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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Meet Brian Jackson (Rabbit) – with “I Believe”

Guest Speaker for PBPB Student Recognition Night

Ma Dos

April 30, 2002 – Brian Jackson describes himself as small – a mere 5'5 3/4" tall and 175#s! And a single parent! He's a mix of three tribes: Cherokee, Seminole, and Creek. You're beginning to wonder what type of message such a small man can be passing on that will captivate and inspire a bingo hall full of rowdy youth, ranging in age 0 – 21 and all ages beyond!

Wondering even more by now - having heard briefly of the hot water bottle, the brick breaking, and the playing cards? What is that all about – is he a trick man or what? What is the inspiration story here? How does all of this fit together? Is he going to be able to keep the attention of this roomful of students?

Brian's presentation begins with him telling of his life as a youngster. He began as a running back where he got his nickname, “Rabbit” because he was able to run fast and zigzag all over the field to become a great running back until he realized he was too small to continue in that position.

Brian decided to try running because all Indians are supposed to be runners. He said he began as the worst runner on the team and was told to quit which he refused. Instead, he went on to become a standout track person (5 mile run in 25 minutes and 7 mile run in 37 minutes), winning State recognition with a promising future. But, to get that status and recognition demanded determination. His determination pushed him to become the best in his sport and could have gone to any college in the Country.

Brian said that we all have God-given talents. “Things aren't always the way they seem. It's not what happens in life – it's how you deal with it.” If he had listened to people telling him to quit, he

would never have known what he was capable of accomplishing. He always took those negative comments and turned them into positives.

Rabbit said he had it all and everything was going just great! Then one day a friend offered him his first “drag.” He thought a friend wouldn't be offering him anything that would do harm to him. He took that first drag. That first drag went on and on, leading into a major downfall of his future.

Brian quickly got into drug dealing. He shared many of the details that got him to the point in his life where he was hanging on at the end of his rope. Drug dealing led him to pulling a gun on police officers, looking at 10 years of prison time.

Brian said it was all over and they were all ready to throw the book at him – but one last person spoke to him. It was the District Attorney.

The D.A. took out all these newspaper clippings about Brian Jackson when he was “the track star.” The D.A. told him he saw something in him and he knew he wasn't this bad person and he had Brian crying at times. In the end, he told him he'd let him go if he'd go out and help others understand the devastations of drugs and for him to never touch drugs again.

Brian said he was given a second chance. He said many times we are not given a second chance.

Brian agreed with the D.A. and has since turned his life around. Brian's message is that you have to believe in yourself. In life, you have dreams, desires, and goals and we should all go for them. In some instances, there are limitations – understand those limitations. Size was his limit to being a running back any longer.

On friends, Brian said, “True friends never offer

you things that will get you into trouble.”

Brian said, “So many times I see people giving up on themselves because of the problems they are facing in life. We see something that we feel is an impossible situation and we just give up. I want to show people the impossible. After all, who's to say what's impossible and not impossible?”

“The answer is *no one but you!*” Becoming one who overcomes problems instead of using “crutches” or “excuses” is the heart of the I Believe program.

To demonstrate the point of believing in yourself, Rabbit, no longer zigzags on the field with his speed. Instead, he is accomplishing feats that are normally viewed as “strongmen stuff only!” Brian's still small, but his strong belief in himself gives him the necessary strength to complete the seemingly impossible tasks of breaking 2” concrete bricks, inflate hot water bottles until they burst, and “the most difficult” feat of tearing a deck of playing cards in half.

His ultimate message is that we all have talents – develop those talents. Understand your limitations. Know who your true friends are! Make good choices. Believe in yourself so much that you will push as far as you can to develop those talents! When you face a challenge in life and you think it can't be done, think again. Believe you can do it!



The drum is a powerful tool in native cultures as it represents that center beat of mother earth, her heartbeat.

Black Fire spent the day with Nation members on the Rez, sharing their travels and the many cultures. The next day, they were invited to visit a traditional ceremony on the Rez. This family truly represented the message that they are sending out to our youth – respecting one another's “ways/teachings.”

Having had the honor and experience of spending quality time with these young people, it was quite amazing to see how they conduct themselves. They stayed until the service was completely done. If you wanted to sit and chat with them, they sat down and focused on you. They weren't your ordinary young adults. It was a blessing to meet such respectful young people – wise beyond their ages!

This experience gave the Royal Valley students a taste of another native culture along with many lessons of respect, understanding, and how learning about one another will enrich our lives – harmony!

Left to right: Blackfire, family trio below -lead guitarist, Klee Benally; bass player/singer, Jeneda Benally; and drummer/hoop dancer, Clayton Benally won 2002 Native American Music Award “Best Pop/Rock Album of the Year.” 2002 Flagstaff Awards of Musical Excellence “Album of the Year” & “Best Male Vocal.”



BLACK FIRE HAS A BIG MESSAGE FOR EVERYONE --- Respect One Another's Culture

Ma Dos

April 21, 2003 - “We have these cooperative agreements with the school – to bring our efforts together not only for our children, but all children.” said Vice Chairman Gary E. Mitchell as he gave opening comments to welcome the young punk rock group motivators, Black Fire. Pulling in at 4 a.m. from Wisconsin, Black Fire still managed to bring to life a packed house of Royal Valley students at 9 am.

Black Fire of the Dine Nation was invited to the Potawatomi Rez area to spark community awareness about understanding cultures, the message they convey in the form of entertainment. What better way to reach out to the youth but to speak to them in the language they can relate to. Today the youth are into many forms of music; punk rock being one of them!

Clad in a black leather jacket, hip-hugger denim jeans, and t-shirt – Jeneda Benally explained to the Royal Valley students (grades 6-12) about their dress attire, “See how we are all dressed. It's all about what's inside – not what you're wearing outside that matters.” Jeneda explained that the normal attire for the hoop dance act might be traditional regalia. But, the world is changing and we are all changing. The young Benally family travels throughout the world, spreading a very simple message. Respect one another!

The basic foundation of our cultures is respect – all things make up what we are. We need to hear the voice of unity. Learning about one another's cultures enhances respect.

Black Fire's opening traditional dance was the hoop dance. The hoop dance is done with 10 hoop rings in which the dancer moves in time with the song which is sung by his brother and sister. As the song continues, the dancer continues to add hoops into his dance step, a feat which would surely take hours of intense practice.



Brian Jackson in action—to see more photos, visit I BELIEVE on the internet http://photos.yahoo.com/justbelieve_2000



DEDICATED TO EDUCATION & ENCOURAGEMENT

This month's edition has been dedicated to all the graduates. Last month, we requested anyone wanting to make their announcements to get their information in. Both articles on this page were for the benefit of encouraging children and adults to move forward in this world and seek all the good things in life. Both were well attended!

RESULTS OF PBPB STUDENT RECOGNITION NIGHT 2002-2003

All Around Students of the Year

Marquis Hernandez, Royal Valley Elementary
William Evans, Royal Valley Middle
Justin Pahmahmie, Royal Valley High School

Outstanding Achievement

Anita Evans

Male Athlete

Chris O'Toole

Female Athlete

Amber Tecumseh

Outstanding Teacher

Clara Smith

Outstanding Parents

Ralph & Linda Tecumseh

People Who Make A Difference

Connie Peters

Unsung Hero

Kristina Throssell



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Minor's Trust – History and Fact Sheet

When the casino opened in 1998, first draft of the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP), required that minor's payments go into a trust account on their behalf. The RAP was soon amended so the payments to minors were paid to them, because at that time the payments into trust would have been taxable. Two years ago, the IRS changed the rules making it possible to place the minors' funds into trust without it being subject to income tax until it has been withdrawn.

In July 2002 the General Council voted by majority to place the minors' funds into trust and also that the amount to be put into trust would be 100% of the per capita payment payable to the minor. The trust assets, (Cash and investments), will be distributed to the tribal member based upon the following schedule:

- At age 18 – 10% of the trust balance
- At age 19 – 20%
- At age 20 – 30%
- At age 21 – all remaining trust assets

The concept to be applied to the investment of the minors' funds will be based upon prudent and conservative investment practices.

MINOR'S TRUST FUND FAQ'S

1. Will the account be interest bearing?
 - o The trust accounts will be held in either interest bearing accounts or mutual funds, depending upon the age of the minor and the market at the time.
 - o The Trustee is obligated to use "prudent investment judgment" in the selection of investments.
2. Can the trust be accessed if needed?
 - o Only after all other resources have been utilized and the trustee ap-

3. How will taxes be paid – yearly or upon withdrawal?
 - o The taxes will be paid upon withdrawal at the age of 18 -21.
 - o The deferral (no tax to pay until withdrawal) will also eliminate the impact of the "Kiddy tax".
 - o By putting off paying any taxes until withdrawal of the trust funds it also eliminates the expenses and risks that would be involved if the tax returns were filed and tax payments were made every year while the tribal members are minors.
4. What percentage will be paid in taxes?
 - o The tax rate will be the rate that the IRS has designated at the time of withdrawal. The IRS can change tax rates from year to year.
5. To whom do I request a release of funds upon my 18th birthday?
 - o The Trustee, who is currently US Bank.
 - o Contact information will be provided
6. Will the trust be reverted back to the tribe or paid to the surviving parent if a member dies before age 18?
 - o The funds are paid to the next closest enrolled relative.
7. Will the account be closed if a minor is dis-enrolled or relinquishes?
 - o Yes
8. How often will account statements be issued?
 - o Quarterly
9. Why does my child have to have a GED or diploma before he/she can begin receiving a portion of the fund?
 - o The concept is to encourage completion of a high school education.
10. Why is the trust released gradually from ages 18 to 21 since he/she will be an adult at age 18?
 - o The purpose of the distributions is to maximize the benefit to the individual. Gradual release of the trust will encourage prudent spending or further investment.
11. Can I have the funds being placed into the

trust transferred to an interest bearing account already established for my child?

- o The funds can be transferred upon reaching the proper age (18-21) of release of those specific funds that apply.
12. Why does Tribal Council control how my child's money should be handled?
 - o The General Council has required the establishment of the minors' per capita trust.
 - o The Tribal Council is ultimately responsible for seeing to it that the distributions from gaming are used for the benefit of the minors by virtue of the Tribal Constitution, 25 U.S.C. 2710 (a)(3)(C), the Revenue Allocation Plan and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
 13. Who is establishing the guidelines for release of funds?
 - o The guidelines for release of funds was a joint effort between the Tribal Council, an attorney experienced in setting up minors' trusts for other tribes and the designated Trustee, who is also experienced in similar trusts as well as current IRS Regulations that apply to tribes.
 14. Did all the members vote on this issue and if so, what were the results?
 - o The majority of the members that voted elected to place the minors' per capita distributions into trust.
 15. Will a letter be released explaining how the trust works?
 - o Yes
 16. Will payments that have been withheld from previous distributions (due to custody issues) go into the trust or will I still receive them once the issue is resolved?
 - o You will receive them once the issue is resolved.

Charitable Contribution Guidelines Sees Light at the End of the Tunnel

Doris A. Potts

At long last! After being on hold for over a year now, the Charitable Contribution Proposed Guidelines was passed unanimously by Nation members this time around! Rey Kitchkummie read out loud for everyone's benefit, word-for-word, sections of the guidelines.

Following his reading, minor changes were requested to be included such as:

- Change the I's and my's to the requesting organization in the Release of Waiver section;
- Change distribution to four times per calendar year to include the months of January and July – instead of only in April and October;
- Include local media when distributions are made to offset adverse affects of gaming thoughts, promoting positive public relations;
- Include time frames to respond back to requests;
- Include a time frame for recipient to submit a report of expenditures;
- And a section needs to be included to address "authority power."

Another point made during this discussion was that there is still a vacancy on the committee. The current members are Mary Karr, Shirley Rice-Henderson, Betty Rice, and Lavera Belle. In abidance of guideline 8, "The PBPN Charitable Contributions Committee Chairperson and members can recommend individuals to replace any person who vacates their committee position. A quorum of PBPN Tribal Council members will be needed to approve the appointment of vacated positions on the committee." The committee will be considering a replacement for the vacancy.

Delg Requests Five Items be Added to the July Annual General Council Meeting Agenda

Doris A. Potts

When the Special General Council officially opened on April 26th, changes/additions to the Agenda was immediately called for.

PBP Nation Member, Dale Delg, opened with comments, stating that he had written a letter to Secretary Ortiz wherein he requested certain item(s) be added to the April General Council Meeting Agenda. He said he had not received a response from Secretary Ortiz.

PBPN Housing Tax Credit Program gets approved this time around

Doris A. Potts

During the January 2003 Special General Council Meeting, all of the 2003 Housing Plan passed – minus the Tax Credit Program portion on the plan. At that time, additional information was requested before a decision could be made.

In the recent April Special General Council Meeting, David Bland, Consultant for Travois Inc. was requested to come in for a presentation followed by a question and answer session. Land's presentation included an oral presentation that was reinforced with a PowerPoint presentation.

To date, there have been numerous avenues in which the Tax Credit Program was explained such as through the General Council Meeting, newspaper articles prepared by Ralph Simon, and community meetings. Mr. Bland was able to answer additional concerns that General Council voiced.

After lengthy discussion of the Tax Credit Program, the vote was called for - winning a favorable vote of 163 For (7 against) supporting continuance of this housing portion which funds the elderly Garden Apartments.

Mr. Bland gave the website address, www.travois.com, encouraging everyone to visit the site which includes much of the information that he gave in his presentation.

Another important point to be stressed is that all applications must be resubmitted as this is a new guideline and all sponsorships must meet the new criteria. Quoting the Proposed New Guideline Notification Letter, it states, "We regret that pursuant to the attached policies, we must ask you to resubmit your request in accordance with the new donation and Sponsorship Guidelines."

Other important points of consideration:

Federal Law Mandate

Federal law mandates that 1% of Net Casino Revenues be given away to offset the impact gaming brings to communities. More specifically, the revenue allocation plan in the Nation's gaming compact with the State of Kansas states, "...shall be used to donate for Tribal OR Non-Tribal charitable organizations or local government organizations providing services to the Potawatomi Indians (Article III, Allocation Plan on Per Capita Ordinance as approved May 16, 2000).

Approved categories eligible for consideration

Culture & Arts; Education; Health & Community Services; Environmental Organizations; Off-Reservation Traditional Faith Based Organizations; Sports; Recreation; Political Campaign Contributions and Natural Disaster Relief (Natural Disaster Relief is not subject to the maximum allowable amount of \$20,000). (See Donation and Sponsorship Policy for more details on these categories.)

REQUESTS TO BENEFIT AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN INDIVIDUAL FAMILY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

All requesters must adhere to the PBPN Charitable Contribution Policies and Guidelines. If not, your request cannot be processed and may be disqualified from current funding cycle.

The proposed draft is a 7-page document and will soon be available for dissemination. The Donation and Sponsorship Policy is included as part of this summary. Once the Sponsorship Guidelines are finalized, we will publish them. If you have questions regarding the document, direct your questions to the Charitable Contributions Coordinator at 785-966-4000.

Delg said he is now requesting that these items be added to the July Annual General Council Meeting Agenda. There was no discussion following this request.

- Ethics Commission
- Resolution 2001-601
- Monthly Per Capita Payments
- Tribal Sovereignty Position Initiative
- Amendment to the Constitution, Section VI, Subsection IV, Eligibility

HEALTH CARE ITEMS PASS UNANIMOUSLY

- (1) Vote on continuing with direct health care services from Indian Health Service or PBPN providing health care services through P.L. 638 Contract/Compact Health
- (2) Vote to build a health care facility (commit \$6 million set aside)
- (3) Vote to include Topeka, Kansas as part of Holton Clinic service area.

The *Proposed Space Plan* shown below is the handout that was provided at the General Council Meeting.

BINGO MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Management of the PBPN Bingo Operation has changed since the General Council meeting. Vestina Nonken, former Manager at the Bingo operation, has been appointed as the temporary Manager. Bingo continues to operate at a loss. Tribal Council recently decided that the days of operation will be cut back from six days to four days.

Effective May 1, 2003, PBPN Bingo will now be open on the following days: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Care Facility

*Proposed Space Plan
Provides for the Following Services/Features*

- Clinic space for two physicians with 3 exam rooms apiece
- Exam rooms for visiting physicians along with a treatment room
- An office and treatment room for a podiatrist
- Full complement of blood and urine tests for routine care
- X-Ray, ultrasound and mammography exams
- Optometrist testing and dispensing space including special test for diabetic patients
- Dental clinic with 5 dental chairs for up to 2 dentists and 1 hygienist
- Pharmacy with drive-in window,
- Space for public health nursing, nutritionist, health education, social worker, mental health specialist, and environmental health staff
- Offices for related tribal health related programs: Community Health Representatives, Drug Alcohol program, Employee Assistance Program, Child Welfare Services, Social Services, and related programs
- A designed and planned addition that would include:
 - Hearing Testing
 - Physical Therapy Services
 - Home Health Services
 - Expansion of related Tribal Services

• TOPEKA
ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN PEOPLE ALL ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT SERVICE AT THE EXISTING AND NEW FACILITY

In Addition, future plans will include additional services to be offered in Topeka.



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EARTH DAY, COMMUNITY DAY



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From PBP Earth Day Committee

A beautiful, mild day drew over 300 people to Prairie People's Park for the 5th Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Earth Day Celebration. Events were held for all ages. The three-mile predictor's walk was the largest event with 186 participants. Other events included a three and six-mile run, a three and twelve-mile bike ride, a bike rodeo/safety check, an environmental fashion show, a cakewalk, an environmental egg hunt, and a homemade toy demonstration. Several ongoing activities occurred throughout the day as well, such as the ever-popular tree/shrub/bulb giveaway, a concession stand, and the environmental information booths. Guests from the Region 7, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brought many handouts, gifts, an interesting watershed model and their good friend, Charlie Chipmunk. Our own "EPA" also provided environmental info. The theme of this year's celebration, "Got mbish?" was very appropriate when the water bottle supply diminished and 186 thirsty walkers needed a drink, but volunteers eventually came to the rescue with more water. The day concluded with an awards and recognition presentation for all of the winners of events, volunteers, and contributors to PBP Earth Day Celebration. A special award was dedicated to the groups/families that completed community clean-up projects "on the rez." The impressive plaque will be on display at the government center, and as more clean-up projects are completed, more names will be added to the plaque. For 2002, the PBP Nation recognized projects by the Trashbusters (Mary Young, Juanita Jessepe, Joe Jessepe, and Mary Lewis), the Cooldogz (Jubby Masquat, Marquis Hernandez, Simone and Bishiwe Noriega, Cass Cadue, and Mykayla Hernandez), and the Trash Tribe (Julia Masquat, Din Masquat, Dave, Jerry, Cass, and Jewel Cadue, and Marquis Hernandez). Fourteen groups have already signed up for 2003 projects, but the Earth Day Committee would like to recognize many more at next year's celebration. Earth Day T-shirts are also still available for those completing a project. If interested, please contact Sharon Bosse at (785) 966-2946.

The PBP Earth Day Committee would again like to thank all of the volunteers, participants, departments, and organizations for their invaluable contributions. We appreciate your efforts to maintain and improve the wonderful community that we are all very fortunate to be a part of. We also extend special "thank you" to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and children that made Earth Day a family event.



To give the reader a glimpse of the Earth Day, Community Day celebration, the following photos are some of the various type of events that occurred at the Prairie People's Park: Virginia LeClere registering participants for the run, walk or bike ride; Sharon Anderson with the tree/shrub giveaway; Nathan Hale at the finish of the 12-mile Bike Ride; Environmental Fashion Show with model and designer; PBP's EMT's providing a bike rodeo/safety check; and "Stray" who participated in the 3-mile predictor walk, he didn't qualify for the neat t-shirt each participant received. See you at the Park for next year's events!



PBP Earth Day 2003 Winners

3-Mile Run

Female 0-12 1st Place: Stacy Martin
Male 0-12 1st Place: David Martin
2nd Place: Derek Martin

Female 13-17 1st Place: Wahba Masquat
2nd Place: TIE Stephanie McClure & Tommi Pahmahmie

Female 18-49 1st Place: Rhonda Levaldo
Male 18-49 1st Place: Cody Hubbard

Overall Female: Stacy Martin
Overall Male: Cody Hubbard

6-Mile Run

Female 0-12 1st Place: Lan Danielson
Male 0-12 1st Place: Daniel Martin

Female 13-17 1st Place: Tarissa Danielson
Male 13-17 1st Place: Andrew Wahweotten
2nd Place: Sock Johnson
3rd Place: Bud Danielson

Male 18-49 1st Place: Denny Gayton

Overall Female: Tarissa Danielson
Overall Male: Denny Gayton

3-Mile Bike Ride

Female 0-12 1st Place: Carmen Wakole
2nd Place: Liana
3rd Place: Shawn Jackson
Male 0-12 1st Place: Pam Johnson
2nd Place: Stevie Wahweotten
3rd Place: Jerry Cadue

Male 13-17 1st Place: Daniel Criqui

Female 18-49 1st Place: T.J. Kitchkommie
2nd Place: Anna Boswell
Male 18-49 1st Place: David Criqui
2nd Place: Mike Boswell

Overall Female: Carmen Wakole
Overall Male: Daniel Criqui

12-Mile Bike Ride

Female 18-49 1st Place: Pam Sumner
Male 18-49 1st Place: Nathan Hale
2nd Place: Cody Nozhackum

Overall Female: Pam Sumner
Overall Male: Nathan Hale

3-Mile Predictor's Walk

Female 0-12 1st Place: Lan Danielson
2nd Place: Kaitlan Quintana
3rd Place: Carmen Wakole
Male 0-12 1st Place: Evan Evans
2nd Place: Marquis Hernandez
3rd Place: Jerry Cadue

Female 13-17 1st Place: TIE Tarissa Danielson & Stephanie McClure
2nd Place: Tommi Pahmahmie
3rd Place: Carrie Garrison
Male 13-17 1st Place: Bud Danielson
2nd Place: David Potts
3rd Place: Caleb Wahwassuck

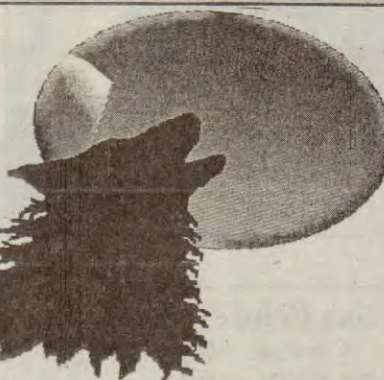
Female 18-49 1st Place: Carolyn Begay
2nd Place: Linda Zimmerman
3rd Place: Debra Matchie
Male 18-49 1st Place: Jr. Wahweotten
2nd Place: Michael Keltner
3rd Place: Rick Rector

Female 50+ 1st Place: Hedy Noland
2nd Place: Arlene Wahwassuck
3rd Place: Aurora Martin
Male 50+ 1st Place: Ralph Tecumseh
2nd Place: Leland Matchie
3rd Place: Wesley Begay

Overall Female: Tarissa Danielson & Stephanie McClure
Overall Male: Evan Evans

Earth Day Logo Contest Winners:
Sarah Anderson, 7
Kwaki Spoonhunter, 5

Earth Day Writing Contest Winners:
Roseanna Lewis, 10th Grade RVHS
Zacery McCullough, 5th Grade Delia Grade School
Tamara Pahmahmie, 8th Grade, RVMS



L-R: Scott, Jake, and Don of Hydrologic, Lawrence, KS. This photo shows the crew actually punching the geoprobe into the soil down at PT 33.



The Quest for Mbish

In May 2002, the Administration for Native Americans awarded the Nation a grant to evaluate the feasibility of developing groundwater sources on the reservation. This past week, employees of the engineering firm of Burns & McDonnell, Kansas City, Missouri, accompanied by Greg Wold, PBPB Biologist, could be seen at six different sites as they began initial work on the aquifer study. The Geologists are using a geo-probe that is permanently attached to a vehicle. The point of the probe has sensors connected to a laptop computer which reveals a schematic composition as the geo-probe is penetrated into the earth's surface. The composition will ultimately provide information as to the likelihood of water in alluvium or glacial deposits beneath the PBPB.

In addition to Burns & McDonnell Engineering, Strader Drilling Company of Holton, Kramer Engineering of Topeka, and Hydro-logic of Lawrence, KS, will also provide knowledge and expertise to complete the exploration study.

Upon successful completion of the water study the Nation will have an opportunity to submit a follow-up grant to further enhance water exploration and availability. Future growth and planning of the Nation will depend upon the availability of water. If you have additional questions about the grant program please contact Diane Robb, Tribal Grant Writer.



PBPB Welcomes Visitor From France

Promotional advertising does pay! Canadian student, Jevremovie Violeta, located the PBPB website and was able to contact Jackie Mitchell to visit our Nation and learn more about the Potawatomi and obtain information to complete her Master thesis. Jevremovie is originally from France but her parents originated from Yugoslavia; and, although she lives in two cultures and two countries, her heart is in France. Her curiosity as to why nothing was shown more about the person who wore feathers in the cowboy and Indian movie theme prompted her to write her paper on 'who that man was in feathers.' In opening a history book on Native American tribes, she found the Potawatomi. She also wondered why the Potawatomi was so scattered. Jevremovie will be sending a copy to PBPB. (Photo on right)



Community celebrates with Social Service's Open House held at the Rock Building.



Language Survey Drawing Completed: and the winners are

By Mary Young

Alberta Marshno, one of the PBPB language instructors, drew the winning names for the language survey drawing. The items and winners are as follows:

- Varsity Bag: Deanna L. Roberts, Allen, Oklahoma;
- Cosmetic Bag: Rebecca Wood, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
- Pendleton Vest: Lyman Shipshee, Mayetta, Kansas; and,
- Sheryl K. Wright of Freeport, Texas won the Pendleton blanket.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Beginning adult classes are held from 7 pm—9 pm Tuesday evenings.
Semi-fluent/advanced classes are held 7 pm—9 pm Wednesday evenings.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

are available nationwide to qualified tribal members through the

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Housing Programs include:

- Down payment assistance
- Renovation and repair assistance
- Relocation assistance

For more information contact the PBPB Housing Department
toll-free at 1-866-966-2756
or visit our website at pbpnation.org/housing

NEWSPAPER INFORMATION

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A wellness pledge to begin your day

By Mary Young

We talk about health and wellness as well as our many aches and pains and gripes in our daily walk; sometimes the aches and pains far exceed any thought of health and well-being, sometimes we just get on the treadmill of negativity. Mind you, this is not to say there isn't pain or our griping isn't justified, but we can dwell on these thoughts daily until they become a part of our self and life. We've all done this at one time in our life's walk.

To get beyond the grips of negativity, to be able to take some time at the beginning of each day with positive thinking or prayer, will not only enrich our lives but will create a change in our surroundings. Our quiet time will set the pace for the day; and, the stresses during the day may be less because of the positive attitude and energy expended toward the path of wellness.

The following has been offered at each Wellness & Women Conference held each year sponsored by the Health Promotion Programs of the University of Oklahoma and printed in the Health & Wellness section of the PBPB News March 2002 issue. Maybe your life journey has brought you to this point:

Wellness Pledge

My life journey has brought me to a place where I am able to openly and freely participate in the building of healthy communities. As I come to-

gether with my relatives:

- I pledge to greet each and every day with a renewed spirit.
- I pledge to open myself, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to learning every day.
- I pledge to respect myself and those around me while traveling on my path of wellness.
- I pledge to honor my spirit by abstaining from the use of alcohol, and all illicit drugs, as well as the nontraditional use of tobacco.
- I pledge to take part in positive activities that will help me along my path of wellness.
- I pledge to respect nature.
- I pledge to show compassion and dignity.
- I pledge to rekindle old friendships and to build new ones.
- I pledge to honor my family and all of my relations.

My name is _____. I make these pledges for today . . . and for my future journey in wellness.

Repeating the Wellness Pledge on a daily basis can change the way of thinking; saying the pledge will at least make a person aware that they are in control and not the circumstances.

Building Futures Today

By Donica Nanez

In all your deliberations in the Council, in your efforts at lawmaking, in all your official acts, self-interest shall be cast into oblivion. Cast not away the warnings of any others, if they should chide you for any error or wrong you may do, but return to the way of the Great Law, which is just and right.

Look and listen for the welfare of the whole people and have always in view not only the present but also the coming generations, even those whose faces are yet beneath the surface of the earth - the unborn of the future Nation.

--Constitution of the Five Nations

What is a bond?

A bond is a form of debt. People borrow money everyday such as interest bearing loans for credit card balances, car loans, and mortgages. A bond is similar.

Large organizations such as the government and corporations all need to borrow money at some point in time but unlike you and me, it is very difficult for them to get as much money as they need and then promise to pay it back the next day. Instead, bonds are sold to the public, in set increments normally around \$1,000 and the organization not only agrees to pay back that set amount, but also a little extra for that privilege.

Bonds are also known as fixed income because the amount of income the bond will generate each year is "fixed" or set when the bond is sold.

There are four types of bonds:

- Federal Government, U.S. Government bonds called Treasuries because they are sold by the Treasury Department. They come in different "maturities" or lengths of time from three months to thirty years. Savings Bonds fall under this category. Because this particular bond is so well known, it will be focused on at the end of the column.
- Other Government agencies and semi-government agencies like the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal

Home Loan Mortgage (Freddie Mac) etc., sell bonds that are backed by the faith and credit of the U.S. The federal government does not go bankrupt; if they owe money, they just print more!

- Corporate Bonds. Companies sell debt just as they sell stock. These bonds usually have higher interest rates than government bonds because there is a higher risk. A company can go bankrupt. Companies whose credit is pretty shoddy issue junk bonds, below investment grade.
- Municipal Bonds are state and local government issued. Unlike the Federal Government, local governments CAN go bankrupt; Orange County California is an example. The only way to get more income is to raise taxes so the interest rates that are offered are always higher. These are also tax-free on interest paid.

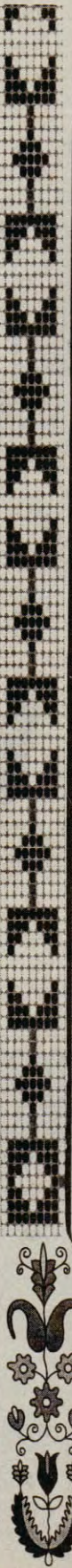
Savings Bonds

Savings Bonds are the most familiar to all of us. These bonds are the most popular. A person can buy savings bonds for a small amount of money; the minimum investment is \$25. Bonds are sold at all banks. They are a lower risk than most investments since the U.S. guarantees them, and if lost, stolen, or destroyed, they can be replaced.

There are no commissions or similar fees, which makes them very attractive to those of us who have very little money to invest and want the most out of our money. The interest on a Savings Bond is exempt from state and local income tax; but you will have to pay taxes when you do cash in your bond. Also, you may hold your bond until it stops earning interest in thirty years and then cash it in. There are also a variety of bonds such as: EE, E, Series I, Series HH, speak to your personal banker to see which would better suit you and your needs.

Remember, they also make great gifts. Banks have gift certificates and will notify the recipient that a bond has been ordered for them.

Generally bonds are a safe investment. The higher the ratings the better quality of the bond, the lowest being junk bonds.



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PBP Transit Program: Transit Fare Charges to begin May 19

By Ahnah Wahwassuck, Manager

Currently our ridership is increasing after the slow down from the beginning of the year. I have HEARD of some complaints regarding the program not running during the weekend, but I personally have not received any of these complaints.

Finally, finally, finally..... tickets are done. We will be able to contact the programs that are sponsoring passengers at the beginning of May to get those passengers squared away. Mid May we WILL begin the actual fare charges for other passengers financially capable of paying the fare. To give a more definite date, we'll start May 19, 2003. If you know anyone that would like to sponsor a passenger or you yourself would like to sponsor someone please let me know through email, interoffice request, phone or come by and see me and I will get the paperwork started and then hand over the tickets. Keep in mind that these fare charges will be helping to support this program. We are currently running on an extremely slim budget and these fares will help with the actual operating costs of this program.

I have heard some people say that they would refuse to pay any type of fare no matter what the charge is to ride the transit buses. To tell the truth it's a lot cheaper than most cities and towns to just ride to the next block, and a lot cheaper than paying people gas money to catch a ride to the nearest store. (Just a little known fact to remember.) Please, please, please if you or if you know of anyone with complaints regarding this transit program I urge you to forward these complaints to me here at the Road and Bridge shop as soon as possible. If I don't hear about these complaints personally or don't find out about them at the time someone is complaining then I am unable to handle the complaint.

Remember the automotive repairman's phrase (you know the one where you end up paying for the mechanic to just literally just stand there and look at your car): "When you don't say what's wrong then I guess there ain't nothing wrong."

| Item | Make | VIN | Year | Mileage |
|------|------------------------|--------------------|------|---------|
| 1 | Chevy 1/2 ton truck | 1GCEKL9RXTE258505 | 96 | 111910 |
| 2 | Ford Crown vic | 2FALP71W3SX153342 | 95 | 126569 |
| 3 | Ford Crown vic | 2FALP71W3SX153291 | 95 | 118202 |
| 4 | Ford Crown Vic | 2FALP71W5SX153343 | 95 | 101106 |
| 5 | Ford Crown Vic | 1FALP71W5SX153455 | 95 | 110033 |
| 6 | Jeep Cherokee | 1J4FJ68S3RL177907 | 94 | 114040 |
| 7 | GMC truck | 1GTHK39N5PE539885 | 93 | 121904 |
| 8 | Toyota Corolla | JT2TE72L1B0606112 | 84 | 127339 |
| 9 | Jeep Cherokee | 1JCMT7799JT017237 | 88 | 173722 |
| 10 | Ford Crown vic | 2FALP71W9TX163746 | 96 | 88408 |
| 11 | Ford Crown vic | 2FALP71W1TX163739 | 96 | 125718 |
| 12 | Chevy van | 1GNEG25H7K7171339 | 89 | 159832 |
| 13 | Chevy van | 1GNDM19WXXVB154950 | 97 | 12273 |
| 14 | Chevy bus 15-passenger | 1GBHG31K0SF190032 | 95 | 72874 |





The Prairie Band Gift Shop

Come in for a really great gift.

The Prairie Band Gift Shop, owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, features items such as silver, turquoise, and Black Hills gold jewelry. They also have Pendleton blankets and clothing, Native American beadwork and many other great gifts and collectibles. We're located inside Harrah's* Prairie Band Casino. For more information, call 1-785-966-7713.



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Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold thru a sealed bid response. These vehicles will be available for review and inspection at the PBP Nation Police Station located at 16344 Q Rd., Mayetta Ks. 66509 on Tuesday May 13th and Wednesday May 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ONLY.

All those interested in bidding on these vehicles must submit their sealed bid to Mickey Martinez, at the Government Center 16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, Ks. By the end of the business day on May 21st, 2003. The envelope must list the item number and the make and year of the vehicle you are bidding on. The bids will be time stamped upon receipt and will be opened on the 22nd of May 2003. The successful bidder will be notified promptly and must present payment in full to the Prairie Band Potawatomi and show proof of insurance prior to obtaining the vehicle. All vehicles must be removed from the Reservation no later than May 30th 2003.

If you have any questions please call Mickey Martinez at 785-966-3939.

*Please note: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reserves the right to accept and or reject any and or all bids received.

Everyone Invited
Haskell Indian Nations University
Commencement 2003

Friday, May 9, 2003
 10:00 a.m.
 Coffin Sport Complex
 Haskell Indian Nations University
 Lawrence, Kansas

Randy Lockman II

Born June 20, 1985
 Parents: Margaret and Randy Lockman

Randy will be graduating from River Cities High School in Wisconsin Rapids, WI on June 6, 2003. As of third quarter, Randy's current grade point average is 4.00.

Randy has been employed at Rapids True Value Hardware store for over 2 years and his employer says, "Randy is a valued employee, is a good asset in the store and to our customers. We appreciate his efforts."

Randy joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard on March 7, 2003. His basic training will start in July and run for approximately fourteen weeks at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Randy plans to return to school after basic training; subject unknown at this time.

Also, Randy is a leader - not a follower.

Randy's mother



Biography of Rebecca (Kee-Wah) Parker 2003 Senior Sherman Indian High School Riverside California

Rebecca Parker graduated at mid-term 2003 from Sherman Indian High School at Riverside, California. Rebecca will participate in her 2003 class commencement on June 6, 2003. She is a valedictorian candidate of her high school senior class. Currently, Kee-Wah is attending Riverside Community College.

Kee Wah has worked hard to accomplish her many personal dreams and looks forward to accomplishing much more in her life. To name a few of her accomplishments:

Kickapoo Pow-Wow- Princess 1999-2000
 Potawatomi Gathering Princess 2001-2002
 Played International Basketball at New Zealand and Sidney, Australia 2002
 Rookie of the Year for the years 1999-2002



Capping off Rebecca's sports career for the past four years, she will be inducted into the Riverside Sports Hall of Fame, Riverside California as "Top All-Around Athlete from 2001 to 2003" on May 15, 2003 along with other Olympic athletes.

In summer 2002, she was accepted into the Harvard University Summer School. Due to lack of funds, she was unable to attend. Rebecca has been accepted into Berkley University for the fall semester 2003.

Her family and parents, Frank and Nora Parker, are very proud of her accomplishments.

Submitted by Frank & Nora Parker

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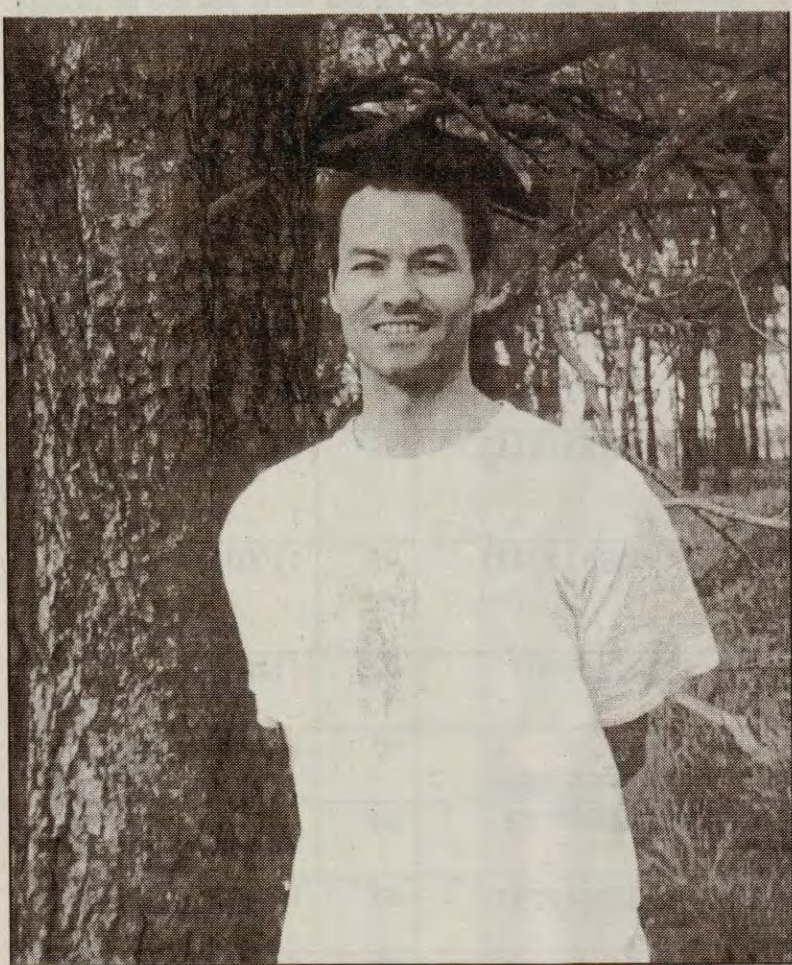
Best Wishes in Your
 Future Endeavors



Laury Shopteese-Hernandez will be graduating from the School of Nursing at Washburn University. The Commencement Exercises will be located at the Lee Arena Petro Allied Health Center on May 17, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. and a Recognition Ceremony for Baccalaureate Nurse Graduates at 12:00 noon at the White Concert Hall located on the west side of the campus.

Laury resides in Topeka, Kansas with her four children; Aleeshia 18, Kees and Vanessa 16, and Pe-Qwas 6. In the future, she plans to gain experience at a local hospital, preferably on the Medical Unit. Eventually, her long term goal is to seek employment at a long-term health care facility.

At this time, Laury would like to extend an invitation to all family and friends who would like to attend the graduation.



Daniel Taylor Dyer Prairie Band Potawatomi Haskell Indian Nations University Graduate Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science

Accomplishments: Gates Millennium Scholar, various times on the Dean's and President's Honor Roll, served on the PBP Nation Constitution Committee and Alternative Energy Committees "I would like to point out that I could never have achieved my educational goals without the generous financial, emotional and spiritual support of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Bill and Melinda Gates, the staff, students, and faculty of Haskell Indian Nations University and my family, especially Marysa Sacerdote and Tara Dyer Sacerdote."



Michael Schneider, Airman 1st Class, son of tribal member Mike Jensen and his wife Julie, graduated from Air Force Boot camp in February is now in advanced training in Texas. Michael will be a member of the 190th Air Refueling Group at Forbes AB when he returns. He also plans on attending Kansas State University.



Mary L. Young will participate in the Certificate and Awards Ceremony, School of Applied Studies, at Washburn University on May 17, 2003. Mary completed her studies in Alcohol and Drug Counseling during the fall semester of 2002 and is "by the virtue of education and experience eligible to practice alcohol and other drug abuse counseling in licensed/certified alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs in the State of Kansas." Mary interned at Mirror, Inc., a facility to assist clients that are newly released from prison and to provide structure and support for individuals on post-release supervision.



Josette Berryhill
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Parents: Larry & Emily Berryhill
Jackson Heights High School Graduate

Plans to attend Kansas University



Allison Catron
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Rossville High School Graduate



Jake Houston
(Keishmak)
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Parents: Doug and Peggy Houston
Royal Valley High School Graduate

Plans to attend Johnson County Community College

Graduate of Kaw Area Vo-Tech Automotive Technology, Member of varsity Track & Field, and varsity Basketball

"Thank you to the tribe for all of the incredible support throughout the years, also to friends, relatives, and teachers."



Justin Jackson
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Royal Valley High School Graduate
Parents: James & Judy Jackson



Thomas Jim
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Kickapoo Nation High School Graduate
Parents: Tom & Sandi Jim



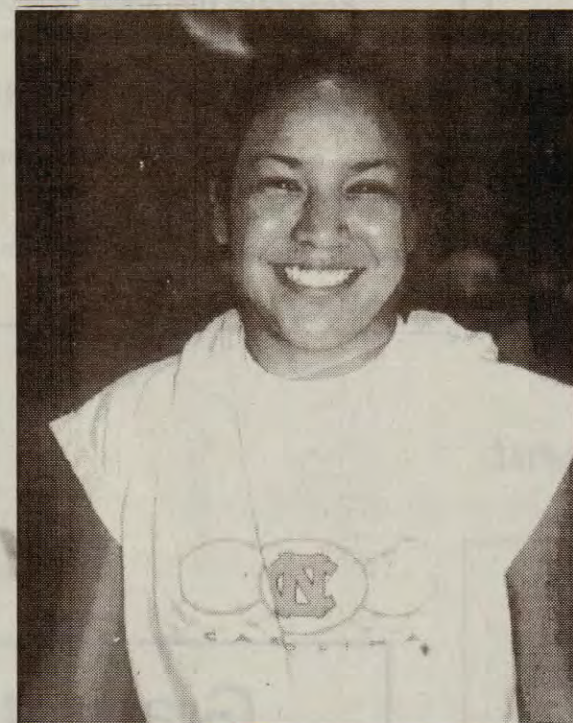
Ne-Zat LeClere
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Royal Valley High School Graduate
Parent: Donita Mattwaoshshe



Josie Pahmahmie
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Royal Valley High School Graduate
Parents: Henry & Joan Pahmahmie



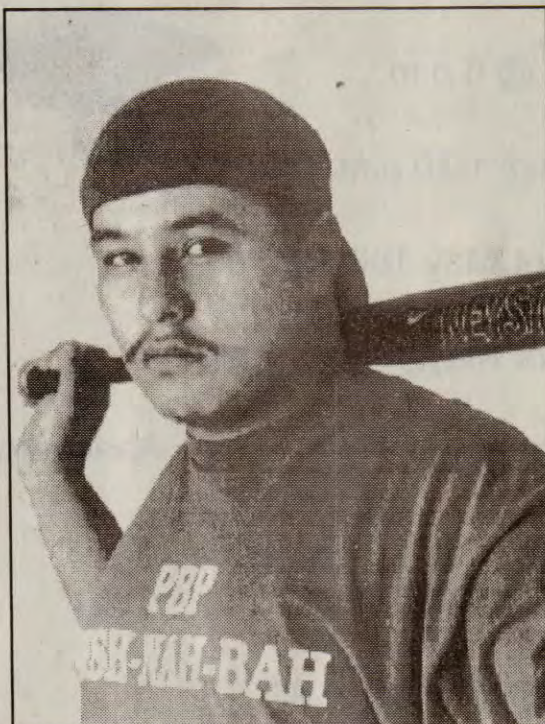
Nez-Zat Shipshee
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Royal Valley High School Graduate
Parents: Lyman & Norma Shipshee



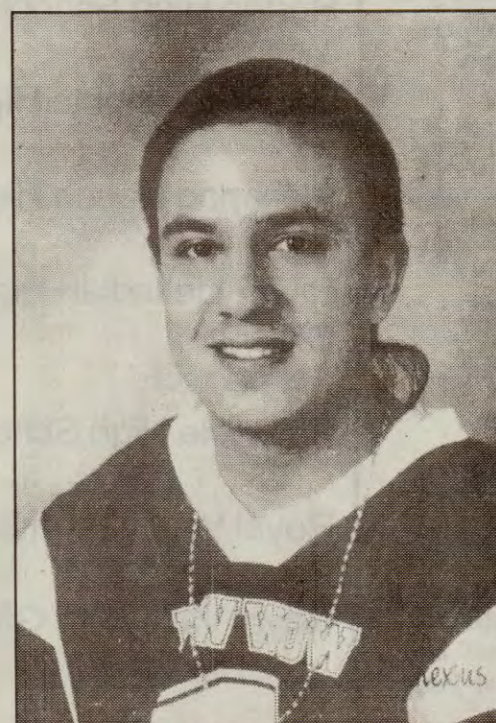
Amber Tecumseh
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Royal Valley High School Graduate
Parents: Ralph & Linda Tecumseh



Amber Wahweotten
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Royal Valley High School Graduate
Parents: Warren & Gina Wahweotten



Tim Wahweotten
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Kickapoo Nation High School Graduate
Parents: Warren & Gina Wahweotten



John Joseph Martinez
Shash-Pek-Shek

Prairie Band Potawatomi
Topeka High School Graduate

Proud Parents:
Renae Sota
Antonio B. Martinez

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GRADUATES

12th Grade Graduates Student Recognition Night 2003

Bahret, JD
Jackson Heights HS
Berryhill, Josette
Jackson Heights HS
Catron, Allison
Rossville HS
Daniels, Mandy
Royal Valley HS
Danielson, Miyah
Riverside Indian HS
Degand, Jamie
Royal Valley
Hyatt, Crystalynn
Holton HS
Houston, Jacob
Royal Valley HS
Jackson, Justin
Royal Valley HS
Jim, Thomas
Kickapoo Nation HS
LeClere, Ne-Zat
Royal Valley HS
McKinney, Roxanna
Jackson Heights HS
Mendez, Manny
Jackson Heights HS
Pahmahmie, Josie
Royal Valley HS
Pullen, Jessica
Holton HS
Shipshee, Nez-Zat
Royal Valley HS
Tecumseh, Amber
Royal Valley HS
Thossell, Kristina
Royal Valley HS
Van Zile, Keenan
Holton HS
Wahweotten, Amber
Royal Valley
Wahweotten, Tim
Kickapoo Nation HS
Whitetail, Ashley
Royal Valley HS

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Royal Valley Graduate Supper

Everyone Welcome

"Pot Luck Supper"
at
Prairie
People's Park
on Sunday,
May 18th, 2003
at
6:00 p.m.

Bring your own table-
ware, a covered dish,
lawn chair, and a few
good jokes.

Hosted by Families &
Friends of Graduates

Congratulations

Graduates



Wishing

you

success!



Miyah Danielson
Riverside Indian High School



Jamie Degand
Parents: Jim and Cindy Degand
Royal Valley High School Graduate



Keenan Van Zile
Holton High School Graduate
Parents: Warren & Sydney Van Zile



Manny Mendez
Jackson Height High School Graduate



Kristina Lynn Throssell
(Wes-Ke-Shaw)
Tohono Oodham (Papago) & Potawatomi
Parents: Maureen & Kevin Throssell

Royal Valley High School Graduate
Honor Roll 1st & 2nd Semester

Plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University

"Thanks to everyone who helped me through my
years of school."

"I am also getting my CDA in Child Care from Vo-
Tech."



Ashley Whitetail
Royal Valley High School Graduate
Parents: Perk & Paula Whitetail



Jarod Bahret
Citizen Band Potawatomi
Parents: Earl & Julie Bahret
Jackson Heights High School Graduate

Plans to attend Hutchinson Community College

All County Offensive Lineman, DVL 2nd Team Of-
fensive Lineman, Topeka Capital Journal Honorable
Mention Offensive Lineman, 2A State BB Champs

Birth Announcement



Mani Gail Marie Quick
at 2 weeks old
Birthday: December 23, 2002

Mother of Mani, Karla Quick, reports that she had
complications with pregnancy, creating a delay in
getting information to the newspaper. Karla is the
daughter of Sylvia Mattwaoshshe, and the late Karl
Frye; she is the great granddaughter of the late
Dolly Mattwaoshshe. Other relatives listed are
grandmother Christine Stone (deceased) and Paul
Stone (living).

Graduation Dates and Times

Holton High School May 18 @ 6 p.m.

Horton High School May 18 @ 1:30 p.m.

Jackson Heights High School May 18th @ 2 p.m.

Kickapoo Nation High School May 10th @ 2 p.m.

Riverside Indian High School May 29th @ 10 am Anadarko,
OK

Rossville High School May 18th @ 5 pm

Royal Valley High School May 18th @ 2 pm

Royal Valley 8th Grade May 21st @ 7 pm RV High School gym

8th Grade Graduates

Anderson, Kacie - RVMS

Cadue, Kendra - Holton

Catron, Megan - Delia

Catron, Sara - Delia

Evans, William - RVMS

Hill, Lisa - Emmett

Houston, Lindsey - RVMS

Jessepe, Angela - RVMS

Jessepe, Robert - RMVS

Jim, Tonya - RVMS

Jones BigBoy, Autumn - RVMS

Klubber, Rikki - RVMS

Lewis, Patty - RVMS

Masquat, Wahba - RVMS

Matchie, Amanda - RVMS

McClure, Stephanie - RVMS

Mitchell, Tara - RVMS

Mzhickteno, Crystal - RVMS

OToole, Kavan - RVMS

Pahmahmie, Tamara - RVMS

Potts, David - RVMS

Potts, Jesse - Eisenhower MS

Primm, Jaimie - Holton

Purtee, Justin - Chase

Slater, Annie - Jackson Heights

Streeter, Joshua - RVMS

Wahquahboshkuk, Marcus - RVMS

Wahrweotten, Krystle - Delia

Garcia, Ella - RVMS

April 2003

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Wellness & Women XI Conference

Ma Dos

April 5-10, 2003 - **Wow!** (Wonderful, Opportunity, and much Wisdom) - that simple word best describes the Native American Women's Wellness Conference in sunny San Diego, California. I love positive activities such as this conference and usually strive to spread the wealth of information to others at home that did not have the opportunity to attend, knowing the full impact of the conference can't be shared.

One way that I can share a very important piece of this information is through an idea that was generated when hearing of a \$1,000 diabetes mini grant offered by the Association of American Indian Physicians. During the keynote address, announcements were made requesting everyone to stop by the diabetes booth to pick up this packet to apply for the mini grant.

I was more than happy to do that as I've been involved in walks on other health related issues such as the American Heart Association, the Diabetes Association, and a few local wellness walks.

We all have our diabetes stories and are aware of the rampant spread of it on our reservation. We all know that the best approach is prevention, aiming to counterattack diabetes before it begins. We would all be happy if we could prevent diabetes from entering our lives. Since that is not the situation for many of us, we approach methods that will positively impact a community - whether it be prevention or treatment.

With prevention and treatment in mind, my target audience will be the Nation's tribal employees. Currently our Nation's Diabetes Program is administered through our Indian Health Service in Holton, KS. It's a good education outreach type of service with our nurse, David Cornelius, administering the program. He conducts regular education classes at the Elderly Center here on our Reservation.

The classes are held during the elder's activity period which does not always allow for tribal employees the time to attend these sessions. Currently, the Nation employees have an allotted time period, which allows employees to include exercise as part of their workday routine. The Nation employees also have exercise stations on the Rez - whether it

be required (such as firemen/women), Boys & Girls Club, or at the Government Center's exercise parlor (four exercise equipment pieces privately tucked away in the maintenance headquarters in the basement).

Everyone knows the benefits of a regular exercise program. With today's hectic scheduling in mind, we find a million and one excuses not to exercise. How is the saying, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." By simply having the exercise equipment available for our employees, the opportunity is there for exercising. But, how many employees actually take advantage of this unique opportunity? The number is rather small and it is usually the same few people that take part in other exercise programs that use the equipment.

With a t-shirt incentive program in place, we will be taking the preventive measure one step further. By walking the required amount of miles, employees will be allowed to get a t-shirt after accumulating their 50 miles.

If you've ever started an exercise program, you will recall that the most difficult part of that program was actually getting started. It's too easy to procrastinate. Usually, tomorrow, tomorrow for sure, just doesn't come!

This "walk for a t-shirt to better health approach," encouraging walking as a preventive health measure, is only a first step. Even though the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation provides a very generous health package for its employees, preventive health measures are currently not encouraged or widely practiced by our Nation's employees.

We have become a society that loves t-shirts, expecting a t-shirt as a reward for most activities that we participate in nowadays. That is why we have chosen a "walk for a t-shirt" incentive to prevent/treat diabetes plan. The current Diabetes Program is directed at the entire community, our proposed target group is the Nation's tribal employees.

The main idea here is to prompt more people into beginning their own personal walk program that could lead to a lifetime healthy habit. The benefits of walking are not only limited to diabetes prevention/treatment; walking is an overall health advantage that will aid in losing pounds/inches, lowering blood pressure, assist in blood circulation, alleviate

stress - not to mention, look and feel better! The bottom line is that the benefits of walking could fill a whole page!

Soon as I got back from San Diego, I began visiting with David Cornelius and Larry Barnes as he had some type of walk program already going. This mini grant is designed to be a cooperative work effort. The details are being ironed out and we'll throw our name in the hat for the monies and we'll work together to develop this into a Rez effort!

Other Goodies!!!

A keynote speaker at the Women's Wellness Conference was Iris Heavy Runner. Her presentation was dynamic. She is one of these fortunate people that had the advantage of being raised by her grandpar-

entations were so informative/educational that there really wasn't enough time to get through all that we wanted to hear.

While we were there, a money collection of over \$1,000 was taken for Pfc. Lori Piestewa, the Hopi and Navajo native, who lost her life during Operation Iraqi Freedom mission. Two ladies from her hometown knew Lori and her parents, assuring the women that Lori's two young children being left behind would be well taken care of as Lori had wonderful parents. They also wanted to clarify some misinformation that was being passed out by rumors. Rumor was that Hopi and Navajo were always fighting one another. They wanted it known that information was not true as they get along just fine.

Being at midlife, my only complaint at the Women's Wellness was that they didn't have much to offer the menopausal woman! Oh well, life goes on!



National speakers at Wellness & Women XI Conference are (left to right) Iris Heavy Runner and Prairie Band member, Venida Chenault. Ms. Chenault spoke on "Culturally-Based Models for Ending Violence & Abuse Against Indigenous Women"

ents. Her elder teachings, which she grew up with, are now all incorporated into her present day presentations.

A recommendation that will be made to the local Wellness Planning Committee is that we bring Iris Heavy Runner as one of the presenters at our Wellness Workshop. Her presence, alone, is moving. She is truly a "must meet" type of person. Our own local HINU instructor, Venida Chenault was a presenter at this conference, generating a lively discussion during her session. Venida and Iris' pres-



Potawatomi girls contribute to Topeka Komotion softball team success



Back row: Sara Catron, Jordan Bigham, Tara Mitchell, Nicki Fiedler, Autumn Jones, Kelsey Wankentime, Courtney Brown
Front row: Romana Nozhackum, Ashley Schaffer, Daniel Pelc, Kate Medrano, Cassandra Pelc, Krista Catron
Coaches: Jon Brown, Mike Brooks, Joel Warkentine, and Steve Chaffee

The Topeka Komotion Girls Softball Team recently placed second in an American Fastpitch Association 14 and under Fastpitch tournament in Basehor, Kansas.

The team won three games and lost none in the pool section of the tournament on Saturday and won two straight on Sunday before losing 7-5 in the championship game to a team that they had beaten on Saturday. The difference in this game for two tired teams was a great catch off a long fly ball in the bottom of the seventh inning, with the bases loaded, that ended the game.

By placing second in this tournament, the team qualifies for a later AFA national tournament.

The team includes Potawatomi tribal mem-

bers: Sara Catron, Tara Mitchell, Ramona Nozhackum, and Krista Catron.

Many other members of the team come from the local area and practiced weeks at the Potawatomi ball-field before this tournament and this hard work paid off on this weekend.

Opposing teams commented on how well the team played and how it looked like they had played together for years. This is the first year together as the Topeka Komotion team, although some of the girls had played on other teams for the last few years.

They will play in a league in Topeka and welcome friends and relatives to come out and see their game.

Calling All Summer Sports Teams—

Coaches, please, get your schedule in for printing in next newspaper!!!

Press Release... for immediate release.....

April 25, 2003

Prairie Band Potawatomi serve their country with pride.

Sgt. Shawn M. Walker is a mechanic in the U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 108th

Aviation Unit. Sgt Walker is a divorced single father and custodial parent of two girls ages 7 and 4 years old. He is the son of Cecil Walker (Holton High School class of '70) who resides in Orlando, Florida and Grandson of Vestina Nonken of Holton, Kansas.

Sgt Walker was activated in September of 2002 to full time active duty. In December of 2002, he and his 120-member unit

were shipped to Germany for additional training and in January to their current destination, somewhere in Bosnia. The role of the U.S. Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Unit, is to assist in stabilization of the country of Bosnia. Sgt Walker is scheduled to be on station in Bosnia for 18 months. This will "hopefully" bring him home in June of 2004.

His mailing address is:

SGT Shawn M Walker
C. Company/TF 1-108th AVN
OJF Eagle Base
APO, AE 09789

We are all-proud of Sgt. Walker and pray for his safe return.

Shawn Walker's photo to right.



Pursuing a Dentistry Career

By Mary Young

In doing research and contacting the Marquette University School of Dentistry's Admissions office, the following information was given but as a prospective student, your job would be to research dental schools and learn what their prerequisites and what pre-dental college work is required. Pre-dental college students need to remember to attend an accredited college or university for admission to dental studies. Some FYI, Marquette school statistics for the 1999-2000-school enrollment, American Indians ranked 4 or 1% out of 294 students.

If you were a high school student, your academic advisor would be able to assist you in taking college preparatory coursework. If you are nearing completion of high school, seeking admission to a college or university is very important; financial aid as well as the necessary applicable tests would need to be scheduled - tests such as GRE, SAT and ACT.

A Dental College Admission Test (DAT) must be taken with acceptable scores to be admitted to the program. For help in preparing for the DAT, check with your public library for the "How to prepare for the dental admission test."

According to the Dental Admission Testing Program (DATP) website, "Successful participation in the Dental Admission Testing Program requires completion of at least one year of collegiate education, which should include courses in biology, and general and organic chemistry. Advanced-level biology and physics are not required. Applicants should note that test scores are developed in relationship to all candidates participating in the examination and that most applicants complete two or more years of college before taking the examination. It is suggested that applicants to dental school participate in the DATP well in advance of intended dental school enrollment. It is suggested that applicants participate one year prior to entering dental school."

Now, Marquette University School of Dentistry has a 90-credit prerequisite; they also have a pre-dental scholars program that would take the student three years to complete, with date of completion in seven years. A point to remember is that dental schools do vary with pre-dental education courses as well as admission requirements.

Most universities have a Career Placement Center to assist students, both undergraduate and graduate, as well as alumni, with on-going career development and job search assistance. Career Job Fair's is another way to search for job opportunities. Professional journals would also advertise job opportunities as well as list conferences to upgrade and maintain your skills and knowledge.

The Department of Health and Human Services/Indian Health Service offers a Health Professions Scholarship Program that does provide financial assistance to American Indian and Alaska Native students. As a Potawatomi, you would be eligible because we are a Federally recognized tribe/nation. As an applicant in pre-dentistry, you would have to be enrolled in a bachelor degree program (four year program) in preparation for dental school; to receive assistance, you would have to be in your junior and senior years. If any monies were available, a freshman and sophomore could be funded. There are specific requirements in this program, i.e., "intend to serve Indian people upon completion of professional health care education and training as a health care provider in the discipline/specialty for which the applicant is enrolled at the pre-graduate level and for which the application is submitted... the Service Obligation/requirement is that "a health Professions Scholarship Program recipient serve one year for each year of scholarship support which he/she receives or the part-time equivalent thereof with a minimum service period of two years. After graduation from the health professions program, the IHS scholarship recipients must meet their active duty service obligation as designated by the Director of IHS." Financial support is limited to four academic years or eight years of part-time study, and upon completion qualifies the student for enrollment in dental school. At this point, students would have to meet the continuation eligibility requirements and reapply annually for continuation of support. The student would have to be in good academic standing, enrolled for the next semester/quarter in at least 12 credit hours or 6-11 for part-time and remain full-time or part-time during the current academic year.

Opportunities in dentistry: family general dentistry, hospital general dentistry, dentistry for children, homebound dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, implant dentistry; specialization as an orthodontist, endodontist, periodontist, prosthodontist, and dental hygienist. With American Indians showing up as only 1% in one dental school, the question remains, how many are in the other schools, if at all?

For information regarding dental resources, go to <http://www.webdental.com>. This website will give you information about U.S. dental schools, dental hygiene programs, private educational organizations, associations, dental publications, dental research top search engines and research organizations.

See the following information on dentistry:

U.S. Dental Schools

Baylor College of Dentistry
Boston University
Case Western Reserve University
Columbia University
Commonwealth University
Creighton University
Harvard University
Howard University
Indiana University
Loma Linda University
Louisiana State University
Marquette University
Medical College of Georgia
Medical College of Virginia/Virginia
Medical University of South Carolina
Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry
Minnesota Dental Research Center for Biomaterials and Biomechanics (MDRCBB)
New York University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University
Oregon Health Sciences University
Southern Illinois University
State University of New York at Buffalo
State University of New York at Stony Brook
Temple University
Tufts University
University of Alabama
University of Buffalo
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-San Francisco
University of Colorado School of Dentistry
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Illinois-Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland-Baltimore
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina Department of Orthodontics
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester/Eastman Dental Center
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee College of Dentistry
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center Dental Branch
University of the Pacific
University of Washington
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry
West Virginia University School of Dentistry

Dental Hygiene Programs

Allegheny College Dental Hygiene Program
Eastern Washington University Department of Dental Hygiene
Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists
Idaho State University Department of Dental Hygiene
Johnson County Community College
Lima Technical College Dental Hygiene Program
Marquette University Dental Hygiene Program
Northern Arizona U Dental Hygiene Program
Ohio State
Old Dominion U Dental Hygiene Program
Phoenix College
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Texas A&M Baylor—Caruth School of Dental Hygiene
U Michigan Dental Hygiene Program
U North Carolina Dental School
UC Los Angeles Periodontal Information Service
UC San Francisco Dental Hygiene Program
University of Washington Dental Hygiene Program
Virginia Commonwealth University, Division of Dental Hygiene

Private Educational Organizations

ADEI Advanced Dental Education Institute
Advanced Endodontic Research Group Course
ArcMesa Educators-Online Continuing Education Courses
Association for Dental Education in Europe
CAESY Education Systems
Clinical Research Associates-Non-Profit Dental Research Institute
Davidoff Dental Seminars-Dental Implant Seminars
Dental Implantology Course for Dentists - Manchester, England
Educational Horizons
GPN/University of Nebraska
Health Studies.com/dental/
Las Vegas Institute
Millennium Institute for Advanced Dental Studies
Schedule - Endodontics 101, Automated Endodontics
The Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education

Associations

American Dental Association and Constituents

American Dental Hygienists' Association and Constituents

American Dental Hygienists' Association Component Dental Hygiene Associations

American Dental Assistant Association

Government / Military Dental Sites

Dental Academies, Foundations and Associations

International Dental Associations

Dental Publications

Journals

Magazines, E-Zines and Books

Publishers

Government Research

Dental Research

Top Search Engines

AltaVista

Excite

Google

Lycos

Yahoo

Research Organizations

Clinical Research Associates

Creighton University Research Department

Dental Research Institute

Dental Student Research

DHNet

International and American Associations for Dental Research

Leon Levy Center for Oral Health Research

MEDLINE

Minnesota Dental Research Center for Biomaterials and Biomechanics

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

Naval Dental Research Institute

Research Center at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry

The British Society for Dental Research

UCLA Dental Research Institute

Ask the Dentist

By Jessica A. Rickert, D.D.S.

Dear Dr. Rickert, I am interested in perhaps pursuing a career in dentistry. Can you explain how to start the process, how long college will be, and after you have been practicing for a while, how do you stay abreast of new innovations and new changes in the field?
Caitlyn

Dear Caitlyn,

Let me encourage you to consider entering the dental field. You will be doing a great service for your patients, you'll have enormous personal pride in your career and you will be very well compensated. I have been a general dentist for 28 years, and I have never been bored for even one minute.

You can receive detailed information by reading my book, *Exploring Careers in Dentistry*; this should be at the high school library or public library. I have also sent some copies to the PBPN. Another source is the Society of American Indian Dentists at P. O. Box 15107, Phoenix, Arizona, (602) 954-5160. Finally, the American Dental Association has a website full of information about dental careers at www.ada.org.

There are four career paths in the dental field:

- Dental Assistants help the doctor and work under his/her direction. Two years of college is suggested, with a comprehensive exam at the end. If passed, you can become a Registered Dental Assistant and you can do expanded duties in the office. Many dental assistants receive on-the-job training.
- Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH) clean patients' teeth, take x-rays and impressions, do temporaries and can place sealants and can whiten teeth. They go to college for four years and also have to pass an exam at the end. RDH's are licensed by the individual states, and they have to renew their licenses every year.
- Dental Laboratory Technicians attend college for two or three years. They fabricate dental restorations such as crowns, bridges, and implants, partial and full dentures and orthodontic appliances, following the dentist's written instructions. Most often, they will work in a dental laboratory, which is separate from the dental office.
- The general dentist goes to college (three to four years) and then to dental school (4-1/2 years) for a total of 7-1/2 to 8-1/2 years. To specialize, such as an oral surgeon, requires an additional three years for a total of 10-1/2 to 12-1/2 years.

Young people should begin thinking about their futures in 6th or 7th grade. Definitely, students should take college preparation classes. If the student fol-

lows the advised curriculum for pre-med or pre-dental or pre-engineering, he/she will have the necessary basis to succeed in college. Most pre-dental students end up majoring in a science such as biology or chemistry, because the college pre-requisites to qualify to apply to dental school are many science and math classes. In the fall before you'd like to attend dental school is the time to apply to the school.

Fried Bread Man

The March issue of the Potawatomi Nation News, Linda Sitting Arrow was thanking Fried Bread Man for his help. Fried Bread Man smiled and told Linda that her prayers, tobacco offerings, and faith helped her family and he couldn't take the credit because she did all of the suggestions that was offered to her. Mary continues to ask how Linda's dad is doing.

Linda replies, "Well, dad went back to the Tribal Clinic for pain in both knees. The clinic physician, Dr. Gerald Good Medicine, told dad that he needed to lose weight and start walking. Dad's additional weight was causing the knee pain. Dad's treatment plan arranged by Dr. Good Medicine is to lose ten pounds, and then to begin walking at least a half mile, three times a week," said Linda.

"Do you think your dad will get into the exercise?" asked Joe.

"Dad is sometimes quiet and doesn't seem to share his feelings with us kids," said Linda. "But mom was telling Cassie and myself yesterday that dad had talked to Agnes Dog Soldier, a social worker last week."

"Is there anything wrong Linda?" asked Mary.

"It seems that dad has been experiencing some sadness, difficulty concentrating, low motivation, tired/run down, and difficulty sleeping at night. Dad told mom that Agnes Dog Soldier informed him that he had symptoms of depression. But as a social worker, she further reported, 'couldn't provide the diagnosis, but a psychologist by reading the history, symptoms, assessment, and individual consultation could provide the diagnosis of my dad.' The psychologist is at our clinic one day per month."

"What is the name of the psychologist?" asked Joe. "I think my mom said a Dr. Guy Big Mountain."

"Mom further reported that Wilma Bear, the Clinic Nurse, talked with dad before he left the clinic."

"What did she say?" asked Mary.

"Wilma told dad, 'depression could be related to his uncontrolled Type II Diabetes.' She further reported, 'once his diabetes is under control, the symptoms of depression could either go away or remain with him.'"

"I hope my dad gets better," said Linda.

Fried Bread Man looked up and cleared his voice. "The Sitting Arrow family may think about having a cultural activity, to pray for the elders and sick people," said Fried Bread Man. "Linda, keep your faith so it could be passed on to your dad. Your dad is receiving a lot of healing from you Linda."

At this time, Joe gets up and puts wood on the fire. Mary passes refreshments to each person around the campfire. "Before we go home, I want to talk briefly about traditional spring activities," said Fried Bread Man.

"Spring is here, there is new life in the plant and water world, the four-legged, the winged beings. It's a way of celebration from the winter months. We give thanks for making it through the cold months, that many of our elders are with us," said Fried Bread Man.

"Spring is the beginning of planting gardens and to observe certain signs in the tree kingdom that let us know when to plant certain crops. As we cultivate our gardens we should be singing in our language. April and May is the time for mushrooms and milk-weeds.

"We need to remember to offer our tobacco before we start harvesting and to gather enough to share with our elders. The elders should be offered the best of our harvest, the remainder to be shared with our family. Once the berries start to ripen, give to the elders, do a tobacco offering and pray before eating the food.

"Be thoughtful of our pet animals; make sure we feed and water them everyday. Should a dog be used for squirrel hunting, share with your pet, the remains of the hunted animal."

These are some activities to think about and have a good spring. This concludes the April issue of Fried Bread Man.



Editorials/Opinions/ Letters

Josie Update

Dear Tribal Members,

I am writing to give you an update on Josie. She had her second rib implant surgery on January 21. They also expanded the first one. About four days into her seemingly perfect recovery, she began to have some complications. Josie developed an infection in her bowels and her abdomen was swelling. On the 7th day, she needed emergency, exploratory surgery where they found her bowel had perforated and some tissue had died. They needed to remove 5 cm of her small intestine and 3/4 of her large intestine. She had an ileostomy bag for a little more than two months. Her intestines were reconnected last month at KU Medical Center.

We have an appointment with a specialist at Children's Mercy to evaluate her foot and hopefully tell us when she'll have surgery to correct her foot deformity.

Our next rib surgery is August 20. My husband will be traveling alone with Josie. Our son, Taylor, is starting kindergarten this fall and his first day is August 18. I feel it's very important for at least one of us to be here for that. It is also difficult for the case manager to rearrange surgeries on an already tight schedule. And third, there are two other families that have been scheduled with us, at our request. One of them really wanted us to be there with them for support during their son's first implant process.

Things are going fairly well in the Martin household. Disappointingly, Josie has lost a good bit of progress she had made, developmentally, prior to the last surgery. She was in the hospital for almost five weeks. Most of the progress she had made towards walking was gone. Plus her body was so weak after losing four pounds (1/6 of her weight). Then only two months later she had another significant surgery, setting her back. Progress has definitely been 'two steps forward, one step back.' But she is once again back to her old, assertive self and doing well. I will update you again following her next surgery.
Sincerely,
By Tracy Martin and Family

Letter to Mr. Pahmahmie, Tribal Council, and Tribal Members

My name is Roxanne Wahwassuck-Johnson. I am requesting that this letter be read by tribal council because it is directed to all tribal members. Please read at the April 26, 2003 meeting.

First of all, since I have only learned on 4/16/03 that my children's per capita checks will not be mailed, I will not accept this as legal and binding. I have not received anything in writing, my information is only word of mouth.

Mr. Pahmahmie, you being chairperson and a lawyer, it is you I expect a letter from stating how it is legal to terminate my parental rights as custodian of my children's per capita checks.

I have not received anything in writing from our tribal office stating that my children's per capita checks will be held in trust and specific reasons why. Therefore I will expect their June checks in the mail as they should be.

I also expect ample time from tribal council so that I may acquire proper legal representation. I will not accept being penalized on the basis of a few tribal members.

I know your referendum is not legal. You have no right to terminate my parental rights without proof beyond a reasonable doubt. I voted against your referendum! I did not sign my parental rights over to anyone.

Who is aware that the true job of our tribal government is to raise revenue for the tribe? That is what the casino per cap is about. To gain economic self-sufficiency and Indian self-determination! Also the tribal council was to investigate the individuals guilty of abusing their children's per capita because that is their job.

Therefore they are guilty of not doing their job and they should have to account for their time and how they earn their paycheck.

I can see there was no thought whatsoever placed into this referendum. Is there anyone who looked to the future of their children or grandchildren when you voted? I voted for my children when I voted against this referendum. If you are not preparing your children for their future that is your mistake.

I will tell you what I do with my children's per capita, as well as my own. These dollars go to their school clothes, school supplies, shoes, haircuts, yearbooks and pictures. My per cap also belongs to them! This money lasts all year! Without those checks my children will suffer and do without because of someone else.

This referendum will be the downfall of the tribe. It will create more uneducated Indians, more gov-

National Native American Youth Initiative

June 21—29, 2003
Washington, DC

PROGRAM

The National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) program is an intense academic enrichment and reinforcement program consisting of mini-block courses teaching leadership, communication, study and testing skills plus assertiveness, networking and professional behavior, interactive learning and time management. Courses are designed to increase the student's background and skills so he/she is better prepared to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in the health professions and/or biomedical research. It is the goal of AAIP to prepare these students for admission to college and professional school, and empower them to utilize these skills.

Topics will be presented in a series of lectures, field trips, and tutorials. The summer program will inform students of the variety of health careers available to Native American youth. AAIP members, health professionals, and traditional healers will provide special lectures regarding personal experiences toward a health career and the collaboration between western and traditional medicine.

ELIGIBILITY

Native American high school students planning to enter the health professions between the ages of 16 through 18 years old are eligible to apply. Students must have minimum 2.0 GPA (A=4.0) for consideration.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- One Page Essay expressing plans to enter the health professions (double spaced)
- Current Academic Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation from school counselor/teacher
- Primary Data Sheet
- Copy of Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- Photograph

Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

FINANCES

Selected scholars will receive all expenses paid. Each participant will be provided with room, board and travel during the week-long program. It will be necessary for individuals to bring extra monies for items (i.e. souvenirs) they may wish to purchase during their stay.

Applications are also available for download on the AAIP web site at <http://www.aaip.com/students/nnayi>. Only a limited number of students will be accepted, therefore early application is encouraged. Deadline is May 14, 2003.

ernment dependant Indians, and more impoverished Indians. I do not want this cycle for my children! I have been grooming my children for their future and I will permit no one to destroy that.

Tribal council, also answer this question. How can 715 tribal member vote to terminate the parental rights of the rest? There are 5000 Prairie Band Potawatomi. How many are adults? How many are informed?

Look to those or the individual who started this referendum and ask them why they just didn't have the courage to point to the people who are guilty of abusing their children's per cap. Why penalize all? Why penalize my family?

I can only speak for my children. The rest of you have to stand up for your.

I will know whether this letter was read on April 26th, 2003.

I will also be waiting on a written explanation of how it is legal for you to terminate my parental rights without written consent.

I cannot just stand back and permit anyone to take what legally belongs to my family.

I thank you all for your time.

My children are aware of what is happening. My children are also against your referendum.

Sincerely,
Roxanne Wahwassuck-Johnson



PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NEWS

The *Prairie Band Potawatomi News* is a monthly newspaper of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Opinions expressed in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi News staff, the Tribal Council, Gaming Commission or the Nation.

The *Prairie Band of Potawatomi News* encourages and welcomes letters, editorials, articles and photos from its readers. This publication reserves the right to reject, edit or condense items submitted. We request your submissions by the 15th of the month. You can email the news or send a disk (Microsoft Word preferable) or stop by the News office with your information.

Anonymous letters will NOT be printed in the paper.

Please include your name, address, and telephone number where we can contact you should we need to verify the information.

Photos submitted with a news article will be returned after publication. Please include a stamped and self-addressed envelope with the photo.

David Brower Youth Awards June 1 Application Deadline

People age 13-22 who have demonstrated outstanding leadership with projects in environmental Conservation, Preservation or Restoration are encouraged to apply. Six winners from the U.S. and Puerto Rico each will receive a cash award of \$3,000 and ongoing support of their development as environmental leaders. Winners will be honored at a ceremony in Berkeley, California, on September 25 after a 3-day Wilderness Encounter in Yosemite National Park.

Applications are available at <http://www.earthisland.org/bya>, or request one by contacting Cindy Arch at 415 788-3666, Ext. 160. Applications can be mailed or e-mailed, but must be received by June 1.

The Brower Youth Awards were established by Earth Island Institute to honor founder and lifelong environmentalist, David R. Brower, and to recognize and celebrate a new generation of young leaders who are following in his footsteps. Previous winning projects have ranged from campus organizing, to habitat restoration, to neighborhood clean-up of toxic wastes. The stories and pictures of last year's winners can be seen on the web site <http://www.earthisland.org/bya>

ALERT! TO ALL NATIVE AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATES AND RECENT GRADUATES

The U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, is currently seeking Native American undergraduate students and or recent graduates to fill a paid internship position from June – August, 2003 in Washington, DC. Position needs to be filled ASAP. Please contact Toney Begay for more information: 555 New Jersey Avenue NW Suite 408, Washington, DC 20208 or toney.begay@ed.gov or 202 208-1312.

American Royal offers scholarships

The American Royal Association is accepting applications for the Royal Six, a collegiate scholarship program that offers a \$3,500 scholarship and an opportunity for college students to advocate agriculture, leadership and the American Royal.

College students, interested in applying for the Royal Six scholarship program should meet the following criteria:

- Attend a four-year accredited college or university in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado, Arkansas, Kentucky, South Dakota or Tennessee.
- Pursue a four-year degree.
- Be an incoming sophomore or junior for the 2003 fall term.

Applications are due May 31 and special consideration will be given to students majoring in an agricultural-related field of study.

In addition to a \$3,500 scholarship, Royal Six scholarship winners will travel to Kansas City in October to visit with corporate audiences, speak about their experiences in agriculture and promote the agricultural industry.

Students who are interested in and qualified for the program are urged to contact the American Royal for an application. Applications also are available on the American Royal Web site, www.americanroyal.com/s/static/education.

Students may contact Nancy Perry at (816) 221-9800, ext. 135, for additional information.

KSU symposium accepts registration

The Kansas State University Music Symposium will be June 16 to 19 at K-State. The symposium will include speakers, composers, computer and technology consultation, reading sessions and social times. Music educators in all areas are invited to attend.

The registration fee is \$140 if postmarked by June 6. Graduate credit of one, two or three hours is offered through K-State for an additional fee.

For more information about program content or credit requirements, contact Jana Fallin, of K-State's department of music, at (785) 532-5740. For information on registration, call the Division of Continuing Education at (785) 532-5566 or toll-free at (800) 432-8222.

More information also can be seen on the Web at www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/conf/music/symposium/.

Paige Approves Kansas State Accountability Plan under No Child Left Behind

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April 4, 2003

WICHITA, Kan. – Kansas has completed work on a plan for a strong state accountability system aligned with the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001, U.S. Department of Education General Counsel Brian Jones announced today.

Jones made the announcement on behalf of Secretary of Education Rod Paige during a visit to Jefferson Elementary School. He was joined by State Commissioner of Education Andy Tompkins.

"Commissioner Tompkins and his team have put together a fantastic accountability system that will benefit every child in Kansas," said Jones. "They have effectively demonstrated how states can use No Child Left Behind to benefit rural areas."

"I congratulate Commissioner Tompkins and all those who worked with his team to accomplish this," said Secretary Paige. "I consider Kansas to be a national leader in implementing No Child Left Behind, especially with the way the state has used the flexibility in the law to address the unique challenges of rural areas. With this plan in place, Kansas is well on its way to making sure no child is left behind, whether from an urban school, a suburb or a rural area."

Under NCLB's strong accountability provisions, states must describe how they will close the achievement gap and make sure all students, including disadvantaged students, achieve academic proficiency. In addition, they must produce annual state and school district report cards that inform parents and communities about state and school progress. Schools that do not make progress must provide supplemental services such as free tutoring or after-school school assistance, take corrective actions and -- if still not making adequate yearly progress after five years -- must make dramatic changes in the way they operate.

Kansas is the eighth state to gain approval. Other states whose plans have been approved include Colorado, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York and Ohio.

No Child Left Behind is the landmark education reform law designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility, giving parents more options and teaching students, based on what works. Foremost among the four key principles is an insistence on stronger accountability for results. To achieve that, states must develop strong accountability systems or improve those already in place, establish high standards and hold all children to the same standards. They also must provide instruction by highly qualified teachers that results in steady progress and, ultimately, proficiency for all students by the 2013-14 school year.

Secretary Paige recently asserted that the new law aims to correct the "previous and pervasive 'separate and unequal' education systems that taught only some students well while the rest -- mostly poor and mostly minority -- floundered or flunked out."

All states submitted draft accountability plans to the U.S. Department of Education by the Jan. 31 deadline. Following an initial review and technical assistance, if needed, the next step is on-site peer review of each state's proposed accountability plan. Teams of three or four peer reviewers -- independent, non-federal education policy, reform or statistical experts -- conduct each peer review. Following a review of the team's consensus report, the department provides feedback to the state and works with the state to resolve any outstanding issues. Ultimately, Paige approves the state plan, as he did today.

To date, 41 states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have had peer reviews of their accountability plans. Additionally, the senior staff of the Department of Education has finished meeting with education officials from the states to discuss the specifics of their plans and the unique challenges and issues in each state.

Despite all the priorities competing for our tax dollars, President Bush's budget boosts federal education funding to \$53.1 billion--an \$11 billion increase since the president took office. Kansas alone will receive more than \$438 million, including \$173 million to implement NCLB. If the president's budget is approved, federal education funding for Kansas will have gone up nearly \$89 million since President Bush took office.

Kansas's plan will be posted online in the coming days at: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/CFP/csas/index.html>.

For more information about the No Child Left Behind Act, go to www.nochildleftbehind.gov.



GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

Claudette Oldham

Perry – Services for Claudette Mary “Teenie” Oldham, 63, Leocompton, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Perry American Legion Post No. 142. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery west of Leocompton.

Mrs. Oldham died Monday, March 17, 2003, at her home.

She was born Nov. 14, 1939, in rural Lawrence, the daughter of Claude L. and Minerva M. (Delgadillo) Myers. She graduated from Leocompton High School in 1957 and from Clark School of Business in Topeka in 1958.

Mrs. Oldham worked 40 years for the state of Kansas, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Kansas University and Kansas Lottery Finance Department until she retired in 2001. She was a member of Leocompton United Methodist Church and was involved in various youth activities in the Perry-Leocompton community.

She married James N. Oldham on Sept. 12, 1959, in Leocompton. He survives of the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Sharon O'Trimble, Perry, and Suzy Bradley, Olathe; a brother, Claude Myers Jr., Topeka, three sisters, Mary Manis, Topeka, Regina Andrew, Lawrence, and Katherine Flood, Mount Morris, Michigan; and four grandsons.

A son, Jerry Oldham, died in 1994.

Family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Warren-McElwain Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to the Perry-Leocompton High School baseball program, sent in care of the mortuary.

E-mail condolences may be sent to info@warrenmcclwain.com, subject: Oldham.

Loren Dale Wabnum

Loren Dale Wabnum, age 51, of 11 Schalard Lane, Hebron Center died Wednesday, April 23, 2003 in Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

He was born December 31, 1951 in Shawnee County, Kan., a son to Chris Puckee and Ruby Wabnum. For many years he was a roofer for independent contractors and was employed by Encon of Coudersport. He was a Viet Nam War veteran and was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved camping.

Survivors include his fiancée, Bonnie Haight Butts of Hebron Center, one son Josh Wabnum of Kansas and three daughters, Lorie Youther of Kansas, Lisa of Clearwater, Florida and Girlie Contreras of Salamanca and several brothers and sisters in Kansas and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 11 am Monday, April 28, 2003 at the Brookland Cemetery. The Fickinger Funeral Home, a “Life Celebration Home” of Coudersport is in charge of arrangements.

Norman Potts

MAYETTA -- Norman “Bem o ko” Potts, 55, Mayetta, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at a Topeka hospital.

Mr. Potts operated heavy equipment for various construction companies and was employed in maintenance for the Potawatomi Tribe at the time of his death.

He was born July 8, 1947, in Horton, the son of Maynard and Coralene Keesis Potts. He attended Powhattan schools and lived most his life on the Potawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta.

Mr. Potts was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion.

He married Priscilla Wanatee. She died on July 5, 1996.

Survivors include eight sisters, Voncille Mitchell, Doris Potts and Barbara Tims, all of Mayetta, Tara Spencer, Marysville, Wash., Beverly Murray, Hiawatha, and Cindy Thomas, Melanie Oliver and Tawana Oliver, all of Horton; four brothers, Eddie Potts, Horton, Vernon Potts, Mayetta, Lloyd Potts, Oklahoma City, and Tim Oliver, Winnebago, Neb.

A church service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church on the reservation. Drum services will be this evening at the Danceground west of Mayetta. Burial will be Friday afternoon in the church cemetery. Mr. Potts will lie in state until noon today at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton and after 4 p.m. today at the Danceground.

Special dedication of the Veterans Honor Roll Board, May 25, 2003, during Memorial Services—We-Ta-Se, Post 410.

B. LaRue Kabance

HUNTLEY, Ill. -- B. LaRue Kabance, 71, Huntley, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at a Sycamore, Ill., hospital.

He was born March 17, 1932, in Topeka, the son of James and Marguerite Boettcher Kabance. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1959 and was a veteran of the Korean War. He had lived in the Huntley area since 1964.

He married Betty Ruffolo on Sept. 4, 1965, in Chicago. She survives.

Other survivors include four children, Maria Buckley, Lake Zurich, Ill., Michele Nozel, Minneapolis, and Greg Kabance, and Jon Kabance, both of Chicago; a sister, Irene Johnson, San Diego; three brothers, Wayne Kabance, San Diego, Galen Kabance, Denver, and Maurice Kabance, Pittsburg, Kan.; and five grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in West Dundee, Ill. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, Ill. Mr. Kabance will lie in state from 3 to 9 p.m. today at James A. O'Connor Funeral Home in Huntley and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation Ltd., 8142 N. Lawndale Ave., Skokie, Ill., 60076.

Donald Wabskie Sr.

Donald Wabskie Sr., 75, Topeka, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at a Topeka hospital emergency room.

Mr. Wabskie had worked as the warehouse manager of D.A. Winters Wholesale Liquor.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was born June 20, 1927, in Mayetta.

Mr. Wabskie was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe.

He married Margie Shopteese in 1953 in Topeka. They divorced.

Survivors include three sons, Ray Lee Wabskie, Donald Wabskie Jr. and Gary Wabskie, all of Topeka; four daughters, Donna L. Vega and Luella A. Wabskie, both of Topeka, Carol Poland, Turpin, Okla., and Diane Wabskie, Del City, Okla.; a brother, Harold Simon, Mayetta; two sisters, Matilda Alexander, Topeka, and Mary Ann Frost, Mayetta; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Shipshew Cemetery in Mayetta. Mr. Wabskie will lie in state after 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Rader, Rose DOD February 6, 2003

Smith, Galen Bruce DOD March 6, 2003

Dustin Wayne Lewis

Dustin Wayne Lewis, son of Billy Joe Lewis, Jr. and Gaynell (Ely) Mead, was born June 1, 1980 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He passed from this life April 14, 2003 at the age of 22 years, 10 months and 13 days.

The Potawatomi Tribe employed him as a construction worker. Dustin was a loving son and grandson who enjoyed life in general. His hobbies included woodcarving, mirror painting, playing golf and football. He was of the Baptist faith.

Dustin was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Bill (Skip) Lewis, his maternal grandfather, Clayton Ely, and step-grandfather, Chester John Manners.

Those left to mourn his passing are his father and stepmother, Billy Joe and Brenda Lewis, of Stilwell, Oklahoma; his mother and step-father, Gaynell and Steve Mead, of Enid, Oklahoma; one step-sister, Carol Reynolds, of Siloam Springs, Oklahoma; one step-brother, Terry Clark, also of Siloam Springs, Oklahoma; his paternal grandmother, Sandra Manners, of Stilwell, Oklahoma; his maternal grandmother, Erlene Ely of Red Rock, Oklahoma; six aunts, Lydia Glenn-Warren, of Lead Hill, Arkansas, Rita King, of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Pam Bible and Deb Jefferson, both of Red Rock, Oklahoma, Andrea Davis and Lois Davis, of Ardmore, Oklahoma; two uncles, Keith Ely, of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Lewis Ely, of Yale, Oklahoma; and a host of other relatives, cousins and friends. He will be dearly missed.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, April 18, 2003 at Hart Memorial Chapel and interment at the Reese Cemetery, Stilwell, Oklahoma. Greg Suke is one of the pallbearers.

Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

This month's *Recipe Corner* will feature a contribution from “Mary Kelsey's Healthy Choice Café” followed by some crock-pot recipes.

Slow Cooking in the Fast Lane

By Mary Kelsey

It seems the busier we get, the slower we want to cook—as in crock-pot cooking. It's so simple! All you have to do is just chop up whatever vegetables you may have in the crisper or maybe add some type of frozen veggie mix. You may even want to add potatoes and onions. Usually braise beef and pork first in a hot skillet. As for chicken, just put the whole bird (Pluck it of Course!) in the crock-pot. Add a can of low sodium cream of mushroom soup. Or add a blend of whatever favorite herbs you have on hand, like lemon-pepper and onion powder, garlic powder, onion and pepper garlic herb blend, bay leaf and basil leaf and pepper or whole bay leaf with celery flakes. All these herbs go great with chicken, so try what you like best. Finally, put the lid on, turn on the crock to low-heat and just let the food simmer and the flavors blend all day. In the evening after a long day, the family can enjoy a hot, delicious already-made dinner. Or the kids can eat as they come back from their busy schedules or various events. Crock-pot cooking also works great on the weekends with chili or other soups and stews. Besides being easy, crock-pot cooking is healthy. There is no need to add extra fat, you can use really lean cuts of meat and the low setting helps preserve all the wonderful vitamins and minerals. Give crock-pot cooking a try today and serve up a delicious meal!

Crockpot Easy Beef Stew

4 medium red potatoes
1-1/2 pounds beef stew meat
1/3 cup flour
salt and pepper to taste
1 14-oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained
3 cups frozen stir-fry bell peppers and onions

Scrub potatoes and cut each into quarters. Place in bottom of 4 quart slow cooker. Mix flour, salt and pepper and toss with beef to coat. Add to crockpot. Add undrained tomatoes.

Cover crockpot and cook on low for 7-8 hours until beef and potatoes are tender. Add stir fry vegetables. Cover and cook on low for 30-40 minutes until vegetables are hot and tender. 4-6 servings

Calories: 550

Fat: 20 grams

Sodium: 300 mg

Vitamin A: 25% DV

Vitamin C: 60% DV

Source: Betty Crocker's *Slow Cooker Meals*

Moroccan Lamb and Rice

1 lb. boneless lamb, cut into 1" pieces
1 apple, finely chopped
1 6-oz. pkg. chicken flavored rice and vermicelli mix
1-1/2 cups chicken broth
1 tsp. curry powder
Combine all ingredients in 3-1/2 -4 quart slow cooker. Mix well. cover and cook on low for 7-9 hours. 4 servings
Calories: 430
Fat: 12 grams
Sodium: 1200 mg
Source: Pillsbury's *Casseroles and Slow Cooker Meals*

Crockpot Chili

(From Just Crockpot Recipes)

1/2 lb Dry pinto or kidney beans
2 cn Tomatoes (14.5oz ea)
2 lb Chuck; browned
2 tb Chili powder
1 ts Pepper
1 ts Cumin
4 1/2 c Water
2 Medium onions; coarsely
- chopped
1 Green pepper; chopped
2 Garlic cloves; crushed
Salt to taste
Add all ingredients to crockpot.

Stir this once, cover and cook on low for 10 to 12 hours or on high, for 5 to 6 hours.

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!*



Pastor Terry Paine and son, Yancy, of the Prairie Band Baptist Church located in Mayetta, KS. Pastor Paine has been contributing articles for the “Area Churches” column on a monthly basis.



NEW LEARNING RESOURCES in arts, language arts, science, & social studies have been added to the FREE website. FREE makes it easy for teachers, parents, & students to find learning resources from more than 40 federal organizations. <http://www.ed.gov/free>

“Drop Me Off in Harlem” <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/exploring/harlem>

“What is Jazz?” <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/whatisjazz/>

“Exploring Earth: Investigations” <http://earthsci.terc.edu/navigation/investigation.cfm>

“Watershed Ecology” <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wtr1/watershed/wacademy/acad2000/ecology>

“Effigy Mounds National Monument On-Line Teacher’s Guide” http://www.nps.gov/efmo/parks/table_of_contents.htm

“Archeology for Interpreters: A Guide to the Knowledge of the Resource” <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/afori>

A Career Afloat: Gataeway to Maritime Employment: <http://marad.dot.gov/acareerafloat/>

“Eisenhower Home Virtual Tour” <http://www.nps.gov/eise/tour1a.htm>

Provided by EDInfo, & U.S. Dept. of Education 4/28/03
New Learning Resources Free

MEMORIAL DAY
May 26, 2003
GOVERNMENT OFFICES
WILL BE
CLOSED

Tribal Member deployed to Iraq he is a helicopter mechanic with the Marines. Praying for his safe return.

Sgt. Chad A Miller
2nd MEB HFM-162 DET-A
Unit # 77180
FPO, AE 09511-7180

Submitted by his aunt
Phyllis VanBecalaere

GINIGITTEK (Those who are born)

We want to welcome



Hylwa-Este Donsah Coon
Born March 20, 2003
6 lbs. 14 oz. and 19-1/2 in. tall

Daughter of Wallace Coon and
Carolyn Begay
And Big Sister, Maxine Coon

Proud grandparents
Maxine and Wesley Begay
Topeka, KS
and
Bessie Kay Wise
Oklahoma City, OK
and
Wallace Coon, Sr.
Konawa, OK

We love you very much



Thurman Ellis Keo
March 14, 2003
7.10 lbs., 20-1/2 in.

Parents:
April Wahwasuck and "Mokie" Keo

Maternal grandparents:
Debra L. Whitebird and Raymond D. Wahwassuck, Sr.

Paternal grandparents:
Jim and Donnis Keo

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

Happy 16th Birthday

To
Daniel Martinez
On May 13
Son of Leo and Micki Martinez



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

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

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)

PBP NATION BINGO OPERATION NEW DAYS OF OPERATION THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAYS

Thursday—Saturday
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Mini session 6:30 p.m.
Regular session 7:00 p.m.

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

Web Site Addresses of Interest

PBPN Website
Links to Human Resource Dept., Tribal
Court, Education Dept., Calendar of
Events and the
Boys & Girls Club
<http://www.pbpnation.org>

Prairie Band Potawatomi
[HTTP://WWW.PBPIndianTribe.Com](http://WWW.PBPIndianTribe.Com)

Indian Health Services
<http://www.ihs.gov>

Forest County Potawatomi
<http://www.fcpotawatomi.com>

Administration on Aging
Programs & Resources for Native
American Elders
<http://www.aoa.gov/AIN/default.htm>

Native American Internet
Resource
<http://indianz.com>



Sgt. Curtis Keltner is serving in Iraq with the 4th Infantry Division and is a chemical specialist with the U.S. Army. Curtis is an enrolled member with the Prairie Band Potawatomi.

He is the son of Roberta Asselin and the grandson of Theresa Asselin (Osh).

Our family is proud of Curtis and all the military personnel over in Iraq and wait for their safe return home.

Sgt. Curtis Keltner,
HHC 1 BDE 4 ID,
Unit #92596, APO,
NE 09323-2596.

Let's Play Ball

Co-Ed Softball

PBP Nation's 1st Wednesday Night League

League will start May 28th 2003 at the 3rd
cluster ball diamond.

\$150.00 FEE PER TEAM

Contact information-

Joanna Mitchell OR Nate Hale at- 966-
3031 or Jona Rupnicki at- 966-0028

**All proceeds will go to
PBP Boys-n-Girls Club!**

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

2nd Annual Motorcycle Run

June 14, 2003

Run starts 9:00 AM

Meet at Prairie Peoples Park

Contact: Hardy Eteeyan 966-2375

Rubina Eteeyan 966-3060



Coincides with the 2003 Pow Wow Celebration

US 75 Hwy, north of Topeka to 158th road, then five miles west to M Road
The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and/or Pow Wow Committee is not responsible for theft, lost items or accidents



One Memory Never to Forget: We-Ta-Se Post 410 Attends Memorial Service for Fallen Lady Warrior

By Mary Young

Six members of Post 410, attended the memorial service for Pfc. Lori Piestewa who sacrificed her life in defending what she believed in – freedom for our country – on April 24th in Kykotsmobi, Arizona the Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center. Pfc. Piestewa lost her life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

We-Ta-Se members who attended: Byron J. Darnall, Commander, Francis Shopteese, Finance Officer, Phil Tatum, Service Officer, Glen Levier, Sgt. of Arms, Benny Potts, Jim Darnall, and visitor Steven Mitchell.

Jim Darnall gave a report to General Council, stating the trip and service was "quite an experience to honor our own" and "one memory [he] will never forget." Jim reported 24 Native American Color Guards from all Nations were represented at the memorial service. We-Ta-Se led the other color guards during the presentation of the colors. Although the service was televised, it was shown locally and not nationwide.

On April 15th, the Wyoming Indian High School student body sent out a letter to Tribal Council further notice.

Members to send either a Tribal Color Guard or a Tribal flag to Pfc. Piestewa's memorial service. To keep the tradition of not letting a warrior go unnoticed or unrecognized, they sent out a call to all to provide solace to Pfc. Piestewa's children and family and show support for all warriors who continue to protect the freedom of this nation. This student body is very active in honoring tribal veterans and recognizing the sacrifice our veterans have made for all of us.

"So far Piestewa is the only Indian woman who was taken POW while serving in the Armed Forces and who was killed as a direct result of enemy fire," states LTC Brenda Finnicum, USA-Ret. She further states she "knows of no Indian woman who from direct enemy action has been killed...knows of women who have sustained either injury or disease and a couple who died on active duty. But from enemy fire would be different. From WW I, she knows of one Indian woman who sustained injury and that was Edith Anderson Montour, Mohawk, from Canada. She lost hearing in one of her ears from artillery fire, according to family. There were women who died during WW I but if they were Native LTC Finnicum did not find them."

LTC Finnicum, Lumbee, suggests to learn more about Native American Women Veterans, see her website at www.nativewomenveterans.org. She is instrumental with the Women in Military Service Memorial that was to take place in March, due to the recent events; the event has been cancelled until further notice.



WE-TA-SE Post 410: Update

By Roy Hale

Post 410, WE-TA-SE, held our monthly American Legion meeting on April 7, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., in the WE-TA-SE building on the Potawatomi reservation. At this meeting we held our annual election of Post 410 Officers for the year 2003-04. The selections of Officers are as follows:

- Commander: Byron J. Darnall,
- Vice Commander: Lawrence E. Hale,
- Adjutant, Roy A. Hale,
- Finance Officer, Francis Shopteese,
- Chaplain, Francis Jensen,
- Service Officer, Phil Tatum,
- Historian, LeRoy Mzhickteno,
- Sgt. of Arms, Glen Levier.

Post 410 is proud to report that we have currently 88 members enrolled and is still growing. Post 410 memberships are open to all eligible Native American Veterans. Check with Post 410 for application. The address is Post 410, WE-TA-SE, American Legion, 15434 K Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. The FAX number is 1-785-966-9853 or royh@pbnation.org.

Readers of this newspaper, please send us addresses of all military service personnel, men and women that are currently serving in this Iraq War. Post 410 would like to publish these addresses so friends and relatives could mail letters or other support programs to help them in some way, showing that we care back here at home. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their service should not be forgotten.

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

- May 10, 2003 – Haskell Nations University, Commencement/Graduation Pow-Wow, Lawrence, KS
- May 17, 2003 – Armed Forces Day Parade, Topeka, KS
- SPECIAL DEDICATION of the Honor Roll Display Board for PBP Members that served in the military will occur Memorial Day weekend, May 25, 2003.
- June 13, 14, & 15 – Potawatomi Nations Pow-Wow, Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS
- June 21 & 22 – WAH-SHUN-GAH Days Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow, Council Grove, KS

SHIPSHEE CEMETERY MAP UPDATE

Our Lady of Snows, Catholic Parish, is working on a new map of the plots and burial sites at Shipshee Cemetery, Potawatomi Reservation, Mayetta, KS. We have many unmarked gravesites and need help from families in identifying graves in family plots. Please contact Roy Hale at (785) 966-2580 or Delores Nioce-Abrams at abramsda@yahoo.com if you would like to see the cemetery map or meet at the cemetery to identify family graves.

We will also be available Memorial Day weekend and at the PBP Pow-Wow June 13-15. We can be contacted at the Pow-Wow by leaving a message at Our Lady of Snows stand and designating a time we can meet with you.

A house fire destroyed our original map of the Shipshee Cemetery, so Roy Hale and Delores Abrams are constructing a new map, which is near completion, but consists of several unknown or no grave markers to identify gravesites. Please help us with the needed information to complete this map; we intend to build a gravesite locator at the cemetery.

5th Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow Celebration



Prairie Peoples Park
June 13th – 15th, 2003 • Mayetta, KS

Grand Entry
Friday 7 p.m. • Saturday 1 and 7 p.m. • Sunday 1 p.m.

More than \$37,000 in Prize Money

Drum Contest

Head Man Dancer –
Dana Warrington, Keshena Wisconsin

Head Lady Dancer –
Delanda Pushetonequa, Tama Iowa

Head Boy Dancer –
Wa-skeh Littleaxe,
Prairie Band Potawatomi

Head Girl Dancer –
Brittney Pelkey, Holton, Kansas

Host Drum –
Meskwaki Nation, Tama Iowa

Invited Drums –
Bear Creek, Sault St. Marie, Ontario
Yellowhammer, Oklahoma

Master of Ceremonies –
Marvin J. Burnett, Lakota

Co-Master of Ceremonies –
Gary Mitchell, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Arena Director –
Perkins Whitetail, Cheyenne

Honored Veteran –
Glen Levier, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Honored Elder –
Delores Abrams,
Prairie Band Potawatomi

Special Contests

"49 Contest"

Sponsored by the Hale Family

Chicken Dance Special –
16 & over

Sponsored by Dana Warrington

Fancy Shawl Special – 16 & over
Sponsored by Delanda Pushetonequa

Jingle Dress – 15 & under
Sponsored by Brittney Pelkey

Drum Contest – Dance Contests

Golden Age – 55 or over,
Men's and Women's Categories

Adults – 18-54,
Men's & Women's Categories

Teens – 13-17,
Boy's & Girl's Categories

Juniors – 7-12,
Boy's & Girl's Categories

Tiny Tots – Under 6,
Boy's & Girl's Categories

Men's Fastpitch Ball Tournament
Contact:
Don Don LeClere, (785) 966-2335 (eve)

Curtis Masquat, (785) 966-2580 (day)

Wellness Walk
Saturday 9 a.m.

Contact – PBP Health Committee



Rez Run (Motorcycle Run)
Saturday 9 a.m.
Contact Rubina Eteeyan,
(785) 966-3060 (day)
Hardy Eteeyan, (785) 966-2375

Thursday Night – 'Youth Night'
Potluck Supper – All Youth Drums
Invited
Hosted by Prairie Band Potawatomi
Gaming Commission

Admission \$5 for 3-Day Pass • 55 & Over and 6 & Under Free

For vendor or other pow wow info call: 1-877-715-6789 x3999 leave message
or e-mail: powwow@pbnation.org

Visit our Web site: www.pbpindiantribe.com/powwow.html

Native Owned Vendor Spaces

All information is tentative and subject to change without notice. Alcohol, illegal drugs and firearms are prohibited. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will not be held responsible for accidents or loss or stolen personal property. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reserves the right to remove or ban any individual from tribal property for violation of these rules. • It is unlawful to possess, use, sell or distribute any alcoholic beverage while at the Prairie People's Park. Any person violating this order shall be placed under arrest. Violations shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 or by a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both.

49 DRUM CONTEST

A 49 Drum Contest will follow the Saturday evening performance. The Hale family is sponsoring the Contest – get ready to hear some good 49 songs!

Wellness Journey 2003

"Indian Child Welfare" (Adoptees)

July 16-18, 2003

Haskell Indian Nations University

Keep your calendars open for the Annual Wellness Journey. The Wellness Journey Board is in the process of identifying and confirming the speakers.

PBP News will publish information as it becomes finalized!

May 2003 Potawatomi Elder Center

Subject to Change

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | * Don't forget... Mother's Day is... Sunday, May 11th. | May Day 1 Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll | 2 Salmon Patties Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Sliced Bread |
| 5 Polish Sausage Kraut Bean Soup Broccoli Salad | 6 Baked Chicken Potato & Gravy Brussels Sprouts Dinner Roll | 7 Spaghetti Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread | 8 Roast Beef Potato & Gravy Carrots Dinner Roll | 9 Ham & C. Cross. Vegetable Soup Citrus Salad Cheese Crackers |
| 12 Chili & Hot Dogs Potato Salad Green Beans Mixed Fruit | 13 Country Fried Steak Potato & Gravy Broccoli Normandy Dinner Roll | 14 Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuit | 15 Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Succotash Dinner Roll | 16 Tuna Melt Sourdough & Swiss Tossed Salad Brussels Sprouts |
| 19 Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Carrots or Spinach Dinner Roll | 20 Combo Burrito Taco Rice Tossed Salad | 21 Sliced Ham Baked Yams Stuffing Dinner Roll | 22 Baked Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Dinner Roll | 23 Stroganoff Broccoli Tossed Salad Biscuits |
| 26 Memorial Day Closed | 27 Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Noodles Spinach Salad Biscuits | 28 Hamburgers Baked Potato Green Bean Cass. Tossed Salad | 29 Liver & Onions Potato & Gravy Zucchini & Tomato Dinner Roll | 30 Baked Fish Rice Creamed Peas Dinner Roll |