey Wapskineh

Services for Harvey Wapskineh, 75, of Tulsa will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001 at the J.J. Methvin Methodist Church in Anadarko with Thomas Roughface officiating.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001 at the J.J. Methvin Methodist Church with Amper Former officiating.

He was born Oct. 12, 1925 in Hominy to Joseph and Alice (Whipple) Wapskineh and died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001 in Muskogee.

He married the former Thelma Todome in Lawton in 1947. She preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death were his parents.

He was a former resident of the Stecker area. He had lived in Tulsa for the past 25 years.

He attended the Okmulgee Vocational Art School. There he received his degree in commercial art.

He did commercial art design for businesses for 50 years.

He was a WWII veteran (paratrooper).

Survivors include three daughters, Harvetta Wapskineh of Tulsa, Lavelda Wapskineh Jessepe of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Monica Alvarada of Denver, Colo.; two sons, Clarence Vaughn Wapskineh and Jason Wapskineh, both of Tulsa; two sisters, Irene Wheeler of Norman and Stella Delaware of Oklahoma City; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends from the Anadarko area.

Burial will be in Anadarko's Memory Lane Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Chapel in Anadarko.

Robert C. Willoughby

Robert C. "Bobby" Willoughby, Wa-sak-na, beloved son, husband, father, brother, and friend, sailed away Saturday, March 17, 2001. Bobby was predeceased by his parents, Bob and Katy Willoughby, and is survived by his loving wife, Susan; his beautiful children, Christie and her husband Tad Stricker of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and Melissa Willoughby of Durango, CO. Other survivors include his mother Mayme and her husband Joseph Mattwaoshe of Mayetta, KS; brother, Dennis Harrison of Omaha, NE and sisters: Wynona Wahweotten and Cindy LeClere of Mayetta, KS; Laura Abeyta of Delia, KS; Julia Masquat of Topeka, KS; and Karen Thomas of Horton, KS. Bobby was full of life, love and laughter and will be missed by many. Memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 11:00 A.M. at Village Baptist Church. Guardian North, 11600 N. Pennsylvania Ave.

Frankie Harrison

MAYETTA- Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Pentecostal Church on the Potawatomi Reservation for Frankie Jo Harrison, 34, Fort Wayne, Ind., formerly of Mayetta. She died of cancer Friday, March 23, 2001, in Coolidge,

Texas, at her mother's home where she was staying during her illness.

She was born April 9, 1966, in Seattle, to Franklin N. and Geraldine R. Green Harrison and later lived in Mayetta. She graduated from Lindale, Texas, High School. She lived in Lindale before she moved to Fort Wayne eight years ago. She was a machinist for Tetra Pak Inc. in Fort Wayne.

She served two years in the Marine Corps.

Survivors include a daughter, Josie Kara Harrison, Coolidge, Texas; her mother, Geraldine Casey, Coolidge, Texas; her father, Franklin N. Harrison, Mayetta; a brother, Stewart Casey, Tyler, Texas; sisters, Jeannine Johnson and Priscilla Woolley, both in Fort Wayne, Patricia Harrison, Whitehouse, Texas, Jessica Jenkins, Chappell Hill, Texas, and Kathleen Casey, Coolidge, Texas; and grandparents, Orlando Green, Mayetta, and Earl and Lois Johnson, Fort Wayne.

Drum services will be Wednesday evening at the Danceground on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be Thursday in Wago Cemetery west of Mayetta.

Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of local arrangements.

Sylvia Hale-Kahbeah

Sylvia Rose Hale-Kahbeah "Ke-Weh," 63, Topeka, died Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at a Topeka nursing home.

Mrs. Hale-Kahbeah was a licensed practical nurse in the Topeka area for 13 years before she retired.

She was born July 25, 1937, in Mayetta, the daughter of Jess Hale and Alfreida Williams Hale Sr.

Survivors include her companion of 30 years, Eddie Smith Sr., Topeka; four sons, Randall J. Kahbeah, Daniel E. Kahbeah, Brien L. Kahbeah and Eddie L. Smith Jr., all of Topeka; two daughters, Carolyn S. Kahbeah and Felicia A. Kahbeah, both of Topeka; a brother, Chick Hale, Hiawatha; two sisters, Marilyn Wakolee and Arnetta Hale, both of Topeka; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home. Burial will be in Topeka Cemetery. Mrs. Kahbeah will lie in state after 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 3625 S.W. 29th, Topeka, 66614.

Sara Jo Hale

CARSON CITY, Nev.—Sara Jo Hale, 51, Carson City, died Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at her home.

Ms. Hale was an accountant for the Nevada Prison Department and an artist.

She was born Oct. 1, 1949, in Topeka, the daughter of Johnny R. Hale and Joraine Wahwasuck. She moved to Carson City from Horton, Kan., six years ago.

Survivors include a son, Grey Hale, West Monroe, La.; her mother, Joraine Tuckwin, in Kansas; her father, Johnny R. Hale, Fallon, Nev.; two brothers, Lawrence A. Hale, Carson City, and Morgan Hale, Fallon, Nev.; and two sisters, Karen McQueen, Elko, Nev., and Susan Johnson, Manistique, Mich.

Relatives and friends will gather to remember Ms. Hale at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hale residence in Carson City.

Capitol City Cremation and Burial Society in Carson City is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Sanchez

Dennis E. Sanchez, 50, Topeka, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at a Topeka hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Sanchez worked in the mailroom at Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center. He previously had been employed as a security officer at Topeka State Hospital for 16 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War era.

He was born on May 25, 1950, in Topeka, to Joseph and Julia LeClere Sanchez.

Mr. Sanchez was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe. He was a Roman Catholic.

Survivors include a daughter, Ashley Granville, Topeka; a brother, Ronald Sanchez, Topeka; and two sisters, Mary Ortiz, Topeka, and Linda Levitte, Kauai, Hawaii.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church near Mayetta. Burial will be in Danceground Cemetery. Mr. Sanchez will lie in state after 2 p.m. Thursday at Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, where a parish rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, 3625 S.W. 29th, Topeka 66614.

TIMOTHY LEE GABEL

b. July 18, 1978, d. Jan. 10, 2001

ANNABELLE HUGHES

b. Apr. 4, 1920, d. Feb. 26, 2001

CECELIA MADRID

b. Mar. 5, 1920, d. Apr. 6, 2001

"Healing through feeling" workshop held in Mayetta

By Mary Young

Over 100 participants, exceeding last year, experienced encouragement and healing at the Red Road Approach "Healing Through Feeling" 2-Day workshop held in Mayetta, KS on March 28 & 29, 2001.

Mental health workers, social workers, nurses, alcoholism counselors, clergy and individuals came from Oklahoma, South Dakota and the surrounding area to learn and be trained in the holistic healing concept facilitated and co-developed by Rick Thomas, Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska. The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri's Substance Abuse Prevention Program in conjunction with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Alcohol and Drug Program presented the workshop.

The Red Road Approach is a holistic approach to spiritual, mental, physical and emotional wellness based upon Native American healing concepts and traditions. The healing mechanisms to address the devastating impacts of unnatural disease of chemical dependency lie within our Native American Culture. Contemporary medical methods address the physiology of the disease. The traditional healing methods for Native Americans address the psyche relating to psychosocial hurts chemical dependent environments produce. The Red Road concept of healing is closely associated to nature and this is essential for Native Americans in a clinical setting or learning environment.

Red Road is a culturally relevant perspective for individuals in search of understanding the traumas of sexual/physical abuse; adoption; domestic violence; adult children of alcoholics; and rejection and abandonment issues.

The point of the Red Road Approach is to get Native people well, bring them back spiritually from the devastation of colonization. The goal is to have healthy leadership and people. The person needs healing, understanding from the Creator and becoming aware of what people are faced with. A psychiatric hospital looks at the head count and dollar whereas one tribe gave each member \$50 to attend one of the Red Road sessions. The Red Road Approach is more than substance abuse recovery; it

Words That Hurt, Words That Heal

By Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Compiled by Luke Ford

By Tim Oliver, EAP Coordinator

The purpose of this article submission to remind tribal employees and other interested readers how gossip can effect people. In the future articles of this nature will be submitted periodically.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." In our hearts, we know this is not true even though it may be useful attitude to take when insulted by others. Unless you've been a victim of violent crime or of a major illness or something else catastrophic, your deepest pains have probably come from hurtful words. Words matter. One Hebrew term for words is devarim, which also means things. Words are things.

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, says that God created the world through words. "Let there be light and there was light." Human beings also create through words. Novels move us because the author's use of words captures our heart and mind, causing us to feel emotions such as anger, surprise and delight.

Words can hurt or words can heal, to adapt the title of the best book on this subject - Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's Words That Hurt, Words That Heal. This chapter is based on that book.

Through the use of derogatory language, many people have been and still viewed as sub-human. For examples, Jews were called "Christ killers" and blacks "apes, jungle bunnies and niggers." Why these names? Because they diminish the humanity of the other and makes them easier to hate. The language creates an environment for lynching and genocides. By saying that abortion equals murder, pro-lifers caused the murder of several abortion doctors.

The hate directed at the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, called a "Nazi" and a "traitor" by his opponents, led to his assassination. Words can kill.

In Shakespeare's Othello, the villain Iago vows to destroy the Moorish general Othello for bypassing him for promotion. Iago repeats charges often

On the Light Side

DON'T MISS THE PREMIERE OF "SURVIVOR III, THE REZ"

Ten white people will be dropped into a reservation where they will have to endure one week of hardship, gossiping, backstabbing, jealousy, teepee creeping, 49ing, and be able to survive on high-fat, high cholesterol foods (USDA approved).

The 10 contestants will be given:

- *Five sacred rocks,
- *Rez car with no doors and no backglass,
- *Unwinterized HUD house,

GINIGITTEK

(Those who are born)

On January 9, 2001

Candelaria Angel Palacios Alcantar

Was born to tribal member

Jose Palacios Alcantar

Phoenix, AZ

CONGRATULATIONS

is a way of life.

A participant shared that she attended the workshop to gain understanding and help others but instead found help for herself because the workshop brought her own issues into focus.

Edmare Green stated that "the workshop was brought here to start planting the seeds" and he would like the workshops to continue as an annual event. Gene Thin Elk, co-developer of the Red Road Approach, facilitated the workshop at the first annual workshop last year.

For further reading: *Wounded Warrior: a time for healing* as told to Doyle Arbogast. (ISBN # 0-9645066-0-2) The book is published by Little Turtle Publications, 13060 Franklin St., Omaha, NE 68154.



Rick Thomas at the Red Road Approach workshop held in Mayetta on March 28-29, 2001.

(Photo submitted,

enough that Othello new wife Desdemona is having an affair, that Othello, prone to jealousy, believes him and murders his wife, only to learn moments later that Iago's words were false.

Even if you say the truth, it does not justify unnecessarily passing on hurtful information about someone. Remember its gossip when true, slander when false. Both are wrong. Gossip and slander ruins families, breaks up marriages, separates friends and destroys community. Speaking ill of others is particularly bad because words on uttered can never be recalled.

A man in a small Jewish town in Eastern Europe went around slandering the rabbi. One day feeling bad about what he had done, he went to the rabbi to ask for forgiveness. "Take a pillow," said the rabbi, "cut it up and shake out the feathers." The man did as he was told and then he returned to the rabbi to get forgiveness. "First," said the rabbi, "go collect all the feathers." "But that's impossible," said the man. "They've gone everywhere." "It's as impossible to repair the damage by your words as it is to recover all the feathers," said the rabbi.

Ex-marine Olive Sipple saved the life of President Gerald Ford when Ford visited San Francisco in 1975. Sipple saw Sarah Jane Moore next to him; aim a gun at the president. Sipple grabbed Moore's arm and deflected her aim. The bullet missed the president and Sipple became a national hero. Sipple made one request of reporters, "Don't publish anything about my personal life." But within days, the LA Times followed by dozens of other papers, reported that Sipple was active in gay causes in San Francisco.

A reporter visited Sipple's mother in Detroit to get her reaction. She was stunned for she didn't know her son was gay. She soon stopped speaking to him. When she died four years later, Sipple's father told him to stay away from the funeral. Devastated by the rupture with his family. Sipple began to drink heavily and withdraw from his friends. A few years later, he was found dead in his apartment at age 47. The LA Times reporter who publicized Sipple's homosexuality, said, "If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't." Gossip also hurts the gossipers.

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Area churches: Annual Bazaar

Mark your calendars! June 3, 2001 is the date that Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church has designated for the Annual Bazaar. Raffles, bingo, crafts and dinner are on the agenda. Call or contact Laura Thackery for questions and if you want to volunteer.



POW WOW 2001
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
June 8th, 9th, and 10th

Grand Entry: Friday 7:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m.

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Cindy LeClere, Prairie Band Potawatomi

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LESSONS FROM THE GEESE

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. Flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if the bird flew alone. **LESSON:** People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. **LESSON:** If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go and will be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position. **LESSON:** It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing the leadership. With people, as with geese, we are interdependent on each other.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. **LESSON:** We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own with another formation, or they catch up with the flock. **LESSON:** If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong

Orange Drink

1 large can of frozen orange juice
1 pkg. Kool-Aid (strawberry or cherry)
1-cup sugar
Mix and add water
Makes 1 gallon

Out of This World Pie

1 can cherry pie filling
¾ cups sugar
1 cup crushed pineapple
1 tsp cornstarch
1 box raspberry Jell-O (3 oz.)
6 bananas
1 cup chopped pecans
2-9 in. graham cracker crust
In saucepan combine pie filling, sugar, pineapple and cornstarch.
Cook until thick
Remove from heat,
Add Jell-O, allow cooling.
Add bananas and pecans
Pour into pie shells
Serve with whipped topping

Raisin Pudding Pie

1-cup raisins
1 pkg. Vanilla pudding mix
2 cups milk
1 cup Cool Whip
1 tsp lemon juice
1/8 tsp cinnamon
1 baked (9 in.) pie shell
Pour boiling water over raisins to cover
Let stand 5 min., drain
Prepare pudding using
2 cups milk, chill
Fold in Cool Whip, lemon juice, raisins and cinnamon
Spoon into pie shell
Chill 3 hours

Please submit your favorite recipes to the PBPB Newspaper to the attention of Doris Potts or Mary Young. Be sure to include your name, telephone number and/or address in case we have any questions.

Thank you again and we look forward to the next issue.

RECIPE CORNER

BY Mary Young

Myra Matchie has offered to share a few of her favorite recipes. Myra's children and co-workers always welcome her dishes on holidays and at pot-lucks. This past Thanksgiving holiday, Myra was cooking and baking for several days and even filled two cars with her results!

Pinning Myra down with an actual recipe was the challenge because of the measurement system. Some of you may remember your grandmother cooking, she would say, just add a pinch here and a dab there. Although Myra did mention that she doesn't measure, she did say that as she makes a dish, she will experiment until she finds the exact flavor and will continue to use the same measurements. It's a matter of experimenting and tasting.

Thank you Myra for sharing!

Cream cheese pound cake

Cream together:
1-1/2 cup softened butter (oleo) and
8 oz. Cream cheese
Add: 3 cups sugar then mixes in
6 eggs
3 cups flour
½ tsp salt
1-1/2 tsp vanilla
1-1/2 cups pecans
Bake at 350 deg for 1-1/2 hours or less
(Can use a bundt pan)

Chicken Tortilla

Boil 2 whole chickens
Remove chicken from bone
And save the broth
1-stick oleo
1 large onion
Cook onion until almost tender
Add 2 cans enchilada sauce
2 pkg. Enchilada seasoning
1 large can - Cream of Chicken
Soup - 2 cans Rotel
1-1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese
1-1/2 cup Mild cheddar cheese
2 large pkgs. Of tortilla chips
1 container of sour cream
Add broth and sour cream last

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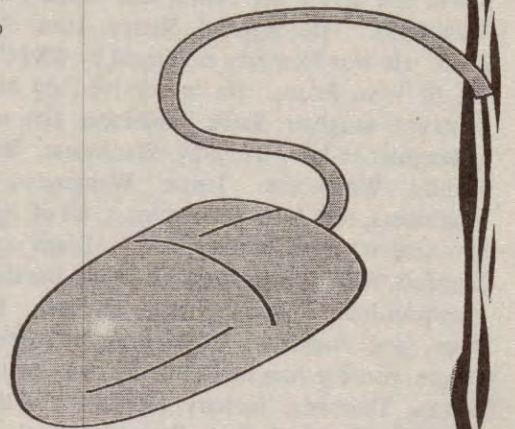
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Earth Day 2001

Earth Day is a nationally recognized and celebrated event that began in 1970. Conceptualized by Gaylord Nelson and organized by Denis Hayes, Earth Day events have featured the largest grass-roots mobilization in U.S. history. An environmental movement has emerged out of Earth Day events, including some very important legislation - the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Due to the nationwide efforts of hundreds of local organizers, Earth Day is now an anticipated event in April.

On April 14, 2001 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation celebrated Earth Day 2001. This was the third annual tribal Earth Day. It is estimated that over three hundred people attended the celebration. It was held at Prairie People's Park on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Earth Day 2001 was a great success!

The theme for this year was "ke-go shett-ken... matt-no-win" or, "Don't just stand there...Do something." T-shirts with the theme and a logo designed by Lucas Kitchkummie, were distributed to all of the volunteers, participants, and elders. (There are T-shirts still available for sale at a reduced price).

The celebration began with a bike-safety check held on April 7, 2001 at the Potawatomi Fire Department. Free bicycle helmets, provided by the local Boys & Girls Club, were distributed to all participants.

On Saturday, April 14, a 4-mile Fun Run was the first of the morning's events followed by a 9-mile Bike Ride and then a 4-mile Predictor's Walk. Ninety-eight people of various ages registered to participate in the Predictor's Walk!

Following the mornings' events, a local Girl Scout troop hid Easter eggs for the children and elders. Prizes included candy, gift certificates, and donated bingo packs. The girl scouts then spon-

sored a Cake Walk for the elders, while the Tribal Police coordinated a bike rodeo for the kids. The bike rodeo featured a simulation of biking conditions including the use of proper safety procedures. Some ongoing events of the day, include a tree/shrub giveaway. Three varieties of each were available to anyone interested. Also guests from the Region 7 Environmental Protection Agency, out of Kansas City, were available to share and distribute environmental information to the public.

The day concluded with a delicious meal prepared by Earth Day volunteers, followed by the awards ceremony. Medals, trophies, and ribbons were distributed to winners of the walk, run & bike ride.

Earth Day 2001 was a fun and exciting event due to the community involvement. Many tribal departments, local organizations, businesses, and individuals donated their time and materials to make this year's celebration a success. The Earth Day Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered and participated. Your community spirit is greatly appreciated. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the parents who made the celebration a family event.

Please Note:

Earth Day '99, 2000, and 2001 T-shirts available for sale at a reduced price
Trees and shrubs are still available for those interested
PBPB Solid Waste Dept. is still taking appointments for clean-up projects. They will assist in the pick up of materials and household trash.

Please contact the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Department of Planning & Environmental Protection for more information (785) 966-2946.

4-mile Fun Run

Overall Female Winner: Tarissa Danielson

Overall Male Winner: Andrew Wahweotten

12 & under female:

1st place: Autumn Jones
2nd place: Tara Mitchell
3rd place: Ramona Jackson

12 & under male:

1st place: Cole Grant

13-17 female:

1st place: Tarissa Danielson

13-17 male:

1st place: Andrew Wahweotten
2nd place: Tim Wahweotten

18-39 male:

1st place: Roy Spoonhunter
2nd place: Kevin Throssel
3rd place: Danny Cozad

9-mile Bike Ride

Overall Female Winner: Sogi LeClere

Overall Male Winner: Jr. Wahweotten

12 & under female:

1st place: Lan Danielson
2nd place: Stephanie McClure
3rd place: Ashley Garcia

12 & under male:

1st place: Philip Jim
2nd place: Lloyd Wabunsee
3rd place: Jerry Cadue

18-39 female:

1st place: Sogi LeClere
2nd place: Oshda LeClere

18-39 male:

1st place: Jr. Wahweotten

Predictor's Walk

Overall Female Winner: Hedy Noland

Overall Male Winner: Julian Jessepe

12 & under female:

1st place: Tara Mitchell
2nd place: Wahbah Masquat
3rd place: Mona Jackson and Lara O'Toole

12 & under male:

1st place: Kwake Hale
2nd place: Justin Purtee
3rd place: Ryan Kingfisher

13-17 female:

1st place: Tarissa Danielson
2nd place: Rosanna Lewis
3rd place: Amber Tecumseh and Amber Wahweotten

13-17 male:

1st place: Tim Wahweotten
2nd place: Chris O'Toole
3rd place: Andrew Wahweotten

18-39 female:

1st place: Angie Bell
2nd place: Carol Wahwassuck
3rd place: Cecily Wabunsee

18-39 male:

1st place: Sleepy Eye LaFromboise
2nd place: Mickey Vega
3rd place: Jr. Wahweotten

40-54 female:

1st place: Frances Wabunsee
2nd place: Jackie Mitchell
3rd place: Sandy Jim

40-54 male:

1st place: Gary Mitchell
2nd place: Steve Ortiz
3rd place: Joe Jessepe

55+ female:

1st place: Arlene Wahwassuck

55+ male:

1st place: Wesley Begay
2nd place: Joe Hale

EARTH DAY WINNERS!!