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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION General Council Meeting April 20, 2002

### Draft

Prepared by Steve Ortiz (Monwa') Secretary

- Registration opened @ 8:00 a.m.
- Meeting called to order @ 9:07am Quorum reached total of 260 members sign in for the day.
- Jim McKinney gives the invocation.
- Tribal Chair Badger Wahwasuck gives welcome and comments on Economic Development and Drawings of Economic Development Zone on the Reservation.

- Approval of April 20, 2002 Agenda:  
[a] Marilyn Hale Wakolee makes a motion to approve the agenda for April 20, 2002 and Robert's Rules of Order for April 20, 2002 General Council Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Irene Henninger. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 107/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

[b] Juanita Jessepe makes a motion to suspend the rules and add two items (9c) Employee issues and (9d) social service issues to the agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn Hale Wakolee. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 92/ Oppose 2 Motion Carried**

[c] Laura Ward makes a motion to add (9e) tribal vehicles to the Agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cora Humm. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 88/ Oppose 6 Motion Carried**

[d] Pete Seymour makes a motion to add (9f) quarterly per capita payments to the agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lydia Goslin. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 66/ Oppose 48 Motion Carried**

[e] Steve Dohlston makes a motion to add (9g) Thunder hill raceway to agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mamie Rupnicki. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 64/ Oppose 19 Motion Carried**

[f] Mamie Rupnicki makes a motion to have a future debate among the candidates for Office (Chair, Secretary, Council Member). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cadue. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 121/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

- Approval of January 19, 2002 General Council Meeting Minutes- Secretary Steve Ortiz [a] Mamie Rupnicki makes a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2002 General Council Meeting with correction. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Wilson. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 98/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

- Treasurer Report-Jim Potter- Treasurer. [a] Roger Young makes a motion to create a general council committee to study investments on stocks and bonds with investment guidelines and objectives. Tribal members with investment experience to be on the committee and \$50 per meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cora Humm. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 33/ Oppose 77 Motion Fails**

- [b] Steve Hernandez makes a motion that Jim Potter and staff develop an information sheet and presentation on tribal investments. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Young. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 119/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

**Oppose 23 Motion Carried**

[d] Shirley Rice makes a motion for Tribal Council to come back on July 20, 2002 with a 2003 tribal government, all operations and Committees budget. 2<sup>nd</sup>

by Arlene Wahwasuck. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 47/ Oppose 92 Motion Fails**

[e] Carol Shopteese makes a motion to have a special meeting or brought up at quarterly General Council meetings for approval any expenditures of \$500,000.00 or more that are brought before tribal council from this point forward. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlene Wahwasuck. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 51/ Oppose 80 Motion Fails**

8. Old business:

[a] Donation Committee-

[a1] Arlene Wahwasuck makes a motion to approve the donations committee recommendations for donation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Shopteese. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 10/ Oppose 142 Motion Fails**

[a2] Carol Shopteese makes a motion to approve \$10,000.00 for Jesse Martin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn Brewer. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 148/ Oppose 1 Motion Carried**

[a3] Carol Shopteese make motion to approve \$5,000.00 donation for the Native American Junior Golf Association. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Pahmahmie. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 31/ Oppose 98 Motion Fails**

[a4] Laverne Hale makes a motion to approve the following donations: PBPB Fast Pitch softball team \$6,595.00, Earth day- \$200.00, 2002 Gathering Elders bingo passes- \$1,000.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn Brewer. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 141/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

[a5] Tracy Rogers makes a motion to approve \$3,500.00 donation to Rez Boys racing. No drinking allowed at race with PBPB children present. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doris Potts. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 78/ Oppose 37 Motion Carried**

[a6] Carol Shopteese makes a motion to approve the following donations: Native American Foster Care Association \$1,000.00 and St. Jude's Research Hospital \$1,000.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlene Wahwasuck. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 123/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

[a7] Linda Burns Makes a motion to approve the following donations: \$5,000.00 to Jackson County Nursing home, \$5,000.00 to Holton Manor and \$5,000.00 to Rossville Nursing Home. Homes need to be in compliance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Carr. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 13/ Oppose 91 Motion Fails**

[a8] Lysette Morris makes a motion to approve \$3,500.00 donation to Gene Fitzsimmons Racing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Inez Dodds. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 75/ Oppose 19 Motion Carried**

[a9] Mary Young make a motion to approve \$3,500.00 donation to Steve Dohlston racing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mamie Rupnicki. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 67/ Oppose 21 Motion Carried**

[a10] Irene Henninger makes a motion to get on with the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mamie Rupnicki. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 127/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

8[b] No action on police report

8[c] Constitution Committee no action  
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## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Healthcare Update April 20, 2002

Prepared by Steve Ortiz (Monwa') Secretary

Dear General Council Member,

The Tribal Council and the PBPB Health Committee have been working together to follow through on completing our short term and long-term objectives for our Nation. Thank you for your support in helping us to continue to improve the healthcare for the PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION.

Megwich'  
Steve Ortiz- (Monwa'), PBPB Tribal-Secretary  
Health Committee Liaison

### Short-term objectives for next 1 to 12 months:

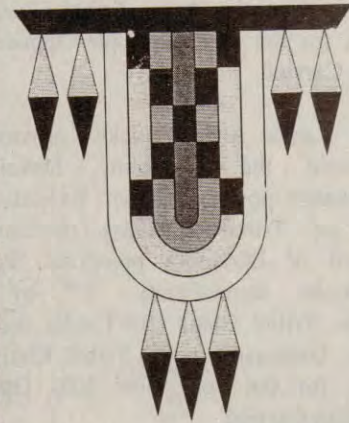
- Hire a local doctor for at least three or four months. We figured this cost at \$10,000.00/month for a total of \$40,000.00. This will allow for a concentration on patient needs and give the Indian Health Service an opportunity to, with our input, hire a doctor for the long-term.

**Update:** Financial Commitment by Tribal Council has been given to Indian Health Service to cover the \$40,000.00 cost for a temporary Doctor. OCAIHS (area Office) continues the search for a permanent replacement doctor. Dr. Michael H. Trujillo thanks PBPB for their support.

- Hire a Unit Administrator for the Holton Clinic to have over sight on the day-to-day operations. This will eliminate a doctor from having to serve in a dual capacity. The cost for this type of person is \$100,000.00/yr with benefits and is effective for one year starting after the advertising process is completed.

**Update:** Unit Administrator responsibilities have been taken over by Randy Barnoskie for the Haskell Service Unit and Holton Service Unit. Randy is working to reduce duplication of functions to save funds and work on improving medical billings. Randy gives monthly reports to the Holton Clinic Advisory Board.

- Hire two clerks from the pool of applicants on file with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Human Resources department. This will give needed help with the billing functions, etc. These two positions will pay \$9.25/hr and will receive the same benefit package



as other tribal employees. We need to get more on the job training for tribal members so they can eventually get into an Indian Health Service career.

**Update:** Two individuals were hired by the PBPB to work at the Holton Service Unit Thomasine Pahmahmie-Arteaga and Leigh Ann Wahquahboshkuk during this quarter.

Individuals will assist with resource intake and medical file updating.

- Hire a Registered Nurse and an assistant to make home-visits to the Potawatomi Tribal members on the reservation and in the Topeka area. These two would have access to a tribal vehicle for this purpose. Many a tribal member will not talk about their health problems unless they feel they have trust in such an individual or individuals. This can be incorporated into the current CHR program.

**Update:** The PBPB Health Committee is currently reviewing the CHR 638 Contract Scope of Work and Priorities to understand how we can best use our CHRs to serve our people. The Community Health Reps. total Budget for 2002 is \$299,585.00. Training was held on April 16, 17 2002 for the CHRs on information handling and recording keeping needed for Congressional appropriations requests made by the OCAIHS region to Congress.

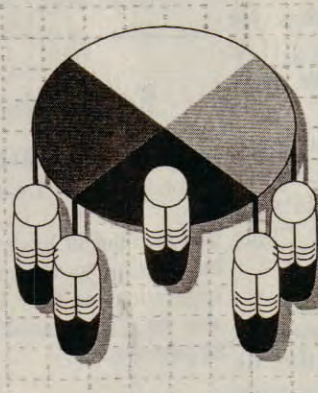
- Donate \$50,000.00 /yr to the Hospice House in Topeka with a stated understanding that they will serve our people in their last days for a minimal amount.

**Update:** \$50,000.00 was given this quarter to the Hospice House in Topeka. Hospice House thanked the PBPB for the funds and encouraged tribal members in the Topeka Area and on the Reservation to contact them for services or a visit.

- Hire a lobbyist to get more money for the Holton Indian Health Service Unit.

**Update:** No lobbyist was hired. Steve Ortiz-Liaison traveled to Washington D.C. February 24 through 28 to meet with tribal attorneys in Washington D.C., NCAI Officials, and Kansas Senator Pat Robert's Office Staff, Senator Sam Brownback's Office Staff, and Dr. Michael H. Trujillo concerning issues at the Holton I.H.S. Clinic and the need for increased Indian Healthcare appropriations. (Continued on page 2)

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**NEW DATE TO MARK ON  
YOUR CALENDAR**  
**Tribal Council  
Candidate Forum**  
**May 25, 2002**  
**9 am—noon**  
**Bingo Hall**

All voting-age Prairie Band Potawatomi members are encouraged to come listen to the Tribal Council Candidates in a friendly discussion, answering random questions relevant to PBPB Nation government business matters.

## Skunk Hill Permanently Registered: Historic Place Motion Passes

By Mary Young

On Wednesday, March 20, 2002, the Wisconsin Rapids *Daily Tribune* reported "A resolution that supports placing about 80 acres of Powers Bluff County Park on the National Register of Historic Places met with opposition from some supervisors at the Wood County Board meeting Tuesday."

As of Friday, April 12, 2002, plans to review and evaluate the nomination of Skunk Hill as a historic place by the Wisconsin State Historical Society, Division of Historic Preservation, Review Board took place in Madison, Wisconsin with Rey Kitchkumme, Tribal Council Member attending and representing the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Rey reported that "the review committee passed a motion unanimously stating that the Skunk Hill nomination has met the documentation standards of the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in s. 44.36(2) Wis. Stats. And that this property is now listed in the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places...Now that B'Pwa Kik is permanently registered its historical and sacred significance will have a greater chance of being protected...What remains is that "Wood County still needs to agree to take measures to permanently protect the cultural sites and ecology within the park."

During the meeting held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids, Nettie Kingsley stated that she planned to transport as many concerned citizens to Madison to attend the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

John Kozlowski, *Hocak Worak* journalist, Friends of Powers Bluff, members of the Sierra Club, retired teachers interested in American Indian history, a botany instructor, and Edith Nash, the widow of Philleo Nash, the former commissioner of Indian Affairs and the lieutenant governor of Wisconsin, attended the Tuesday meeting. (Continued on page 2)



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8[d] Energy Committee General Council wanted to only review the handout.

8[e] Economic Development Position-

[e1] Camilla Wishkeno-Chouteau makes a motion to suspend the rules to move up (9a) powwow committee request for June 2002 powwow after economic development presentation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Le Clere. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 84/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

[e2] Laura Abeyta makes a motion to approve the Economic Development Specialist position, Chief Executive Officer of Tribal Business position, and Board of Directors positions. Post job positions immediately. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doris Potts. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 103/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

9[a] Powwow-Committee request for June 2002 Powwow.

[a1] Camilla Wishkeno-Chouteau makes a motion to rescind the 1/19/02 powwow cancellation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vestina Nonken. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 134/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

[a2] Camilla W-C makes a motion to have a June 2002 Powwow. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vestina Nonken. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 142/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

8[f] Healthcare Committee General Council wanted to only review the handout.

#### 9. New Business:

[b] Proposed Casino/Hotel Expansion Project. Ryan Ross and Randy Conroy gave a presentation on the proposed expansion project. Handout was available on Expansion project...  
**Quorum count 90 @ 6:03p.m.**

[q] Employee issues- Comments made on employee issues, Indian preference, health and safety infractions at the Bingo Hall, and grievance committee. No action taken.

[d] Social services - Comments made on grievance process for Social Services customers, suggested a Human relations board be established.  
**Quorum count @ 6:45pm 82**

[d1] Juanita Jessepe makes a motion to establish a board of Directors for the Social Services department and that Badger Wahwasuck spear head the project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lydia Goslin. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote.  
**For 72/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

[d2] Arlene Wahwasuck makes a motion that a release of confidential information be signed by those with complaints against Social Services so that both sides of the issues can be reviewed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Wahweotten. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 73/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**

[9e] Tribal Vehicles- Tribal Council will get with Executive Director to have tribal vehicles numbered.  
**Quorum count 71 @ 7:27pm**

[e1] Arlene Wahwasuck makes a motion that policies be created for the use of tribally owned vehicles in emergency situations for Tribal Members for the July 20, 2002 General Council meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Shoptee. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (BW) calls for the vote. **For 57/ Oppose 0 Motion Carried**  
**Quorum count 65 @ 7:33pm**

[9f] Pete Seymour makes a motion to have quarterly per capita payments. No action

**Meeting Adjourned Lost of quorum @ 7:35pm**

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

You are invited to a candidate's forum for the positions of Chairperson, Secretary, and Council Person on Saturday, May 25, 2002. The forum will be held at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Bingo Hall beginning @ 9:00 a.m. and ending @ 12:00 noon (coffee, juice, donuts will be provided, no lunch will be provided, but we are looking for a fund raising group to sell food this day). The intent of the forum is to provide an opportunity for each candidate to speak to and meet with the General Council membership of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

(Con't from page 1, Healthcare)

• Create a fund to assist all enrolled Tribal Members with medical expenses.

**Update:** General Council recommended and Tribal Council approved \$300,000.00

Medical expenses fund. Guidelines will be developed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the fund will be administered through the Community Service Program.

#### Long-Term Objectives 1 year to 3 years:

- Begin process and cost projections for building a new clinic to increase primary care diagnosis of patients served. Current lease expires in 2003 and current facility has space issues for more equipment and personnel.

**Update:** The issue of a new facility has been brought before the Holton Clinic Advisory board. The representatives from all three tribes (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Sac & Fox Nation, and Iowa Nation of Kansas & Nebraska) will contact their Tribal Council's for guidance on the new facility and its location. Committee will form from Advisory Board during the next quarter.

Work to develop a comprehensive health care improvement plan for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation by working with the Choctaw Nation Health Consulting Division out of Durant, Oklahoma or similar organization.

**Update:** On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the Tribal Council and the PBPB Health Committee members met with Mickey Percy OCAIHS Board Chair and Terry Rice from the Choctaw Health Consulting Division to discuss I.H.S. Direct Services, 638 Contracting, and Self-Governance of health care for the PBPB. Mickey Percy and Terry Rice invited PBPB Tribal Council members and Health Committee members to come to Oklahoma and visit three tribes of our choice to view their health facilities and discuss how healthcare management and costs are being handled.

- Provide more information to the membership on how the PBPB can manage their health care services in the form of Continuation with I.H.S., 638 contracting of all or partial healthcare services, Compacting and Self-governance.

**Update:** PBPB Tribal Council and Health Committee members will meet in the immediate future again with the Choctaw Nation Health Consulting Division to develop information on healthcare options for the PBPB.

- Maintain a presence on the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service Advisory Board in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Update:** Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service Board met for the first time on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation April 9, 2002. The following Service Units attended Talihina, Shawnee, Ada, Tahlequah, Clinton, and Holton. Board Chairman Mickey Percy heard comments and concerns that needed to be corrected at the Holton Clinic from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Sac & Fox Nation, and Iowa Nation of Kansas & Nebraska. Holton Clinic Advisory Board Chair Steve Ortiz attended Indian Health Service Budget consultation to seek reinstatement of Small Ambulatory Grants and Joint Venture Grants to the overall Indian Health Service budget. The Bush Administration removed both grants from the Indian Health Service Budget.

- Study the issue and cost projections for expanding the service area of the I.H.S. Holton Clinic and its impact on the other three tribes in Kansas.

**Update:** Steve Ortiz -Liaison will be contacting OCAIHS during the next quarter to discuss cost and other factors to extend services to the Topeka Area and other surrounding areas of the Holton Clinic Service Area.

- Study the issue of Supplemental insurance for members with existing plans that do not cover items such as: prescription drugs, dental, hearing lost.

**Update:** During the next quarter the Health Committee will be working on how to determine what supplement services are needed by our membership and their costs. Insurance providers need to be contacted about their products.

The Tribal Council and PBPB Health Committee are interested in your suggestions and comments. You can contact members of the Health Committee {Arlene Wahwasuck-Chair, Gilreath Aitkens Vice-Chair, Camilla Wishkeno- Secretary, Dorothy Simon-Member, and Angie Wahweotten-Member or write to Healthcare, c/o Steve Ortiz-Secretary, PBPB Government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas 66509 or e-mail {steveo@pbpnation.org}.

## A Life-Time Dream of Members is Home Ownership on the REZ

By Doris A. Potts

**April 17, 2002** - A large crowd of Nation members filled the entire dining room area at the Elder Center for a Housing Meeting on Wednesday evening. In addition, there were members from the local urban communities and neighboring states of Nebraska and Iowa present - all seeking answers to their housing concerns.

Council Member and Housing Liaison Jackie Mitchell stated it right with her opening remarks saying, "that everyone has the life-time dream of home ownership." The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has been heading in this direction of assisting its members in fulfilling this dream for some time now.

Tribal Council Members Rey Kitchkumme and Jackie Mitchell have been updating everyone with the housing information throughout this past year. Moving right along, a new Housing Director, Jayne Garcia, was recently hired in January.

Ms. Garcia has been assigned the entire housing area that not only includes the old clusters, but includes all the future housing developments - definitely a big package to take on and appears to be handling the load quite well as demonstrated in handling the roomful of anxious Nation members.

The big question was, "What housing program is for me?"

There are so many programs that one has to make the time to talk with Ms. Garcia or Council Member Mitchell or Kitchkumme with your individual housing concerns. Look at the details; explore the facts before you decide which direction you

want to head.

The current housing programs are: Denison Home Loan II, Down Payment Assistance, Home Renovation & Repair, Refinance Assistance, Elder Replacement Housing, Rental Housing, and Relocation Assistance.

There were tables filled with applications, guidelines, policy & procedures and statistical information, showing application participation rates that reflect the out-of-state interest in these new housing programs.

Don Fate, Denison State Bank, was present to answer banking questions as they handle the home loan program.

Ms. Garcia stressed that they will handle these housing programs "as fair and equitable as possible." That's a challenging statement when you have questions from the crowd such as, "Why can't current and life-long residents be given priority to these houses? We have been on those waiting lists for some time now and I have my documentation of all my correspondence with Housing."

Council Person Mitchell explained that the old "waiting list" could no longer be used since that was from the NAHASDA waiting list. The PBPB Nation is now dealing with their own housing programs which creates all new programs and guidelines - everything is now available to all members with the exception of the Loan Program which is limited to the following northeast Kansas counties: Jackson, Jef-

erson, Brown, Atchison, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, and Douglas.

There was much discussion about the homes purchased by the Nation that now sit vacant. Council Person Kitchkumme explained that nothing could be done with those homes until each property complete the Land to Trust process. There are currently three available as rental units. (talk to Rey about this - whole separate article should explain this, an education article)

Member Emery Hale pointed out that the bank could possess your property if the owner defaults on the loan. This is correct information.

Referencing a historical fact of how much land was lost in this manner is the Skunk Hill property. Property taxes exceeded the incomes; therefore, the land was lost from those overdue taxes. Four natives (some believed to be Prairie Band Potawatomi members) "just left the area due to not being able to pay the property tax." They came to Kansas and lost the last Potawatomi ownership at Skunk Hill.

Council Person Kitchkumme says, "We've come a long way in a very short time since we opened our Casino five years ago. We have many housing needs and must meet them by providing benefits to all income levels on a local and national level. No doubt, some members will get a home to rent or purchase before others. But, the plan is to continue building home sites to meet the need. It will take time, but it is a goal we've begun to take full action on."



Council Person Jackie Mitchell talks before a large crowd of concerned Nation members about housing. Jayne Garcia (left), Housing Director and Council Person Rey Kitchkumme (right) listens intently.

### From the P.B.P. Tribal Enrollment

Submitted by T. J. Kitchkumme

The Enrollment Review Committee will be meeting to approve or disapprove applications on May 15, 2002. That is also the official cutoff date for per capita payments.

You must have ALL required informa-

tion accompanying your completed application for eligibility determination.

Another important issue is name changes. If you have a name change, please submit documents, validating the name change such as: marriage certificates, divorce papers (if a person is going back to their maiden name), or any type of court papers if it involves an adoption or minor-in-custody change.

**A W-9 TAX FORM IS NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FOR A NAME CHANGE.**

Please submit all address changes to the Enrollment Department. Once they are received, a copy is made for the Election Dept. for adults. A copy of this change is also made for the Per Capita Dept. Each address is logged in and out of this department to verify all changes.

**Feel free to stop in or call us anytime.**

(Cor't from page 1—Skunk Hill)

day meeting. In all, 23 attended the meeting including Steve Ortiz, Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council Secretary, Mary Young, PBPB News, and Prairie Band Potawatomi Wisconsin attorney's Carol Brown and Melissa Scanlan.

Ms. Scanlan was appointed to write a draft plan for the future of Skunk Hill; all concerned and interested parties are to edit and/or write comments to keep the process moving ahead. This was based on the discussions that she had with Carol Brown and various tribal members some months ago.

To date, a meeting has not been set up to discuss the plan.

### Update on Saturday, March 30, 2002 Meeting

In another meeting scheduled at the American Legion Post 442, located 6 miles south of Wisconsin Rapids on Highway 13, a note posted on the Legion door was written with a red marker and states the following: "KS meeting will not be held today emergency on [in] KS speaker schedule."

The invitation to the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was written

to the "Wisconsin Prairie Band Potawatomi" and reads as follows:

"Its election time again in Kansas. Want to find out what's been happening on the Rez with our money. Who is going to be running for office, and what's being found under the rug this year?

Its time to find out...ON SATURDAY March 30<sup>th</sup>, FROM 1PM TO 4PM.

We will hear from a former member of the Executive Staff, be able to ask Questions and not get the politician double talk we've gotten in the past.

**If you want find out what's really happen on the REZ make plans to travel To Wisconsin Rapids on the 30<sup>th</sup>.**

See you at American Legion Post 442, located 6 miles south of Wisconsin Rapids on Highway 13. The Legion Post is 1mile south of intersections of Highway 13 and Highway 73, and is on the left side as you go south.

A meal will be served."

No one showed up for the meeting.



## Press Release

Monday, April 15, 2002

Contact: Badger Wahwasuck  
785.966.4000

# An Important Message to the Governor and People of Kansas

**Assets Seized** – Mid-morning, April 9, 2002, the Kansas Department of Revenue seized the assets of Davies Oil Inc. of Troy, Kansas, charging nonpayment of fuel taxes owed. Davies Oil is the sole vendor to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian Nation for its "PBP Nation Station" convenience store – the only tribal motor fuel station on the Reservation. Davies Oil has duly contested these taxes and a decision on whether they are due is pending.

**Self-Governing Nation** – Davies Oil did not charge state fuel taxes to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for one very simple reason: this company respects the historic tribal self-government, granted by treaty, of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Gary Davies, his family and the employees of Davies Oil should be commended for their integrity, courage and honor in supporting the Prairie Band Potawatomi's self government. As an independent government, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation carries full responsibility for governmental services provided within its own territory. The state of Kansas and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are litigating the issue in Federal Court of whether fuel sales to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation are subject to Kansas motor fuel taxation.

**State Funds Do NOT Benefit Reservation Needs** – Not one dime of Kansas motor fuel tax funds goes to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for roads and bridges on its Reservation – even if taxes are extracted by the state from Reservation enterprises!

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Raises its Own Taxes** – Like the state of Kansas, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation collects taxes on the Reservation as a revenue source for its government. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation charges a 16-cent per gallon Tribal tax on gasoline sales and an 18-cent per gallon Tribal tax on diesel sales. These rates are comparable to those imposed by the state off Reservation. The Nation Station charges "market rates" for its fuel, so there is no unfair advantage over off-Reservation competitors.

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Maintains its Own Roads** – One hundred percent of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Tribal motor fuel tax revenue is used to fund the Prairie Band

Potawatomi Nation's Road and Bridge Department. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation maintains 119 miles of roads on the Reservation. Additionally, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation intends to asphalt seven miles of roads per year for the next four years (20% of project completed). Again – the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation receives no financial support from the state for this or any other kind of Reservation road maintenance or improvement.

**Good Neighbors** – In addition to caring for its own people, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is dedicated to being a vital contributor to the well-being of its neighbors both on and off the

## Total 2001 Tribal Charitable Donations – \$925,489

### Examples:

Royal Valley School District	\$200,000
American Red Cross (9/11 Relief)	\$100,000
Kickapoo Nation School	\$100,000
Let's Help, Inc. (Topeka)	\$100,000
Battered Women Taskforce (Topeka)	\$50,000
Holington Tornado Relief	\$50,000
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$50,000
Topeka USD 501 Public Schools	\$50,000
Topeka High School (Band Uniforms)	\$6,730
Topeka Youth Project	\$1,000

Reservation. In the past year alone, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has donated nearly \$1-million to local school districts and numerous non-profit organizations. (See chart.)

**Agreement Sought** – The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has long desired to negotiate a fair agreement, or compact, regarding motor fuel and other taxes. Past attempts to reach agreement failed when the state offered only a small fraction of the revenues to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, keeping most for the state.

### Recent State Actions Damaging

– In addition to placing an unfair burden on Davies Oil, the Kansas Department of Revenue's recent actions hinder the process of creating fair and workable agreements between the governments of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the state of Kansas.

**Let's Work Together** – Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation officials seek to meet with the Governor, or other high-ranking officials, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and honest, forthright dealings. Meaningful tax compacts between the states and Indian Nations have been accomplished by our neighbors in other states. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation seeks to improve its government-to-government relations with the state of Kansas, and is disappointed over these recent unfortunate events.



*Badger Wahwasuck*  
Chairman, Tribal Council  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Chronology of PBP Nation Motor Fuel Tax Litigation

### Background

#### U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

1976 *Moe and Colville* hold that when reservation businesses are marketing an exemption from state tax, they may be subjected to state taxes.

1989 *Cotton Petroleum* holds that double stat and tribal taxation is permitted in absence of proof of adverse impact on a tribal self-government interest.

1995 *Chickasaw* holds that a state cannot tax tribal fuel retailers on their reservation.

### Kansas Events

1995 *Sac and Fox, Kickapoo and Iowa* file suit in U.S. District Court for Kansas to oppose state motor fuel taxation.

1997 Kansas fuel tax law is amended to change the taxpayer from the retailer to the distributor. Although this is form over substance, shifting the taxes to the distributor removes Chickasaw's absolute prohibition of state taxation of tribal retailers.

12-17-98 *Sac and Fox, Kickapoo, et al.*, U.S. District Court for Kansas grants the three Tribes' motion for summary judgment. Decision is appealed by the State to the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

5-14-99 PBP Nation files its own suit in U.S. District Ct. for Kansas. Seeks declaratory judgment that state fuel taxes are not due for fuel sold at the Nation Station.

9-30-99 PBP Nation Station be-

gins to sell motor fuel at fair market prices. PBP tribal tax is imposed. Fuel is obtained from Davies Oil Co., the only distributor who would deliver to the Nation without charging state fuel taxes.

5-30-00 *Sac and Fox* (10<sup>th</sup> Cir.) decision basically holds that the *Sac and Fox* and *Kickapoo* in Kansas are "marketing an exemption" from state fuel taxes under *Moe and Colville*. Their district court decision is reversed and remanded.

6-9-00 PBP Nation retains an expert witness to testify that the Nation Station is not "marketing an exemption" from state fuel taxes.

10-15-00 State files motion for summary judgment against the PBP Nation in the fuel tax lawsuit.

1-14-01 PBP Tribal Council meets with Davies Oil, agrees in principle to "stand behind Davies" for fuel delivered to the Nation Station.

2-15-01 In PBP lawsuit, the state's motion for summary judgment is fully briefed and ready for a decision by the U.S. District Court judge. A decision has still not been issued as of 4-20-02.

9-4-01 PBP Tribal Council signs MOU to "stand behind Davies," TC Resol. No. 2001-098.

9-11-01 State issues a formal notice that distributors to the Tribes in Kansas must collect the state fuel tax.

4-9-02/4-12-02 Attorneys for PBP

Nation and Davies negotiate with the State to restore Davies assets to it. PBP Nation "stands behind Davies" by depositing amount of contested fuel tax liability in escrow. State then agrees to return all Davies assets and Davies reopens for business in time to meet its payroll.

4-9-02 The State seizes the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) fuel deliveries to the *Sac and Fox* and *Kickapoo*. The Ho-Chunk truck driver and Ho-Chunk officials are charged with criminal shipment of fuel without state permit.

4-11-02 Tribal Councils of four Tribes in Kansas meet to discuss opposition to recent state collection activity.

Present PBP Nation federal court lawsuit is still pending. We await a decision on the state's motion for summary judgment and tribal on the issues. PBP Nation continues the struggle to uphold tribal sovereignty by opposing the imposition of state fuel taxes with respect to the Nation Station. The issue is worth roughly \$18,000 per month in possible state taxes.

### Basic Principles Involved

1. "Marketing an exemption" from state taxes by selling fuel at below market prices can make fuel subject to state taxes under *Moe, Colville* and *Sac and Fox*.
2. If a tribal tax is not imposed, the best arguments against the state fuel tax are weakened and it is more likely the state tax will be permitted by the court.

## Native American Jr. Golf Association

announces

## "Tee It Up" Sign-Up Picnic

(7-16 year olds)

North Topeka Golf Center

11 am—2 pm on

May 4, 2002

## Native American Jr. Golf Association Reports "NICE" Tourney Proceeds

by Doris A. Potts

**April 15** - Gusty winds played a major part in the end results of the game of golf at Shawnee Country Club for players, as golf tourney entrants gathered for a "\$1,000 entry fee golf tourney," a fund-raising event for the Native American Jr. Golf Association program. At the end of the day, the real winners were the kids, primarily Prairie Band Potawatomi, who will be benefiting from this fund-raising event.

Fifteen teams entered this high stake game of golf. However, Golf Pro Steve McDonald, made sure that he included some of our own leaders in this high-dollar event – *less the entry fee*.

You might say, it was to rub elbows in a fun way with the guys that do have the big bucks. The other tourney participants were the ones that actually love the game enough to willingly put up their \$1,000 per team entry fee for an 18-hole golf match.

President Steve McDonald included others (friends, family, and co-workers) to assist in making this event a success by asking for volunteers to work, selling \$5/raffle ticket for various drawings and monitoring shot activities along the 18-hole course.

NAJGA Treasurer J.B. Cisneros reports that golf tourney proceeds exceeded the

\$11,000 mark on that one event alone. This is one quick way to rack up a nice chunk of dollars for the Native American Jr. Golf Association's summer kick-off along with a mix of public relations!

Check out the game for yourself this summer with the kids. It's a sport for all ages. Some call it relaxing; some call it stressful. Based on the overwhelming success of last year's first season, the kids obviously love the game and NAJGA.



Trivia - Fact!

The Topeka Boys & Girls Club Director, John Farr, is a major sponsor of their biggest fund-raising activity for their Club. And guess what it is? It is their Annual Golf Tourney that earns \$70,000 from that single event!

This is not to compare the two events, as there are major differences in the actual events. It is to point out that the golf fund-raising event does generate a lot of program dollars toward the future growth and success of the organization.

Thanks NAJGA Board Members!



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**Scholarship/fellowships, Etc.****NOTICES**

Fully Funded Master's Degree for Indian Educators  
A national applicant pool is being solicited for Project CLASS. Project CLASS (Cohorts in Leadership and Administration for Scholastic Settings) is a Master's Degree program emphasizing curriculum and instruction targeting American Indians. American Indian Research & Development, Inc. through Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma offers it. Project CLASS is a federally funded program under the U.S. Education Department, Office of Indian Education, Professional Development Program.

The purpose is to provide American Indians who have earned degrees in non-teaching areas the opportunity to earn a secondary school licensure as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching. This Masters degree program will be completed in one calendar year.

Full tuition is provided by Project CLASS as well as a monthly stipend, a dependent stipend to qualified participants, and a book allowance.

Applications will be accepted until May 3, 2002, and are available @ [www.aird.to](http://www.aird.to) or [www.aird.to/class.rtf](http://www.aird.to/class.rtf), or by contacting American Indian Research & Development, Inc., 2233 W. Lindsey, Suite 118, Norman, Oklahoma 73069; telephone number 405/364-0656; e-mail [sat@aird.to](mailto:sat@aird.to) or [sat@coxinet.net](mailto:sat@coxinet.net) for more information.

Wanted: Future Female Scientists  
The University of Minnesota's program for Women in Technology is looking for girls who want to become rocket scientists. Girls entering 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend a free, week-long Science, Technology and Engineering Preview summer camp, which aims to stimulate an interest in

engineering.

Four camps, each open to 40 girls, are scheduled in June and July. While at camp, the girls will stay in a residence hall on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Applications are available by e-mailing [marin007@umn.edu](mailto:marin007@umn.edu) or calling (612) 614-1317. Applications are due by May 15.

Student Temporary Employment Program  
Are you interested in gaining valuable work experience at a Federal agency with an exciting mission? Would you like to earn \$300-\$700 per week for summer employment? If you answered YES, then you will want to read on!

The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. will hire students for their summer student program.

Students must be enrolled in a high school or college and be taking at least a half-time academic, vocational or technical course load during the regular school months.

The STEP authority is designed to help students without previous Federal or professional work experience gain that initial experience. Previous work history is not a requirement for eligibility.

Students interested in this program should apply to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Headquarters Summer Student Program, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Mail Code 3611 M, Washington, D.C. 20460. Applications are also available @ [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov).

**Potawatomi Scholarship**

The Forest County Potawatomi has made available two (2) scholarships for the Potawatomi students attending college and/or Vocational Technical schools as full-time students. Each of these scholarships will be in the amount of \$5,000.00 in the upcoming school year.

**CRITERIA**

- Must be enrolled Potawatomi of one of the recognized Bands with verification from Tribal Enrollment.
- Must have a 3.0 G.P.A. for high school seniors.
- Must have a 3.0 G.P.A. if a student of a 4-year or technical school.
- Must submit a written essay of 500 words or more of what education means and how it's going to help improve the welfare of the Tribe before March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- Must apply for Federal Aid.
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation; one from teacher/instructor, and one from Tribal Leader.

**Deadline for this year only is May 30<sup>th</sup>** and then will be March 31, thereafter.

Send to:  
Daniel J. Smith, Education Director, Forest County Potawatomi, P. O. Box 340, Crandon, WI 54520  
1-800-960-5479 ext. 7355

**STUDENT SERVICE PROGRAM**

Submitted by Ida Nadeau

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Student Services Program has contracted with Computer Hut International Corporation of Pocatello, Idaho to purchase the computers for households who have PBP students K-12. Computer Hut International Corporation is a 100% Indian owned company that was established in 1989 as a full service PC manufacturer, networking, and authorized peripherals reseller. They are currently the preferred vendor of choice for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Sho-Ban High School, Idaho State University and American Microsystems Incorporated.

The owner and President of Computer Hut International Corporation is Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal member, Mike Grinnell. Mike has had as his personal goal since graduation from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MI, to use his education to work with Tribes and to become the "Tribal Supplier of Computers". Mike recognizes that Tribal governments and programs have unique needs and is willing to maintain the flexibility necessary to meet those needs.

Each computer purchased by the Student Services Program will have the PBP Nation logo displayed at start up, as well as a PBP Nation logo on each computer and a PBP Nation mouse pad that were added at Mike's expense.

Currently, there have been 226 computers ordered, with shipment starting on April 10<sup>th</sup> by UPS. The first computers reached their destinations on April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is necessary for the computers to be signed for as they are delivered and the Student Services Department is doing our best to contact Tribal members in advance to let them know a delivery date. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Services Staff.

Ida Nadeau, Coordinator 785 966-3926  
Kristen Aitkens, Administrative Asst. 785 966-3981

**Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

By James Wabaunsee

The VR Program has been very busy trying to improve the quality of its services. The program has moved into the Rock Building and out of the basement of the Government Center with the Finance Department. This space is needed for its confidentiality and it allows clients to speak more freely with the staff. Also, the VR Program has hired a new employee for the VR counselor position, which has then been changed to duties of an aide and an alcohol and drug counselor due to the needs of our clients.

The program continues to work on the completion of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas Rehabilitation Services to coordinate services. The Tribal Council has approved the agreement, and a resolution is being drafted so the agreement can be signed.

Staff has attended several trainings these past few months. Some trainings were sponsored by Kansas Rehabilitation Services in Salina and Topeka at no cost to the program. The workshops were Innovations in Rehabilitation and New Counselor Training. The staff also has attended an Empowerment workshop to help better serve our clients. Finally, initial training was attended in Portland, Oregon to gain certification for a Social Security Benefits Planning Specialist.

The program continues to attend the quarterly meetings with the Statewide Independent Living Council and the State Rehabilitation Council and began again the monthly conference calls with the Rehabilitation Services Administration and all of the other Native American programs across the country.

The VR program has been selected to participate in a cluster review of Native American programs in the South-Central region of the country. It should begin in May and be completed in September.

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**Preventing School Violence is more than a School Intervention**

By Eric Sanderson

Suzanne Heck has taken ownership of the School Violence Prevention grant and is getting things done. Relying on her background in Public Relations, she has gotten the both the Holton Recorder and the Topeka Capitol Journal to run stories on the program. She has made plans to try and involve the web developer of CJ Online. (CJ Online is the Topeka Capitol Journal newspaper.) For those around the county who may not know, CJ online was recognized nationally as one of the top online news media sites, ranking with huge papers like the New York Times.

Right now she sees her primary focus as, getting the word out. "We need to let people know what the grant is about and what we are doing," she said. To accomplish this she conducts monthly meetings with a Steering Committee comprised of Royal Valley personnel, community members, and Tribal program staff. "Their task is to come to consensus on what program, or programs to implement to prevent school violence." Suzanne said. "The steering committee members are finding it difficult to focus their attention on a specific program right now. They are questioning what other

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groups think should be done." To get more input, Suzanne is planning several focus groups to be held in the school district community. "The trick is you have to select your target audience, pick a time they can come, give them a reason to come, and then hope someone shows up," she said. She is pleased that six staff at the RVSD elementary school have committed to meeting once a month over the summer to give feedback on specific curriculum that other schools are using. "What would be the point in selecting a program that teachers don't like or don't believe will work. If you don't have "buy in" from the teachers, whatever you do will fail," she said. "In addition to, "buy in" from the teachers, support from the community and parents is just as important. I plan to ask them what they need done as well." At this time no parent or community focus groups have been scheduled but Suzanne promised, "I'll get the word out. I plan to use the Tribal Government infrastructure, the school district, and maybe even a billboard on the highway to let people know what is happening." The planning will continue until October, at which time planning will switch to implementation of the program on a pilot basis and growing to full scale implementation by summer.

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**Nation Gets Licensing Approval**

By Eric Sanderson

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, they came. Two women from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment came to the Social Services office. They were there to complete an 18 month process.

On September 30, 1999 an application requesting licensure for a Child Placing Agency was submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, (KDHE). The Child Placing Agency would be the Child Welfare program and would be on the reservation. The application was denied. "Why would we want to license you. We have no jurisdiction over you," were the comments of one state official. Indeed, that would be true. However, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) it could be possible. Thus began the process. It took persistence and many phone calls to convince KDHE that a MOU could be established. Over the next year a MOU was developed between the KDHE and the PBP Nation. After extensive dialogue, it was determined that three things would need to be agreed upon. Sound simple? Hardly.

First, the Tribe would have to allow the State to have access to files. Second, the Tribe would have to follow all the rules of the State. And finally, any grievance would have to be settled in State District Court. After these three issues were decided, it was a matter of shuffling the papers back and forth between attorneys. A word here, or a phrase there would be questioned. When both attorneys agreed, it was then time to present the MOU before the Tribal Council. More legitimate questions. More shuffling back and forth between attorneys. Back to Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approved the MOU and it was forwarded to KDHE for Secretary Graber's signature. Almost there. Wait. Someone thought the Governor should review the MOU. Off it went. The Gover-

nor's office approved, but wait, maybe the Attorney General's should take a look. Moving once again. The last scrutiny was finished and the MOU was sent back to KDHE for Mr. Graber's signature. Mr. Graber signed the MOU in late January and shortly after so did Mr. Wahwassuck.

March 6<sup>th</sup>, they're coming today. The final inspection before licensure. I was apprehensive. One of the inspectors had previously stated, "We love our regulations." Would ours be okay? Would we be told, "Not good enough." Would I have to rewrite the regulations for the third time? No we wouldn't. We passed. We passed easily. The only corrections were additional paperwork in personnel files and to pay the \$75 licensing fee. What a relief.

So what does having a license mean? Most importantly, the Tribe can license foster homes off the reservation. To prepare for this time, both Betty Rice and Carol Shopteease have been trained as trainers of MAPP training, a state requirement for all foster homes. This allows the Tribe to license foster homes, to State standards, without assistance from other agencies. We won't have to send families to outside trainers for the training they need. Second, our homes will be able to get payment from other child placing agencies for native children that they place in Tribally licensed homes. For example, if there is a PBP child requiring extensive services that our program may not be able to provide, the child's case can remain in State court. The child can be placed in a Tribal foster home and the home can receive payment for fostering that child. The advantages of this are that ICWA placement preferences can be met and the child can get services from *both* the State and the Tribe. Two for the price of "none." It will only cost our program the worker's time. The state will pay for the care. We'll keep writing articles to let people know how things are going.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Are you registered to VOTE in the upcoming election? If not, contact the Election Board for a Voter Registration Form.



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## The "Birth" of the Social Services Department

By Eric Sanderson

The Social Services Department is a relatively new Department. Many may not know its origin and so here is the story.

I officially took the position of Social Services director on August 3, 1999. Prior to becoming an official Tribal employee, I began to organize the new department as a contract employee. That was difficult in the beginning. The Nation had terminated its relationship with NAFS, but the BIA did not recognize the Department as legitimate. The first week of July 1999, they came and removed everything. It is no exaggeration that they left only a push pin, a paper clip, and one rubber band. I borrowed a metal chair from the American Legion, a pencil from Sonny Jessepe, then EAP counselor, and a tablet of paper from Lester Sumner, then Alcohol and Drug Director. NAFS disconnected the phone the next day. With the assistance of Mr. Potter and Phil Tatum, I began work on the first contract, the foster care funding from the State of Kansas. I no longer had a computer, so I borrowed a computer from the learning lab in Sharon McClain's office, Director of Education, and started typing. When Marilyn Brewer, Tribal Court Clerk, found out I didn't have a desk or any supplies, she came to the rescue. She had a spare desk and a chair. But she didn't stop there. She had me come to her office, escorted me to her supply closet, and loaded me up. I still use those maroon hanging file folders.

The Nation hired a second social worker, due much in part to the work and recommendations of a report completed by Juanita Jessepe. Now our department had a staff of two. The foster care contract came through, and then the Family Preservation contract was awarded. It was now October, and our staff had grown to four. The Community Services Program was added to the Social Services Department. Now there were five. If you can imagine, we were all located in the current Alcohol and Drug office. Lester used to comment it was crowded with just two staff. In the spring of 2000, two more grants were written, Section 121 Vocational Rehabilitation and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, (SAMHSA) Community Action Grant, a.k.a. Wraparound. Both were funded in the fall. The B.I.A. Title II-ICWA funding came in the spring of 2000. The B.I.A. 638 - Social Services funding came in the fall of 2000. At the end of 2000 the Department had seven staff, and one Social Work intern.

The year 2001 saw the addition of three more grants: Department of Justice - STOP violence against Indian Women, KS State Attorney Generals Office - Victims of Crime Act, and SAMHSA - School Violence Prevention. The Department had thirteen positions, and two separate interns by year end.

This year we have filled two more positions and have a total of fifteen staff. Of course we cannot all fit in the two offices allocated in the Wa-Te-Sa building and there are five staff located in the basement of the Community Building. Of the fifteen positions, one is filled by a Ph.D., three are filled by Master Degrees, and five hold bachelor degrees. One staff is working on her Master degree, our intern is a Master level student, and one staff is working on her Bachelor degree. It has taken determination and good fortune to find such qualified staff. Many were recruited from other jobs. Just as important however, is that most staff are connected with the community. Many have spent their entire lives intimately connected to the reservation. They know the people, the people know them. Overwhelmingly our staff is PBP, or they are married to PBP members. Even I have ties to the PBP. As some know, my Uncle was Jim Burns. He passed away in 1994.

The Department has not even had its third birthday. It amazes me how much as happened in this short amount of time. *Everything* that exists has been created. In the beginning there were no forms, no grants, no budgets, no furniture, no phones, no computers, no policies, no staff, no successes, and no failures. But we had time. Some feel we don't do enough, or don't enough services. I won't argue those points. But I will say we are providing more services and we are providing better services than have been provided in a long time.

We still have time. There is more work to be done, but we have a dedicated staff. Some have made deep sacrifices to work for the Social Services Department. They are a truly remarkable group of people. The staff run and operate our grants and contracts. They are the true success of the Department. The Tribal Council also needs to be acknowledged for their interaction and support of the program. Without their support and restraint of interference, the Department would not function.

A small framed picture was given to me when I volunteered for the Red Cross after the Oklahoma City Bombing. It depicts a diverse group of people, hands outstretched and touching. It sits on my desk. When I have a rough day or ask myself, why I am here? I read the caption by Margaret Mead, a well known anthropologist. Somehow I feel a little bit better, and ready to come back to the next day. It's not the Department mission statement, but it captures the spirit of what we do.

*Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

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## Human Resources

Submitted by Rubina Eteeyan, Director

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Personnel Policies were approved January 1, 2002. This was a tremendous accomplishment for our Tribal employment system. CD's were distributed to the Program Directors and it was their responsibility to make sure each of the employees in their department received a copy. Generally, everything has stayed the same except for a few changes and additions. So far, four (4) Personnel Policy orientation meetings have been held with Department Directors in order for them to stay informed and to pass the information on to the employees in their departments. It was also a chance to express ideas and point of views about the policies. The Personnel Board will review any possible Addendums that may arise as a result of these meetings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Directors who attended those past meetings for their cooperation and valuable input. More meetings will be scheduled until all of the Directors have been given

an orientation on the new policies. None were scheduled lately because I have been very busy with interviews, as have all the H.R. staff members for that matter. In February alone 143 interviews were conducted! This is yet another example of how much the tribe is growing. The Tribe presently has 310 permanent employees and 9 contract employees. We continue to hold monthly employee meetings the first Friday of every month as another way to maintain effective communication. I would like to stress the importance of attending these meetings to the employees. These monthly employee meetings consist of important Program announcements as well as other announcements not on the agenda, presentations, introduction of new hires, and prize-give aways.

In closing, I would like to thank my staff for being such good team players-Donna Valdivia, Priscilla Martin, Celeste Crites, Tracy Rogers, and Kumos (Hubbard) Ceja. Working in the Human Resources Department can be a challenge, but everyone has pulled together and gone above and beyond the call of duty.

*You are invited to attend our*

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 3rd Annual School Awards Dinner

*When: May 1, 2002*

*Time: 6:00 pm*

*Where: PBP Bingo Hall on 16277 Q Road*

**Everyone Welcome!!!**

**Please bring a covered dish and a dessert.**

*Sponsored by  
JOM, Title IX, Education Department  
Boys and Girls Club*

## CARING FOR OUR ELDERS, PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AND PERSONS LIVING WITH LONG PHYSICAL ILLNESS

By Rey Kitchkunme, Tribal Council Member

We are set to focus in on researching and potentially offering Long Term Care (LTC) Insurance as a benefit to the membership. As many of you are well aware, we have explored opportunities related to Long Term Care in the past. In addition, we thank you for participating in the surveys that have been conducted that have led us to this point in our decision making process. Our intentions, if feasible, are to organize a Long Term Care insurance offering that will satisfy your needs. It is critical that we deal with a highly rated, name company that will provide a superior level of service and support as well as the capacity to medically underwrite a group of our size and demographics.

As we continue our investigation of Long Term Care insurance providers, let us again give an overview of Long Term Care and answer some questions that may be raised.

### What is Long Term Care?

Someone with a long physical illness, a disability, or a cognitive impairment (such as Alzheimer's disease) often needs long-term care. Long-term care is different from traditional medical care. Long-term care helps one live as he or she does now; it may not help to improve or correct medical problems. Long-term care services may include help with activities of daily living, home health care, adult day care, care in a nursing home, and care in an assisted living facility. Long-term care may also include services, which will evaluate your needs and coordinate and monitor the delivery of long-term care service.

The level of care may be "skilled" or "intermediate", but most frequently "custodial". Custodial care may be needed for a number of reasons; injury, illness, a chronic condition or the frailty of aging. Custodial care assists individuals with activities of daily living, (ADL) such as eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring and continence.

### The Need

**Common Myth: "It will never happen to me"**

Will you or your spouse need nursing home care? Unfortunately, it is likely. 60% of people over age 65 require long-term care during their lifetime. Seven out of ten couples can expect at least one partner to require long-term care after age 65.

### Common Myth: "My family or someone else can take care of me"

Practically speaking, this isn't possible when care is needed for a long duration because of,

- Physical / emotional demands
- Expectations vs. realities of custodial care / time constraints
- Changing family structure
- Lack of medical expertise

### Why do people have Long Term Care insurance?

- Help maintain independence
- Helps protect your family
- Provides you with choices
- Help protect your retirement savings, property and family assets
- Gives you peace of mind

### How does the risk of requiring long-term care at home or in a nursing home compare to other risks I face?

1 in 1200	the chance of a \$100,000 loss from a fire or accident in your home
1 in 240	the probability of a \$100,000 plus liability suit arising from a car accident
1 in 15	the chance you will encounter medical health care expense of \$100,000
1 in 4	the chance that you will have a major long term care expense

Although most individuals have coverage on probably some of these risks, the probability of encountering significant long-term care expenses is the greatest risk of all.

This is why we are now taking steps to move forward, without further delay, to decide whether it is feasible to incorporate a Long Term Care Insurance offering.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

Arnold Kenny, Jackson Heights  
Cadue Kacee, Holton  
Cadue Brandt, Jackson Heights  
Caton Shawna, Rosville  
Crique Theodore, Royal Valley  
Greemore Stephanie, Royal Valley  
Mitchell Hattie, Royal Valley  
O'Toole Kateri, Royal Valley  
Slater Misty, Jackson Heights

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

Bahert Erikah, Jackson Heights  
Barber Jerrica, Delia  
Crique Daniel, Royal Valley  
Danielson Bud, Darren, Royal Valley  
Deo, Robin, Royal Valley  
Dreasher Justin, Royal Valley  
Eteeyan Eva, Royal Valley  
Garrison Derek, Royal Valley  
Gorman Claranita, Royal Valley  
Greemore Jamie, Royal Valley  
Hale Ashley, Royal Valley  
Hankerson, Alyxis, Jackson Heights  
Jim Cassandra, Royal Valley  
Jim Tiffany, Royal Valley  
Johnson Sock, Royal Valley  
Lake Jirale, Holton  
Levier Anthony, Royal Valley  
Matchie Kevin, Holton  
Nocktonick, Josh, Royal Valley  
Pahmahomie Leona, Emmett  
Shuckahosee, Kassie, Royal Valley  
Tehumseh Nelson, Royal Valley  
Wahweotten Andrew, Royal Valley



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1920's bark house at a fair on the Potawatomi Reservation. (L-R) Zah-wee, Jess Hale and William Mzhick-teno

#### 1936 Blandin School Students.

The school was formerly located 8 miles west of Mayetta, 158 & I Road.



Mizhicteno family in the 1930's on the reservation. Backrow (L-R) LeRoy, Ona Jane, and William. Front Row (L-R) William (Billy), Virgil, Rosell (Knight). Far right, Leona (Knoxshah).

#### 1938 Blandin School Students



**Front Row (L-R)** Alvin Cadue, James Cadue, James Mulanax, Thomas Shuckahoose Blandin, Lloyd Harrison, Edward Harrison, Edgar Allen, Orville Pahmahmie, Edgar Williams, Walter Cooper, Charles Harrison, Jr. **2nd Row (L-R)** Marsden Nozhackum, Kenneth Harrison, Emery Hale, Roy Hale, RoseMary Williams, Rebecca Wensuc, Lena Pahmahmie, Marcella Nozhackum, Therna Williams, Josephine Anderson, Maxine Nozhackum, Lorraine Chaney, Grace Pahmahmie. **3rd Row (L-R)** Oaklay Wishte-ah, Magaruite Anderson, Lena Pahmahmie, Reginal Nozhackum, Alta Mulanax, James V. Blandin, Howard Mulanax. **Last Row (L-R)** Freida Nozhackum, Ada Levier, Carrie Miller, Vivina Mulanax, Josephine Masquat, Margaret Matsapto, Ruby Wensuc, Clarsee McCarty, Wensuc, and Teacher, Katherine Oberle.



**Front Row (L-R)** Ollie Belle Anderson, Alfred Adams, Mary Angie Puckkee, Christina Emmett, Barbara Marshno, Delores Marshno, LeRoy Marshno, Wilma Jean Tuckwin, Cornelia Harrison, Augustine Nanoga. **2nd Row (L-R)** Margaruite Anderson, Chris Puckkee, Emery Hale, Lorraine Chaney, Roy Hale, Louis Tuckwin, Lloyd Harrison, Mercedes Tuckwin, Marsden Nozhackum, Lena Pahmahmie, George Lundin, James Cadue, Junior Harrison, Billy LaClair, Bill Mulanax, Kenneth Harrison, Melvin Adams. **3rd/Last Row (L-R)** Josephine Anderson, Ted Puckkee, Walter Cooper, Edgar Williams, Ruby Mulanax, Orville Pahmahmie, Melvin LaClair, Pete Aitkens, Alvin Cadue, James Mulanax, Paul Tuckwin, Alta Mulanax. Two teachers from Powhattan, Kansas, Harold Bartley and Dorothy Bartley (brother and sister).

## WILMA MANKILLER—Moving Past the Stereotypes in the 21st Century

*You must be the change You wish to see in the world.*

**April 2, 2002** - Kansas State University American Ethnic Studies Program is celebrating Native American Heritage Month. Months of planning took place to bring to campus one of the most respected native leaders of this century, Former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Wilma Mankiller – today, she's a speaker, activist, and author.

This was an educational outing for the Potawatomi senior citizens. A special seating area was reserved for Kickapoo Nation School and Haskell Indian Nation University students.

A captivating and dynamic speaker, Dr. Juanita McGowen, Director of American Ethnic Studies, welcomed Wilma Mankiller by reading the biographical flyer information.

Wilma Mankiller opened her presentation by insisting that she share a brief Cherokee history overview. She said we live in a society where most people don't care about history. This is how stereotyping is created, lacking knowledge on a subject matter.

Wilma strongly advocates, "People should have a great pride in their history and heritage and use that as source of strength in making decisions."

The Cherokee historical perspective is so similar to Prairie Band Potawatomi history that at times you were led to believe Wilma was actually speaking of the Potawatomi history. Cherokee had the Trail of Tears whereas Potawatomi had the Trail of Death, basically, the same thing in the sense that it was all forced removal by the U.S. Government that resulted in a mass life and land loss.

The public school system begins teaching the Euro-American history to students in the third grade – no discussion prior to 1492. Everyone is Euro-American perspective educated. Indigenous people had a system of government long before U.S. government came here.

The Cherokee had the wampum belt as their form of government. That belt included a system of principles and

values along with a historical story attached to it.

Without an ethnic history and context, it's hard to understand us as a people. The U.S. government imposed their system on us. The entire Cherokee Nation was removed by force – that's American history. American history is Native American history.

That is the reason we as an indigenous people have so many problems. The U.S. Government saw the Native Americans as a problem to be solved. Many policies were designed to destroy Indians – mainstream us.

Once we understand our history, it is clearly up to us to move forward.

When there are stereotypes out there, it makes it difficult for us to do that.

We have to continue to battle that oppression that has been with us for centuries. Wilma said we never "get over it." We acknowledge it and move forward.

Mankiller quoted one of her favorite Mohawk sayings, "It's hard to see the future with tears in your eyes." Her response to that was "Let's learn it. Let's talk about it. Wipe the tears off. In a clear view, move forward."

Another common stereotype: You met one – you met them all.

That's not true as we have over 550 distinct languages, cultures, and ceremonial lives. These ceremonies cannot be expropriated and be practiced anywhere. There has to be an understanding and respect for the way. The sun dance is one that is treated in this manner. Our ceremonies remind us who we are; it reminds us of our responsibilities to the world and the interconnectedness to the land and to all people.

We have to educate the public of who we are and what we do in our contemporary life.

Another common stereotype she cited was the feminist. The feminist tries to make us better human beings but they get bad publicity, creating negative stereotyping.

Other common examples of stereotyping were: As natives, we all have visions on the hill. Another one is that all we do is go to casinos, drinking all the time.

Former Chief Wilma Mankiller ended her opening remarks about how she will help eliminate stereotypes, "I want to help eliminate the stereotype of what a Chief looks like." She subtly smiles, acknowledging the crowd to look at her – she is a former Chief. Is this how the general public perceives



a Chief should look?

#### Wilma Requests a Chat with the Local Natives

*Question: How do you move ahead, actually press forward?*

**Mankiller:** You don't ever get over it. My anger now fuels positive things. You don't ever get over it. You understand it and move forward. The alternative to moving forward is to stay in one place. Educating people makes a difference. Most Americans just need more information. We need more people out there making movies to tell our story; we need more people of color, such as journalist who help shape public opinion – it's not easy.

*Question: Through the power of economics, such as gaming, do you think there is more power as a people, in general?*

**Mankiller:** We have to hold on to a

sense of who we are as a people, as a culture. We have a commitment to stay together as a people. Economic development and gaming provided revenue for tribal governments. We were removed to places that aren't exactly business centers of the world. That's what we have at this time. Tribes are diversifying their revenues, so overall it is a positive venture.

*Question: What was your most difficult situation as a leader?*

**Mankiller:** On the emotional level, it was to approve our Bingo. I believed in our ability to do things on our own. But it was an economic benefit for the Cherokees – not about me. Family support sustained me in that situation.

*HINU staff member involved in a new diabetes mellitus project, asks, how do you propose we go about eradicating the disease and what role do tribes need to play in this eradication?*

**Mankiller:** As with most all things, you have to tie it into the community, such as a walking trail. You have to educate, teaching nutrition in a new way. Nutrition is basically boring. Tie tradition into nutrition – how did we eat in the past? It's more about "portion control." Wilma said she has a partner and they share a pool activity together, mixed with Yoga exercises. Part of it is conditioning one's thinking about food in a different perspective.

*On sports mascots:* This stereotyping is also a form of racism. Small children admire sports figureheads and they see Indians being demeaned. It's an education process and we can't give up. There are cultural barriers. You have to tell stories. Don't talk in generalities. All people think in emotions and react emotionally. Use terms they can relate to.

*Question: What do you think is the most pressing issue in Indian Country today?*

**Mankiller:** There is much concern among women that we are losing our culture and language. It's slipping away. She explains that she has to know how to interact in this world and still be Cherokee.

*Question: Velma shares her daughter's story about a misdiagnosis by an IHS doctor, saying, "Indian women are prone to fatty tumors."*

**Mankiller:** Wilma agrees that even a good IHS doctor is seeing too many patients. If you have another form of insurance, you need to get to someone else – a specialist. There needs to be an oncologist on a regular on-site visit. The culture of IHS can't be changed.

*Question: What are your views on BIA?*

**Mankiller:** In regard to the big "trust fund," I wouldn't create a new bureaucracy. It should be contracted with a native America firm. They need to continue to engage in legitimate discussions with Native Americans and I am sure they could come up with a plan.

*Question: PBP Member Elizabeth Masquat spoke of an identity problem she has with her son here on the Reservation. Her daughter is accepted because she looks native but her son has to hear all the racial stuff since he looks Caucasian. How do I handle that?*

**Mankiller:** You spoke of your strong upbringing by your family. You have to continue to teach that to your family. There will be people that you can't change. But with a positive attitude about it all, people will come around to see the way you live your life. Being positive in anything you do is the single most important thing. Wilma says she prays a lot. It's been a conscious decision by myself. I made a choice to do that. Rise above the negative things. "Prayers and have a good mind. It's not easy – constant vigilance so I don't go there. Always be the person to say,

"Yeah, but..." Stay positive.

*Question: What do you see as important in native leadership today?*

**Mankiller:** You have to be ethical. You are not in a different standard from others. This is not about you – being "big-headed." Remember, that you are "of service" to the people that you are serving. You are in there for only a short time and then gone. You have to make calculated and educated risks. You have to have compassion and be positive.

*Question: What about Constitutions?*

**Mankiller:** A lot of people are attempting to tie in their culture into their constitutions. Cultural revitalization has to come from the community, family by family. It won't happen within a tribal government system.

*Question: HINU – Gone in 5 years?*

**Mankiller:** Haskell will be here 100 years from now. We have to all give to Haskell, even if it is just \$5.00 from each one of us. Tribal Governments can contribute to Haskell.

*Question: How do we go about bringing native history into the school systems?*

**Mankiller:** Parents can go into the school and be sure correct information is being taught. Push to change textbooks, support school boards.

Mankillers says, "I am a product of my community and my people. When people look at us (natives), they see a litany of statistics. We see ourselves as rich and beautiful in culture. We have that sense of responsibility of one another." Wilma spoke of an elderly relative and a saying she always shared with her, "When the Cherokee people stop dancing, that's when the world will end." The Cherokee are still dancing. As natives, when we get together, we don't sit around and talk objectives. We tell stories.



## VOTE LAURA ABEYTA FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY!!!

Greetings

**RESPECT, HONOR, INTEGRITY, DIGNITY, AND THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE** are the goals that I would strive for if elected. We are in need of strong leadership with common sense, and the ability to recognize how one decision affects another, and a team to see that the many responsibilities of good government are met in a timely fashion. Separation of business from government, with the current, and future administrations, being required to adhere to the same regulations as the rest of the people would be another goal.

In the 10 years that I have been back, we have come a long way! I respect and admire the work done by the many factions of our Community, from the most obvious Road and Bridge crew, the Nationally recognized Day Care, the Beautiful Elder Center, the



state of the art EMT and Fire Services, the Bingo staff, Gift shop and those Tribal members who are operating our Casino business and all the other programs and worker bees that make our Community what it is, which is a great place to live.

As a Grandmother, I have a

deep and passionate desire to help keep on improving the fate of our people, and I would like to be a part of making our dreams come true.

### Background

I am a graduate of St. Paul's Indian Mission, Marty South Dakota. I worked for the Phone company from 1971-1976, after which time I went back to school, (Ft. Lewis College, Durango, Colorado, and SIPI Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Albuquerque, New Mexico) where I received an Associates Degree in Electronics, and proceeded to work as a Field Engineer for NCR (National Cash Register) for the next 13 years. We came back to the Reservation in 1991, and I worked for the People as a Gaming commissioner for 1993-1997. I was a charter member of the Jackson County Economic Development Board, and currently am on the Board for the Region VII American Indian Council.

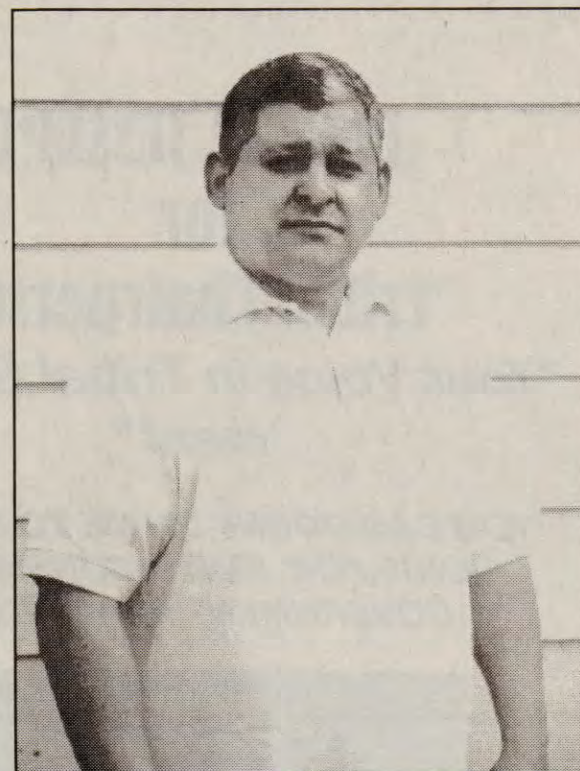
## Vote for Steven Hernandez Candidate for Secretary

Hi, my name is Steven Hernandez. I am a candidate for the Secretary Office of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the 2002 Tribal Council Election. I am the son of Ellen "Osh" Gokey and the grandson of Dora P-Quo-Tah(Na-Quah-Bi) Gokey and Jake Gokey.

I am married and presently reside in Kansas City, Kansas with my wife of 19 years, Phyllis Hernandez and two children Marlena N.N. Hernandez and Julio E.E. Hernandez.

A brief history of my background is I served in the United States Marine Corps for 10 years. I worked in various positions of support and management during my tenure in the United States Marine Corps. I received an Honorable Discharge after my length of last re-enlistment was over.

Presently, I am employed in the Electrical Wholesale Business. I am in the Position of Warehouse Manager/Counter Sales. Our company is hands on get involve atmosphere that brings many challenges to all personal.



I feel that I have many qualities to offer that could benefit our nation as a whole. I thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself as a Candidate for Secretary of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council.

Thank you,  
Steven Hernandez

## Vote for Steve Ortiz (Monwa') Secretary Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation



Hello, My name is Lysette Morris  
"Please vote for me!"

I am currently a Tribal Council Administrative Assistant. I feel I have the background and experience necessary for the Tribal Secretary position up for Election. I welcome input and believe there is no such thing as a stupid question when someone is trying to learn; and most of all in order to grow we must realize there is always room for improvement.

**ELECT  
LYSETTE MORRIS  
for  
TRIBAL SECRETARY**

Dear General Council Member,

Thank You for the opportunity to serve you and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation over the past four years 1998 to 2002. I ask you for your Vote and continued support in my Re-election as Secretary for the Term 2002 to 2006.

Over the past four years as a voting Tribal Council Member I have supported the following programs for our membership both on and off the reservation:

- Per Capita Payment for all enrolled members
- Tribal employment growth from 85 to 300 employees (1998 to 2002)
- Childcare growth and expansion
- Supported tribal infrastructure improvements for roads and bridges
- Fire Department and Police Department new Facilities
- Contract renewal Negotiations with Harrah's Entertainment Inc.
- Increased mobility for tribal members to get into Casino supervision
- Growth of Tribal Government Services and Court Services from 12 to 30 Departments
- Supported Housing Loan programs for Tribal Members (limited to Bank Service Areas)
- Vision Plan and Community Service Program for all enrolled members
- Supported Cultural and Religious Groups requests for facilities maintenance and other Church upkeep
- Supported PBPB Student service plan for all enrolled tribal members
- Working to improve Holton

Health Clinic services and educate tribal members on other healthcare options for the nation

- Maintained a DEBT-FREE Tribal Government and paid off Casino Debt
- Supported Informal meetings in Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- Supported Tribal Veterans organization We-Ta-Se.
- Supported Community activities Halloween, X-mas, Earth Day, etc.

If re-Elected I will work to enhance the existing programs and refine them to better serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation membership. For the immediate

If re-Elected I will continue to support our tribal programs and work to refine them to better serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation membership. Tribal Economic Development and Housing loan requests outside of our current Bank Service area and on the reservation will be an issue in our immediate future as a Nation. The General Council and Tribal Council needs to consider a place for the Prairie Band Potawatomi small business entrepreneur in it's economic development plan. It has been proven that taxing the entrepreneur is a lot less costly than governments trying to provide a service for a profit. The General Council and Tribal Council need to come together to develop a Mission Statement and Mission Plan that can assist Tribal Council, Executive Director, Directors and the Business Units (Gift Shop, C-Store, Bingo) in creating performance based goals and budgets that can better serve Prairie Band Potawatomi Membership both on and off the reservation. Our main stay of eco-

nomie development is our Casino for the next three to four years. Our General Council and Tribal Council need to give Harrah's direction on expansion of the Casino to increase customer count, stay and spending in our facility. I look forward to working with Members and General Council over the next four years with your VOTE and support.

Megwich'  
Steve Ortiz (Monwa')  
Steveo131@hotmail.com

### Qualifications and Business Experience:

1998 to 2002 Currently serving as the Secretary for the PBPB  
1980 to 1998 Hallmark Cards, Inc. Manufacturing Section Manager  
1976 to 1980 KPL (Westar Energy) Area Manager Gas/Elec. Operations  
1974 to 1976 IBM Administrative Assistant General Systems Division  
Military Experience:  
1972 to 1974 US Army Reserve, 410th Evac Hospital, Specialist-5  
1969 to 1971 United States Marine Corps, Lance Corporal E-3 Honorable

### Education:

- Bachelor of Business Administration- 1976 Washburn University, Topeka, Ks.
- Attended Haskell Indian Nations University
- Topeka High School graduate 1969

### PBPB National/Community Service:

- President of the Holton I.H.S. Clinic Advisory Board
- Delegate to the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service Board
- Member National Indian Gaming Commission Task Force of Health and Public Safety

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**Vote for Steve Ortiz  
(Monwa')  
PBPB Secretary**

## VOTE Delores A. Miller Tribal Secretary in July 2002

Greetings to the members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation:

My name is Delores A. Miller and I am a candidate for the position of Tribal Secretary. I have decided to run for this office based on the following factors;



**COMMUNICATION:** There should always be an open and direct line of communication from the tribal members to the Tribal Council. Each member is entitled to information on current policies and future planning that effect the Tribe. The Office of Tribal Secretary has to maintain official records as part of our history, legal business and tribal laws.

**CONCERN:** I am concerned that many of our tribal members are unaware of the benefits that are for ALL tribal members. However, I want to insure that the members of Urban Sectors of our Nation receive just as much benefits as the members of the Reservation. We need to look into the health problems of our Nation and ensure that each member will be taken care of, by the various agencies that serve us and through programs that can and will serve all members.

**COMMITMENT:** If elected as your Tribal Secretary, I will work hard to insure that information and benefits are available to all members. I will strive to be a listening, caring, hard-working and responsible "Keeper of the Tribal Records".

## QUALIFIED VOTERS

To cast a ballot in this election you must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation,
- Be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election,
- Have a voter registration form on file with the Election Board no later than June 7, 2002, 4:00 p.m. if you have never registered to vote.

## BALLOT DISTRIBUTION

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than June 12th, 2002. They must be received in the Election Board mailbox no later than 9:00 a.m. on date of election.



## JUANITA JESSEPE for Tribal Chairperson “Your Voice in Tribal Govern- ment”

“YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO BE YOUR  
VOICE FOR FAIR & CONSISTENT  
GOVERNMENT PRACTICES.”



### Election Results

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting conducted by the Election Board beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Election Day at a location to be announced.

Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots have been tabulated and the results of that tabulation have been recorded.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
PRAIRIE BAND  
POTAWATOMI NATION:  
Graciously & humbly I am ask-  
ing for your support in the up-  
coming tribal election.

I am the eldest of six sisters and one brother. Our parents are Wesley Jessepe and Mary Jo (Magnauck) Jessepe; paternal grandparents are Charles M'jissippi and “Suzie” M'jissippi; maternal grandparents are Grant Magnauck and Madeline (Tomey) Magnauck – all are Potawatomi allottees – all have passed away. I am the proud mother of two sons, Michael Allen and Marc Allen – both are Prairie Band Potawatomi. Our family roots are strongly woven into the fabric and history of the Potawatomi Tribe. We are proud to carry our family heritage into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Today, the biggest problem we face is striking a balance between traditional values and modern solutions.*

A former member of the Kansas Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission and with nearly 30 years in the Human Services field, I am a strong advocate for Indian Civil Rights and due process rights and continue to serve as a community advocate for the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). As the former tribal Secretary, I was instrumental in implementing the first Per Capita distribution; Tribal Council Policies & Procedures, Drug-Free Workplace Policy & Employee Assis-

tance Program; and early development of the Community Services Program (CSP), but I feel there is much more to be done to meet the needs of the People: Tribal government spending must be stabilized!

**TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN** must include three important components: 1) the Economic Development Plan; 2) Economic Development Codes; and, 3) Economic Development Commission assuring continuity of long-range financial planning and consistent business practices. **Public Notices** of hearings on annual operating budgets, financial reports, per capita distribution plans and other business ventures will assure tribal shareholders are given sufficient opportunity to provide valuable input into tribal operations. It is vitally important that tribal shareholders receive copies of financial budgets and other tribal information prior to approval/disapproval in General Council meetings. **Small Business Opportunities:** A Tribal Grants & Loans Program will offer opportunities to eligible tribal members to own & operate small businesses located on the reservation. **Grants for (Allottee) Landowners:** Currently, many tribal landowners are unable to access to resources for needed infrastructure such as, water meters, electrical hook-ups/light poles, gravel for trailer pads, underground tubes, etc. Eligible landowners must be provided with opportunities to live and

prosper – on their own Potawatomi land!

**“TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: PRO-CIVIL RIGHTS OR ANTI-CIVIL RIGHTS?”**

**Employment Practices:** Tribal employees are the backbone of all tribal programs and enterprises, and they are important considerations in evaluating overall tribal goals. Every employee must be given a chance to ‘move up’ in his or her chosen field. Mentoring & Training programs will enhance upward mobility for tribal employees wanting a chance to develop their career goals. **Indian Preference:** The tribe’s Indian Preference laws must be strictly adhered to, giving qualified Indian candidates and employees preference for employment opportunities to fill high level positions as directors, supervisors and managers. **Human Relations Board (HRB):** Creation of a HRB will allow legitimate concerns and grievances to be heard in a fair and open forum; and to ensure that the tribe is meeting Indian Preference laws, and employment practices fairly and consistently.

**“FAIR VERSUS EQUAL DISTRIBUTION”**

**Satellite Services:** It is unrealistic to expect that every ‘penny-on-the-penny’ and service unit can be matched and disbursed equally to every tribal member both on and off the reservation. However, the largest concentra-

tion of tribal members living off the reservation resides in Shawnee County, Kansas, which is in the ‘original’ boundaries of the reservation. A comprehensive needs analysis would determine funding projections and the level of services. Tribal members living in adjacent Brown County are smaller in numbers, but they are overlooked for services in their area, but always used in the ‘head count’ for population figures and provision of services. It is equally important to fully analyze other regions with high concentrations of tribal members – based on demographics and proven need. **Per Capita Payments:** Issues surrounding per capita payments involve payments to minor children and elders on fixed incomes. There are other workable alternatives to the existing per capita plan. Nonetheless, any changes to the plan must be brought before the shareholders in a **REFERENDUM VOTE**, to allow sufficient notice to all registered voters. ANY tribal plans encumbering tribal assets must be brought to the General Membership for approval or disapproval before the Tribal Council can take any action. The time for government reform is now!

*“Let me be your voice in the tribal government process.”*

**VOTE!**

**JUANITA JESSEPE  
For  
TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON**

**Show your  
Support  
VOTE**



### PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

July 24, 2002

#### DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Chairperson Candidates:

Bob Cadue  
Juanita Jessepe  
Zach Pahnahmie  
Mamie Rupnicki  
Badger Wahwasuck

Secretary Candidates:

Laura Abeyta  
Steven Hernandez  
Delores Miller  
Lysette Morris  
Steve Ortiz  
Carol Shopteese

Council Member Candidates:

Jim Darnell  
Rey Kitchkumme  
Ralph Tecumseh

See Candidate’s Articles/Campaign Information in this newspaper.

**REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, YOU DON’T HAVE A VOICE IN THE BUSINESS ACTIONS OF YOUR NATION!!!**

#### “Come Walk With Me...” The Artist’s Story Behind the Painting

By Rey Kitchkumme, Tribal Council Member

“COME WALK WITH ME, THAT I MAY CARRY THE WEIGHT OF YOUR BURDENS” The Artist TerryLee explains the meaning in the following words behind his painting.

In our history my relatives walked the “Trail Were They Cried”, known today as the Trail of Tears. There were many hardships and deaths on this travel from the Cherokee homelands to Oklahoma. As we all need hope in life, the Cherokee people needed it even more during this time. With the Great Spirits’ arm reaching down from the sky it is a sign *He* is there always to help us with our burdens.

I painted the people on the journey in silhouette for the journey, which has past. I used black to represent the terrible event that took place. The white light in front of them represent the light at the end of the tunnel. It is a new beginning or new horizons. The stars above are our relatives who were on the Trail of Tears. I have placed a blanket of green over the whole picture (for this publication it is printed in grayscale) for a spiritual feeling and it also represents new life.

*The Life Of All People* as we travel forward with the help of the Father to carry our burdens.

To The People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation:

You have given me an exciting and challenging four years as your elected Council Member for our Nation. I thank you for the privilege and honor to have served you. I gwi en.

After much contemplation considering many things - most importantly discussions with so many of you - I have decided to seek a second term as Council Member.

There are many reasons that have motivated me to make this commitment. These are numerous and significant and it's important that you are aware of them. In July, 2002, I will have served a full four-year term. During these four years our Nation has made considerable progress and I feel I have been an integral part in the achievement of some of our goals.

These achievements include:

- ♦ Working to recreate the land department to be a substantial revenue generating sector of our government;
- ♦ Assisting in the design, development and implementation of the Home Loan and Housing Assistance Programs;
- ♦ Serving as part of the team that renegotiated a new and significantly enhanced contract with Harrah's Kansas Casino Corporation;
- ♦ Facilitating the group – Native American Action Committee – that achieved gaining nomination of Skunk Hill (B'Pwa Kik) to the national register of historic places and blocking the select timber cut and creation of ski runs that would have disturbed Potawatomi ancestral burial and ceremonial grounds;
- ♦ Helping enhance the relationship between the tribe and Jackson County resulting in many benefits including the implementation of a “911 agreement.”

There is plenty of room for growth and the attainment of greater achievements. We must maintain and advance our position as a front runner in national Indian politics. We need to re-organize our own government through the constitutional changes that have been proposed and create an economic development division that answers to the general membership and tribal council and eliminate any potential for unethical and political maneuvering.

Additionally, we must adhere to fair-hiring practices, comply with and improve our employee evaluation methods. Performance based budgets need to be employed in order to diminish monetary waste and put departments back on track to eliminate or improve service areas that are unproductive, unused or mismanaged. At times, improving these areas may only require new or refocused direction.

I have learned plenty and heard a lot during my tenure as your Council Member. I will continue to be objective and impartial and to separate personal views to always act on behalf of benefiting our Nation.

My work and personal ethics have kept me very busy serving our Nation. I continue to have a strong desire to give and be a part of a government that will work to best meet our people's needs. We have a lot of business to get done and a lot of work ahead of us. I will do my best to be your voice as our Nation changes, improves and grows.

You deserve a progressive, honorable and hard-working Tribal Council. I have the energy, experience and wisdom to get the job you want done.



**Vote for Rey Kitchkumme  
Council Member**

“Come Walk with me”







**Vote for  
Bob Cadue**

**Tribal  
Chairperson**

**To The People Of The  
Prairie Band Of Potawa-  
tomi Nation**

Hello to Everyone,

My name is Bob Cadue. I have declared my candidacy for the office of Chairman in the upcoming election. I will make you no promises of the great things I will do in office. Politicians make promises and never keep them. I never intend to become a politician. I will only say and stand by this..... I believe in open honesty and truth, and that I will work hard for the People Of This Nation. All People of this Nation.

I am the son of James "Hambone" Cadue Jr. and Wilma Cadue. I am forty-two years old. I am husband and father of two and foster parent of two. Although I grew up on the reservation, I have lived away for several years. I returned home in late 1999. My wife and I became part of the Foster Care Program for this Nation in 2000 and we are still actively involved. My wife and I have chosen to care for foster kids of Our Nation that have behavioral problems, who no one else could or would deal with. Presently I am sad to say, I have been informed that we are now the only foster home on the reservation. I hope that will soon change.

Since coming home I have been involved not only in Foster Care. I have been a small part of a group attempting to get our health care provider problems looked into, along with Tribal Members who I wholeheartedly respect for their selfless efforts and the valuable time they have spent on this very im-

portant matter. But, there are many more troublesome issues ahead of us.

I have many years of experience in diverse businesses. Most of those years were in management or supervisory positions. From those years of experience I learned many valuable skills and I developed strong work ethics. I live by those ethics today.

I have also served in the military, from 1976 to 1988 in The USKARNG. I received honorable discharge from that branch of military service.

I never had dreams of being in politics. I have no desire for fame or seeing my name in print. I need no title to make my life whole. I got involved due to other issues and that activity evolved into this campaign effort. If it could happen to me, something similarly unfair can happen to anyone and I hope to keep that from happening to any one of us. Everyone deserves fair and equal treatment, as well as the ability to have the same entitlements as everyone else regardless of their location. There should be no special treatment toward anyone, nor should there be any special mistreatment. Keep in mind that all of the Tribal matters that affect you, affect my family as well.

My personal belief is that anyone who seeks a seat on our Tribal Council should wish to do the job for the greater good of The People. I stood in General Council last year and made the statement to the Tribal Council: "If you are in this for the money, you are in it for the wrong reason". I stand by that statement because personal gain has never been a driving force in my life and never will be.

My personal opinion is that Tribal Council positions are not seats of power, but are actually seats of servitude. The Tribal Council serves us. If I am elected, my ideology shall not change.

I also know quite well that The Prairie Band Of Potawatomi Nation does not consist of Members living on or near the reservation. I lived away long enough to understand how Tribal Members living away feel left out of everything until a vote is needed. I never knew what was going on. I seldom received mailings, and never knew that there were services available. I knew nothing of what I was a member of.

I know that many others feel the same even today. Many of you may not know me. I lived away for a long time and haven't spent the time I would like to have had in meeting people, as I presently work an hour away from this reservation. I will probably not be able to take time off work to go out and meet people very often, because I am on 24/7 call status with my present job.

I am listed in the phone book ( 785-364-2938 ), if you would care to contact me at home. My name will remain listed there even if I am elected to office. I can be reached via Internet as well. My online address is PBPNTMBR@aol.com. I hope to hear from you about your views and opinions of what you think. This election is for you. I am only seeking to be employed as your representative.

Thank You,  
Bob Cadue



**BADGER WAHWASUCK**

Once again, election time is here. With the encouragement of my family, I have entered my name in the pool for Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council.

In doing that I know I will be doing my life's goal. You see, I have 7 natural grandchildren. I want them to grow up enjoying a better life without the hardships we endured, and I hope this is your concern.

As Chairman of this Nation's Tribal Council, whoever gets in will be part of a team elected by you, the members. The Chair must delegate and coordinate 7 people so that the Tribal Council works as one unit. This unit

does not always agree; the Chair must see both sides and be able to bring them together for the best decision. The Chair does not vote except in the event of a tie vote. The opinion of the Chair is in the debate. But the opinion and final vote of the entire Tribal Council is the opinion that the Chair has to live with.

Many accomplishments have been achieved over the last eighteen months. I wish I could claim them as my personal accomplishments, but I am happy to have been a part of the team that has made great headway in putting our great Nation in the front line of securing a better lifestyle for all members.

My father told me many times, "Actions speak louder than

**Chairman  
Wahwasuck  
"throws his hat  
in" for shot at 2nd  
term**

words." I believe that. He also told me "Never quit learning." I also live by this. I do not know everything and I do not claim to. I will be learning the rest of my life.

You, the members of the Nation, have the hard part now, deciding who will represent you over the next few years. You have fourteen members who no doubt are capable of the offices that they are running for.

If you have not registered to vote, please register, so that the election will be representative of the Nation as a whole.

When you vote, I ask for you to vote for whom you truly believe will do the best job. Look closely at all candidates and think of the future when you cast your vote. Call us, ask questions, and analyze us carefully. It's your future.

And when you mark your ballot, do so with your heart.

**REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, REGISTER TO VOTE!**

Thank you.

Badger Wahwasuck  
785-364-1942

**Have you registered to Vote?  
Are you a qualified Voter?  
Contact the Election Board if you moved and have  
changed your mailing address.  
We need your vote!**

**Zach Pahmahmie  
Tribal Chairman**

**Modern-Day Warrior**

***Successful, educated member seeks Prairie Band  
Potawatomi Tribal Council Chairman position!***

Zach Pahmahmie is a fresh new face on the block of native politics.

As Native Nations move forward in today's business world, the demand for legal knowledge is becoming increasingly obvious. Rarely, will you see a Tribal Council meeting in session when a tribal attorney is not present—readily available for legal advice.

**Areas Requiring Legal Knowledge:**

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Gaming                | Sovereignty Issues |
| Tribal Courts & Codes | Tax Issues         |
| Employment Issues     | Land to Trust      |
| Jurisdiction Issues   | Zoning Issues      |

**Zach brings to the Tribal Council Chambers:**

Life-long residency on both Prairie Band Potawatomi & Kickapoo Reservations. Zach is the son of Cheryl Simon (Kickapoo) and Richard Pahmahmie, Jr. (PB Potawatomi).

**Employment & Service to the PBP Nation -**

- Currently employed as Tribal Enterprise Manager—Kickapoo Nation
- Member of the PBP Education Committee
- Served as legal intern for a Washington, D.C. firm, specializing in representation of Indian Tribes
- Legal intern with tribal attorney for the PBP Nation
- Served as a management trainee with Harrah's PBP Casino
- Interned with National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution

**Education-**

- Stanford University, 1996 graduate
- Kansas University School of Law, 2001 graduate—Tribal Law

**Personal Characteristics-**

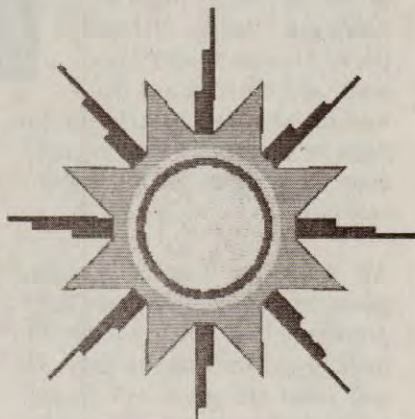
- Commitment to preservation & promotion of culture
- Critical thinking skills as required of lawyers
- Goal oriented as witnessed through accomplishments
- Integrity
- Knowledge of business world, including law and ethics
- Excellent communication skills
- Minimal family responsibilities—single, additional time (less family responsibilities=more work time for Nation)



**A Call for a New  
Beginning....**

*"The person that determines your fate is yourself; all things are possible. Good work will determine your destiny in the end."*

A quote from Zach's  
Inspirational Speech to  
2001 Annual School Award  
Honorees



**VOTE FOR ZACH PAHMAHMIE**

**To All Members of the Prairie  
Band of Potawatomi Nation**

First of all I would like to thank all the candidates that have filed for elective office and wish everyone the best of luck in the upcoming election. It is very important that Nation Members have the concern and initiative to put their name into the political arena. Of the fifteen that filed, only three will be sworn into office and on that note I would ask that no matter who those three are, that the other twelve will support the wishes of General Council and their elected council members by giving the Tribal Council the support that is needed to do the job. Everyone who is running for office has ideas and goals for the Nation and it should not stop at the election. These ideas and goals should be committed to paper and presented to Council; after all, the campaign pledges are for the betterment of the Nation as a whole.

Now on to all the Members of this great Nation, I encourage those who are not REGISTERED voters to make sure you get registered. I believe we have over THREE THOUSAND members who are eligible to vote; this is the time for everyone to have a voice in the elective process. You, the members of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation have the power of the VOTE, you can put into office those who you want to represent the Nation. No matter where you live in the world, if you are a REGIS-

TERED VOTER, you have the right and an obligation to participate in the elective process. Let's make history within our Nation this year. Let's see if we can have at least three thousand votes come in.

Not only is it your RIGHT and RESPONSIBILITY to vote, it also is a reflection on the pride of our Nation. We should all have a great deal of pride in our Nation for all the accomplishments of our Nation as a whole and for the many individuals who worked to get us where we are today.

In closing this short letter, I once again remind all those who are eligible to vote to make sure you are registered with the P.B.P.N. Election Board to vote in this election and all future elections. Remember, Secretarial Elections are coming up also.

Of the 15 candidates, 3 available positions and many ideas — the three that are elected will represent the entire 5,000 members.

You, the Nation Members, have 15 excellent candidates and only 3 positions. It is your Nation and your Future.

**"3,000" VOTES at least, maybe more.**

Thank you

Badger Wahwasuck

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changed your mailing address.  
We need your vote!**



**Vote for Carol Shopteese—Secretary Candidate**

To the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Members:

I am Carol A. Shopteese and I have declared my candidacy for Secretary of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council. I am married to Kenneth "Shon" Jessepe. We have been together for 20 years and we have 3 children-Charissa, Shannon and Cordell. We reside on the Kickapoo Reservation in Horton, KS. I am the daughter of Francis and Arlene Shipshee Wahwasuck and the late, Thurman "Dutch" Shopteese. My paternal grandparents were Rollette and Josephine "Josie" Thomas Cadue and Francis Shopteese. My maternal grandparents were Joseph and Mary Green Shipshee. My great-grandfather, John Shipshee, donated the land for the Shipshee Cemetery on the Potawatomi Reservation.

Both of my Mishos, Francis Shopteese and Joseph Shipshee, found it necessary to leave the Potawatomi Reservation to provide for their families. Grandpa (Joe) settled on the Kickapoo Reservation and worked as a farmer. He encouraged my mother to become educated. My mother graduated from Haskell when it was a high school and went on to graduate with her Masters degree in Nursing at the University of Kansas. Misho Rollette and Grandma Josie both encouraged me to become educated in the "white man's way" and return to help our People. Misho Rollette told me that we could never return to the way we were, but if we learned "the white man's ways"—their medicine, their laws, their education, etc.—it would be less likely that our People could be taken advantage of again. He also believed, as I do, that it IS possible to walk in both worlds.

The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation has helped me to achieve my educational goals and I feel indebted to the Nation. I graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in 1995 with an Associate Degree in Social Work. I graduated from Washburn University/Topeka in May 2001 with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work. I am currently working toward a Masters Degree in Social Work at Washburn. It has been my honor to return to the Potawatomi Reservation and serve as the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Worker for the past year. I advocate for our children to be in safe, healthy, happy environments.

I am qualified to serve as the Secretary for the Potawatomi Tribal Council. I have a strong work ethic, excellent written and oral communication skills and exceptional computer skills. I am capable, well organized, assertive and open-minded. I worked as an Administrative Assistant with DHHS/PHS/Indian Health Service for approximately 10 years. This exposure to the Federal Government has helped me to understand the federal government's complex policies and procedures as well as the Federal laws that affect our lives every day. I continue to track state and federal legislation that affects Natives.

**VOTE FOR Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki for Tribal Chairperson**

My name is Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki

I am seeking the position of Chairperson of the Tribal Council of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. It was my great privilege to serve the people in this capacity in the past, and it would be an honor to return to office to continue the fight for tribal sovereignty and our diminishing rights.

The threat to the sovereignty of American Indian Tribes is one of the most critical issues that we face today. It is difficult enough to deal with economic survival, the maintenance of cultural traditions, languages, customs, and spiritual existence without worrying about sovereignty issues. The constant erosion of the sovereign rights of American Indian Tribes poses a threat to our existence as a separate and distinct People. We must continue to fight for sovereignty now to guarantee these rights for future generations.

All too often candidates make promises that remain just that, promises. It is not my intent to make promises I cannot keep. If and when elected, I will do my job to the best of my ability to be a strong advocate for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, in any

forum to maintain our values and traditions and to protect our sovereign rights.

Many good things have happened



in my tenure as Chairperson. I did not achieve these on my own. These accomplishments were a team effort from all those that served on Tribal Council. As a team we must continue to strive for improvement in every process for planning, prevention, and service. We must set short-term and long-term goals. We cannot continue to spend randomly without clear priorities.

Nature teaches us that any healthy system must grow and develop. A potted plant that outgrows its container weakens and dies because it has no more room for growth. In nature, human nature, and the nature of business, sick systems resist growth and change; healthy systems thrive on it.

We need to stay centered and focused, undaunted by conflict and confrontation and be prepared for attacks against our sovereignty. We, as a Tribe, must learn to face the unknown without flinching, move forward courageously, and accept change as part of what makes us grow. Because every experience changes us and we change everything we touch, the river, the stream of life, is never the same. In every career, every relationship, every living organism, to

live is to grow, to grow is to change. Change allows us the opportunity for progress and for empowerment. With empowerment, our people will have greater hope, affirming that together we can discover what none of us could do alone.

I would appreciate your vote and support in allowing me to work for continued success for the Tribe.

I have met and continue to write to our legislators regarding bills that would adversely affect our children, our Nation or other Native Americans across the Nation. I worked at the VA Hospital/Topeka in the Information Resource Management System (IRMS) for 3 years installing computers, workstations, and troubleshooting software/hardware.

I currently possess a Category I Gaming License from the Kickapoo Tribe Gaming Commission (KTGC) as a Gaming Inspector for the Golden Eagle Casino. I served as their Administrative Assistant for 1 year and have served as a Gaming Inspector for the past 2-½ years. I am very knowledgeable of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and the Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS), which are used to regulate our Casinos.

If I am elected, I would like to streamline the process of obtaining Meeting Minutes, Resolutions, etc. and make them more accessible to all Nation's Members. I would like to better utilize the PBPB Web Page to enable Nation Members access to the Quarterly Meeting Minutes in a few days instead of a few months. I would like to have the Quarterly Meeting information made available to Nation Members approximately 2 weeks before the meeting in order for the documents to be read, to be digested and for questions to be noted. I would work to have a yearly budget approved by General Council prior to expenditures. I will continue to closely monitor legislation at the state and national levels to ensure our Nation's rights are protected.

I do not support changing the entire Potawatomi Constitution. I believe it is too top heavy. It would cost approximately \$600,000 (approx. \$50K per year X 12 positions) to have 12 Tribal Council Members—this is not cost effective. I believe the Committees formed would work well without Tribal Council interference. I believe each Nation Member should exercise diligence before voting to change our Constitution. Have you noted in the Final Draft January 1, 2002 on page 16, Section 7.9 that "disenrollment shall be effective only upon the approval of twelve (12) Legislative Council Members?" Have you asked yourself why this is necessary? It wasn't in our old Constitution. How closely have you compared the old Constitution with the Proposed New Constitution? I do support and believe a Primary Election would be beneficial to our Nation. I support economic development because we cannot continue to rely on the Casino as the sole source of income for the Nation. We lack vision as a Nation and we must develop financial endeavors to sustain and enhance our growth as a Nation. We must work together to develop this vision.

I would support Nation Members having better access to quality health care—our own clinic or perhaps even healthcare for single parents, low-income families, etc. I would support off-reservation Nation Members receiving services comparable to those of the on-reservation Nation Members—transportation to medical/counseling appointments, access to satellite offices, better housing, etc. I would support assisting off-reservation Nation Members to attend Quarterly Meetings. Everyone should have a voice in our Government.

I have a strong desire to serve the Potawatomi Nation. I support new ideas. I do not believe anyone should be afraid to lose their jobs because they voice an opinion. We learn from each other and must learn to value our differences. I am honest, fair, objective and possess the knowledge and skills needed to serve you as Secretary for the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. I will work very hard to meet the needs of ALL Nation Members, not a chosen few. I will work responsibly to benefit all Potawatomi People and our Nation as a whole. **Your support would be greatly appreciated.** You may contact me for questions or comments at: 785-486-3861 (evenings); my e-mail address is: shopteese@rainbowtel.net; "Snail mail" address: 875-112<sup>th</sup> Dr., Horton, KS 66439.

**VOTE FOR CAROL SHOPEESE  
SECRETARY- POTAWATOMI TRIBAL  
COUNCIL**

**VOTE FOR****RALPH "PORKY" TECUMSEH**

**WHY:** Our Nation needs a distinguished spokesman with a fresh, new attitude concerning Tribal Affairs, Politics, Government and Sovereignty.

Our Nation needs a leader with proven honorable experience, integrity and knowledge concerning our people.

**SMART  
PLATFORM:**

Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely...visions and goals that are specific with measurable results, that we as a people can agree upon and then achieve within a realistic timeframe. These and goals to include, but are not limited to:

- Spiritual, Cultural growth and awareness
- Economic Development
- Health and Wellness for all our people
- Education
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Gaming
- Short and Long Term Planning
- Our Constitution

Having served our Country and our Proud Nation for my adult life, I have actively participated in the economic growth of both our Government and our Casino. Having served for ten years on previous Tribal Councils, which among other achievements, laid the ground work for our Gaming Compact and developed our start-up Bingo Operation, and being an employee of Harrah's for the last five years I have acquired unmatched experience that has enabled me to develop a deepened knowledge and broadened scope of leadership and experience that the other candidates running for this position **do not** possess.

My platform requires the cooperation of General Council and the vast experience and intellect that, we the people, as a whole possess. This cooperation must be built on a strong foundation of trust and the simple principle of communication. I have always and will continue to be approachable, willing to listen and speak with anyone who has questions and concerns, but more importantly those who come to the table with SOLUTIONS....SMART solutions that we, as a people, will benefit from. Whether it be energy solutions, tax solutions, economic solutions, investment solutions, acquisition solutions, financial solutions, health care solutions, dance ground solutions, water solutions, expansion solutions, gaming solutions, per cap solutions, human resource solutions, wage and hour solutions, federal and state solutions, education solutions, road and bridge solutions, existing enterprise solutions or solutions that includes the development of a strategic 20, 10, and 5 year plans that secures our future within Indian Country and Northeast Kansas....I will stand up, speak out and communicate the feelings of the majority as opposed to the select few.

A VOTE for me is a vote for you!

Don't walk with me.....Talk with me...Sprint....Race with me into a better more productive, effective future.

Change is inevitable and change is good. Exercise your right to vote for...

**RALPH "PORKY" TECUMSEH**  
Your Tribal Council Member...

REPRESENTING YOU

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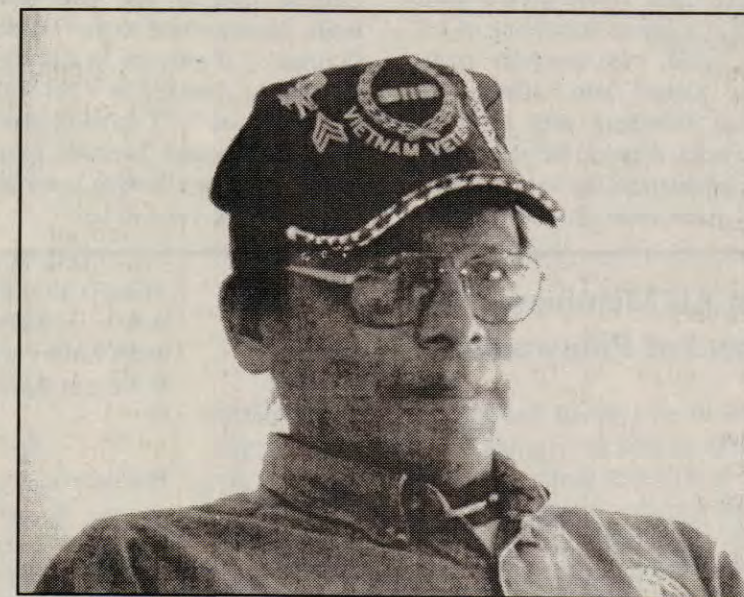
**VOTE—JIM DARNELL FOR COUNCIL PERSON**

Dear Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation:

Our Nation is capable of rapidly expanding to newer and better things for members. For this reason I have decided to ask that you consider me for Council Member.

We must have people on our Council who will make decisions that are in the best interest of all members of the Tribe and not just a select few, as has been so often done in the past. We must realize that while building our reservation and providing business interests that will provide employment and security for our people is a priority, that not all of our members live on the reservation and those that live elsewhere must be served too.

I was asked what I would promise the members of this tribe if I am elected. I do not want to make campaign promises that are just that and cannot be made good when the time comes as we have so often seen in the past. What I will promise you is that I will follow the Policies and Procedures and the Laws that we have. I will not ignore and twist them to better my personal needs or those of my friends. I will work to abolish the unwritten, but after followed policy of "It's not what you know, how quali-



fied you are or how hard you work that gets you what you want, but who you know" for too long that has been our mode of operation. We have the opportunity to improve life for our members, "Indian Preference" should be mandatory for QUALIFIED Indian candidates for employment. A benefit that I am most proud of is the educational opportunities available to our members. Our qualified tribal members should be able to rely on the department head and management jobs being available to them instead of seeing the top positions go to non-tribal candidates. For many years housing and employment were not available on the reservation forcing our people to move elsewhere. With the current programs available, all tribal members have the opportunity to benefit in these areas. Opportunity to better our living standards has increased dramatically with the twelve new homes and additional land and home purchases that are soon to be made available. Our senior citi-

zens will have new duplexes later this year and additional general housing is planned. I know how important assisted living and nursing home facilities are for those who can no longer live alone and I would like to see us move forward in this direction.

The message that I want to leave with you is that now is our time. The opportunities available to our members are unlimited. My promise to you is that I will work for you to make sure that all tribal members are treated equally, that decisions are made based on the Policies, Procedures and Laws of our Potawatomi Nation.

Lastly, I would like to tell you a little about me, as most of you know, my birth name was Potts, my parents are/were Gladys Cadue and Garnett Potts. either/or). and my commitment to the Potawatomi Nation is strong. I have served as security at the new Bingo hall since it opened, I was previously your fire chief I am a Vietnam veteran and color guard of the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410.



April 2002

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## Historical Happenings in Health Care

Submitted by Arlene Wahwasuck, RN, Chairperson, PBPB Health Committee

On April 9, 2002, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) made a historical beginning in the area of health care activities. For the first time in the history of the Oklahoma Area Intertribal Health Board, the board held their quarterly meeting at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Casino. There are fifteen Service Units in the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service (IHS). The Oklahoma Area Tribal Programs attending the meeting included representatives from the Ada Service Unit, Tahahina Service Unit, Clinton Service Unit, Shawnee Service Unit, Tahlequah Service Unit, and the Oklahoma Area IHS. Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Secretary and representative for the Kansas Service Unit represented Holton. Guests included the PBPB Health Committee members and the Director, Kickapoo Nation Health Center, Ms. Debbie Whitebird. PBPB Tribal Council members present for the invocation and breakfast were Badger Wahwasuck, Chairperson, Gary Mitchell, Vice Chairperson, and Jackie Mitchell, Member. Jim Potter, Treasurer and Steve Ortiz, Secretary and Health Committee Liaison, attended the entire meeting.

Dale Keel, Acting Deputy Director, Oklahoma Area IHS gave the Area Director's report. Each representative present shared successes, frustrations, and make recommendations to the IHS for health care improvements. The group also heard a report about the activities of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) from Chairperson, Oklahoma Area Intertribal Health Board, Mickey Percy. Matt Morgan and Chris Walker also gave the Diabetes Workgroup Report and Substance Abuse Workgroup Report, respectively.

Every representative from the Tribal Programs in Oklahoma had positive reports for their programs. Some told of building new clinics in their service areas, building Wellness Centers for their Diabetes programs, collecting thousands of dollars each month from third party payers (health insurance), and negotiating with local vendors for reduced rates for health care not provided at their facility. Sadly, the Holton Service Unit reported only frustrations and a potential health threat due to a leaky roof in the clinic building. Other discouraging reports from Holton IHS included loss of health services for one and one-half days due closing the clinic because of the leaky roof, a moldy, unusable room in the clinic, unpaid medical bills, and loss of revenue due to non-collections from third party payers.

On April 12, the Holton IHS Health Board met and heard some positive happenings at the Holton IHS Clinic from the Acting Service Unit Director, Randy Barnowski. Back bills to providers of X-rays and reading of X-rays, and providers of laboratory services are being brought up to date. A billing team has been contracted to process insurance claims. Once the team arrives, it is anticipated they will process about 5,000 insurance claims within two weeks. Funds collected from pending insurance claims will go to the clinic to provide and improve services. Mr. Barnowski reported the budget for the Holton IHS is tight and will be very restricted for the remainder of this fiscal year. The fiscal year ends September 30. Mr. Barnowski reported the employees provided by the PBPB and working in the clinic are doing an excellent job. Their contribution to the clinic workload has been a welcome relief to the clinic staff. A good example of the capabilities of our tribal members and the PBPB.

On April 8, the Tribal Council and the Health Committee members met with Terrence Rice, Choctaw Nation Health Consulting Division. Mr. Rice came at the request of the Tribal Council to explain Self Governance. Mr. Rice stated 50% of the tribes throughout the United States are under compact or contract. Compact is another term for Self Governance. Both Contracting and Compact fall under Public Law 638 passed by Congress in the late 80's.

According to Mr. Rice, health services increased significantly for tribes who manage their own health programs. He explained several ways how health services increase. For the PBPB funding is available from the IHS through shares of funding currently being used to operate the Holton IHS. Tribes can also obtain additional funding by requesting their share of administrative funding from both the Oklahoma Area Office and the IHS Headquarters. Tribes also have the ability of applying for new funding through contract support funds, direct (health services) and indirect contract support to support the administrative structure of the tribe.

Tribes have the ability to efficiently conduct third party billing collections. All third party collections go back into the health system for health services. Mr. Rice gave an example of collections possible based on \$85,000 billed per month per provider. Two providers would bring an additional one million dollars per year for health services. Tribes have the ability to be flexible with their funding. This flexibility allows tribes to develop and implement new health programs. The IHS must follow federal guidelines with their funds.

IHS will give a tribe resources and provide technical support if a tribe chooses to compact or contract. To receive additional resources, a tribe must identify more users of the health service. Funding is driven by users. A tribe managing its health care would need to get their people registered and using the health services at least every three years. Users

drive other funding allocations such as the Diabetes funding.

Tribes can hire quality staff that want to be there to provide quality health care for the tribal members. Tribes can also use current IHS employees through detailing or Interpersonal Agreement (IPA). Or current IHS employees may choose tribal employment. A tribe does not have to employ current IHS employees if the tribe chooses.

The question was asked about the IHS "pulling out" once a tribe decides to contract or compact. Mr. Rice explained that once a tribe has the resources of IHS, neither the Area IHS Office nor the IHS Director could reduce the budget. Congress could only do this.

Lastly, Mr. Rice stated the Self Governance Tribes are driving the government. Tribes under IHS management continue to be in an advisory capacity only and directed by the government.

To learn more about the advantages of contracting or compacting watch for announcement of community forums when Mr. Rice will meet with community members to answer questions and explain the compacting process. The IHS management will also be requested to meet with the community to explain the advantages of their health care system. If you have questions about contracting or compacting, call me at (785) 486-2902 or email me at [ou812@rainbowtel.net](mailto:ou812@rainbowtel.net). You may also call Mr. Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Secretary and Liaison, Health Committee at the Government Center. He will always answers voice mail.

## Support Groups

### Topeka Area

**AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** - For people who have a desire to stop drinking. For meeting schedule and times in the Topeka area: 354-3888

**Native American AA** - 8:00 p.m. Friday, 5th & Washburn, Potwin Church Bsm. Non smoking, Closed meeting.

**Native American AA Meeting** - 8:00 p.m., 235 Buchanan. 357-6511.

**Recovering Women's Group** - 5:30 p.m. Monday, 725 Buchanan ring bell. Non smoking, closed.

**Cancer Support Group** - For people with cancer and their families; caregivers are encouraged to attend. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at Pozez Education Center, 1505 S.W. 8th. Free. Information: 354-5225.

**Gamblers Anonymous** - For people seeking help for problem gambling, 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Francis Hospital, 1700 S.W. 7th, 2nd floor, meeting room 6: 862-6666; 7 p.m. Friday at St. Francis Hospital, 2nd floor, meeting room 9: 862-6666; and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1275 S.W. Boswell: (785) 339-3583.

**Food Addicts Anonymous** - For people who feel addicted to certain foods, such as sweets, and who want to abstain from eating them; uses a 12-step program, 3 p.m. each Sunday at Pozez Education Center, 1505 S.W. 8th, in Centennial Room D. Information: Michele at 233-1604. Internet: [www.foodaddictsanonymous.org](http://www.foodaddictsanonymous.org).

**C.A.R.E.** - For people seeking a Christian 12-step program, all addictions welcome, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Friday at Inward Faith Outreach Ministry, 625 S.W. Polk. C.A.R.E. is a Christian Addiction Recovery Empowerment 12-step program.

### Mayetta Area

**Open AA Meeting**, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to ??, We Te Sa Building, 15434 K Road, Mayetta, KS

**AA Meeting** at St. Francis Xavier Church bsm, 7:30 p.m. every Thursday and Sunday.

**PARR Ranch**—Open meeting, Monday at 7:00 pm \*\*\*\*\*

**Kickapoo AA meeting**— at the Kickapoo Senior Citizen Building at Friday at 8:00 p.m.

**Holton AA Meeting** — at First Christian Church, 5th & Wisconsin at 7:00 p.m. 966-2178, 364-4479.

## REMINDER

## PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION Health Committee

### Announces

**Regular Meetings at 10:00 a.m.,  
last Monday of each month,  
2002  
16281 Q Road, Tribal Government Center,  
Mayetta, Kansas**

## Wellness

## Journey 2002 May 15-17, 2002 Haskell Indian Nation University Lawrence, KS

### Registration

If you have not registered yet please do so ASAP as time is running out, don't miss this exciting event. Fees are \$25/day (including 3 meals). Lodging at Haskell dorms is \$15/night, (linens not provided). Call one of the numbers below if you do not have a registration form and we will get one to you ASAP!!!

### CEU's

5 hours - May 15  
5 hours - May 16  
2 hours - May 17

### For questions or comments, please call:

Heather @ 785-966-2932  
Edmore @ 785-742-7471  
Duane @ 785-295-8362

### About the Conference

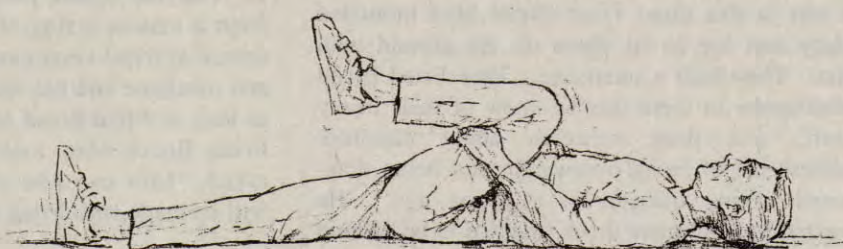
This is the first of a series of conferences for the Wellness Journey that we will be taking. Haskell University has graciously allowed us to use their facilities to bring everyone together to gain a new perspective on Native American healing and prevention. We hope that everyone will take away new and exciting insights to use in their own lives as well as to assist clients they are working with.

There will also be informational booths set up around the conference, please stop at these locations and see what they have to offer.

**Presented by:**  
Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas

**An exercise for the mid-life and older person. This exercise is for flexibility and at level 1.**

**5 Single Knee Pull:** to stretch lower back and back of leg. Lie on back, hands at sides. Pull one leg to chest, grasp with both arms and hold for five counts. Repeat with opposite leg. Suggested repetitions: 3-5.



## When it Rains, it Pours - IHS closed due to faulty roof

By Doris A. Potts

**April 9-** An overnight rain sent the Indian Health Service employees home for a brief vacation, leaving the Indian community without health care services for a day and a half and a limited emergency services back-up plan. There was a roof leak that was draining into the main electrical box in the clinic, creating safety risks to employees.

In a recent Holton Recorder newspaper article, Secretary Steve Ortiz gave the heads up notice to Jackson County Commissioners that "the Indian Health Services lease on its existing facilities will be up in a year (2003) and there is a need to find a facility with more space. IHS serves three Kansas tribes, the Potawatomi, Sac & Fox and the Iowas, he said, and it appears to be best to locate the facility somewhere besides the Potawatomi Reservation. The tribe may seek a cooperative effort with the Holton Community Hospital," he said.

The faulty Indian Health Service building has been viewed as a major barrier to improving services at the clinic due to lack of available space for needed medical equipment. Currently, one room is closed off due to the mold damage. Staff crowding is the other problem, as small quarters must be shared with "musical chairs" being a constant as staff changes.

Clinic staff reports that numerous requests have been made to building landlord, United Tribes, for continued and constant maintenance and upkeep with very little response.

Under current lease agreement, Indian Health

## AGENDA

### Tuesday, May 14

Anyone arriving on this day can check into his or her rooms at Haskell at 6:00 pm. Please go to Stidham Union. Meals this day will be on your own.

### Wednesday, May 15

**7:00 am** - Breakfast - Curtis Hall  
**8:00 am** - Registration - Stidham Union - pick up information packets & sign up for activities  
**9:00 am** - Don Coyhis, White Bison Corporation  
**11:30 am** - Lunch  
**1:00 pm** - La Ree Bates - American Indian Boarding School Experiences  
**4:30 pm** - Memorial Tribute to the Haskell Babies  
**5:30 pm** - Cook-out  
**6:30 pm** - Drum/Socialize

### Thursday, May 16

**7:00 am** - Breakfast  
**9:00 am** - Kevin Peniska, Well Nations  
**11:30 am** - Lunch

**1:00 pm - 2:40 pm** - Break-out Session 1  
(Pick one from list below)  
**2:40 pm - 2:50 pm** - Break  
**2:50 pm - 4:30 pm** - Break-out Session 2  
(Pick different one from list below)

### BREAKOUT SESSION LIST

Each of the following sessions will be at 1:00 & 2:50:

- Patty Morgan/Bertha Brown - Domestic Violence:  
1:00-2:40 Men/Women together  
2:50-4:30 Men/Women separate

Men - Kevin Peniska  
Women - Patty/Bertha

- Nancy Lollman - Butterflies are Free
- Jeff Lees - Alcohol and Drug Prevention
- Cliff Bond - Wellness and Spirit
- Duane Olberding/Wanda Wolf - Life on Life's Terms
- Tammy Foster/Dave Cornelius - Diabetes Update
- Debbie O'Quinn - Food... Friend or Foe?
- Venida Chenault:  
1:00 - Models for Healing  
2:50 - Healthy Organizations
- Barb Hoffman:  
1:00 - Healing Growth & Transformation  
2:50 - Guided Imagery with Meditation Experience
- 4:30 pm - Dinner  
7:00 pm - Sobriety Dance

### Friday, May 17

**7:00 am** - Breakfast  
**9:00 am** - Theda New Breast/Amanda Old Crow  
**11:15 am** - Closing Prayer

Check out by 1:00 pm from Haskell facilities.

### Activities

With this being a Wellness Journey we encourage everyone to participate in healthy activities, so please bring comfortable clothes, tennis shoes and swimwear (can be shorts and t-shirt) so that you can participate in some of the following activities:

Volleyball, basketball, power walk, fun run, water aerobics, walking trails, sweat lodge (for men and for women), talking circles, weight room



April 2002

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## Some of The Fires are Being Put Out at the Clinic

Doris A. Potts

April 12, 2002—Have you followed the heated issues brought up at the Clinic this past year?

For months, there were community meetings to discuss problems at the Clinic – unpaid bills resulting in being taken to court by a collection agencies, uncollected insurance dollars, inability to get referrals at the drop of a hat, and the question of unfair firing practices of IHS employees.

In following a recent story, it was appropriate to sit in on a Health Board Meeting with Mr. Randy Barnoskie, Acting Service Unit Director at Holton Clinic. After the meeting, Board Members were all commenting “finally they were getting correct information along with answers. It was all refreshing.”

This was an informal meeting as there was no quorum. Mr. Barnoskie proceeded, reporting to those present.

### Informal Meeting Overview

#### Contract Health Service

Randy reported that CHS past due accounts totaling \$130,000 through Holton Hospital have all been taken care of through March 2002. These bills date back to FY 1998. Most of these problems stemmed from improper referrals, an inadequate system in place at IHS, or simply CHS ineligibility.

The acting CEO, finance officer and an OKC Area Representative met with

Holton Hospital officials on April 10<sup>th</sup> to review how future CHS billing practices will work so that these problems do not occur again.

Next, the CHS department will clear up approximately 600 unpaid pending bills from 1998 totaling \$46,000 through Topeka Radiology. Topeka Radiology interprets the x-ray readings for the Clinic. It is expected that these bills will be cleared up within a month.

“Catching up these two major outstanding accounts (Holton Hospital and Topeka Radiology) will not affect current FY budget as CHS-OKC will be paying a big chunk of that,” said Randy.

Patients are advised to inform finance at Haskell Health Facility if there are other unpaid bills from Holton referrals.

Board members stressed that it is still a priority to have the CHS pamphlets made up and sent out from the Clinic. Education of proper procedures and knowledge of guidelines will improve staff-patient relations. CHS-OKC is close to getting the pamphlet finalized and sent to the Holton Clinic staff for dissemination.

#### Billing

A native firm will be coming in on April 29<sup>th</sup> to catch up on insurance claims. The contract will be invoiced based on individual claims; and will take approximately two weeks for this team to catch the Clinic up on recovering insurance dollars.

Randy Barnoskie said it is a safe assumption to say we'll be spending \$30 thousand to recover a quarter of a million in insurance monies.

Randy said, “IHS, as a whole, has done very bad in insurance collection. We've done a very poor job at Holton and Haskell – untrained staff, software problems, and space availability.” Sev-

eral IHS facilities are now beginning to do excellent in third party billing and we are learning from those facilities. Once caught up, there should be no rationale to getting behind again.

#### Diabetes Grant

The Diabetes Grant was on Randy's agenda, noting that the grant has not yet been approved. The Board addresses areas of discontent surrounding the diabetes grant. It appeared that the grant doesn't directly help the people that need the assistance the most. Sac & Fox say they have a diabetic client needing special shoes – they can't continue to wait.

Randy explained the problems with the diabetic grant, meeting stipulations are a problem as medical outcome has to be precise and measurable. The board addressed the need for more direct services rather than the current grant design of education.

The CHRs are getting PCC training that interrelates with the diabetes program, getting quicker statistics back to the Clinic and how well medications are working for the patients.

#### OTHER ISSUES

The contract dietician will be leaving in a week. They are searching for a new contractor.

There is no news about a replacement physician. Randy Barnoskie will be the selection officer for this new doctor. A number of factors are involved as to how many applicants and whether there is a Native American preference.

The Board was asked about the questionable building money that United Tribes has put away in CDs for use to purchase a building. Chairman DeRoin, adamantly responds, “There is no such money. We are flat broke at United Tribes. Any CD we may have – our debts far exceed those CDs.” (See related story, *When it*

*Rains, it Pours.*)

A Kickapoo Health Center representative said that she was asked by Steve Ortiz to be present at this meeting to ask if we have an “open market rate at Holton Hospital yet or do we have the government rate?” Randy said he would have to check into this.

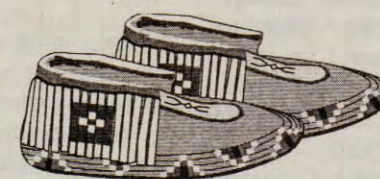
Following up on this question, it was confirmed through the CHS-OKC office that Holton IHS Clinic does have the discounted government rate now set up with Holton Hospital.

## IMPORTANT

Check with your doctor before starting any type of exercise. Know your limit. Enjoy and have fun!

### ALL POTAWATOMI BANDS

#### UNITY WALK



instead of walking your talk, talk while you walk! Grab a friend from another Potawatomi Band and join in on this health walk.

We will be walking together at the Gathering, beginning at 8:00 a.m., Saturday morning only.

Prairie People's Park will be the beginning spot. We'll have a 2-mile area all staked out – a scenic moccasin trail, of course.

You'll be practicing one of the oldest forms of health maintenance – walking. Everyone welcome and encouraged to join in on this health walk.

Jump on the bandwagon to good health!!! Keep it up and you can say, “I started walking at the 2002 Prairie Band Potawatomi Gathering on June 29th. Ten years later and I am still walking and feeling great!”

Walk Organizers: Tammy McClammy, Voncile Mitchell, and Doris Potts

## Benefits of Exercise

**Slow the aging process, Increase strength and density of bones, Increase size, strength and endurance of muscles, Decrease % body fat, Control depression and mood swings, Reduce stress, Assist in sleeping more soundly, Improve physical appearance, and Depress hunger.**

### Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Desserts, soup and a salad dressing will be the highlight for this month's *Recipe Corner*. The dressing will give some tang to the salad! Enjoy!

#### Cinnamon-Raisin Bread Pudding

1 can (12 ounces) evaporated skim milk  
1/3 cup cholesterol free egg substitute  
2 tablespoons sugar  
3 teaspoons maple syrup, divided  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
4 slices cinnamon-raisin bread, torn into 1-inch pieces

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray 4 custard cups with nonstick cooking spray. Pour 2 cups water into 8 x 8-inch baking pan; set aside.  
2. Combine milk, egg substitute, sugar, 2 teaspoons maple syrup, vanilla and cinnamon in medium bowl. Stir in bread. Spoon evenly into prepared custard cups. Place cups in prepared pan.  
3. Bake 40 minutes or until bread pudding is set. Drizzle remaining 1 teaspoon syrup over pudding. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings  
**Dietary Exchanges per Serving:** 1-1/2 Starch/Bread, 1 Milk. Carbs, 34 g. From *101+ Delicious Diabetic Recipes*.

#### Rainy Day Soup

1 pound ground turkey  
1 can (46 ounces) V-8 juice  
1 jar (16 ounces) thick and chunky salsa  
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth  
1 can (15 to 16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables  
4 cups shredded cabbage  
1 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup cubed peeled potatoes  
1/3 cup medium pearl barley

In a Dutch oven or soup kettle coated with nonstick cooking spray, brown turkey over medium heat; drain. Add remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 60-70 minutes or until the vegetables and barley are tender. **Yield:** 12 servings (3 quarts). **Diabetic Exchanges:** One 1-cup serving (prepared with ground turkey breast and low-sodium broth and V-8) equals

2 vegetable, 1 very lean meat, 1 starch; also, 168 calories, 400 mg sodium, 12 mg cholesterol, 26 gm carbohydrate, 15 gm protein, 1 gm fat. From *Home-Style Soups, Salads and Sandwiches*.

#### Ambrosia Salad

1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained  
1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained  
1 cup miniature marshmallows  
1 cup flaked coconut  
1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream

In a bowl, combine oranges, pineapple, marshmallows and coconut. Add sour cream and toss to mix. Chill for several hours. **Yield:** 4-6 servings.

#### Poppy Seed Dressing

3/4 cup olive or vegetable oil  
1/3 cup honey  
¼ cup red wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons poppy seeds  
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in a blender; process for 30 seconds. Chill. Stir before using. **Yield:** 1-1/3 cups. From *Home-Style Soups, Salads, and Sandwiches*.

\* An Answer to Reeses Peanut Butter Cup candy?

#### Chocolate Peanut Butter

1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup honey  
1/4 cup baking cocoa  
1-1/3 cups creamy peanut butter  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Melt butter in a small saucepan. Stir in honey and cocoa until smooth. Remove from the heat; stir in peanut butter and vanilla. Refrigerate. **Yield:** 2-1/4 cups. **Editor's note:** Mixture solidifies as it cools. From *Home-Style Soups, Salads, and Sandwiches*.

Please submit your favorite recipes to the PBPB Newspaper. Be sure to include your name, telephone number and/or address in case we have any questions. Until next issue, Recipe Corner would like to say wis-ne-men!

## Fried Bread Man

The March issue of the Potawatomi Nation News, Mary Swift Bird and Joe Fast Elk met Fried Bread Man or Wel-meow-wit. There are so many questions to be asked of Fried Bread Man. Both Mary and Joe shook hands with Fried Bread Man. And Fried Bread Man thanked them both for calling for his assistance.

It was at this time; Fried Bread Man motioned Mary and Joe to sit down on the ground with him. They built a small fire. Then Fried Bread Man spoke to them that he knew of their heavy heart, and their concerns about children/adolescents of being overweight and being diagnosed having diabetes at a young age. He wanted to help many times, but had to be offered

tobacco and prayer by children who had pure hearts. The ceremony opened the door for him to come into the present world.

He explained of the ability to change his physical appearance to the situation. He said that is why he appears to them as a 10-year-old boy. A story was told to the kids, that he was once a man, who wanted to help the Kickapoo/Potawatomi people. And he told the creator that he wanted to be a piece of food that Indian people liked; he was changed from a man to a ring of fried bread. The bread is served at tribal ceremonies, gatherings, pow-wows, and mealtime and has been a staple to Indian people as long as Fried Bread Man could remember. Then Fried Bread Man looked at both children, and asked, “How can I be of service to you?” A plan will be made with Fried Bread Man's help.

## “A NEW SERVICE” IN MEDICATION REFILLS

Amy Osborn  
Holton Indian Health Clinic Pharmacist

The pharmacy at Holton Indian Health Clinic is in the process of implementing a new service in the medication refill process. The new service in medication refills is being explained and the reasons that necessitate this change.

The policy, basically, will be that walk-in and phone-in refill requests will be available for pick-up the next day. It is possible that in the near future a dedicated phone “refill line” will be utilized. This policy pertains to refills for patient's medications which are taken on a regular or on-going basis.

It's important to understand that this does NOT include refills or prescriptions needed when the patient is in the clinic for an appointment.

The 24-hour policy for refill processing time is needed for several reasons. As you probably know, one person staffs the pharmacy. A request for refills is the second-most frequent purpose of visits to the clinic. On an average, 150 prescriptions are filled daily. Although the number of prescriptions per day won't change with the new policy, the main improvement will be in the way the work is managed and organized.

It is always necessary to obtain a patient's chart when refilling medications. Often, especially when there are no refills on file, the chart must be examined for lab or other reports, recent visits, etc. Consultation with the doctor or nurse practitioner for refill authorization is often needed, and must be done in between patients or after everyone's been seen. In addition, JACHO is in the process of implementing new medication-use standards, focusing on compliance, monitoring outcomes, and reducing errors.

We feel this policy will ultimately benefit the patient, by reducing the potential for medication errors and devoting better attention to individual requests. It will also eliminate the waiting time, as refills can be ready for the patient when they arrive. Patient satisfaction surveys in the past have indicated that pharmacy-waiting time has been an area of concern.

Finally, we understand there will always be special circumstances which will necessitate making an exception to the policy. It is not our intent to be unreasonable or inflexible with this policy. We feel that once the practice has been in place for a month or so, it will prove to be an improvement in patient care, and less of an inconvenience.

Exercises to help the heart and lungs:

Brisk, sustained and regular

For best Results

To be done for at least 15 minutes, 3 times per week

Bicycling  
Basketball  
Calisthenics  
Handball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Walking



## EDITORIALS/OPINIONS/LETTERS

### Housing Issue

#### Open letter to all Tribal Members:

This letter is to share with you all my disappointment in the new housing rules and regulations. If the tribe is trying to copy Caucasian/European standards, then I guess they're doing a great or even better job of it as even in Topeka I haven't been treated this unfairly as far as housing is concerned.

Approximately a year and a half ago I put in my application for senior housing. I didn't receive a response of any sort. After a couple of phone calls and visits, I finally received a letter stating that I was eligible and was #10 on the list. Hearing there would be changes I again visited the housing authority office to check on my application to see if there were any changes and at that time pointed out my age and that my spouse was non-Indian and if that created a problem; I was informed that everything was okay and that we were moved up to #9.

Now at the Housing meeting held on 4/17/02 I found out that we are no longer eligible for senior housing, due to MY age and that although my spouse is the approved age but a non-member. Are these changes due to new management? Are the regs going to change whenever management does? They didn't even have the courtesy to notify me by mail that we were no longer eligible. It's like pulling teeth to get any written communication from tribal offices.

Of course, I was told there were other options. One was starting all over from the bottom of the list and re-applying for one of the low-income rental houses; however, should I pre-decease my husband, he would have to vacate the house! (another regulation) Leaving him with no place to go. Now that's cold and prejudiced! The second option was to apply for a 20-30 year home loan, which would be ridiculous at my age, even if I had the means to do so. In instances like this, one would think that an exception would have been made and I (and others who may have found themselves in similar circumstances) would have been grand fathered in, since I had applied and been approved under the OLD regulations. Which, by the way, is another European practice. As far as other related assistance, if it ever comes to my having to put a tent up on my inherited trust land, maybe I'll be lucky enough to get OEH donate to an outhouse?

Leatrice Noriega

P.S. Before closing I need to take this opportunity to THANK Doris Potts and her nephew, Sam (as well as his department) for giving my husband (Ramon) and I a ride back to Topeka; and towing our car in, when we broke down on Hwy 75 about 1-1/2 years ago on Thanksgiving Day. They were caring and thoughtful enough to take time out from their busy holiday schedule to give us a helping hand and we really appreciate that.

To Tribal Newspaper and Tribal Council;

My name is Karen Wahwasuck and I have a complaint regarding the s;anderous content of a letter published in the last two issues of the Tribal Newspaper, the letter was from Juanita Jeseppe concerning how we raise our children. I don't know how you raised your children and I won't comment, but I will tell you how I raised my four children, the youngest is 21 years old, next is 26, next is 27 and oldest is 32. My oldest is Director of Maintenance at the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia Miss. the next three are currently attending college and I can Truthfully say none have ever been neglected or abandoned and yes we have gave them designer clothes. Before you continue this mud slinging campaign that you speak of you should know what you are talking about, you refer to "WE" many times in your article, who exactly is 'WE' I guarantee you that We meaning myself and my family have not asked you to speak on our behalf I have nothing against you sharing how you raised YOUR family, maybe we could learn from your life and your experiences in raising your family, but please do not sling mud at every one and act like the all knowing

You speak of favoritism and nepotism, I will give you the names of my children and I ask you to tell us all who has this employment that you speak of, youngest to the oldest, Tribly Wahwasuck, Adriana Wahwasuck, Josette Wahwasuck, and John Roy Wahwasuck. And as far as you stating my way was paid to a all expense trip, these are fantasies in your mind, Juanita I invite you to come to me and talk about this and I will show you receipts for any trip I have been on

You slander Steve McDonald and the Golf Course Proposal, I applaud Steve for coming forward with a Idea on Paper, a real Proposal for Economic Development on the Rez, who else has taken the time to put it down on paper and present it to all in a friendly manner. He could have sat back and spit out slanderous remarks about Tribal Council, But he chose to be a bigger person and offer what he felt to be a CONSTRUCTIVE Idea to Tribal Council and General Council.

Jaunita, maybe we all do not meet the high standards of ettiquitte that you have mastered in your life I would hope that you stand behind your moral values and I would sugest a meeting between yourself and Tribal Employees working in customer service and Tribal Employees in high level jobs so that you could explain to them why you consider them to be 'ILL SKILLED NICOMPOOPS'. As a suggestion maybe you could bring some of your letters of commendation from previous employers to show them your accomplishments in the ares they are lacking in, I'm sure it would help the tribe. I would encourage all to ask for this meeting, it is your right.

Please feel free to contact me  
Karen J. Wahwasuck

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*Karen Wahwasuck*

## Register To Vote

### PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NEWS

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## David Lester, visionary, storyteller

'Ignorance is not a problem in America, the problem is knowing things that aren't true'

By Gary E. Mitchell

Every once in awhile, someone can take the art of public speaking to another level. A case in point is A. David Lester. Lester can hold a large group of people spell-bound with his ability to articulate his vision about Indian life, history, politics and interlace those with stories, quotes and jokes to cement his message.

Lester is the Executive Director of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), based in Denver, Colorado and a member of the Muskogee Creek Tribe in Oklahoma. CERT's mission is to support Tribes as they develop their management capabilities and use their energy resources as the foundation for building stable, balanced, self-governed economies.

"Everything I know is something I learned from others and there is not an original idea in me," said Lester. But, this downplaying of his abilities was part of his delivery. Lester fit the description of a true storyteller. For example consider some of his message. Lester reminded his audience that it is the songs, traditions and the language of tribes that have and will keep tribes alive. "Most of all," he says, "it is important for us to make sure the next generation carries the values we learned from our grandparents." "It is a given," maintains Lester, "that tribes have gone through much suffering and pain, but it was only part of the process. It is now a time of the rebirth for Indian tribes." -although tribal leaders are making informed decisions. Lester wonders though if they are always wise decisions. He said it's important for tribal leaders to move out of their comfort zones - having an open heart and mind - and move toward a level of wisdom.

Lester is of the opinion that Indian people process things different than the white man. They look for insight and perception and how everything interrelates. Indians seek understanding, then wisdom. He asks what are the questions we need to ask at home, before we start looking for answers. Only then, Lester implies, can that level of wisdom be reached.

In his writings, Lester quoted Will Rogers who said: "ignorance is not a problem in America, the



David Lester

problem is people knowing things that aren't true."

With that said, he examined some history and some misconceptions about Indian people. He said there is a popular train of thought that poverty is a direct result of trying to keep an Indian culture. "Not even close," according to Lester, "much of this is a result of a purposeful policy on the part of the United States Government. It was always a goal to prevent tribes from competing economically with the mainstream. Those misconceptions should be replaced by factual reality."

"If is our goal to have a diversified economy," said Lester. "We have to pay attention to federal policy. The system of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was designed to be an unstable system and had so many years of mismanagement." Lester maintained this reliance on the BIA only doomed tribes to failure. It is only through an accident of history called casino gambling that this trend has been reversed for some tribes.

Another misconception is the thought that unemployment rates have remained the same since the

35-40% of the 1960's on Indian reservations. Lester said people seem to overlook the fact that Indian tribes populations have doubled since those days. There are more Indians working now and more Indians kids in school than ever before. Tribal councils in general are more dedicated to development.

"Some people view Indians as 'welfare queens' said Lester. "A lot of what people think they know about us is not true."

The existing data suggest a dynamic growth on reservations, not seen elsewhere. Lester points out the term "economic leakage," a term meaning all the money going off the reservation. This figure is estimated at 85-90%. This is a value added to the outside reservation economy. Lester provided an example of how the Navajo supplies energy to many States, but lack electricity on many parts of its own reservation. "Who made those decisions," he asks.

As a political scientist, Lester advanced his definition of sovereignty: "Unlimited power to impose will on others and territory, that extends to where it is stopped

by another sovereign." Lester points out how the mind-set of a state and county differ from a tribe's approach to economic development. The tribal view is a right to be who they are and a right to exist, and not having to conform to some external definition. The state-county economic development notion is to create an atmosphere to attract more business, but Indian tribes don't approach it as the same mechanical process of their neighbor. Tribes approach economic development as a way to benefit human development on the reservation, an investment in people.

"It is more important to build a cultural and spiritual foundation on reservation, but not on the back of others," said Lester. "It is more important," as Lester wrote in the CERT publication *Red Earth*, "to work toward a win-win situation on reservations, which promotes stability. A win-lose situation, on the other hand, promotes instability. When our people work for the future, we work for the spiritual and material prosperity of all peoples. There cannot be spiritual prosperity without social and economic justice."

In closing, Lester told a story: A man died and went to the pearly gates where he met St. Peter. In reviewing his life, St. Peter said the man could go either way - heaven or hell and he would leave it up to him. The guy asked to view the options, so St. Peter took him on the grand tour. In the area known as hell, all the people were sitting in a grand ballroom sitting at a large table with a big bowl of soup and a huge long handled spoon that they couldn't put into their mouths, so it spilled all over themselves and the table. They were in a state of misery and hunger on top of that. On the last part of the grand tour, St. Peter took him the place known as heaven. It was the same scenario with all the people sitting around a large table with the same big bowl of soup and the same huge long handled spoon, but the difference there and the place known as hell, was the people there were feeding and helping each other, thus they were happy.

Lester said the "new money" on reservations is the medium that allows an opportunity to do exactly that - to help each other.



Three generations of the Grinter family. (L-R) Mildred Turney, grandson, Travis Cope and Bonnie Clark.

### Grinter Place

Mildred Turney offers tours at the Grinter Place, located on 78th Street and Hwy 32 in Kansas City, Kansas where Robert Kennedy, Jr. gave his environmental lecture.

Mildred's daughter, Bonnie Clark, is the former Chief of the Kansas Delaware Nation although they are not federally recognized. Grinter Place was named after their relative, Annie Grinter, who was a Delaware.

## PER CAPITA OFFICE NEWS

Susie Morgan

The June 2002 payment is just around the corner. Please make sure you have reported any address changes for yourself and/or your children by June 1, 2002. Name changes need to be submitted with supporting documentation, such as a copy of your marriage certificate or divorce papers. I would encourage all members to put all changes in writing and send them to the Enrollment Office. Please include your roll number, name, new address, Social Security Number, and any password you have placed on your file. The same information should be reported for your enrolled child. Please keep in mind that each adult is responsible for his or her own changes, and only the parent/custodian on file may make changes to a minor's file. Having this information available is very helpful to staff members and helps protect your file from errors, as well.

I know everyone would like to know how much the June payment will be and when the payment will be mailed. For the privacy of all tribal members, the amount will again be kept confidential. I will not release the amount to anyone, no exceptions! The exact date cannot be pinpointed until the process of making the checks has been completed, but it is safe to say the payments will be mailed on or before June 15th. The following is an outline of the process that takes place for each payment:

1. Reports from the casino are generated and given to the Finance Office for analysis.
2. Reports regarding the number of eligible members are given to the Finance Office.
3. The Tribal Treasurer looks over

the analysis and presents it to Tribal Council.

4. Tribal Council votes on the figure or sends it back for further analysis.
5. The approved amount is related to the Per Capita Office.
6. The approved amount is entered into the software.
7. Checks for all eligible members are printed.
8. Checks are readied for mailing and stamped.
9. Checks are taken to the post office.
10. Checks containing the wrong address are returned.

I know a lot of you are anxious to receive the money to use for the Gathering, so I hope this explains why it takes awhile to process payments. With any luck, the Per Capita Office will have updated equipment for the June payment. The new equipment will greatly simplify and speed up the process, reduce errors, and save money by reducing overall cost. Checks will have a new look, too, similar to a tax refund check. This equipment will also be used for mailing 1099 Miscellaneous tax forms every January.

Just one more reminder to all members - we do not offer loans against Per Capita payments. I know there are always rumors flying around about that, but the answer is no. The above process should help explain why that is. We are not yet ready to offer direct deposit, but that is one thing I will be working on. Every member will be notified when we have the capability of offering that service.

The toll free number for Per Capita is (866) 277-3722. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM CST. You can mail address changes to 16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS 66509.





Artist: Curtis Simon '95

## Meet Me By The River Fine Arts Festival

By Rey Kitchkumme, Council Member

On Saturday, May 4, 2002 between the hours of 8:00AM to 4:00PM at the Leavenworth Landing Park (behind the Riverfront Community Center at the very end of Delaware Street) the Leavenworth County Artists' Association (LCAA) will sponsor "Meet Me By The River Fine Arts Festival."

Artists exhibiting original work in the form of paintings, sculpture, pottery, prints (numbered and signed by the artist), weaving, jewelry, photography, or graphics are welcomed. Your subject matter should be considered suitable to the community. The LCAA reserves the right to remove any work that does not meet these guidelines or which might be considered offensive.

Entry fees for LCAA members are \$25 each and non-members are \$30 each. The LCAA will mark off a minimum of ten-foot intervals along the concrete walkway through the park. The grassed intervals vary in depth and can go east toward the river or west toward the railroad tracks. There are also two circular concrete plazas that can be divided for vendors. A decorative black wrought iron fence on both ends encloses the park. The LCAA also has 4X6 wire panels that can be rented for \$10 each. Although, some panel sets could be 4X8. Each panel comes in a set of four panels set up in an "X". The fee covers the entire set of four. Artists must provide their own hooks and panel covering, e.g., burlap. There is no commission on sales!

The LCAA, the city of Leavenworth, and Main Street are not responsible for any claims, actions, damages, personal injuries, lost or stolen articles, accidents, or expenses incurred in connection with the show and sale. The artist assumes all responsibility.

Whether you are an artist or just looking for something to do attending this event will get you out and about. Now, a little bit about Leavenworth, it is the oldest city in Kansas and was the largest and most important city between St. Louis and San Francisco in the mid-1800's. There were in excess

of 600 ship landings per year in the very area where the art show and sale will be located. Eventually most of the industry moved to Kansas City with the railroad since they had much more room. Many of the original big warehouse buildings are gone, but Leavenworth still has an interesting ambience of its original history. An interesting stop would be the High Noon Saloon which is actually a family-friendly restaurant. For those of us who are pam-ne-kwe-tek it also has a brew- pub! The restaurant is in one of the old warehouses just a block from the river.

After the 1993 flood much of the downtown area and park were rebuilt. Many enjoy these new areas. If your plans take you to Leavenworth make sure you check out the old landing area on Delaware Street and you'll understand why this is the best part of the historic district.

Artists should e-mail Matt Nowak at matt.nowak@leavenworth.army.mil and request a registration form or phone him at (913) 684-2749. Registration payment must be paid by check and sent Attn: Matt Nowak, 1007 North Second Street, Lansing, Kansas 66043-1152. Please make check payable to the LCAA.

MID-AMERICAN ALL-INDIAN CENTER, INC. of Wichita has announced their Annual River Rendezvous. This is an opportunity to sell your Native American arts and crafts during this event that is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2002 from 10:00AM to 6:00PM. The River Rendezvous will be held at the Mid-American All-Indian Center located at 650 North Seneca in Wichita.

The cost for booths are as follows: Inside Booth \$40; Outside Booth \$30; Tables \$5 each. Set-up to begin at 8:00AM on May 11<sup>th</sup> and tear down at 6:00PM. Electricity is available to inside booths only and no food vendors are allowed at this event.

Reservations are required. Please contact Robin Hobbs at (316) 262-5221 for reservations. The cut-off for reserving booths is May 6, 2002 and the fee will be non-refundable after this deadline. Payment-in-full is required before your booth can be set up.

## "LET'S POW WOW"

By Rey Kitchkumme, Tribal Council Member

As you have experienced yourselves and been made aware through news articles and other tribal correspondence the PBPAN Annual Pow Wow has become an anticipated and expected celebration. It is one of the ways we can experience and learn about some of our native traditions and in turn learn about yourself, who you are and where you come from. Is it not a breathtaking moment in time to celebrate unity with each other and visitors?

It is sadly known that American Indian Nations lose some of their identity from one generation to the next. Traditions become lost in modern distractions like television, high-tech games and the Internet.

This needs no imagination. Drums pounding, dozens of Nishnabek entering the arena, with precision in rhythmic dance, forming a circle, a vast gathering of feathered headdresses, fans, brightly colored regalia, and ribbon work flowing with the breeze comprise the Grand Entry setting the opening of a Pow Wow celebration.

The English word "powwow," which we associate with powwow celebrations began as a Northeast Algonkian (Narragansett Indians) speaking term "pauwau". The meaning of the term is "conjurer." Passing into English use it came to refer to any American Indian gathering, and as a verb "to confer in a council." Oral traditions say Nishnabek gathered at various times of the year to hunt, plant, gather and to celebrate. We came together to renew family, clan, and tribal ties as well as to forge social and political alliances and to celebrate victories.

The Pow Wow has its roots in celebrations held long before European entered North America. At first, these gatherings sometimes became Intertribal with an expression of cultural pride and practice. Other activities may have included gambling games, athletic competition, and ceremonies (courting and marriages) that brought Nishnabek together in harmony and celebration.

Later, when the English met with the Indian leaders they would "powwow together." Tribal members would stage dancers and feasts during councils as a gesture of goodwill and celebration of peace. Others have said powwows began as a means to build courage amongst the tribes' young men before heading off to war



## Robert Kennedy, Jr. Lectures on Environmental Issues

By Mary Young

Friends of the Kaw Kansas Riverkeeper presented "An Evening with Robert Kennedy, Jr.," at a VIP reception and book-signing event that was held at the Grinter Place in Kansas City, Kansas on Wednesday, April 17, 2002. The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation were two of the sponsors.

Kennedy, Jr. happens to be a staunch advocate for the environment and spoke out on the subject of clean waterways and signed his book, *The Riverkeepers* (1997).

Clyde D. Graeber, Director Health & Environment for the past five years was given a 2002 Friend of the Kaw Award. He stated, "We cannot survive without clean and ample supply of water." He further stated that 45% of rivers and streams would not be classified, meaning they will not be protected.

Graeber and Kennedy, Jr. spoke out on Bill 204, calling it perverse and an anti-environmental group because according to the law: waterways and fisheries are owned by the people, everyone has a right to use them and not diminish them - they are ancient rights. Bill 204 says it belongs to the people but downstream users can suffer when the owner can contaminate it.

In Kansas, the original right was taken away from this state. The Kansas River Keepers originated because this basic right was taken away. The people that started this coalition were blue-collar people; for example, the New York Hudson Riverkeeper was a gravedigger.

Although the 19<sup>th</sup> century law states that it is illegal to pollute any river in the United States, this law was never enforced. The Riverkeepers have been winning cases since 1968.

Kennedy Jr., was asked to join the River Keepers and is the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and President of the Waterkeeper

Today, these celebrations are about seeing old friends, meeting new ones and having time with family to catch up on family life. Also, the powwow keeps cultural traditions alive. A good powwow includes dance and drum competitions for Nishnabek of all ages.

The drum has been called the heartbeat of the powwow. A group of singers (that sit around a large drum and beat in rhythm and unison) are called the drum. Without "the drum" the dancers could not dance. I would think singers have a special gift to drum and sing and should be respected for the time and practice it takes to learn the many very old and new songs.

At the powwow each "drum" takes their turn singing. The dancers must learn each song so their step begins at the right time and the final step matches the last beat of the drum.

It is customary to see family members and friends helping dancers get ready in their regalia. When looking at each dancer's regalia you see the beauty that many hours of work have created. This work is seen through unique placement of natural materials including feathers, cotton and leather, glass beads, shell, bone, metal and bright ribbon work designed in honor of the dancers heritage.

Powwow dances vary in performance. Some are performed with precise steps and movements to honor animals that possess special powers such as the eagle or the buffalo. Others are to communicate and honor our strong connections to the earth and with all living things.

You can smell the aroma of cooks preparing traditional meals to feed participants and visitors. Artists can be seen setting up booths to either demonstrate their talents and/or sell their crafts and artwork.

In essence, our powwow is a celebration of traditions, old and new, that reflects the spirit and vitality of our people. At the same time, history is being passed from one generation to the next. It is a time to see our Indian relatives dance and an opportunity to see tomorrow's generation celebrate with us the gifts we have been given and another path to honor the past.

On behalf of the current and future Pow Wow Committee's we hope you will come together, as a unique people that we are, and support these invaluable annual events.

Alliance. He has also "assisted several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands."

He pointed out that without democracy, there is no environment and no clean water. Countries without democracy such as Russia, the country is now uninhabitable. In Turkey, 300 species of marine life have disappeared and the Black Sea will be dead in 10 years. People in Bangkok have to wear masks because of lead contamination. There are "oxygen bars" in Beijing (China); where people go and buy a breath of fresh air.

If Federal environment laws are diminished or turned over to each state government, corporate control can dominate state governments and pollution will be rampant. General Electric (GE) was not able to dump PCB's in the Hudson River on the New York side and so they moved to New Jersey, across the river. When GE left New Jersey, they left a \$2 billion clean-up bill and the Hudson River was loaded with PCB's.

"In Kansas, the hog industry is stealing our democracy," says Kennedy, Jr. The hog industry is dumping in Kansas Rivers and they have no right, the people have the right. Kennedy Jr., stated, "Someone is stealing from the people without due process" as in GE, they stole and they had to restore the Hudson River.

Kennedy Jr., said, "There is a reason for protecting and this must be recognized. Nature enriches us esthetically, culturally, spiritually and recreationally; when we lose touch with these values, they lose importance to us." And, "When we treat nature like a commodity/real estate, we have no commitment or community. Trees have more value standing than being cut down. We are losing touch with seasons, tides, and history and contact with our Creator...we have an obligation to the next generation, we can't use them up."

In closing, Kennedy quoted a Lakota proverb: "We don't inherit from our ancestors, we borrow from them." This is a battle between ignorance and greed; there is one god - money. Why we have a reason for an investment in the Kaw Riverkeepers.



Robert Kennedy, Jr. with the Big Soldier Group.

## Royal Valley Graduation Dates & Times

Royal Valley Senior Graduation  
is May 19 at 2 p.m., Royal Valley, Hoyt, KS.

Royal Valley Eighth Grade Graduation  
is May 22 at 7 p.m., Royal Valley, Hoyt, KS.



April 2002

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

### Elizabeth Maines

MAYETTA -- Elizabeth Beatrice Maines, 80, Mayetta, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Maines had worked for Slimaker Dress Factory in Holton, Seymour Foods in Topeka, Hercules Powder Plant at Eudora and Community Health of Potawatomi Tribe for many years. She was a welder on freight ships and tankers on the West Coast during World War II.

She was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Mayetta, the daughter of Isaac and Margaret Magnuk Rice. She lived most of her life in the Mayetta community.

Mrs. Maines was a member of Lakeview Faith Chapel south of Holton and the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation.

She married Frank E. Maines on Dec. 26, 1946, in Lyndon. He survives.

Other survivors include and two daughters, Shirley Harker, Gallup, N.M., and Delores Maines, Mayetta; two sons, Richard Maines, Topeka, and LeRoy Maines, Mayetta; two stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandsons.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Mayetta. Burial will be in Shipshewer Cemetery west of Mayetta. Mrs. Maines will lie in state at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today. Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday.

**Rochelle F. Robertson,**  
Date of Death: April 6, 2002  
Broken Arrow, OK

### In memory of Bobby Joe Snowball's birthday on 5-11-02

Little brother...  
you've only been gone a short time  
but it seems like you were walking  
among us just yesterday  
i can still hear your laughter  
echoing in my mind  
i still see your sweet smile  
the one that told of your  
kind heart and caring soul  
the one that told us  
"everything's gonna be alright"  
i remember that first day you left us  
to prepare for your journey  
we were graced with the most awe in-  
spiring sunset  
a brilliance only outdone by the legacy  
of your spirit  
the Creator seemed to acknowledge the  
ending of a life on Earth  
that brought happiness to many  
and touched a lot of people during your  
time with us  
it reminded me of how fortunate we  
were to have you  
if only for awhile  
your thoughtfulness lingered on  
little brother  
with a heart of gold  
always thinking of everybody else...  
"hanging in there" until the very end  
trying to prepare us for our imminent  
loss  
because we weren't ready to let you go  
little brother  
you broke a lot of hearts when you left  
us that morning  
you come up in many conversations all  
filled with smiles and laughter  
it shows you left this Earth in a good  
way  
and little brother  
"everything's gonna be alright."

Love,  
your sister val

### Brothers So Dear

So grand the eagles when they touch the sky  
So intense the sound of a lone wolf's cry  
Long ago before the white man came, I was told  
We lived freely with our brothers of the animal  
kind  
You laughed when I said what I said  
For how can one be brother to animals?  
By caring for them and setting them aside  
Not to kill unless your family is hungry  
To kill only when they have tasted human blood  
It is forbidden for animals to go past barriers  
Yet our barriers were not to slaughter needlessly  
All animals were treated with respect and accepted  
They have their own place in the eyes of the Crea-  
tor  
Yes, how we looked on in marvel at their sight  
We were in awe of their wisdom and strength  
We felt proud to be created like them  
For we knew Sham-no-daugh gave us all life  
We listened to the songs of birds  
We trembled when the bear walked  
Buffalo had their space to roam freely  
Anything we took from the animals, we gave back  
We returned our brothers to the dust and prayed  
We prayed not to be greedy or selfish  
We prayed to be humble for our gift  
Yes...Our brothers are fewer now  
Even the forest is unusually quiet  
Before the dawn fully rises, listen carefully  
And imagine in your heart the stirrings of your  
brothers  
And you will hear them still, for they live within  
They are a part of us the true Native Americans  
The sound of thunder is the sound of many buffalo  
The leaves blowing gently are silent paws  
Our brothers live because we live  
We will never let you go, walk on.....

Quah Kwe' Ah Snook (Lady Before the Storm)  
September 22, 1999

### PBPN Sports Enthusiast, Now is Your Opportunity

We invite you to come and enjoy our 3rd Annual Seminole Tribe Sports Festival, Thursday, May 23 through Monday, May 27, 2002. This is an all Native American event and competitors must show proof of Indian blood to participate in any event. At the 2001 Seminole Tribe Sports Festival \$40,000 in cash prizes was given out. We hope for an even greater turnout for this year's festival, which will include an Eastern Indian Rodeo Association rodeo, 8-ball and 9-ball pool tournaments, 4-man scramble golf tournament and four days of bowling events. For more information on this spectacular Memorial Day weekend event, please click here <http://www.seminoletribe.com/calendar/sports/index.html>.

### Scrapbook Club

Boys & Girls Club  
15390 K Rd  
Mayetta, KS 66509

If you are interested but do not know anything about "scrappping," try the "Beginners class at 10:00 a.m." The *Scrapbook Club* meets every first Saturday of the month except on holidays. The *Scrapbook Club* will be meeting on Saturday, May 4.

At 10:00 a.m.—Beginners Class  
No supplies needed

At 1:00 p.m.—Mini Scrapbook Class  
Bring 4-6 pictures

At 3:00 p.m.—"Just get Organized" Class  
Bring your box of pictures

Door Prizes will be given away all day along with a "Special Basket" of goodies at 5:00. Note: must be present to win.

All Scrappers are reminded to bring your supplies and snacks.

For more information, contact the following:

Micky Martinez—966-3939, Beka Potts—966-3024 or Janelle Murk at 969-1528

Some trivia:

May 2 is National Scrap Book Day

Directions:

Off of Hwy 75, 7 miles west on 158th Rd, turn left on K Rd, turn left after the Fire Station. Located next to the We Ta Sa Building.

## May Holidays & Etc.

2 - National Scrap Book Day

**4 - SCRAPBOOK CLUB**  
Meets every first Saturday of the month except on holidays. Beginners class at 10 a.m. Contact Micky Martinez 966-3939

6 - Nurse's Day

7 - Teacher's Day

8 - VE Day (1945)

**12 - MOTHER'S DAY**

15 - Police Memorial Day

**15-17 Wellness Journey 2002** Conference at Haskell Indian Nation University, Lawrence, KS

18 - Armed Forces Day

19 - Stepmother's Day

**27 - MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Government Offices**  
**CLOSED**

**28—First Responder Course** — Classes start and end August 22

## Winner of PROPOWER Success Story Competition

Submitted by Angie Wahweotten

A tribal member, Tony Wahweotten, has received national recognition by winning a PROPOWER Success Story Competition. This was a competition sponsored by Pittsburgh Paints PPG Industries, Inc. Participants were asked to submit their best Manor Hall Success Story - either interior or exterior - and include a picture. Winners were selected based upon the participant's description of the project, their reason for choosing Manor Hall products and the finished appearance of the job. Prizes were awarded to the professional painters with the best Manor Hall Success Story, a DriveAway GetAway vacation. There will be an article in Paint Lines by Pittsburgh Paints and a PROPOWER feature for professional painters.

Tony Wahweotten/1<sup>st</sup> Nation Painting, Inc. has been in business since 1996 when he began by painting our first temporary Casino with the help and encouragement of his dad Ron Wahweotten, who is also a painter in the Jackson and Shawnee county area. He has since gone on to paint our Government Center, Day Care/Head Start, Cluster projects, permanent Casino and other tribal projects. He has also been very busy off the reservation, but always strives to get the on reservation work to assure we have quality painting on our projects.

Way to go Tony and keep up the good work!

## Memorial Day Closing

on

**Monday, May 27, 2002**

All

**Tribal Government Offices**  
**will be closed**

## Thanks for the HELP!

Dewey Jessepe would like to extends thanks for all the help he received with his Spring Pow Wow on the weekend of April 6-7, 2002.

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council  
—a special thanks to Council Member Rey Kitchkumme for printing of the flyers and selling raffle tickets

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## Area Churches

By Mary Young  
Brief highlights of the various churches located on the reservation that offer and meet the spiritual needs of the people in the community; and some travel to Holton, Mayetta or Topeka.

**Our Lady of the Snows Parish**  
5971 - 166<sup>th</sup> Rd, Mayetta, KS

Mass is every Sunday at 2:00 pm. The monthly potluck is on the second Sunday of the month.

**Bazaar News:** Cross out the June date! The Bazaar has been moved to September!! Contact Laura Thackery if you would like to donate something for the raffle.

**PBPN Gathering:** Mass will be held on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

**Mass Intention:** Contact Babe or Laura for a Mass Intention either at the Assumption Mass or at Our Lady of the Snows Parish. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

**Native American Mass at Assumption Church**  
204 West 8<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS

A 2:00 pm Mass will be on the first Sunday of each month unless there is an unusual circumstance that prevents it.

The Mass schedule is as follows: January through May and September through December. Mass will not be held during the summer months. Due to Labor Day, Mass will be held on the second Sunday.

**Potawatomi Pentecostal Church**  
4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134, Mayetta, KS  
(785) 966-2885

Rev. Vernon Potts

Sunday: 10 am, Sunday School  
10:45 am, Worship Service  
7:00 pm, Evening Worship

**Pottawatomi United Methodist**  
On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.  
Mayetta, KS

Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

Sunday: 9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:30 am, Worship Service

**Bethany Baptist Church**  
821 New York Ave., Holton, KS

Teen Sunday Services:  
David Noland will be preaching on June 30.

Bethany's Calendar of Events  
You are invited

May  
1—All Church Visitation  
9—Bethany Christian Academy last day of school  
10—Youth Activity  
19—Junior Church Promtions  
26—Picnic at Pastor's  
31—Youth Lock In

June  
3-7—Senior Youth Camp  
12—All Church Visitation  
14—Men and Boy Outing  
23—Ice Cream Sunday  
24-28—Junior Youth Camp  
30—Teen Sunday Services  
30—Church B.B.Q. at Lincscott Park  
horse shoes, tennis, etc.

*And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. IS 58:11*

*And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:*

*And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 1K1 19:11-12 (KJV)*

## Announcements & Best Wishes

March 28th— Marriage  
Mike Wamego & Rachel Rupnicki

April 19th— Birthday  
Cheyenne Mitchell (Kek) 7 years old

April 20th— Anniversary  
Gary & Voncile Mitchell 31 years

## CONFERENCE

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On

**May 15-17  
2002**



April 2002

Prairie Band Potawatomi News



The Western Community Policing Center presents a CIRCLE Project and Tribal Resource Grant Program

## National Indian Youth Police Academy

Class #2 (Junior) and #3 (Senior), San Bernardino, California

#2 (Junior) - June 16-29, 2002 #3 (Senior) - August 4-17, 2002

### Dear Tribal Youth Members,

I am proud to invite you to apply to attend the 2nd and 3rd National Indian Youth Police Academy sessions. Due to the great success of Class #1 in August of last year, there has been a huge demand for this program to continue and the Board of Directors and I intend on making this program continue and expand to serve Tribal Youth.

For the year 2002, we will have a Junior Academy (ages 13-16) from June 16 through June 29. Then there will be a Senior Academy (ages 17-19) from August 4 through August 17. There will be limited room in each session of 60 students each.

The National Indian Youth Academy was created to offer Tribal Youth an opportunity to experience and explore law enforcement and the criminal justice field. It is our hope that you will consider this as a career choice for the betterment of your own community. If not, then developing a better perception and understanding of the Justice System.

One of the greatest benefits of attending this program is the friendship you will make here with other students and staff.

Follow the application procedures listed in this procure and be sure everything is turned in by the deadline date. Those who attend are truly honored. You will experience 14 days of information and hands on training in numerous areas of police and justice work. Your travel and all expenses are paid for by the Academy.

Carefully read this brochure. You can either fill out the forms included here, or log onto our website at [www.tribaltraining.com](http://www.tribaltraining.com) where you can apply online.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Most sincerely,

David J. Rogers (Nez Perce)  
Academy Director  
CIRCLE Project/TRGP Training

### Conference Planning Partners:

- The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Dept. of Justice
- The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office
- The Western Community Policing Center
- Tribal Resource Grant Program and the CIRCLE Project
- California State University San Bernardino
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
- National Native American Law Enforcement Agency

### Academy Procedures

All expenses are paid by the Academy

Students will:

- Fly or be driven to the Academy
- Be met by their Squad Leader and taken to the dormitories
- Assigned a dorm room and issued uniforms
- Informed of Academy Rules and Regulations
- Attend all classes and recreation activities as a Squad
- Eat meals at the cafeteria or as arranged
- Be given recreation time each evening including a round robin basketball tournament
- Be provided with calling cards to call home
- Have access to a medical staff at all times
- Be supervised by a Squad Leader and a Command Staff Member as well as Academy Staff Members



Register early.

Space is limited to 60 per session

DEADLINE - #2 May 3rd - #3 July 3rd

### 9th Annual Potawatomi Gathering UPDATE

Submitted by LaVerne Hale

It's getting closer & closer to the time when the Potawatomi People will gather once again. I'm starting to feel more of the excitement now that things are falling into place. The Prairie Band Potawatomi People and a few others that are helping to put this event together have been doing a wonderful job. I am very thankful and proud of the way they have taken pride in hosting the Potawatomi Gathering. Many many thanks to you!

Now, on with the schedule:

**Preliminary Schedule** (Subject to change)

Wednesday -  
6/26/02

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All Bands Tribal Council Meeting.  
6:15 p.m. - Community Potluck - Prairie Peoples Park

Thursday -  
6/27/02

Sunrise Ceremony -  
7 a.m. - Registration  
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Breakfast  
8 a.m. - General Assembly - Invocation, Welcome Speeches, Introductions, "Who We Are" story  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions  
Youth, Elder, & Cultural activities, daily Rez tours, individual schedules will be available at registration.  
10 a.m. - Golf Tournament - Shawnee Country Club (Topeka)  
11:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch -  
1 - 5 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Supper-  
8 p.m. - Concert - Black Hawk (tentative time)

Friday -  
6/28/02

Sunrise Ceremony  
7 a.m. - Registration  
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Breakfast  
8 a.m. - Unity Walk  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Concurrent Session  
11:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Traditional Meal  
6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Pow-wow  
10:30 - 12:00 - Concert - Clan/destine

Saturday -  
6/29/02

Sunrise Ceremony  
7 a.m. - Registration  
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Breakfast  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions  
10 a.m. - Rez Run Motorcycle Ride  
11:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch  
1 p.m. - All Bands Give Away - Potawatomi Princess Announcement, Outstanding Prairie Band Potawatomi Announcement.  
3:30 - 5 p.m. - Fashion Show  
4 p.m. - Catholic Mass - Our Lady of Snows Church/meal served  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Supper  
6 p.m. - Pow-wow  
9 p.m. - Teen Dance  
10:30 - Fireworks

Sunday -  
6/30/02

Sunrise Ceremony  
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Breakfast  
9 a.m. - Closing Ceremony - passing of the staff  
Lunch - sack lunches passed out.

Volunteers are still needed for: assistance with activities, security, clean-up, rez tour drivers & there will probably be more later. We will list the volunteer jobs on the website which is [pbpindiantribe.com](http://pbpindiantribe.com) - you can sign up there or give us a call.

We are striving to take good care of our visitors & our own members. We have gotten calls regarding elderly, handicapped, and camping facilities. I would like to assure you that we will do our best to take care of you and provide what we can for your safety and comfort and a good time.

Look for further updates in the next issue and if you have questions, concerns, ideas, please let us know. See you soon!

### Nation Station

#### Hours of Operation:

Sunday through Thursday  
6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday  
6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Located at 12285 - 150 Rd.  
Off Hwy. 75

### BINGO

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday through Saturday  
Doors open 5:00 p.m.  
Mini session 6:30 p.m.  
Regular session 7:00 p.m.

(Closed Wednesday)

Sunday  
Doors open 10 a.m.  
Mini session 12:30 p.m.  
Regular session 1:00 p.m.

Located off Hwy. 75, Rd. 162

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### EMS WEEK

## Emergency Medical Services and Tribal Police will hold a Safety Fair

on  
May 18, 2002  
from  
9 am - 4 pm  
at the

Gymnasium on K Road

The following will provide demonstrations:

- Kansas Highway Patrol will demonstrate a rollover
- Hoyt Fire Dept. will perform farm extrication
- and
- Infant/Child car seat inspections will be provided

Everyone is welcome to attend

### NEWSPAPER INFORMATION

Mailing Address: a:  
P. O. Box 116, Mayetta, KS 66509-0116.

Physical Location:  
16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS (lower level, southwest corner of PBPN Government Center).

FAX # (785) 966-3907  
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Mary L. Young  
(785)966-3948 e-mail: [maryy@pbpnation.org](mailto:maryy@pbpnation.org)

### Gift Shop

#### Hours of Operation:

8:30 a.m. - 12 Midnight  
(Seven (7) days a week)

Located in Harrah's  
PBPN Casino

## May Potawatomi Elder Center

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>
Taco Salad Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Tomato Salad	Pork Chops Scalloped Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Dinner Rolls	Chicken Pie White Rice Broccoli & Cheese Biscuit	Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut No-Fry Fries Mixed Fruit	Spaghetti & Meatball Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread
Sloppy Joe Scalloped Potatoes Cole Slaw Mixed Vegetable	Baked Chicken Wild Rice Succotash Wheat Roll	Ham & Bean Soup Fried Potatoes Carrots Cornbread	Birthday Dinner Cornish Hen	Salmon Patty Macaroni & Tomato Texas Toast
Chefs Salad Ham & Turkey Cottage peaches Bread Sticks	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Rolls	Tamale Pie Spanish Rice Corn Casserole Chips & Salsa	Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Garden Salad Biscuits	Ham, Cheese Croissants Tomato Soup Creamed Peas Crackers
Closed Memorial Day	Liver & Onions Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Rolls	Pineapple Chicken Shrimp Fried Rice Egg Roll Fruit	Stroganoff Broccoli Normandy Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Baked Fish Macaroni & Cheese Zucchini & Tomato Dinner Roll
				Hamburgers Baked Fries Triple Baked Beans Potato Salad
				Tuna Sandwich Broccoli & Ch. Soup Zucchini & Carrots Crackers

Adults \$3.50  
Children \$2.00  
Native seniors \$Free  
Lunch hours 11:30-12:30  
Menu subject to change

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

### TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

The following are the toll-free numbers that are available to the various departments at PBPN.

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)