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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Here's a list of Tribal Council candidates 20 members vie for positions

2004 Tribal Council Candidates

Vice-Chairman

- Rey Kitchkumme
- Gary E. Mitchell
- Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki
- Badger Wahwasuck

Treasurer

- Ryan Dyer
- James Potter

Tribal Council (2 Positions)

- Jim Darnall
- Dale Delg
- Ann Garcia-Simon
- Joe Jessepe
- Juanita Jessepe
- Jack Kitchkummie
- Jackie Mitchell
- Roy Ogden
- Georgie "Dolly" Potts
- Shirley Rice-Henderson
- Donald "Jim" Shane
- Carol Shopteese
- Ralph "Porky" Tecumseh
- Jacob "Tug" Wamego

Senate Bill 9, Tribal Enforcement Legislation passes: Gov. Sebelius signs bill on April 16

Submitted by: Zach Pahmahmie

The Kansas Legislature recently approved House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 9. This bill authorizes tribal police officers to enforce state laws against non-Indian offenders on the reservation. This authority will facilitate law enforcement on the reservation and simplify the prosecution of these non-Indian offenders.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations in 1999, and since then it passed the Senate three times. Unfortunately, despite passing the House Federal and State Affairs Committee twice, until this year, the bill was never brought to the floor of the House for a vote despite widespread support. This year the bill was approved for the first time in the House 104-21. The Senate-House conference committee report with a modified bill was then adopted 99-23 in the House and 39-1 in the Senate. This bill was signed by Governor Sebelius on April 16.

It has been a lengthy process for this legislation to come to fruition, involving efforts of the four Tribes in Kansas, their respective tribal police officials and representatives, numerous legislators who have supported us, and several sheriffs in the state.

In other news the Motor Fuel Tax Appeal took place in January, 2003 where we received an adverse decision from the district court, which upheld the state fuel taxes on our Nation Station convenience store. This decision in many respects ignored the sovereign rights and interests of the Nation. We

appealed the decision to the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. In consultation with the attorneys from the Ho-Chunk fuel tax litigation, our tribal attorney prepared excellent briefs for the appeal. I attended the oral argument in Denver on March 9th, which went very well. The three-judge panel gave every indication that they will reverse the district court's decision, and, while no one can know for sure, we expect that the decision will be reversed.



Zach Pahmahmie,
PBPN Chair

Additionally, regarding the tribal tag case appeal in August of 2003, the district court held in the Nation's favor and ordered the State to permit the use of the Nation's vehicle registrations off-reservation in Kansas. The State appealed this decision to the 10th Circuit. Briefs are being prepared now, with oral argument several months away. We anticipate that the final decision from this appeal will serve to strengthen many aspects of our tribal sovereignty.

Exert your right to vote in this year's Tribal Council election

Jackson County and PBPN Tribal Council meeting held March 22

by: Suzanne Heck

The Jackson County Commission and PBPN Tribal Council met on March 22 and discussed the impact that state-run casinos would have on the Nation and county. From an economic standpoint the state-run casinos would probably cause a loss of jobs in the area and supply businesses would also suffer. Both groups discussed developing a joint letter to be sent to area legislators about how the casinos would affect the local economy negatively.

In other business, a land zoning agreement previously discussed by the two groups is going through further revisions and a variety of other community activities were discussed. Of note was Zach Pahmahmie who mentioned that the Tribal Council adopted a regulation that will allow the tribe's ambulances to transport non-emergency patients from the PBP Health Center in Holton to area hospitals.

RV Park behind casino getting ready for summer opening



Photo submitted by: Randy Conroy

Construction has begun on the bathhouse for the new Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park that will be located behind the casino.

Curtis Keltner, tribal member helps capture Saddam Hussein



Tribal member Sgt. Curtis J. Keltner is seen here in Tirkat, Iraq and was among the soldiers who captured Saddam Hussein in December during Operation Red Dawn. He has since returned to the United States and is stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen, Texas. He is the son of Roberta Asselin and grandson of Theresa Asselin (Osh). His aunt Sandra Quintanta submitted the photo.

Here's a list of the 2nd Quarter Charitable Contributions Awards

- Topeka West High School Band - \$15,000
- K.E.T.C.H. - \$17,147
- Cub Scout Pack 173 - \$500
- Midland Hospice Care, Inc. - \$5,000
- Adult Education of Kaw Area Technical School - \$17,000
- Mother to Mother of Shawnee County - \$19,350
- Housing Credit & Counseling, Inc. - \$20,000
- Jayhawk Area Council, BSA - \$8,000
- Heart of Jackson Humane Society - \$11,225
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #604 - \$7,500
- Kansas Crime Stoppers Association - \$2,500
- Highland Park High School Band - \$20,000
- USD 430 South Brown County - \$20,000
- Royal Family Kids Camp - \$5,000
- Sacred Heart Church of Delia - \$5,000
- USD 337 Royal Valley - \$20,000
- Holton High School Post Prom Party - \$500
- Topeka Cemetery - \$1,000
- Tri-County Manor Living - \$10,000
- Prairie Advocacy Center, Inc. - \$18,605
- Stormont Vail Foundation - \$20,000
- 20/30 Club of Topeka - \$5,000
- Marty Indian School - \$20,000
- Wyandotte Lewis & Clark Task Force - \$1,000
- USD 501 Outdoor Environment Education - \$10,000
- Topeka High MCJROTC - \$2,260

Award ceremony to be held on April 28 at the PBPN Bingo Hall



Tribal Council Candidates

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2004 Notice of Election for Tribal Council

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that an election will be held on July 21, 2004 for the purpose of electing four (4) members of the Tribal Council; Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer and (2) Council Persons. The term of office for each position is for four (4) years.

Qualified Voters

To cast a ballot in this election you must:

- A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- B) Be 18 years of age or older by June 7, 2004
- C) Have a voter registration form on file with the Election Board no later than June 7, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. A voter registration form is enclosed to indicate you are not a registered voter.
Note: Registered voters will not receive a voter registration form. Only those who have not registered before will receive the forms.

Ballot Distribution

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than June 14th, 2004. All ballot distribution packages will contain a preaddressed return envelope for mailing ballots back to the Election Board. All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Mayetta, Kansas no later than 9:00 a.m. on the date of the election, July 21, 2004.



Election Results

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for Tribal Members conducted by the Election Board beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Election day at the old stone community building. Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots have been tabulated and the results of that tabulation have been recorded.

The Election Board shall issue the Preliminary Election Results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation. Protests of the election results may be filed up until July 26, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

Certified election results will be posted at the appropriate Tribal offices, as well as, being released to all appropriate media at the conclusion of the election.

Election Highlights

1. **Voter Registration Deadline**
June 7, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. Last day for members 18 years of age or older to register to receive a ballot for this election
2. **Ballot Mailing Date**
June 14, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Last day for ballots to be received at Mayetta Post Office, 9:00 a.m.

Election Board

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Julia Barber.....(785) 966-3910
Ruta Mendez.....(785) 966-3912
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Prairie Band
Potawatomi Nation
Election Board
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About Tribal Council candidate submissions to the PBBN News

- The News will run the same photos and declaration of candidacy articles that were provided by candidates for this issue which will run concurrently in the May and June issues. No other submissions or changes will be accepted to ensure a fair and balanced representation of candidates.
- Candidates will be listed in alphabetical order and in the same format as the others.
- No political advertisements will be accepted.

Tribal Council Candidate Profiles

Vice Chairman (vote for one (1))



Rey Kitchkumme

"ACTIONS Speak Louder Than Words"

Taking action has been the cornerstone of the service that I have earnestly provided to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation during my six-year tenure as your Tribal Council Member. I have successfully attained many governmental accomplishments during my first and second terms in office. I have also gained a wealth of knowledge and experience. I am indebted to you, my constituents, for the opportunity to learn and grow with the Tribe. Being a public servant for the Potawatomi Nation has been, and continues to be, and honorable responsibility that I take very seriously.

Having matured professionally within the Council Member position I now hold, I have come to realize that I would like to seek an officer's position within our tribal government. In a sense, I am experiencing a plateau of governmental duties. Being a Council Member has its limitations and as so, you must always make way for an officer of the Nation. I am interested in expanding my official capacity to better serve the Nation. In my heart, I know that I am ready and able to take on more responsibilities. I believe that with your support, I am capable and fit to take on the duties of Vice-Chairperson of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

As your Vice-Chairperson, I will assist the Chairperson and fellow Council Members in daily government responsibilities. I will carry out public speaking engagements on behalf of the Chairperson when called to do so. I will continue to actively participate in government affairs at home and on a national level, voicing our concerns and the expectations that we have of the U.S. Government to adhere to tribal treaties and tribal sovereignty issues (setting our own direction). My office will provide current and factual governmental information on a timely basis. In the absence of the Chairperson, I will, with great respect, honorably exercise all the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of the highest office in our government.

My personal qualities embrace intelligence, common sense, intuitiveness, honesty, vigor and courteousness. These attributes will enhance the fulfillment of the responsibilities of Vice-Chairperson. My eight-year history working for the Nation demonstrates that I do not rest on my laurels and that I am a consistent person of action. I have shown that I have the ability to see multiple tasks through to completion during my tenure on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council. I am an active participant during all General Council and Tribal Council meetings. I maintain an interest in each subject being discussed and am able to put into plain words what is being discussed so that every member can see the reasoning of a point that may be in the best interest of the Nation.

During my service as an elected official, I have not taken any action that resulted in or created the appearance of personal gain, preferential treatment to any one person or group, impeded tribal efficiency or economy, lost complete independence or impartiality, or made any major decisions without full process of Tribal Council and I have maintained high personal moral integrity so as to not discredit or embarrass the Nation or its members.

As with all Council Members, I share many accomplishments. Simply moving about the reservation, many of these accomplishments can be seen. Services you or someone you know may have received are another illustration of the Nation's accomplishments. In addition to these, there are a particular few that I have fastidiously labored through:

- Reorganization and oversight of the Land Management Department and Branch of Realty.
- Design, development and implementation of the PBBN Home Loan Program.
- Renewal of Management Agreement with Harrah's Kansas Casino Corporation, which has lead to a significantly enhanced contract favoring the Nation.
- Placing Skunk Hill (B'Pwa Kik) on the National Register of Historic Places. Continued negotiations in implementing a Long Range Plan for the further protection of Skunk Hill.
- Liaison between Tribal Council/General Council and 2002 Fraud Audit. The final report enables the Nation to hire a Tribal Investigator and implement Policies and Procedures for future protection of the Nation's assets and officials and for employees' and members' conduct.
- Assisted in the developing of a professional, ongoing government-to-government relationship with Jackson County, resulting in the "911 Agreement".

- Ongoing reclamation of Illinois reservation lands and purchasing the nation's first one-acre parcel of land within approximately 1280 acres of reservation lands.
- Passage of Senate Bill 9, approving State recognition of Tribal Law Enforcement.

These are but a few accomplishments we have achieved during my tenure. The Nation has successful years ahead. Direction, persistence and know-how will enable our mission to work. I ask for your support in electing me as your new Vice Chairperson. As in the past, together we can achieve the fullest potential in 2004.

My name is Gary E. Mitchell, son of Alberta Wamego. My Nish Nah Bah name is Shaw Nosh of the bear clan. I have lived on the PBBN Reservation all fifty-three years of my life and have been married to Voncile Potts Mitchell for thirty-three years. We have 2 daughters, Dumps and Martie - plus 5 grandchildren: Tara, Nyeh, Kek, Hootie, and Pat Ko Shuk.

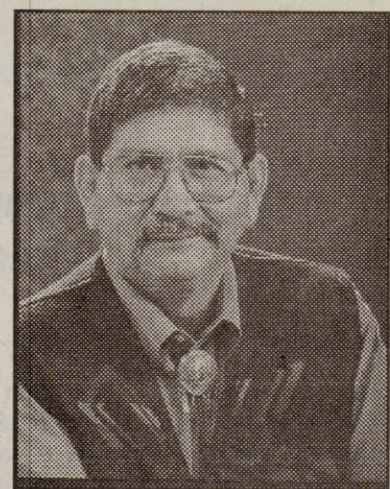
During my fourteen years in elected office, I've learned that you can't take anything for granted. And, that is why I come right to the point, asking for your vote in the next election.

In addition to these fourteen years of experience, I have a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in history. This hard-earned educational grounding has helped me in my daily duties as Vice Chairman. I want to continue to utilize this experience, education, and common sense to help our PBBN make the political transition into the 21st century.

All of my adult life, I've had the goal to be known as a dependable, hard worker; I have achieved that. I've worked hard the last 4 years as your Vice Chairman, putting in full days and I will continue those work habits.

I've witnessed and played a part in the complete transformation of our reservation. Today, we have programs that serve all age groups - from day care through Senior Citizen's Elderly Center. We have a comprehensive housing program, educational opportunities, great roads, quality buildings, improved water systems, casino jobs, and numerous PBBN programs.

All of the positives/structural changes aren't the result of the current Tribal Council alone. Past Council Persons, like



Gary Mitchell

Luther Wahwasuck and James Jackson, strongly advocated for good roads. In a sense, we are only "carrying on" what they envisioned.

The current Tribal Council has been most progressive in allowing the development of the written material, PBBN Resource Directory, promoting the positive changes on our reservation. The PBBN Resource Directory and a video have been distributed to PBBN members and to local and National dignitaries. It is necessary to tell our story (promoting ourselves) because nobody else will do it for us. The feedback on the PBBN Resource Directory has been overwhelmingly positive.

I have enjoyed writing and developing a bulk of this material. I will continually add to the PBBN book of history. To date, this is a 10-year personal project and will probably never be completed, since there is so much more to be told about our PBBN.

One of the biggest challenges for me has been living in the world of politics where it can get downright negative at times - then step into our religious setting where we pray for all of our people in the gamut of life - from naming babies on up to funerals. That is a dichotomy for me. But, it is life on an Indian reservation - and all of this is for the betterment of "our people."

The positive changes on the PBBN Reservation cannot be denied! I want to "carry on" the progressiveness this Nation has experienced these last 10 years, and that is the reason I am asking for your vote as Vice Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in the upcoming election. Mi gwetch.

Vice Chair candidates (Continued)



Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki

I am Mamie, Wahwassuck, Rupnicki; I am seeking the position of Vice-Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

I have five (5) grown children and 22 grandchildren, married 45 years, to the same person.

I have a BA in Political Science and a Minor in Business Administration and AA in Business Law; I will be working on my Masters in Business Administration at Baker University in Topeka, KS starting in May.

I feel I am qualified for this position because I have an extensive background in the different positions I have held on the National and local levels consisting of Area Vice-Chair of NCAI; Washington, DC, was a member of the National Health Board Budget Committee; Washington, DC, Member of IGRA Task Force; Washington, DC, Chairwoman, National Inter-Tribal Public Relations Network (NITPRN) Washington, DC, Chairwoman, Haskell Board of Regents, Lawrence, Ks, Member, Land into Trust Task Force; Washington, DC, Trust Management Committee Member; Washington, DC.

I promise to make you pleased- and even proud- that hopefully you choose me. I pledge to you my loyalty, skill, fortitude, and concentration I am eager to get to work-and work with you. I am fully aware of the responsibilities I am accepting along with this position. I am deeply honored by the confidence you will have placed in me. I cannot do this job alone. Let us begin to work together. OPPORTUNITY: I've been thinking a lot about the world. It is not only an opportunity for me, but an opportunity for all of us to reshape our Nation, to make it more competitive and more responsive to

the vision that together we must develop over the months and years to come. We have been led by succession of great ancestral leaders, they have given us plenty to build on, plenty opportunities to strike out in new directions.

Of course, these new directions will present their own sets of challenges. We will, in months and years to come, have to address- aggressively and successfully- such problems areas as; sovereignty, taxes, land-into-trust.

I look forward to the opportunities no less than I do the challenges. I can say this because I know what a great Nation we have to work with. I look forward to the challenges, because we will be facing them together. I am confident that -together- we are facing an exciting and most profitable period. I am deeply gratefully to all of you for giving me the opportunity to embark with you on this adventure.



Badger Wahwasuck

Election time is upon us and I am looking forward to running as your Vice Chairman. Mayetta, Kansas has always been my home, and through the years I have seen many changes on the reservation and feel very passionate about contributing to the growth of our Nation.

I moved away in 1967 and returned six years ago. I have been happily married for the past thirty years. My wife Karen and I have three grown children and seven grandchildren. For the last 28 years I have been alcohol and drug free.

Please make sure you are registered to vote. I hope you will take the time to carefully review each candidate, and choose who you think is best suited to represent our Nation. If you should

choose to vote for me I appreciate it and will do the best to represent you equally and fair.

My experience includes:

Executive Director of the Tucson American Indian Center for two years; Board of Directors of the Affiliation of Arizona Indian Center's for two years; Board member of the Screen Actors Guild of Stunts/ Safety Committee for four years; Co-founder and Executive Director of the Southwest Indian Actors Workshop for six years; Independent proposal writer for the last twenty years, My most notable grant was for Terros Detox and Crisis Center; C.E.T.A Director for the Traditional Indian Alliance in Tucson, AZ for one year; then transferred to the Halfway house as Counselor; I was then appointed as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Chairman in 2000 to serve the remaining eighteen months of the previous Chair who resigned.

These are some of the concerns I have and things I would like to see happen:

- Roll call voting by tribal council, so we could see how our Tribal Council representatives voted on any issue.
- All tribal council motions that would change or amend ordinances or codes would have to be submitted in written form.
- Membership advisory committee's for each council person that would meet with council member once per month to present council member with concerns.
- Reopening discussion concerning minors per-cap into trust. I know I did not vote to invest minors money in stock. We need to have more parents input rather than persons who do not have minor children.
- Entrepreneur grants for tribal members to open business's on or near the reservation.
- Inclusion of a job developer within our human resources department that would work with tribal members to obtain employment in areas other than in the tribal programs.
- Redefine services as opposed to rewards. Many times it seems tribal services set up services to reward success, but does not assist our young people and young families to help get a start in life.
- I would submit to council a plan for a 1 year pilot program that would establish a satellite office in Wisconsin, continuation would be contingent on success and ability to secure matching funds from alternate resources.
- I would push for and/or support a program

on the reservation similar to the habitat for humanity. I believe a lot of our members would benefit using sweat equity. Building homes on tribal land and keeping it as tribal land, but members would have a lease for their family for eternity so they can live on the land as tribal members, after all doesn't "Tribal Land" belong to each and every Tribal Member....Why should our members have to go to local banks, such as Denison to borrow money to buy land and a house if they want to live on our reservation.

• Introduce legislation so each program director would be responsible for presenting their program budget to general council, or to a "budget committee".

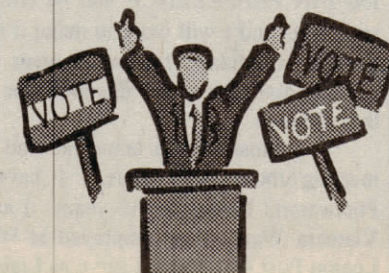
• Introduce a motion that would separate the judicial branch of government from the Tribal Council, I feel that the judicial system should be totally autonomous from Tribal Council. Currently the Tribal Prosecutor reports to Tribal Council.

• Introduce a motion to form a committee that would work with the tribal newspaper. I think it would be good to also have reporting of news, not just publishing what Tribal Council approves, and not just to have Council submit a letter but to interview council members on important issues that affect the members.

• Establish 24/7 emergency services, not just police, fire or medical, but also social service emergencies, not only 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Motion to form relief advocates for tribal members, because outside of the reservation there are land/lord tenant organizations to protect the tenants rights, and the P.B.P members do not have any recourse to help with this.

• Submit personal e-mail and home phone number to tribal newspaper, so the Potawatomi members can contact council at any time. Tribal Council is not a 40 hour a week job, it is a position of servitude to your people, or it should be.



Treasurer (vote for one (1))



Ryan Dyer

My name is Ryan Dyer and I am a candidate for Tribal Treasurer of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I would like to extend my appreciation to you for participating in the election of your government officials. I encourage you to research the candidates and make an informed decision based on who you feel will more appropriately and professionally represent your interests and ensure the future success of our Nation.

I have lived in Kansas most of my life. I spent my youth in Wichita where my father Dr. Vernon Dyer was the founding physician of the Hunter Health Clinic, a sliding scale clinic for Native people. I graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University with an Associate's degree in Natural Resource Management. I then transferred to the University of Kansas to receive a Bachelors of Science degree in Mathematics. During my education, I was employed as a research assistant in the High Energy Physics Department at the University of Kansas. In that capacity, I traveled the United States giving professional talks at seminars and worked with scientists at the top of the field to submit several professional papers. During my educational career I have won several prestigious awards including the American Physical Society National Minority Scholars Award and the Haskell Student of the Year Award.

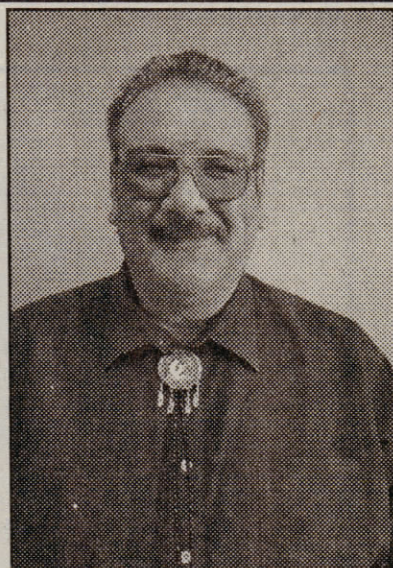
I began my career in our business at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino in the spring of 2002. I immediately recognized the need for Tribal employees in management, so I returned to school and fulfilled the requirements for a minor in Finance at the University of Kansas while continuing to complete the Accelerated Career Enhancement program. This educational experience provided me with the tools necessary to excel within the Harrah's organization and I am currently the Revenue Yield Manager in the Finance department.

I have also been involved in the gover-

nance of our Tribe for several years. I am a sitting member of the Land Management Committee and the Alternative Energy Committee. I also represent the Tribe on the State of Kansas Wind and Prairie Task Force, to which I was appointed by Kansas' Governor Kathleen Sebelius. I consider all of these appointments an honor and strive to provide a reasonable voice that represents the will of the people of our Nation.

Should you choose to allow me to represent you as Tribal Treasurer I will continue to provide a voice for the people while fostering a culture of fiscal responsibility within the government. I will develop relationships with State and Federal governments without allowing the erosion of our Sovereignty. I will aggressively promote economic development for the Tribe and individual members both on and off reservation. I will work to develop the resources necessary to provide for well being of the Prairie Band Potawatomi people for generations to come.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss my credentials or vision for our people. I look forward to speaking with you by phone at 785-273-3634 or by email at ryandyer@cox.net.



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Goals and Accomplishments

- Instrumental in the implementation, updating and maintenance of a comprehensive, automated double entry accounting system for the Tribal Governments fiscal operations.
- Has an active roll in the development of all phases of implementation of economic development, strategic planning and the monitoring of progress through out all phases of construction, design and completion, i.e. Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and Expansion, Government Center, Nation Station, Elders Center, Tribal Housing Programs, Investment Programs, Minor's Trust, Fire Station, Boys and Girls Club, Prairie Peoples Park, Reservation Roads Paving, Communications Systems Improvement, Technology Systems, etc.
- Instrumental in the development and implementation of the memberships tracking and accounting systems for per capita distributions.
- Instrumental in the planning and development of staffing of Tribal Fiscal Operations throughout Economic growth and transition period since the onset of the Gaming Operation.
- Assisted with the negotiations of all Contractual Agreements with Gaming Management Company through the Construction phase and the expansion of Harrah's Prairie Band Casino.
- Directly involved with negotiations of renewed Management Agreement with Harrah's Entertainment Inc. for the Management of Harrah's Prairie Band Casino for it's second term.
- Instrumental in the development of communication between Local, State and Federal Government Agencies to enhance working relationships, i.e. Senate Bill 9, Jurisdictional and Tax issues, 911 Agreement, etc.
- Directly responsible for establishing Tribal Investment Policy for the Nation which generates substantial return yet safe guards the Nations Assets
- Directly involved in negotiations with Sprint PCS and obtaining expanded wireless service for emergency and personal use on the P.B.P.N. Reservation and for obtaining a group discount for every Tribal Member for Sprint Wireless Service.
- Continue infrastructure development on Tribal Lands to support future targeted Economic Development
- Continue to seek out lucrative, innovative and secure investment opportunities for the Nation
- Further enhance communication links with Membership, Government-to-Government Relationships and internal Governmental Relationships.
- Continue structuring innovative, progressive and sustainable methods to finance the economic and community development for the Nations immediate and future needs, in a fashion that will minimize depletion of the Nations' assets while sustaining the necessary cash flow for accomplishing our goals for our children's futures.
- Continue to maintain an objective, positive and impartial viewpoint in my decision making process

that considers the long-term results and the potential ramifications of the decision at hand, thus making a positive impact and creating a promising future for our Nation.

Personal Data and History:

Mother, Rema (Keo-ko-mo-quah) Wahweotten; Father, John Potter; Grandfather, McKinley (Pokto) Wahweotten; Grandmother, Tino; Wife Patricia (Pisaw) Miller Potter; four children and past foster child parent; Lifelong resident of PBP Reservation and Member of the Potawatomi Drum Religion; 46 years old.

Education

Royal Valley High School, Emporia State University, Hutchinson Community Junior College, Kaw Area Vo-Tech, Highland Community Junior College, Certified in P.C. operating theory and programming, Microsoft certified in Troubleshooting, Maintaining and Upgrading PCs.

Professional Experience

1) 13 years experience working with Native American programs and organizations and within the structure of Tribal Government. Additionally worked within these organizational bodies primarily in supervisory capacities and fiscal departments. 2) Six years of managerial experience working in retail and private business. 3) Presently an elected official for the PBP, holding Tribal Treasurer for the past eight years. 4) Served two years as an Executive Committee Member for the NCAI as the Southern Plains Area VP. 5) Active Member of the Trust Reform Task Force since its inception in 2001. 6) Committee member for the redrafting of P.L. 93-638, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. 7) Serving in as the Tribal Delegate representing PBP in NCAI.

Community Service

- Served two years as the Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Housing Authority.
 - Served three years as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for Spirit Four Indian Center.
 - Served on the Board of Directors for Native American Family Services.
 - Served as a steering committee member for the Neighbors Being Neighborly community group.
 - Served on the 2002, 2003 and presently serve on the 2004 Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow-wow Committee.
 - Served as a Board Member for the last 2 years and presently serve as the President of the Board for the Jackson County Development Corporation.
 - In the third year of serving as the Council Secretary for the Jackson County Tourism Council. Board member for the Stormont Vail Foundation
- Your comments, suggestions and thoughts are important to me. Your feedback is important and critical to me in helping me guide the direction and destination of our Nation. Please e-mail or call me and give me your thoughts and ideas. Igwien.

Tribal Council Candidates

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Council Persons (vote for 2)



Jim Darnall

It's election time again and we have the opportunity to select four of the seven members of our Governing Body, the Tribal Council. The goal of all voting members of our Nation should be to elect leaders with integrity. Knowledgeable people who will make decisions that will benefit all of our members. I am therefore declaring my candidacy for Council Person.

The enumerated powers of the Tribal Council are great and all positions carry a great deal of authority. However, all of the decisions made by the Tribal Council must be within the policies and guidelines established by the General Council and must benefit all members of our Nation.

There have been many instances, such as in jobs and housing, when all interested members of our nation have not been given equal opportunity to benefit. I know that you have heard before, that as one Tribal Council member, specific promises cannot be made, but the following are promises that I will make to you:

- When important decisions are made, the General Council will be involved. You will not learn of the Nations involvement in Multi-million dollar projects on television or from out of state newspapers.
- My decisions will be made on the needs of all tribal members and the affect the decisions will have on all members' lives. Decisions will not be made that circumvent policies for my family or friends.
- Whenever I have the authority in a hiring decision, INDIAN PREFERENCE will be enforced for qualified applicants and I will work to make it mandatory for all qualified candidates for employment. Only in this way can we give our tribal members the opportunities that they deserve.

Most of you know me and I look forward to meeting those who don't. I have worked for the Potawatomi Nation for 10 years. I am a veteran of the Vietnam War. I am employed at We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 where I serve as Liaison Officer. As an active Legion member, I am a member of the color guard

and am privileged to take part in veteran memorial services and in pow-wows.

I will appreciate your support for Council Person.

A vote is precious, research the candidates carefully and use your vote wisely.



Dale Delg

My name is Dale Delg, my Indian name is Zhee-gon-o, and I am running for the position of Council Person in the July 2004 elections. My family's ancestry is diverse from Prairie Band Potawatomi, Sac-n-Fox to Pueblo and we share the same values of hard work, honesty, integrity, self-worth and pride in doing a job well done. I am proud of all my relatives who have been an inspiration to me in their leadership of our people and to think that their DNA runs through me and I can think of Minnie Evans, sister to my Misho Arthur Wishkeno, she was a strong advocate for Indian rights and was part of organizing our tribe, and one of our first women leaders.

My platform is simple: to serve general membership with good sound decisions based on needs of our people and developing profitable businesses to pay for benefits and services other than from all gaming revenues. Create more interest in our government operations through open communications and inviting members to sit in on Tribal Council meetings to learn first hand how our business is conducted. If elected, one of my first priorities is to develop interest in a comprehensive health care plan for tribal members throughout the United States. Fiscal responsibility, cost savings measures, and profitability must be our corner stone to prosperity.

I have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force as staff sergeant, and a veteran of the Viet Nam conflict. I have three son's, Tony, Tracy, Jason, and two grandson's Christian and Michael Delg. My grandparents were Arthur & Sarah (Wapp) Wishkeno and Dennis & Mary (Cadgus) Delgadillo. After college I spent thirteen years in Los Angeles as a teamsters union business agent dealing with labor and management con-

tract negotiations as a team member for the trucking industry, labor dispute resolutions and grievance panel member. Ten years experience as Real Estate business owner and operator promoting leasing and sales in commercial and residential properties. Business owner of upholstering company with three employees. Sallie Mae Corporation student loan collection manager in Lawrence, Kansas, for six years, then Human Resource Director for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation starting 1997. authored personnel policies, morale program, employee benefits, establishing grievance committee and guidelines, advocating for Indian preference in employment opportunities, left tribe in December 2001 with a 75% Indian workforce. Finally, Director of Tribal Employment Rights office for the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, an Indian Preference enforcement officer. Responsible for developing and writing TERO Ordinance and all policies and regulations for a new Indian Preference enforcement program. My proven leadership experience will be an assist as your next elected Tribal Council Person.

Dedication to fairness and equality for all is what I advocate on the General Council floor in meetings on issues that affect all Potawatomis and not just a few. We have full support of the COPP's group (Conservative Organized Potawatomi Party), a Kansas chartered non-profit political organization open to all Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members. From open discussions and prioritizing our issues at open meetings we strategize and organize a plan of action, this group has been successful in developing motions for the IHS compact and PBPB Health Clinic to be built on our reservation, passed a 6% per capita increase with quarterly payments to our membership, rescinded Tribal Council resolution restoring employee due process in appeals and grievances procedures, and supporting an Indian Preference enforcement tribal law initiative (TERO) that gives our Indian people an edge on employment, contracting and sub contracting opportunities for our Nation.

I am asking for your support and your vote of confidence in the July 2004 Tribal Council Elections. Igwien



Ann Garcia-Simon

My name is Ann Garcia-Simon and I am seeking the position of Tribal Council Member. I am the daughter of Mary Simon-Frost and the granddaughter of Lenore Wabski-Simon and Willie Simon. My husband Chris and I are raising four children Ella, Ashli, A.J., and Nathan on our beautiful reservation. I've enjoyed serving for the past three years on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow Committee as well as being a regular volunteer for our Boys & Girls Club.

I have worked for our great Nation for nearly four years in the Land Management Department. When I started in 2000 we owned about 8,600 acres. At the beginning of this year the Nation now owns 12,500 acres. I have seen first hand the reclamation of our reservation lands and it is a wonderful accomplishment. It is a great feeling to be able to give back to our Nation through my employment and I'm proud of my work, as our reservation land is one of the most important assets we have.

As an active member and employee of the Nation, I have become aware, through experience, of some of the needed changes that would enable our Nation to continue it's fast pace of growth.

First, our Nation begins with our membership. If elected, all of the Nation's members matter to me, from the oldest to the youngest. I am a firm believer in an "open door policy" at all times. Should any member have a problem, concern, or just need someone to talk to, I will be available.

Secondly, I will work for fairness and equality for all Tribal Members whether the concern is employment, education, legal or housing issues. Everyone should be treated fairly in all matters regardless of their age, income level, current address or last name.

I hear the promises some tribal politicians make, and not very many of them hold true. I cannot give any special promises that will go against serving all people of the Nation, but I can promise that I will always be honest, fair and keep an open mind and an open door.

With your input and support, together, we can guide this Nation to the greatness it can accomplish and deserves. I appreciate your support in electing me as your Tribal Council Member.

Thank you



Joe Jessepe
(Zow-nim-ki)

"Just An Average Joe"
STRONG POTAWATOMI LINEAGE

Father: Leroy Jessepe - Mother: Constance Magnauk
Grandfather: Pek-che-bi M'Jissippi - Grandmother: "Suzie" Zow-nim-ki; Grandfather: Grant Magnauk - Grandmother Madeline Tomey

COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF WARRIORS WHO
FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM TO WORSHIP,
LIVE AND DIE
AS NISH-NA-BEK

- United States Army Veteran - Purple Heart Recipient: Viet Nam Conflict
- President, Delia Chapter - Native American Church Charter Member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Land Committee
- 10 Years Sobriety

"I want to thank those of you who voted for me in the Gaming Commission Election. Now, I'm running for a seat on the Tribal Council and asking for your continued support. I make no promises, but will try to be fair & respectful of every issue put before me."

AS YOUR TRIBAL COUNCILMAN:

- I will continue to fight for our right to live as free citizens.
- I will uphold the Potawatomi Constitution and the Tribal Law and Order Codes.
- I will do everything I can to protect the tribal assets that are held in common between all of us.
- I will provide reports of my activities at every General Council Meeting.
- I will assist in monitoring gaming activities and work closely with the Gaming Commissioners to help protect our gaming interests.
- I will stand up for the due process and civil rights of all Our People.
- I will listen fairly and with an open mind to any & all issues put before me.

The physical and legal rights of Our People should be fully protected by the Constitution, the Law & Order Codes and from the Tribal Police who should protect-not harass our tribal citizens. I believe no elder should go unheard, or without their most basic needs being met. I believe in protecting and conserving our natural resources: water, air, minerals, timber and wildlife and keeping Grandmother Earth free from hazardous materials. The responsibility of protecting each other's children is with each of us.

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Juanita Jessepe

"I'll Work for the People. Family members and other positive Indian role models have helped shape my values & beliefs of treating other people's issue with respect, fairness and compassion. I have over 26 years of employment working in the Human Services Field and if elected I will continue to serve the needs of the People."

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Shawnee County Community Action Board of Directors (SCCA): 1984 - 1986
United States Commission on Civil Rights - Kansas Committee: 1994 - 1996
Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Secretary: 1994 - 1998
Prairie Band Potawatomi District Court: Admitted to Practice as a Lay Advocate: 2003 to Current

POINTS OF CONTENTION IN THE
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

- SEPARATION OF POWERS: The current constitutional authority allows a quorum of at least (4) Tribal Council members to enforce the same laws and policies they themselves can create and without public notice to the People. They have the "final word" in all Grievances and Appeals whether from a tribal employee, or a tribal citizen. As it stands, the Tribal Council is the "Judge, Jury & Executioner" in ALL disputes.
- INDIAN PREFERENCE: The top management positions in tribal government should be filled with qualified Native Americans, who in turn (will) hire other Indians to assure that tribal programs and services are culture-based.
- TRIBAL REFERENDUM: The current practice of allowing a General Council quorum of (just) 65 people to disburse astronomical amounts of supplemental gaming funds; and also to make major management decisions 'from the floor' at General Council meetings - without

input, and without notice to other tribal shareholders across the Nation is grossly unfair. Those unable to attend meetings have no vote - no voice.

- MINORS PER CAPITA TRUST FUNDS: The minor's per capita accounts were put into diversified market accounts, siblings in the same family lost money others gained. These funds can be utilized anytime at the behest of the Council. The voters were led to believe the accounts would be left alone until minors reached the age of 18 so as to accumulate interest on every penny earned - not to risk losing it all!

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tribal Government is the "Big Business Monopoly" on the reservation. If you don't work for the tribe there are few economic opportunities for Indian entrepreneurs. However, the surrounding communities are thriving. Tribal wages & earnings are flying off the reservation because we don't even have a grocery store or laundry mat operating on the reservation.

- LAW & ORDER ISSUES: Until recently, the Tribal Court was without a Public Defender; tribal codes are without Dispute Resolutions for civil rights & employee rights violations. The codes lean toward state criminal laws, which the tribal police eagerly enforce. There's not one 'brown skin' in the whole Police Department. The 'Indian Way' requires our own people to serve as "Peace Officers" but not as "Enforcers." Implementation of Drug Court would decriminalize drug/alcohol related charges, which are reflective of the heavy caseload on the Court Dockets. Let's help people - not punish them!

"Our Great Nation can no longer operate at the hands of a few select people. It's time for constitutional reform to redistribute the power to Legislative, Judicial and Independent Branches comprised of Potawatomi Citizens to promote accountability and participation in the government process."



Jack Kitchkommie

My name is Jack Kitchkommie and I would like to announce my candidacy for Tribal Council. My father was Le Roy Kitchkommie, my grandfather was Francis Kitchkommie, and my grandmother was Dora Gokey.

I am a Vietnam Veteran with fourteen years active duty in the United States Air Force. I have worked in various industrial settings, serving in supervisory and

management positions. I am currently employed with the Tribal Housing Department. I am a Housing Program Specialist facilitating the National Housing Programs - Down Payment Assistance and Renovation/Repair Assistance. I am a senior citizen and as so, I recognize the importance of taking care of our elderly tribal members. I also recognize the importance of addressing the health needs of tribal members - young and old.

I would like to ask for your support in the upcoming election. I feel there is a need to have open communication between tribal members and Tribal Council. I also believe in the idea of fair representation for all members of the Nation - locally and across the country. In working with many tribal members who do not reside in the local area, I have become aware that many of them feel that they are not represented. I feel that we need to have the concerns of those tribal members addressed, as their support in our political efforts help to keep the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation moving forward as much as the support of our local members.

We need a strong, fair, and open-minded Tribal Council, one that will listen and act upon the ideas and needs of our people. I have always been available to those that I have assisted in the Housing Department's National Housing Programs and fully intend to continue this work ethic as a Tribal Council representative. I thank you for your support.



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Jackie Mitchell

Education

Master of Science in Education, Kansas University 1998
Bachelor of Arts in Education, Washburn University 1990

Hello, my name is Jackie Mitchell. I am a life-time resident of the PBPB reservation, a wife, mother and grandmother and would appreciate your vote for tribal council.

I have worked hard to serve you as a tribal council member for the past three years. During this time of tremendous growth many exciting things have happened to our tribe. As a council member, I am pleased to have been a part of this development.

While a member of the council, I have advocated for programs that have assisted tribal members in achieving a better quality of life. I have been the council member primarily responsible for the tribal housing program. During this time, 546 families have been assisted with housing down payments, relocation, rental, renovation and refinancing programs. In addition, 94 new housing units are now available on the reservation. I feel grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a driving force in this housing program.

As a council member, I have helped build an infrastructure to support our reservation. The improvements have included better roads, environmental and cultural protection, waterline development, new homes and buildings, emergency services and high quality programs. In addition, as a board member of the Boys & Girls Club, we built the new club for our youth.

I was also involved with the Harrah's negotiations to make certain our casino provides continued prosperity to our tribe. These negotiations included the new contract, which lowered Harrah's percentage rate from 27% to 20% and assisted in the \$55 million expansion. In addition, I have also taken part in meetings with the governor, federal, state and local officials to ensure our sovereignty.

In the past, I developed and managed the nationally known Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Program. As your tribal council

representative I will continue to ensure the financial stability of the tribe and the preservation of our families. We negotiated with Legacy Wealth to develop a tribal investment plan and helped establish multi-million dollar tribal budgets that are all accountable. The sound financial decisions made by the tribal council is shown by the tribe's clean financial audit.

In times when many reservations face economic deprivation, our reservation shows the growth and wise decisions of our tribal council. Time magazine has recognized our Tribe as one that has used gaming revenues in the right way to benefit our people. Our community is an area of great pride. We still need to work on social issues including drug and alcohol abuse, as well as focus on our youth's education. Our children are attending and graduating at higher rates today than just a few years ago. I would like our youth to continue in this direction, and with your vote, we can do more.

Ongoing threats to our Nation include statewide gaming that could greatly impact our revenues. By tightening our financing, we will be better prepared for whatever happens. Also, as a member of the tribal council, I am aware of current issues and the tribe retains a support staff that provides beneficial advice. Finally, I will continue to explore ideas for alternative methods of income for the tribe. Economic development is vital to our community and I will strive to make the PBPB reservation even better place to work and live.

A vote for Jackie Mitchell would ensure continual growth and prosperity. I have the education, the experience and the proven record. I will continue to serve the tribal members in a respectful, professional and caring manner. In closing, I would appreciate your vote and continued support. With your vote, I promise to do my very best.



Roy Ogden

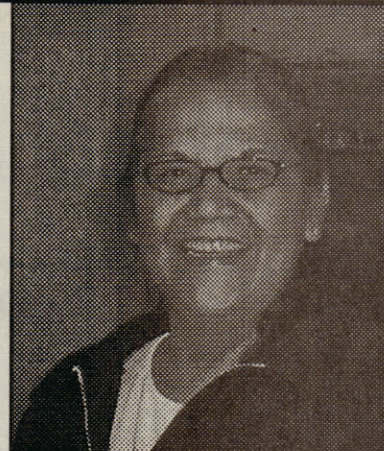
"ONE"

NATION: A community of people composed as ONE nationality with its own territory and government.

Roy Ogden, would like to announce my candidacy for re-election as a Tribal Council Member. I have lived on the reservation all my life and raised six children here. I have been on the school board and elected for county commission before taking on my current position as a Tribal Council Member.

I would like the opportunity to be apart of completing the existing projects our Nation is working on. I believe I have the capability with my background experience to push the Nation as One forward in this competitive economic day.

I have practiced and supported the belief in treating all as equal. I believe in accountability as a member and a Nation. It takes more than one person or family to become a Nation, it takes all of us. All tribal members make up our Nation. Please, vote in July! Only you can make a difference. Thank you for your time and support!



Georgie "Dolly" Potts



**Shirley Rice-Henderson
(Wah-box-se-quah)**

Hello, my name is Dolly Potts. I am running for one of the tribal council member positions with the Nation. My family has lived on the reservation for 23 years. My grandparents were Charlie and Annie Nozhackum. My passion is community activities; I serve on two committees, Land Management Committee and the Boys and Girls Club Board.

I have a Legal Office Professional diploma from Kaw Area Technical School (KATS) in Topeka. The training I have completed at KATS includes Document Processing, Transcription, Business English, Microsoft Word and Excel, Bookkeeping, File Management, Office Procedures and Ethics. My training would be an asset to the Tribe. In addition, I have key skills in communication and organization.

I am enthusiastic, dependable and work well with people. I am open to learning and look forward to applying my skills in an environment for which I have trained. I am confident in my ability to be a positive contribution to the Tribe.

The time has come to bring the Tribe back to the people. Vote for someone who listens and respects the character of our people. I care and will bring the needs of the Prairie Band Potawatomi people to the council to effect change. Together, we can move the Tribe forward relying on our culture and heritage from which we draw our strength.

I have the skills and educational background that will benefit our Nation. I work for programs or initiatives that benefit all people. I advocate with private or governmental programs to achieve equality for all. The values that I was taught by my grandparents and elders guided me in the direction of fairness and equality for all. The worth of being a part of the human race and the Circle of Life was an everyday lesson in living. These core values have guided me to advocate that we need to experience life in a "good way" and these beliefs are contrary to the greater society in which we live.

- I support equality and fairness in all endeavors.
- I support Universal Health Care for all Tribal members.
- I support government based on the needs and input from its members.
- I support open communication between all Tribal members and Tribal entities.
- I support responsible economic planning that will insure our Nation's financial future.

My parents are Orville Rice Jr. and Betty Mahkuk-Rice and my children are Kim Rice (Kee-waj-win) and Chuck (Charles) Henderson.

My education includes AA degree, Haskell Jr. College; BSW, Washburn University and I am in the MSW at Washburn University.

My employment includes 5 years -State of Kansas Vocational Rehabilitation Program Independent Life Skills Counselor; 5 years Florence Crittenton Group for Girls - Manager/Supervisor; 10 years -YWCA Battered Women Task Force Shelter Manager and 3 years - Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Violence Prevention Program.

Qualifications are as follows: Initiate funding sources-grants, public education speaker, developed policies and procedures, coordinated services between community programs, advocated with the Kansas Attorney General's office for victim services, presented testimony before the Kansas House Committee, facilitated educational/support groups for victims. Currently volunteering at the North Star Girls Group Home with a life skills group.

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Donald "Jim" Shane

I am Donald James Shane. Most people know me by Jim Shane. I was born January 24th, 1967, in Shenandoah, Iowa. My parents are Thomas Shane of Mayetta, Kansas and Jo Ellen Shane of Shenandoah, Iowa.

I am a single parent of two girls, Dawn and Jackie. I have two brothers and two sisters. My grandmother was Sophie Keesis Shane.

My education started in Essex, Iowa then I transferred to Farragut, Iowa where I graduated from high school. After high school I joined the Army National Guard in Shenandoah Iowa. I served eight years in the Guard achieving a rank of Sergeant E-5. I lived in Omaha, Nebraska area for 1 1/2 years. In 1990 I attended Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas working toward and Associates Degree. In 1991 I moved to Juneau, Alaska and transferred to the University of Alaska Southeast to achieve a Certificate of Law through the Alaska State Troopers Academy. After that I worked for JC Penney as a Security Manager for five years in which two of those five I worked toward getting a job with the Alaska State Troopers. In 1995 I started working in the construction industry as a laborer. In 1997 my family and I moved to Brookings, South Dakota. I attended South Dakota State University, graduating in May, 2002 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management with a background in Civil Engineering. In August, 2003 I moved to Mayetta, Kansas taking a position of Construction Manager Assistant with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

In my spare time I spend as much time as possible with my two daughters. I also like to hunt and fish. I also like recreational sports such as softball and paintball. I also like to share and volunteer my construction knowledge and services.

With the diversity of knowledge and skills that I have attained through experience and education I am not hesitant to take on any task—large or small.

The tribe has helped me achieve my educational goals and other goals that I had set for myself and I would like the opportunity to return the favors by serving my fellow tribal members and the tribe as a member of the Tribal Council.



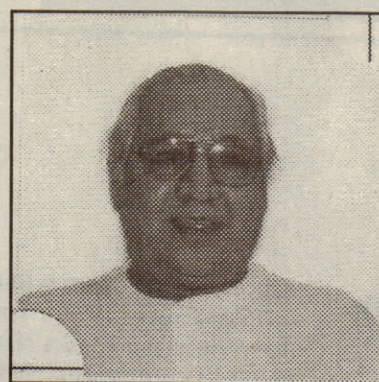
Carol "Es-no-kwe" Shopteese

My qualifications are as follows: MSW (Masters Degree in Social Work) will be completed May 2004, Washburn University Topeka, KS; BSW (Bachelors Degree in Social Work), May 2001 - Washburn University; AA (Associate of Arts Degree in Social Work), December 1996; Haskell Indian Nations University - Lawrence, KS; 5 Years with Kickapoo Tribe Gaming Commission (KTGC)- knowledgeable of: IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act), NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association), MICS (Minimum Internal Control Standards), and Tribal/State Gaming Compact process; Possess Category I Gaming License as a Gaming Inspector for KTGC; 10+ years with Indian Health Service (1982 to 1995) - familiar with Federal Regulations and 638 Compact/Contracting process.

My employment includes the following: Foster Care/Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Social Worker, Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Social Services, February, 2003 to present; Gaming Inspector - Kickapoo Tribe Gaming Commission, November, 2000 to present; ICWA Social Worker, Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Social Services, January 2001 to February 2003; and Administrative Assistant - Kickapoo Tribe Gaming Commission, November, 1999 to November, 2000.

I support Universal Health Care for all PBP Tribal Members: PBP/Sac & Fox Wellness Center (previous IHS Clinic) in Holton; More Representation for PBP Nation at the State and Federal Government level; Tribal Sovereignty - I believe PBPB Members can govern our own affairs; Better Communication - I will work toward making Tribal Business (General Council & Tribal Council Minutes) more accessible to Members across the Nation.

My grandparents are Francis Shopteese/Josephine Thomas Cadue and Joseph/Mary Green Shipshew. My parents are Francis and Arlene Wahwasuck/Thurman "Dutch" Shopteese. My spouse is Kenneth "Shon" Jessepe and my 3 children are Charissa (13), Shannon (10) and Cordell (6). I would appreciate your vote. I promise to be open, honest, fair and will advocate for the best interest of all PBPB Members. Thank you. Contact info. Home 785-486-3861. E-mail: shopteese@rainbowtel.net.



Ralph "Porky" Tecumseh

My name is Ralph "Porky" Tecumseh and I am campaigning for the position of Tribal Council Member.

I was born on the Potawatomi reservation and lived most of my life here. My wife, Linda and I have four sons, Mario, Frank, Cody and Nelson, one daughter, Amber, and also five grandchildren.

Being involved with your community and family keeps one in touch with what is happening in our Nation. I have served on various youth, parent and social events committees that have benefit our Potawatomi community in the last twenty years. Also, I proudly serve and actively participate with the American Post #410 We-Ta-Se.

Serving on the Tribal Council requires teamwork. I have served ten years as a Tribal Council member on previous Tribal Councils. I have the leadership skills to fill this position. Promises to do this or that should not come from just one person, it takes all seven members on the Council to make the right decisions for all of our Tribal members.

I would like to continue promoting Potawatomi growth, economically, physically and spiritually. Our community needs strong leadership and teamwork.



Jacob "Tug" Wamego

My name is Jacob Wamego commonly known as Tug. I have a two-year-old son named Jaiden Wamego and I am the grandson of the late Alberta Nagmo Wamego and Algernon "Bozo" Wamego. My mother Lisa Wamego and two brothers Eric and Derek all reside

on the reservation. I currently live with my companion Kristen Aitkens and we reside on the reservation and we are both currently employed with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

I currently work for the Boys and Girls Club of the PBPB and attend classes at Washburn University, where I was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll and nominated to the National Dean's List. I am an active member of the Drum Way and in my spare time I sing with Little Soldier, a local drum group from the reservation.

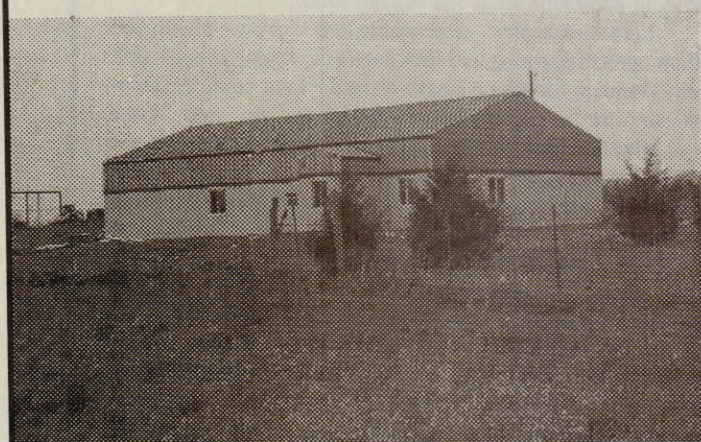
This election brings a unique opportunity for our people. If elected I intend to be the voice of our New Generation of Prairie Band Potawatomi. I am capable and ready to learn about the inside track of our Tribal Government. Decisions that are made by this Council affect every member, but are especially important to the younger generation, as we are making our homes on the reservation with our new families. I would like to help our people have more opportunities for better lives through education, jobs, and better health care. This can only be made possible with the support of the peoples' thoughts and ideas.

Our elders paved the way for us to be stronger, more educated Indian people; they gave and sacrificed everything they had for us to stay strong as families, now it is our turn to take care of them. They were forced by non-Indians to give up their way of life, i.e. religion, language, and our culture in general. But now with our Indian leaders on our Tribal Council, we are able to ensure that this does not happen again. We are now able to get back some of the land that was lost, build homes, provide job opportunities, and revitalize our community. Our younger generation needs to be more involved in the decisions that are being made. I would like to encourage all the young Prairie Band Potawatomi, 18 years of age and older to register and vote, not only in our Tribal Council elections, but also in our State and Presidential elections. Your voice needs to be heard now. It is your turn to speak out loud and strong, for this is our home and our lives that the government decisions are being made for. Don't just sit and complain about what you don't agree with, have your say by voting for the candidate that will make the best decisions for you and your families. Think and listen carefully to each candidate and what they have to say about their campaign intentions, because they possibly could be making decisions for all of us. I cannot and will not make promises. I can only say that I will do my best to adhere and uphold our Tribal Constitution and work for our people. VOTE AND BE HEARD.



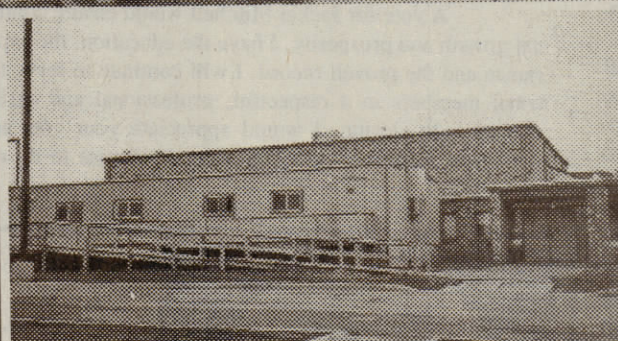
New construction projects around the rez

Food Distribution Warehouse

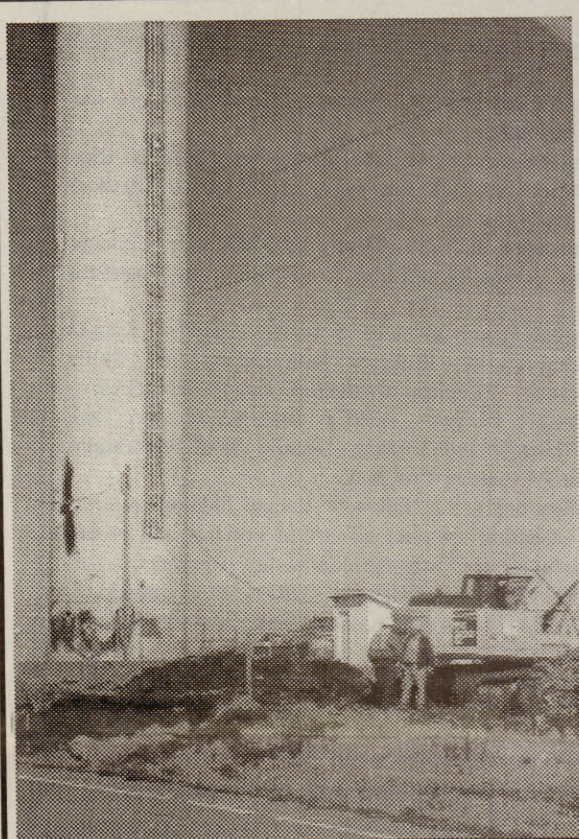


In the lower right photo is Dave LaCour, from A.H.R.S. Construction Co, General Contractors out of Bern, Kansas operating a crane that was used in building the metal structure of the new Food Distribution Warehouse. The finished building, completed a short time later, is seen above and is located on K Road next to the Land Management Building.

Distance Education Building



Terry Fox, Maintenance, in the top photo above, is seen smoothing out a cement slab in preparation of relocating the trailer that has been in front of the Boys and Girls Club (see above) for a few years. The trailer will house the new Distance Education Center that has been temporarily located in the Training Room of the Government Center. The trailer will be moved behind the old Tribal Fire Department Building.



New Water Tower on 158 Road

Construction began the first week of April for the tribe's new water tower that will sit next to the old familiar blue RWD #3 tower on 158 Rd (far left photo) until it is removed. The new tower can be seen in the smaller photo at left. When it is completed it will support 300,000 gallons of water in lieu of the present blue tower that holds only 70,000 gallons. New waterlines are also being installed which will give more water pressure and support for fire-sprinkler systems in the new buildings being placed on the reservation.

What is TERO?

Submitted by Dale Delg

In the October 2003 General Council meeting, motions to enact a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) was made. This Ordinance enforces Indian Preference in employment and construction contracting opportunities. What this will mean to the membership and other Native American's who want to work for the Nation is as follows:

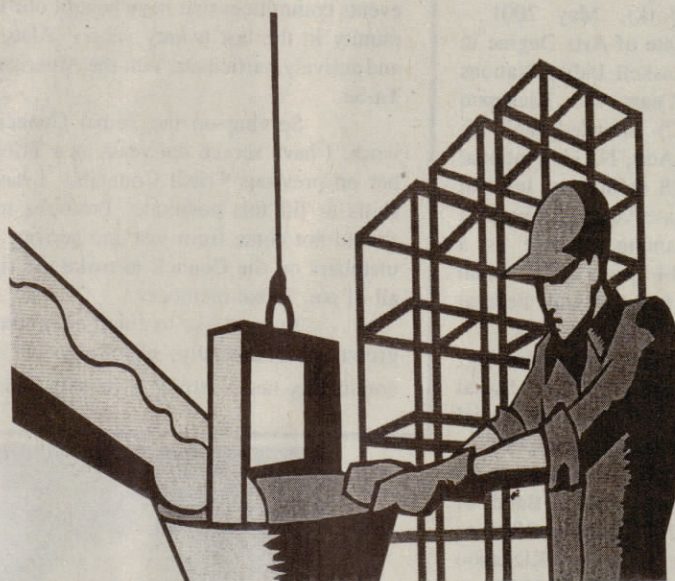
- This tribal law will be known as TERO and its primary purpose is designed to hire native people who meet minimum qualifications on job announcements and provide training once they are hired to gain additional training to support their position with a higher degree of competency.
- TERO also enforces Native American businesses that want to bid on PBPN construction projects (Casino expansion) on or near the reservation.
- The Ordinance gives Native contractors an edge on the bidding process where as if the Indian contractor comes within ten percent of the lowest bid then the Indian business is given preference in the selection of contracts.

TERO is about protecting the rights of the Indian people and businesses that want to share in these opportunities and abide by the PBPN Constitution in providing for membership opportunities.

TERO is not a new concept for Indian rights; as far back as 1834 Indian preference first appeared in Federal regulations. The first major Indian preference legislation passed by Congress was the Buy Indian Act of 1910 which has figured prominently in most subsequent, related legislation since then, e.g. the Indian Education Self Determination and Education Assistant Act of 1974 and the Inter-model Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance

nances (TERO's) were initially founded in late 1976 and early 1977. Today there are almost 300 Tribes and Alaska Native Villages covered by TERO ordinances, and now the PBPN will be the second Indian tribe in Kansas to establish such an ordinance.

Currently, there are no federal laws, which prohibit Indian Preference. Tribes are exempt from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. Numerous court cases have upheld this exemption (see Morton v. Mancari). Additionally, court rulings have indicated that Indian Preference is a political preference and not a racial preference



and as such do not violate the dictates of federal employment law. Therefore, Indian Preference is a unique legal right for tribal members that entitles them to first consideration to all employment, training, contracting and subcontracting and business opportunities that exist on the reservation. PBPN can apply tribal preference on all of the tribally owned businesses and construction projects, and Indian Preference is also allowed on P.L. 93 638 contracts such as the new health clinic.

TERO is a way to exercise the sovereign status and authority by the enactment and protection of the rights of Indian people through enforcement and providing the tribal membership with needed jobs. This legal doctrine is the most

basic principle of Indian Law and is supported by a host of Supreme Court decisions.

Inherent sovereign powers derive from the principle that certain powers do not necessarily come from delegated powers granted by express acts of Congress, but are inherent powers of a limited sovereign that have never been taken away. Indian tribes have a basic relationship with the federal government as sovereign entities. This is recognized in both treaties and federal legislation, however, what has not been expressly limited remains within tribal sovereignty. As Sovereigns, the Nation has the power to regulate business, levy taxes and establish the terms and conditions for Indian Preference in employment/contracting on the reservation.

There are three basic characteristics to a TERO Ordinance; the core characteristics of the program provide additional and valuable insights into why the law and enforcement program are needed and applied:

- TERO is a true act of self-determination; the decision to enact a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance is based on the Nation's needs and priorities.
- TERO programs are action-oriented and are no-nonsense, hands-on, result-oriented compliance programs.
- TERO's are systematically structured programs and key elements of this structure include a legal framework. TERO utilizes a sound and comprehensive framework that encompasses the use of Tribal, Federal and/or Kansas employment law.

Most of today's TERO programs utilize a proactive approach to enforcement. TERO officers (TERO office staff) usually a director, compliance officer and intake/receptionist personnel generally attempt to use education and synergistic partnering principles in order to prevent violations of tribal law (TERO) as well as create mutually beneficial relationships with reservation employers such as tribal government, tribal enterprises including Harrah's PBPN Casino.

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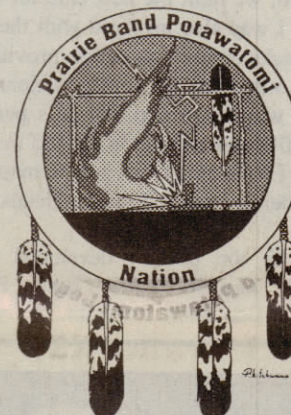
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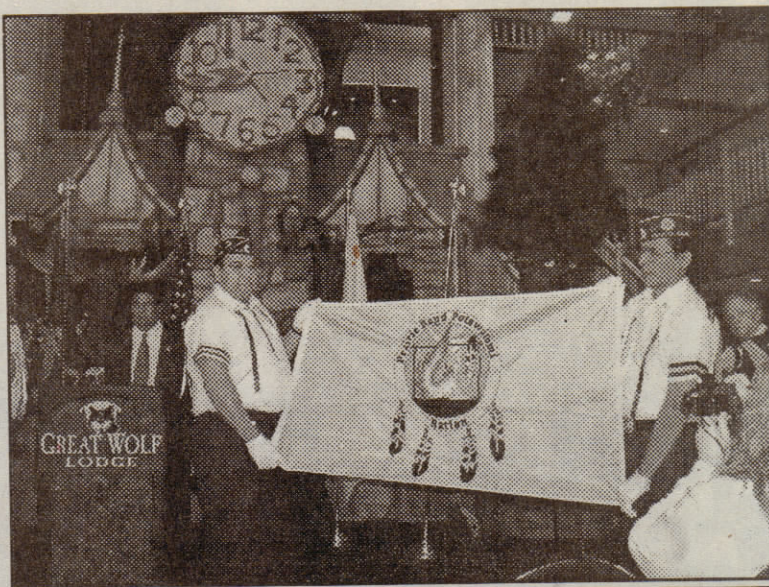
We-Ta-Se Post 410 makes KC TV evening news for Lewis & Clark-Great Wolf Lodge press conference

The We-Ta-Se Post 410 participated in a press conference on March 31 announcing a partnership between the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission and the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City, Kansas that is acting as an embassy of the plains during the two-year commemoration.

We-Ta-Se was featured on the morning and evening newscasts on all three of the major Kansas City television stations the day of the event and the following morning and in a news feature in the Kansas City Star, Kansas City Kansan, and Leavenworth Times the next day.

In a symbolic gesture, the PBPB flag was displayed and given to a representative from the Kansas governor's office and Jim McKinney offered a closing invocation and was sought after for interviews by on air personalities.

A call to be sensitive to Native Americans



Above are Steve Ortiz and Jim Darnall who displayed the PBPB flag before it was given to the Great Wolf Lodge where it will hang. Left is Jim McKinney being interviewed by TV Channel 4 and right is the opening march in.

Call for Veterans

On November 26th, 2003 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Veterans Memorial Wall was dedicated. There were 309 names of Veterans who had served in the United States Military from WWI through Desert Storm inscribed on the wall.

In our continued effort to acknowledge all Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal members who may have served in the Armed Forces of America we ask that you forward a copy of their discharge papers to the WE-TA-SE office for verification and future inscriptions to be added on to the Memorial wall.

Send information to our office: We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410, 15434 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. Or contact us directly by calling 1-785-966-2580. E-mail: bozoh@pbpnation.org or jimmd@pbpnation.org. Fax: 1-785-966-9853.



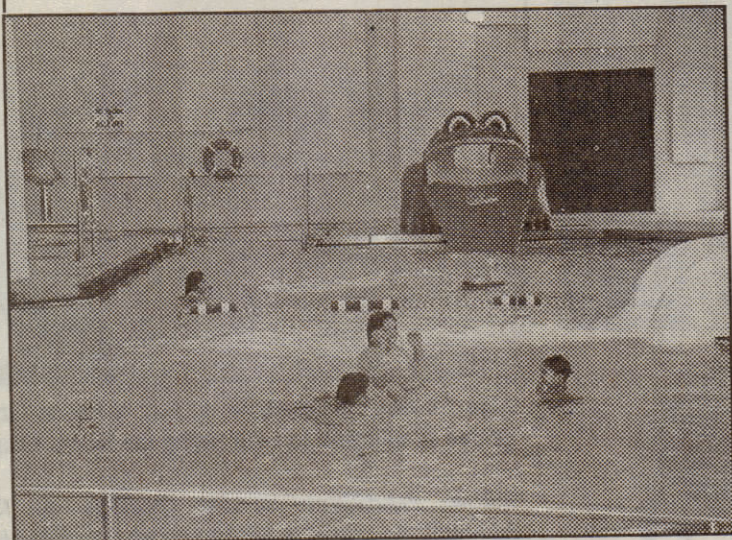
Here's a glimpse of the expansion in the Boys and Girls Club

sneak preview open house held April 16



In the left photo are Boys and Girls Club members putting their items in the new storage area that is in the new entry way of the expansion facility.

The photo below shows the kids swimming in the pool on April 20. Notice the new frog slide in the background.



Tribal Council
Boys & Girls Club
Child Protective Services
and
Family Violence Prevention Program
were sponsors for an Art Contest

And the winners are:

Age 0-7

1st place (\$25): Koskwe Rector, 4 yrs
2nd place (\$15): Trenton Wilbur, 2 yrs
3rd place (\$10): Thunder Knoxsah, 5 yrs

Age 8-12 Respect Me, Respect My Body
1st place (\$50): Robert Guerrero, 8 yrs

Age 13-18 Flirt, Don't Hurt
1st Place(\$50): Roseanna Lewis, 17 yrs

Age 19-49: No Means No
1st Place (\$100): Meex Wilbur, 22 yrs

1st Place (\$100): Aaron Costa, 22 yrs
2nd Place (\$50): Kelly Greenmore, 24 yrs
2nd Place (\$50): Jessica Masqua, 22 yrs

Age 50+: Love Shouldn't Hurt

1st Place (\$100): Roberta Guerrero, 50 yrs

Participation awards

(\$5): Lakota Knoxsah-Duncan, Skyla Knoxsah, and Kobe Mills, all under 7 yrs

All winners received certificates



Following is a list of the cemeteries that will be visited by the Post 410 on Memorial weekend and the order beginning at 8:00 am:

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| 1) Potts (Potts Home Place) | 20 Min. |
| 2) Wah-wak-sum (West of Dolly Richards) | 20 Min. |
| 3) Wah-Go (Hale Home Place) | 30 Min. |
| 4) Nelson Potts (142 & O) | 20 Min. |
| 5) Swede Wahwasuck (142 & K 1/4 m. East south side) | 20 Min. |
| 6) Shipshee (142 & K) | 30 Min. |
| 7) Dance Ground (142 & H.5 North 1/2 m. West side) | 30 Min. |
| 8) John Mitchell (142 & G 1/2 East m. South side) | 20 Min. |
| 9) Memorial Wall (Prairie Peoples Park) | 20 Min. |
| 10) Wazo (174 & n 3/4 Miles west on south side) | 20 Min. |
| 11) Andy Mitchell (170 & N No Weapons) | 20 Min. |
| 12) Wishkeno (150 & O) | 20 Min. |

All times are estimated. Please give or take 5 minutes.

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April 2004 Election of Officers for 2004-2005



Post 410

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Adjutant
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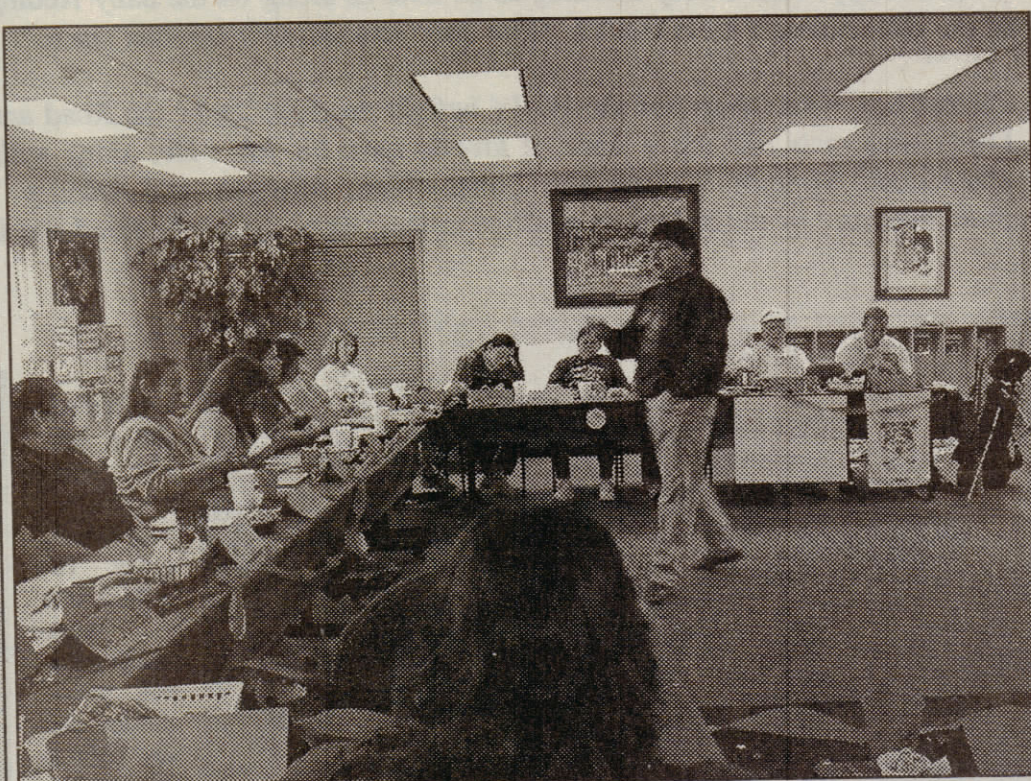
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The election has been rescheduled; the results will be in the next issue.



Early Childhood Education Center News

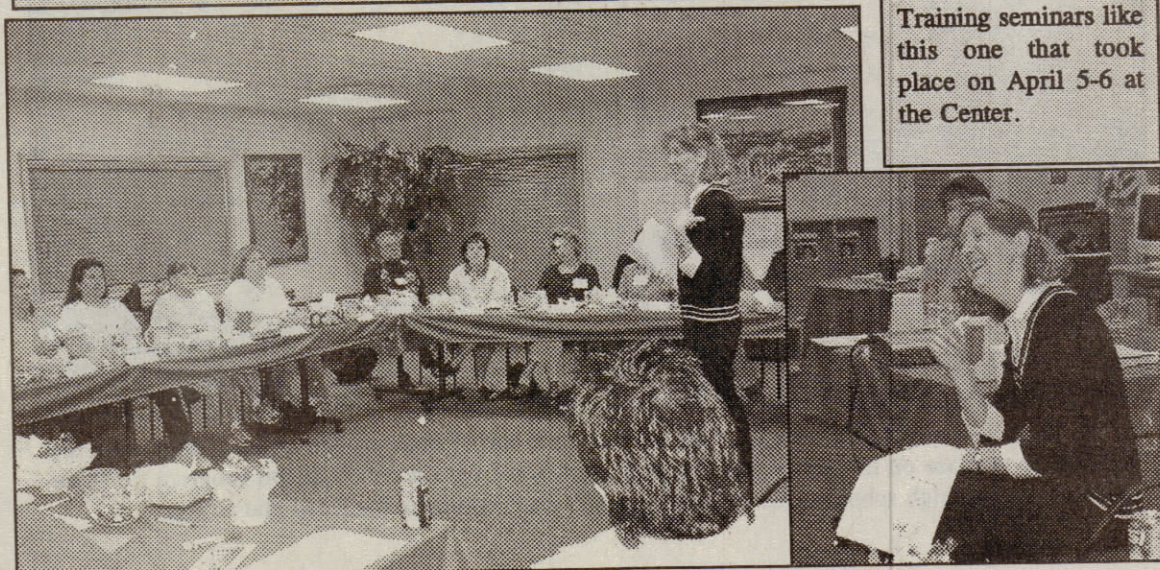
Billy Rogers of the Native American Wellness Institute offers motivation at an all-day seminar to the Early Childhood Education Center staff



Billy Rogers, a motivational speaker and seminar leader spent the day with the staff at the Early Education Childcare Center on Friday, March 26 teaching them about conflict resolution methods and other ways to work more effectively. Rogers is the founder and director of the Native American Wellness Institute whose mission is to foster the well-being of Native people through programs and training that embrace the teachings of Native American ancestors.

Childcare instructor Tina Haefke, seen below instructing the group has taught several Touchpoint Training seminars like this one that took place on April 5-6 at the Center.

Touchpoints Training





Oh, give me a home...



by: Suzanne Heck

photos by: Suzanne Heck & Mary Young

It all started when Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie found Mr. Majestic standing in his backyard on the rez. A large buffalo that eventually weighed over 2,400 pounds, he had escaped from the Kickapoo herd. He so peaked Pahmahmie and his brother, "Tuffy's" (Merle's) interest in buffalo that the boys later began caring for the large beast. Mr. Majestic was 38 to 40 years old when he died two years ago and as Pahmahmie told us on a crispy, cold Friday morning as he took us along on the daily feeding rounds of the PBP Nation's buffalo herd, "I've been amazed with'em ever since."

Pahmahmie, who supervises the PBPN buffalo program under the Road and Bridge Department, acts like it's a labor of love to have his job. He, along with Daylan Mzhickteno, Timothy Wahweotten, Elliott "Wah" Masquat, and Anthony "Wahpi" Hale, take care of the buffalo in addition to their other duties for Road and Bridge.

The Bison Program began around 1981 when the Kickapoo Nation donated three buffalo to the tribe. Twelve years later in 1993 the PBPN joined the Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative (ITBC) out of Rapid City, South Dakota which allowed the tribe to acquire more buffalo and federal funding for fence and corral improvements. The PBPN then moved the buffalo to their present site at N Rd. and 150 Rd. from where they were originally located which was next to the old tribal headquarters on K Rd. Another additional improvement made within the last few years has been an underground crossover that was built under N Rd. that's allowed more room for the growing herd to roam in a pasture across the road.

The people in the photos in this essay are Pahmahmie, Mzhickteno, and Wahweotten of the Road and Bridge crew and Dan Dyer, Director of Land for the Nation who was also checking out the herd and land on a day when we were there.

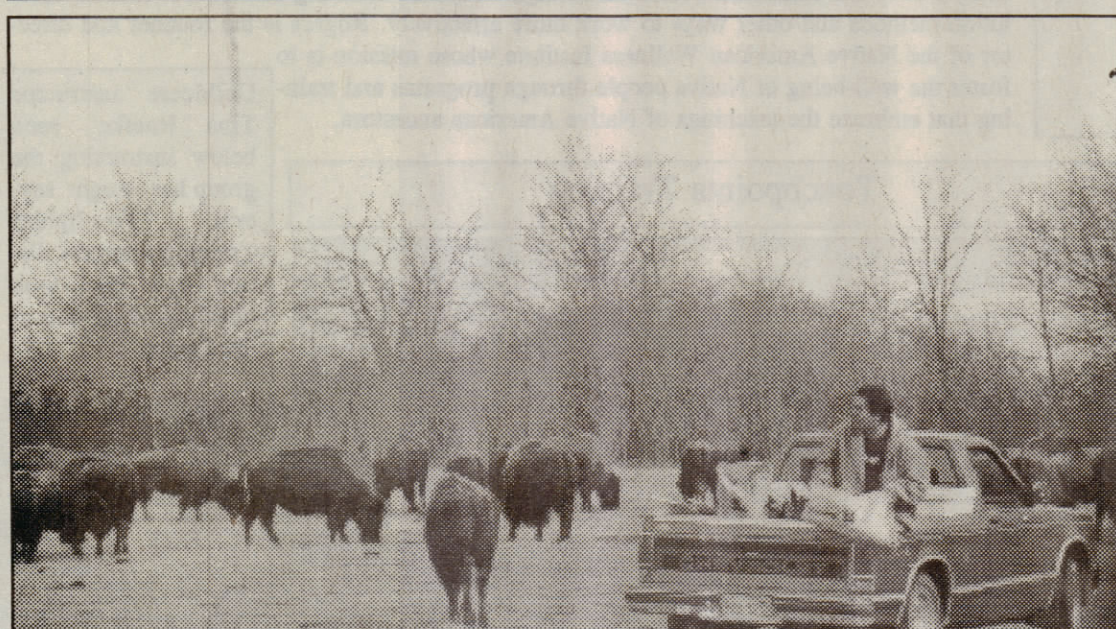


Left is a bull and a baby who was probably born in early spring. The buffalo have a nine-month gestation period and are usually born in the spring.



Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie is also a Fence Crew Foreman for Road and Bridge in addition to overseeing the Bison Program for the Nation.

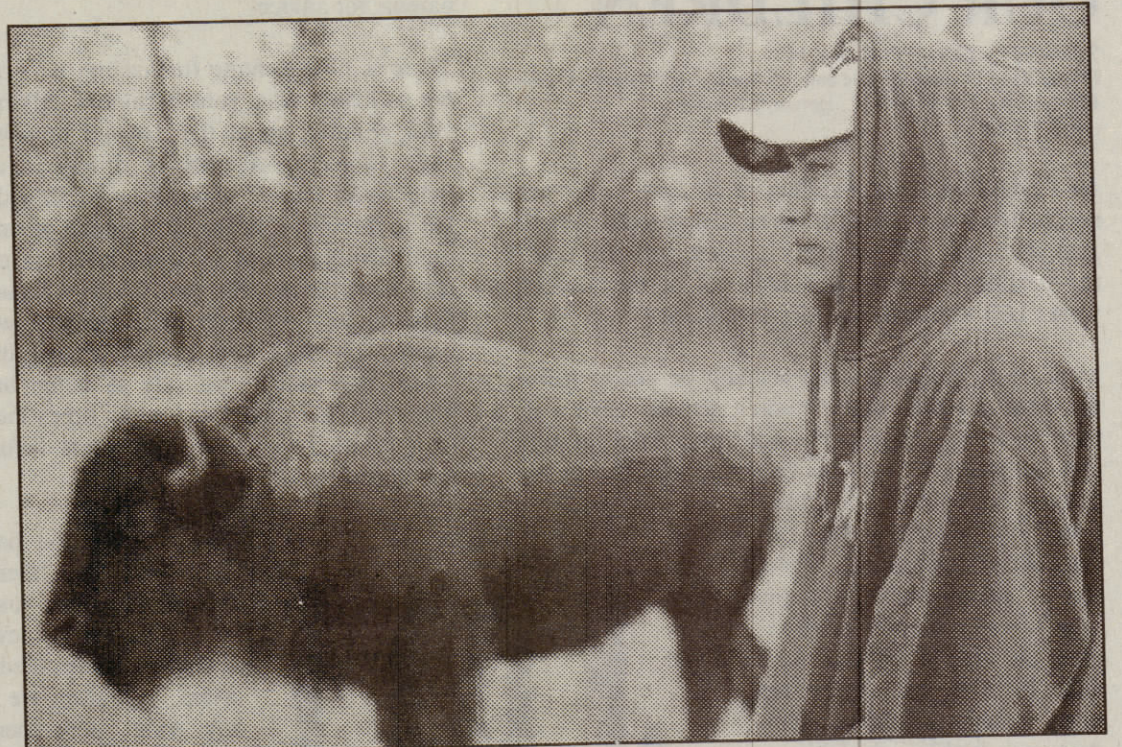
Below, Pahmahmie is seen checking out the herd on another day. Although he said it is hard to count the herd he estimates there are around 100 head.



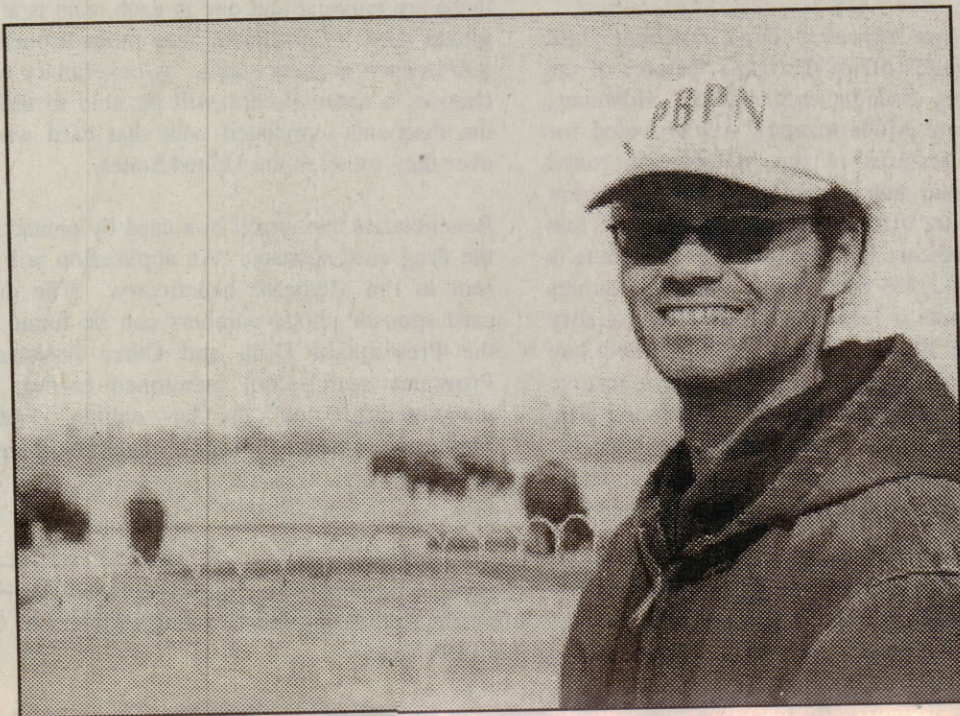
In the truck is Timothy Wahweotten who is shaking a bag of high protein pellet supplements for the buffalo to graze on in the pasture. Wahweotten worked for the tribe's Bison Program for three summers during high school before becoming a full-time employee for Road and Bridge.



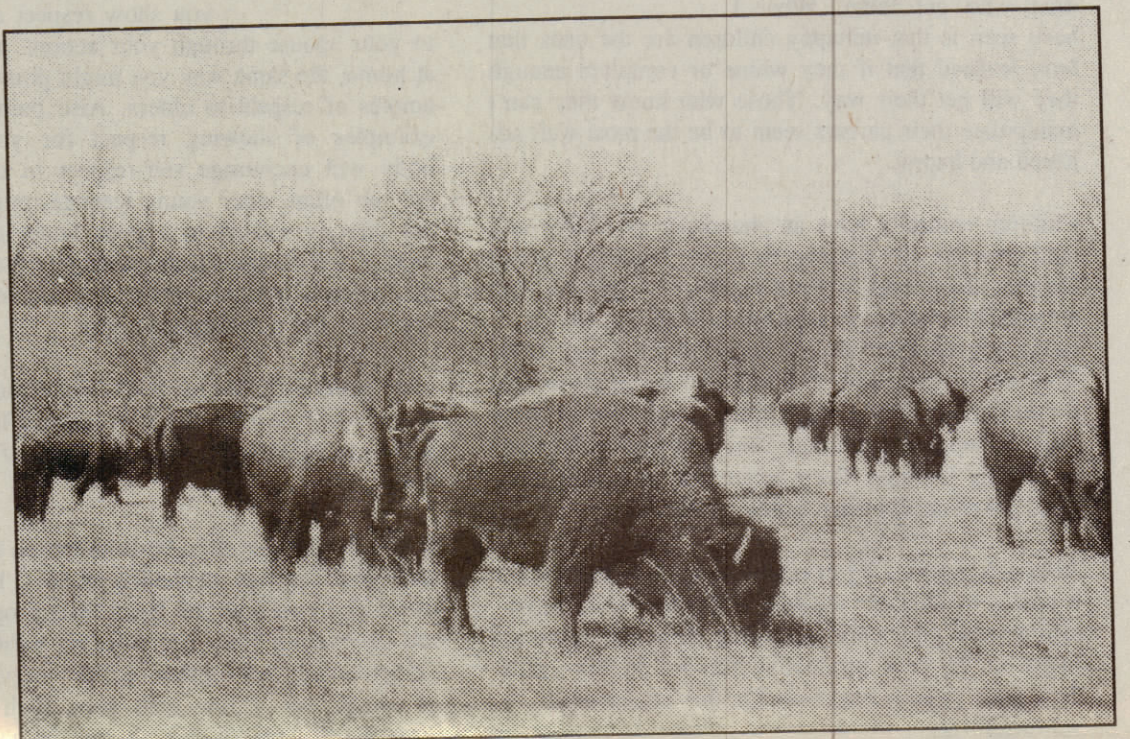
A day with the buffalo herd



Daylan Mzhickteno pauses for a quiet moment with the buffalo during their morning feed. In addition to his work with the bison Mzhickteno works in the labor pool for the Road and Bridge Department.

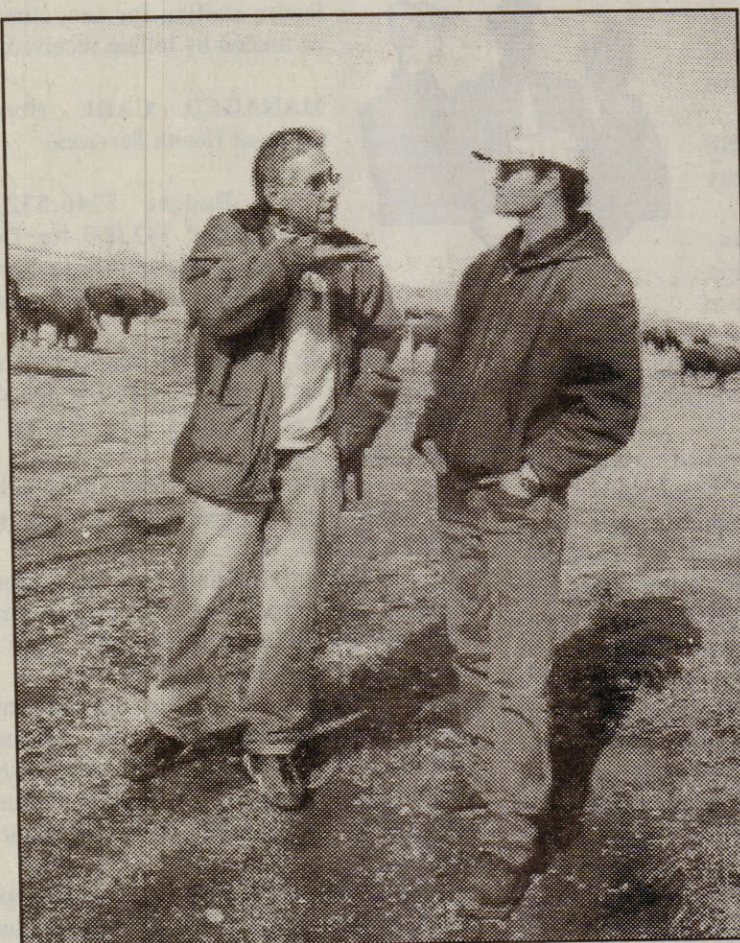


At left is Dan Dyer, Director of Land Management for the Nation, who is also interested in the Bison Program. He stopped by to visit with Boney Pahmahmie on the bison grounds when this photo was taken. Dyer has a degree in environmental science from Haskell and is a tribal member.

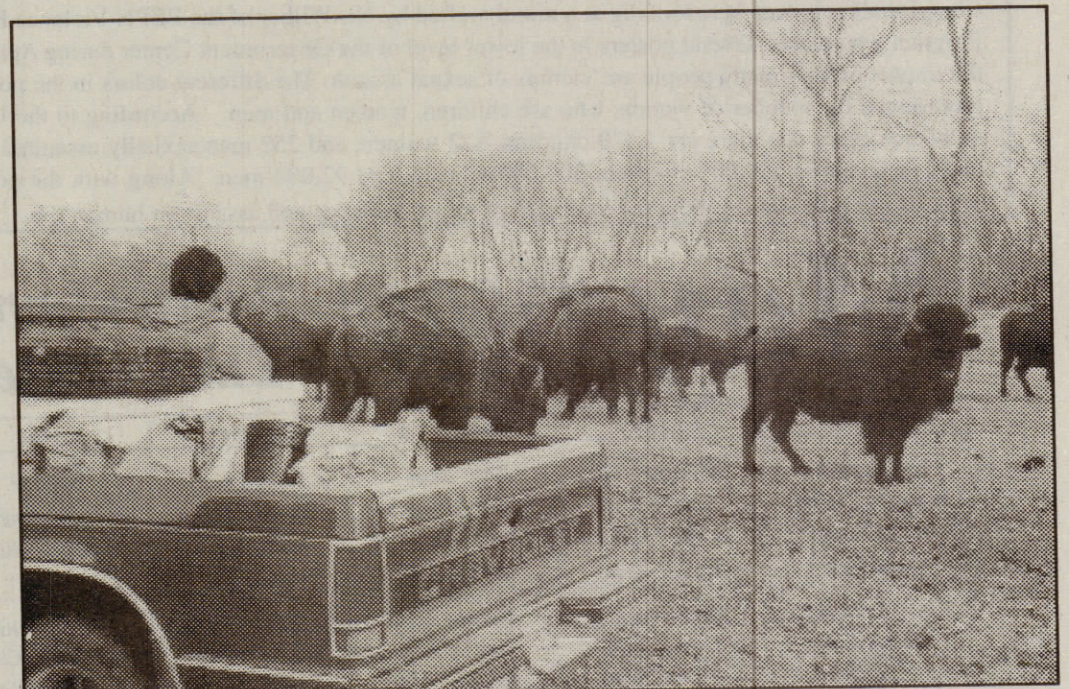


This photo shows the respect that Pahmahmie and the buffalo appear to have for each other. Having cared for them for several years Pahmahmie said he has come to know the many signals that the buffaloes give to each other and to man.

When the buffalo are near the rez's roadways cars can be seen stopping so people can watch them. They have become a popular attraction on the reservation and are usually a regular stop on official PBPB tours.



Pahmahmie, left, a lifelong reservation resident and tribal member is seen here discussing fertilizer for the bison pastures with Dyer. In the background the herd can be seen feeding on the pasture grasslands.



Timothy Wahweotten, who finally finished his job of distributing the pellets of food for the bison that day, is seen here taking a breather and enjoying his time with the animals.

"The Bison Program wouldn't be possible without the support and help of all of the Road and Bridge crew. In one way or another they make the program work and they contribute in different ways and at different times."

-Boney Pahmahmie

GIVING THE GIFT OF HEALTH TO OUR CHILDREN

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As a physician, I see children of all ages. I see certain patterns emerge as children and parents come in year after year. There really are best times for teaching healthy behaviors and most all of the teaching works best when done before adolescence.

Most eating behaviors can actually be taught before the child is school age. Children actually have a robust appetite for vegetables and fruits from the time they are weaned. This can be perpetuated for the rest of their life or it can be undermined by frequent snacks that are high in sugar or salt. These snacks are addictive and the urge to eat them will soon replace the urge to eat vegetables and fruits if the snacks are made readily available. Children are highly adaptable to their environment, and I have not seen that children without snacks are less happy than children who get them. What I have seen is that unhappy children are the ones that have learned that if they whine or complain enough they will get their way. Those who know they can't manipulate their parents seem to be the most well adjusted and happy.

Children naturally have an abundance of energy and their muscles are wanting to grow. Finding ways to channel this energy without making "sitting still" the only ideal behavior can be hard. Walking, biking or swimming together are all family friendly activities. You will usually find your children doing more than the minimum during these times, with lots of skipping, hopping and running. This will pay off big time in helping children sleep better and in getting their mind off of unnecessary eating or television.

Although teaching by example starts in toddlers when it comes to tobacco, alcohol, drugs and sex, conversations with your child regarding these things are not likely to be very productive till 3rd to 6th grade. Test your child's readiness for this conversation, as waiting till your child reaches puberty is usually too late. Dr. James Dobson refers to the work done by Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a psychiatrist at Harvard Uni-

versity who studied 1,023 children ages 10-13. Dr. Poussaint found that most children before puberty feel very loved by their parents and want to talk with their parents. After eighth grade this attitude changes drastically. Now the children were suddenly unwilling to ask their parents for advice.

There is no substitute for leading by example, but no matter what your behaviors, talking with your children about the dangers of substance abuse (tobacco, alcohol or drugs) in a non-judgmental way is important and shouldn't be left to the school as the only source of information. Children need to know how the choices they make fit in with your family's values and expectations. Although most children want to experiment, they want to have a sense of what values and beliefs are safe to come back to when they get scared and many times they will look to what you told them years before for that anchor.



The sex education that children learn from their parents is more than just how to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Children are learning about how men and women treat each other from the example you provide. Don't hesitate to point out examples of how you show respect and love

to your spouse through your actions or words at home, the same way you might point out examples of respect to elders. Also pointing out examples of showing respect for your own body will encourage self-respect in children. All too often, very young teenage pregnancies are directly related to a poor body image or lack of self-respect in the teenager resulting in the teenager trying to prove they are "okay" or "mature" through sexual activity.

I see many terrific kids with lots of motivation at our clinic. I hope these words will help you assist our children in the hard work of healthy living.

If you would like more information on working with your children on healthy choices, I recommend you visit with the Head Start program on the reservation (they are working hard on developmentally appropriate health interventions) or check out a few web sites such as the American Academy of Pediatrics at www.aap.org/family or the KidsHealth web site at www.kidshealth.org.

MAKING MEDICARE MAKE SENSE

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services/ed

Medicare Questions

Q: Recently the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy G. Thompson announced the companies that are approved to offer a Medicare drug discount card. What does this mean?

A: The Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card and Transitional Assistance Program was enacted into law on December 8, 2003 as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. Beginning in May of this year, Medicare beneficiaries will be able to choose to join a Medicare-Approved Prescription Drug Discount Card program, with the discounts beginning in June. Medicare is contracting with private companies to offer the discount cards. Currently, there are 26 national cards to choose from and some regional cards. This Medicare-Approved Drug Discount program is intended to help with the cost of prescription drugs right away but it is not a Medicare benefit. Beneficiaries may be responsible for up to a \$30 per year enrollment fee and they should enjoy prescription drug discounts of 10-25%. This voluntary Medicare-approved drug discount card program is being offered as a bridge to when Medicare will offer a prescription drug benefit in January 2006.

The Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card program builds off of the many features of the current drug discount card market. However, the Medicare Modernization Act provided for additional features of the Medicare-approved card program that should improve on current drug discount offerings. Most importantly, low income Medicare beneficiaries whose income is less than \$12,569 each year or married couples whose income is less than \$16,862 will qualify for \$600 in 2004 and again in 2005 to help pay for prescription costs. They will also receive the 10-25% discounts on their prescription drug purchases and they will not be responsible for the up to \$30 enrollment fee each year. These lower income Medicare beneficiaries need to

know about this \$600 credit available this year and next to help pay for their prescription drugs. And, any remaining dollars left over in 2004 from the \$600 credit can be carried over and used in 2005.

Also, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will make it easy to compare Medicare-approved cards on www.medicare.gov beginning the end of April as well as other drug cards that are already available. Currently there is no other tool that will allow consumers a comparison of all drug discount cards available in one place so that beneficiaries can make the best choice for their needs. This same information is available by calling 1-800-Medicare, (1-800-633-4227), and a print out of the internet search can be mailed to the beneficiary. This search tool will allow Medicare beneficiaries to find out which drug card companies will offer discounts on the prescription drugs they use, how much they will pay for each prescription and which pharmacies will accept each card.

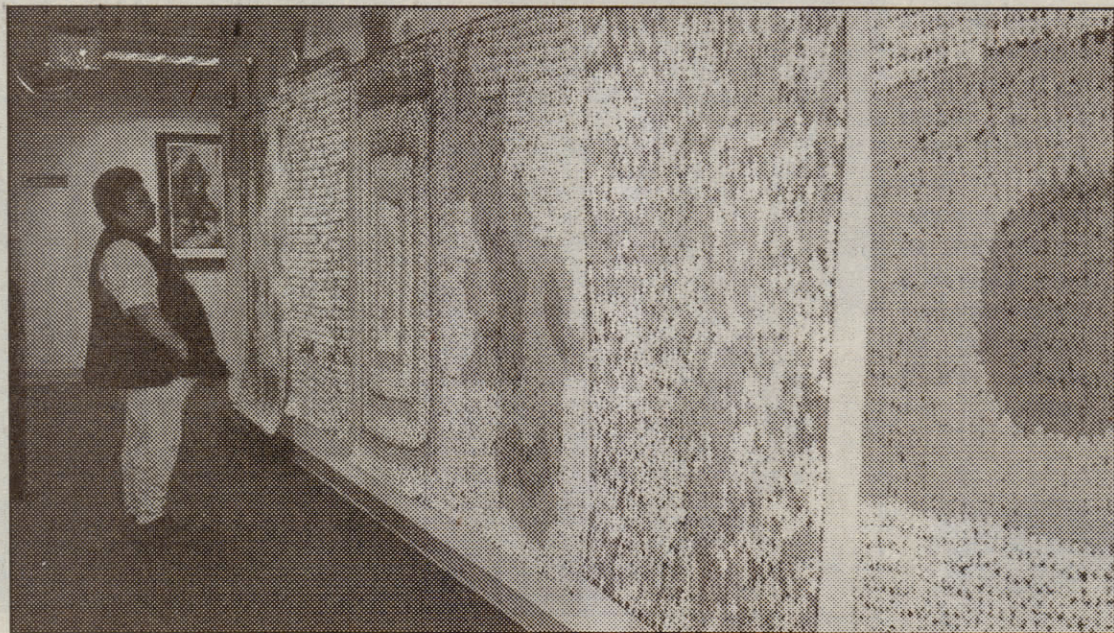
Currently, there are 28 cards available in Iowa and Missouri; 26 of these are national and two in each state are regional cards. There are 27 cards available in Kansas and Nebraska; 26 of these are national and one in each state is a regional card. Enrollment fees range from \$0-\$30 in each of these states. A beneficiary who chooses a national card will be able to utilize the discounts associated with that card where ever they travel in the United States.

Beneficiaries can enroll in a card by contacting the drug card sponsor. An application will be sent to the Medicare beneficiary. The drug card sponsor phone numbers can be found on the Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs search tool mentioned earlier, on www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-Medicare, (1-800-633-4227), beginning the end of April.

Health issues: The "Kansas Grass Roots Conference Addressing the Growing Problem of Club Drugs and Marijuana" will be in a future issue of the PBP News.

Employees are currently receiving mandatory education and information from the Kansas Meth Project on the following: signs and symptoms of someone using meth, how to recognize meth labs, how to report it, and other information concerning this subject.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness month



Cheryl Walker is seen here looking at a mural crafted by Nis Wilbur of the PBPV Violence Prevention Program who placed several posters in the lower level of the Government Center during April to show the impact of how many people are victims of sexual assault. The different colors in the posters each represented the number of victims who are children, women and men. According to the U.S. Dept. of Justice every day there are 1,370 children, 822 women, and 252 men sexually assaulted. Totals in one year come to 500,000 children, 300,000 women, and 92,000 men. Along with the posters was other useful information about the high rate of sexual violence and assault on human life.

May "2004" Potawatomi Elder Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Steak Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Salad	Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Beans, Tortillas Tomato Salad	Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Succotash Dinner Roll	Sliced Ham Baked Yam Stuffing Dinner Roll	Beef Pie Buttered Noodles Spinach Salad Biscuit
BLT Sandwich Baked Beans Quiche Fruit	Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Chicken Pitas Broccoli Soup Macaroni Salad Crackers	Birthday Dinner Fried Chicken Picnic	Salmon Patties Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Sliced Bread
Chili & Hot Dogs Potato Salad Green Beans Mixed Fruit	Country Fried Steak Potato & Gravy Broccoli Normandy Dinner Roll	Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuit	Hogi Sandwich Potato Soup Fruit Salad Crackers & Cheese	Lasagna Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread
Ham & Beans White Rice Zucchini & Carrots Cornbread	Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Carrots or Spinach Dinner Roll	Combo Burrito Taco Rice Tossed Salad	Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	Tuna Casserole Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad Biscuit

**Closed for
Memorial Day**

Native Seniors 50+ Free
Adults \$3.50
Children \$2.00



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

News from the PB & SF Health & Wellness Center: Health Clinic submits quarterly report 1/2-4/7/04

Total Number of Visits By All Providers 5250.

Temporary building purchased by Sac and Fox Nation (SFN), charging no rent for use of the temporary health center. Open House of the temporary clinic was held on February 24.

An Architect and Engineering firm has tentatively been selected for design of the permanent clinic building. References are being reviewed before final selection.

Proposal for the Construction Manager for the new clinic were reviewed by the Tribal Council and Health Board on April 13. Interviews are scheduled next week.

3 Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Registered Nurses employed by PBP/SF HC, 5 other PBPs employed on staff, and 2 other Native American staff.

Focus of the PBP/SF HC is to provide quality health services.

DeeAnn DeRoin, MD, is conducting a monthly clinic for women's health care beginning April 2.

A weekly women's health care clinic is conducted by a Nurse Practitioner beginning April 2.

IHS took every pencil, pen, code book, medication and other health care items essential for continuity of care. X-rays were lost or misplaced. An abnormal mammogram was misplaced creating unnecessary stress for the individual. There have been numerous computer problems, these are being resolved.

Diagnostic equipment was taken even though there was not a physician on board at the IHS Clinic in White Cloud Clinic.

The clinic now has toll free numbers. They are: Clinic 866-694-6728, Managed Care 840-441-6021, Pharmacy 866-243-6525. Patients can leave a message with the pharmacy number for refills. Don't wait until you are completely out of medication to get refills!

The Tribal Council has submitted a resolution to include Shawnee County in the Managed Care Service Area. The process is

SLOW, but moving forward, as promised!

Your visits for health care at the PBP/SF HC is very important. Funding is based on User Population.

BILLING

Indian Health Service (IHS) agreed to return all back billing to the PBP/SF HC. Checks in the amount of \$14,582 and \$24,009 were received in February and March respectively.

Billing of private insurance has begun. Since January 4, 2004, 1137 have been flagged as billable. \$1384 has been received to date for 26 claims.

Staff is working on back billing from April 2003-December 2003. 4 staff members have received training in billing. The 4 staff will receive training in billing coding on April 28.

Individuals will start to receive an Explanation of Benefits from your health insurance carrier. Bring these to the office if you have been referred for health care services by providers outside the PBP/SF HC.

Billing will be a priority. Future staffing for new clinic will be funded by billing received.

MANAGED CARE. (formerly Contract Health Services)

Budget \$346,532 for Medical and \$47,000 for Dental. This must last until September 30, 2004. Staying within budget to date.

Paying only Level I services for medical care. Patients are still eligible for dental care at the Haskell Dental Clinic. To date there have been no denials.

Patients must use their private insurance for referrals to health care providers outside the PBP/SF HC.

Mail all old bills prior to January 1, 2004 to Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service, Contract Health Services Branch, 3625 NW 56th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Charges for missed appointments to providers outside the PBP/SF HC will not be paid by Managed Care. If one cannot keep a scheduled appointment, the individual must re-schedule and/or cancel to avoid additional charges.

There have been 20 missed appointments to date. This makes providers reluctant to see our patients since missed appointments is a loss of revenue for the provider and in turn denies others access to health care.





Support Groups In the vicinity of Mayetta, Topeka, Holton, Horton & Lawrence



Topeka Area

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

Native American AA Meeting — 8:00 p.m. Friday, SW 135 Buchanan.

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

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

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

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

Weigh Down Workshop—Experience God's deliverance from dieting and overweightness. Free orientation at 12:30 pm Thursday, White Lakes Plaza Apartments clubhouse, 3730 SW Plaza Drive. Call Elizabeth, 266-7318.

Mayetta Area

Open AA Meeting at Judy's Café, 104 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS on Tuesday's at 6 pm.

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

Alanon/Alateen Unheard Voices, Thursday, 7 pm at the We Te Sa Building, 15434 K Road

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

PARR House—Open meeting, Monday at 7:00 pm, 18367—182 Rd.

Women's Voices—Thursday from 6-7 pm, at the We-Ta-Se building, 15434 K Road. Toll free 1-866-966-0173.

Women's Closed AA Meeting—Friday at 5:30 pm, at the We-Ta-Se building.

Horton & Holton Area

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

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

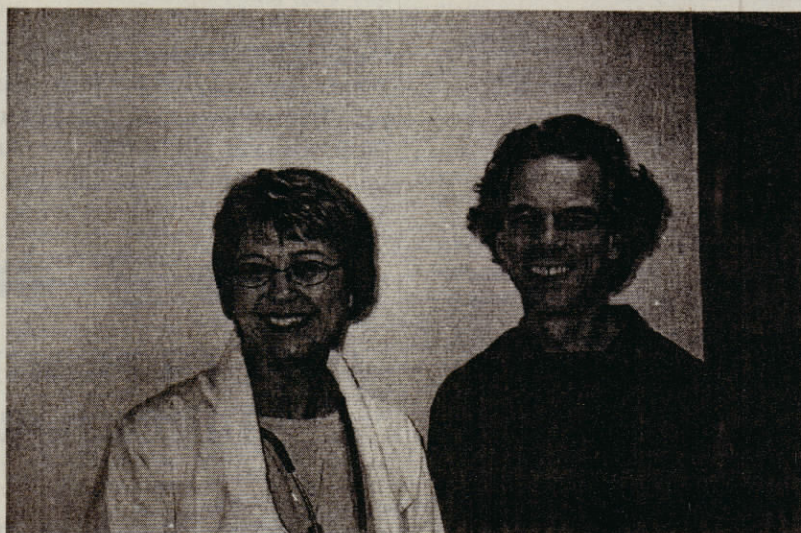
Holton AA Meeting—at EUM Church (1 block south of post office—enter south door), Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Lawrence Area

Circle of Hope AA Meeting every Wednesday at 7 pm, Haskell Campus, Winnemucca Hall (south of the campus)



Nurse practitioner hired at the Prairie Band Potawatomi / Sac and Fox Clinic



Newly hired Nola Ahlquist-Turner RN, BSN, FNP touring the clinic with Dr. Steven Stevenson.

The new nurse practitioner lives in Topeka, Kansas. She is married and has three children. Her husband, Gary, works for Burlington Northern Santa Fe. Her two oldest children are grown and no longer live at home. Her youngest son, Alex, is thirteen. He plays soccer, so much of her free time is spent on the soccer field. She enjoys reading, listening to music, and decorating her home.

She graduated from Wichita State University in 1972 with her BSN in nursing. She got her MSN there in 1996. She spent a two-month practicum at the Holton IHS with Dr. Abbott while working on her nurse practitioner degree and was at the clinic on Fridays most of last year.

She spent 23 years at the Topeka-Shawnee County Health Department as director of Maternal Child Health Services prior to obtaining her nurse practitioner degree. Since that time she has worked with Dr. Robert Barnett, a gynecologist in Topeka. She does some pregnancy care, but mostly well women health care. She also provides family planning services to the Jackson County Health Department two days a month.

She said, "I am glad to be back and look forward to seeing patients here at the Prairie Band Potawatomi/Sac and Fox Health and Wellness Clinic."

Reminder

The Health & Wellness Center will be closed Monday, May 31, 2004 and on Tuesday afternoons for Administrative time.



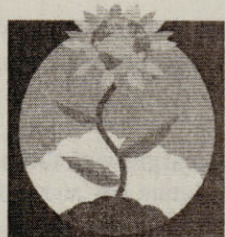
Health Tips

For a healthier lifestyle

Drink plenty of water
Eat in moderation
Get plenty of exercise
Get plenty of rest



Earth Day Celebration - 2004



The 6th Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Earth Day Celebration was held on Sunday, April 18, 2004. About 200 people participated in a variety of events. The annual run, bike ride, and predictor's walk drew over 100 participants. Other popular events included a bike rodeo, bike and car seat safety check, the recycled paper airplane contest, environmental egg hunt, cakewalk, and an environmental fashion show. Several ongoing events occurred throughout the day, including a tree/shrub/flower bulb giveaway, and environmental information and gifts donated by Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful. The concession stand was also available all day, featuring barbecued buffalo donated by the PBP Buffalo Program.

Some new additions to the celebration proved to be very successful. Linda Tecumseh, designed this year's T-shirt with the theme, "The Rez's Good Looks Depend on You!" The Bureau of Indian Affairs was also present for the first time, bringing an abundance of cool environmental information and gifts for the kids. Also new to PBP Earth Day, was the raffling of a Compost Tumbler, a unique barrel for mixing and aerating homemade compost. Jackie Mitchell was the lucky winner of the Compost Tumbler!

The day concluded with an awards and recognition presentation for all of the winners of events, volunteers, and contributors to PBP Earth Day Celebration. 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 a special "thank you" to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and children that made Earth Day a family event.

Listed below are the winners of the events,

along with the special volunteers that completed community/roadside clean-up projects:

3-Mile Run

Female 0-12 1st) Stacy Martin
Male 0-12 1st) Derek Martin
2nd) Cole Schmitz

Female 13-17 1st) Wahba Masquat

Female 18-49 1st) Note-no Thomas
Male 18-49 1st) Russ Whiteside

Overall Female – Stacy Martin
Overall Male – Russ Whiteside

6-Mile Run

Male 0-12 1st) Daniel Martin
Male 18-49 1st) Douglas Scholfield
Female 40+ 1st) David Prager

Overall Male – Douglas Scholfield

3-Mile Bike Ride

Female 0-12 1st) Alicia Scholfield
2nd) Jade Wahweotten
3rd) Adria Carter
Male 0-12 1st) Stevie Wahweotten
2nd) Wahp LeClere
3rd) Wemiko Lewis

Female 13-17 1st) Carmen Wakolee
Male 13-17 1st) Dan Criqui

Male 18-49 1st) Merle Green
2nd) Roy Spoonhunter

Female 40+ 1st) Shirlene Seymour
Male 40+ 1st) Dave Criqui

Overall Female – Carmen Wakolee
Overall Male – Dave Criqui

12-Mile Bike Ride

Male 13-17 1st) Pam Johnson
Male 18-49 1st) Aaron Costa

Overall Male – Aaron Costa

3-Mile Predictor's Walk

Female 0-12 1st) Hailee Tapedo
2nd) Naomi Rogovin
3rd) Brittney Lake

Male 0-12 1st) Wahp LeClere
2nd) Jerry Cadue
3rd) Stevie Wahweotten
Female 13-17 1st) Carmen Wakolee
2nd) Roseanna Lewis
3rd) Patty Lewis
Male 13-17 1st) Pam Johnson

Female 18-49 1st) Michelle Emmert
2nd) Melinda Williamson
3rd) Michelle Matchie
Female 18-49 1st) Mark Matchie
2nd) Adam Rosenberger

Female 40+ 1st) Debbie Matchie
2nd) Sharon Landis
3rd) Hedy Noland
Male 40+ 1st) Billy Matchie
2nd) Jr. Wahweotten
3rd) Badger Wahwasuck

Overall Female – Haille Tapedo
Overall Male – Wahp LeClere

Special Recognition - Community/Roadside Clean-up Volunteers

Trashbusters – Mary Young, Juanita Jessepe, Joe Jessepe, and Mary Lewis

Trash Helpers – Audria, Carrie, Derek, Cody, Blake and Bryce Garrison

Nebi Wabaunsee & Family

Hedy and Thedy Noland

Warren & Nona Wahweotten and Family

Boys & Girls Club - Jr. Members

PBP Early Childhood Center – Preschool/Childcare Class

If you are interested in signing up for a community clean-up project please contact the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection at (785) 966-2946. Seventeen groups have volunteered for projects and we look forward to recognizing everyone's efforts by adding their names to the grand Earth Day plaque on display at the Tribal Government Center.

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Letters to the Editor

Charitable Committee questioned

I am writing this letter to express my displeasure in a personal matter and to give it some public exposure.

I was in attendance at the General Council Meeting held Saturday, January 17, 2004 and received a copy of the Treasurer's Report. On Page 9 of the report, listed under "Charitable Contributions", was a donation to Thunderstruck Racing Assoc in the amount of \$1,000.00.

I originally addressed my request in writing to the Charitable Contributions Committee on January 20, 2004 for information about Thunderstruck Racing Assoc. I also made a second request on February 17, 2004. I sent Jim Potter, Tribal Council Treasurer copies of both letters.

To this date I have not been given a response or acknowledgment to my request. *Is this how the Charitable Contributions Committee treats all Tribal members who are requesting assistance?*

I understand that the committee may not be able to release names and contact information of the people involved with Thunderstruck Racing Association. However, I am seeking information to help *Rez Boyz Racing* obtain sponsorship through the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation who, according to the Charitable Contributions guidelines, is not eligible at this time. If anyone has any information about Thunderstruck Racing Association, please call me at (785) 966-3966.

Racing is a very expensive sport. Any help that we can get for *Rez Boyz Racing* would be greatly appreciated. We feel that it is just as important as softball or any other sport for that matter. It is too bad that the tribe does not wish to help one of their own. When your own people are not willing to help you, where do you turn?

Tracy L. Rogers. Tribal Member

Water plant suggestion

I would like to see general council to look at setting up a water plant to take care of the casino and the new health facility on the reservation. As it states, our water supply is controlled by Jackson County. I feel as a tribal member that we should become as independent as a nation. I am hoping that general council will consider this project for our future. I hope to have a water supply to support all the reservation in time.

Thank you for your time.
Tribal Council Roy Ogden.



EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

REPORTS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SALARY: COMMENSURATE TO EXPERIENCE
OPENING DATE: APRIL 19, 2004
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Directs, coordinates and supervises education department activities, including the following programs: Adult Education, Adult Vocational Training, Graduate Student Scholarship, Higher Education, Job Skills, Tribal Scholarship. Under supervision of the Executive Director and Tribal Council. Supervises Job skills coordinator, JOM Coordinator, and Student Services.

JOB DUTIES:

- Meet contract requirements for B.I.A. programs, Adult Education, Adult Vocational Training and Higher Education, i.e. program guidelines, budgets, and reports.
- Assist tribal members with applications for education programs.
- Schedule Education Committee meetings for review of education applications.
- Process education applications and distribute grants timely and equitably.
- Maintain student files.
- Maintain statistical documentation of students
- Meet with school counselors, college admission officers and financial aid officers.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree or minimum four years experience in the Education field and two years experience in Business & Office Administration. Candidate must have professional work ethic, manner and appearance. Ability to communicate orally and in writing. Must be a motivational self-starter. Must have basic office skill and be computer literate with the ability to exercise sound judgment. Must have organizational and time-management skills. Must possess a Valid Kansas driver's license and be insurable.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: Individual selected shall agree and abide by the PBP Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to a drug screening PRIOR to employment.

PRIVACY ACT: This position must comply with all requirements and provisions of Subpart D of CFR, which implements the Privacy Act (5), USC 552a, (i)(l).

INDIAN PREFERENCE EXERCISED.

Submit application to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Human Resources Department, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. For further details call (785) 966-3060 or toll free 1-866-694-3937.



HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

REPORTS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SALARY: COMMENSURATE TO EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE
OPENING DATE: APRIL 21, 2004
CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This position has direct line responsibility for the clinical administrative and allied health services in administering a community-oriented primary health care delivery system. Assures the highest quality care to the community. Oversees the management of all health programs.

JOB DUTIES:

- Responsible for assignment of duties, preparation of work schedules, approval of leave requests, employee work standards and granting of clinical privileges.
- Supervises the clinical programs staff including staff performance evaluations, job training and orientation, use of employee diagnostic instruments for performance and improvements and evaluation and implementation of performance management systems specific to departmental issues.
- Responsible for ensuring that all billable services are submitted by the medical records and billing department staff for processing.
- Responsible for coordination and oversight of the Resource Patient Management System (RPMS) for reporting purposes on services provided. Includes site management of the RPMS computer and software used in the pro-

grams.

- Attends Tribal Council meetings. Works cooperatively with Tribal Council and designated Tribal Council Health Liaison.
- Provides monthly reports to the Executive Director on clinic workload statistics, staffing, financial summary, accomplishments and challenges. Conducts a bi-annual evaluation of the total program including a review of utilization of services, a sample review of patient records to support continuous quality improvement and review of the programs policies and procedures.
- Responsible for maintaining an appropriate record of all treatment provided to eligible patients and for following up on patient issues as needed.
- Responsible for overall coordination of staff development and ensures compliance with continuing education requirements for Health Services employees while continuously focusing on the needs of the program and enhancing the clinical and dental staff skills and knowledge.
- Responsible for on-going JCAHO certification compliance, HIPAA, quality assurance and adherence to the Health and Human Services operational standards. Includes ensuring compliance requirements for all third-party payers, accrediting and certifying agencies, staff, patients and the community at large.
- Responsible for the on-going development of operating and fiscal policies of the programs. Develops program goals and objectives in collaboration with tribal, local, state and federal organizations. Prepares an annual budget for the Health Services showing the expected revenue and expenditures as required by the Executive Director.
- Works cooperatively with Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Community Services Program (CSP), Alcohol/Rehab Programs, and other tribal and health related programs. Networks with other Tribes/Nations, local, state, federal and private agencies.
- Attends with approval workshops/seminars/conferences relating to Health Care of all General Membership and provides narrative written report to the Executive Director.
- Represents the health program in an equitable manner in the community and in other organizations as approved by the Executive Director. Maintains positive participation in all levels of the decision making process.
- Conducts self in a professional manner.

•May be required to perform other duties as necessary or in the best interest of the programs.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree in Public Health Administration, Health Administration or a related health profession from a recognized or accredited university preferred.
- Minimum five (5) years of experience in management, administration and supervision in a health care facility.
- Must pass drug and alcohol screening test.
- Must possess a valid Kansas driver's license and be insurable.
- Must provide three (3) letters of professional reference with application/resume.

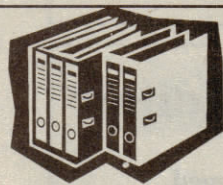
OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Knowledge and understanding of the principles, procedures, and associated regulations and standards for the delivery of rural, community-oriented health care delivery system. Familiarity with Indian Self-Determination contracting and the I.H.S. system. Knowledge of budgetary and financial formulation management processes. Computer literate and knowledgeable of various computer technologies. Knowledge of personnel management requirements such as EEO, employee and labor relations, position management, recruitment and training. Ability to supervise professional and paraprofessional health care providers. Extensive knowledge of appropriate accrediting and certification requirements, such as JCAHO, Medicare/Medicaid, OSHA, HIPAA, etc.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: Individual selected shall agree and abide by the PBP Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to a drug screening PRIOR to employment.

PRIVACY ACT: This position must comply with all requirements and provisions of Subpart D of CFR, which implements the Privacy Act (5), USC 552a, (i)(l).

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Distance learning courses offered through PBP Education Dept.: Classes will be offered from HINU Fall 2004

Deadline for registration is by June 30th, 2004. To enroll in these classes or for more information please call: Frances Wabaunsee 785-966-2884 or stop by the PBP Education Office

HIST 101 3 Credits History of the United States Since the Civil War

MWF 9:10-10:00 Mike Tosee

Social, economics, political, and cultural factors in the United States history since 1865. Fulfills a humanities requirement, part a.

SOC 101 3 Credits Introduction to Sociology

TR 9:45-11:00 Mike Tosee

Basic sociological concepts and their application. Attention to the origin and development of social institutions and social processes, social structure, social interaction, social group and community. Fulfills Social Science requirement, part a.

CIS 102 3 Credits Introduction to Information Processing

TR 8:15-9:30 Lou Hara

This course provides an overview of computer concepts and terminology relating to information processing. Topics on computer systems, hardware, software, applications, languages, programming, networking, global communications and how computers affect society will be covered. The student will experience extensive coverage of the practical use of MS Office application software such as word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentation graphics. E-mail and the Internet will also be utilized.

Math 011 Introduction to Algebra

MWF 11:10-12:00 Ed Necefer

Math 100 3 Credits Intermediate Algebra

Prerequisite: MATH 011 or placement.

TR 11:15-12:30 Ed Necefer

Algebraic properties of real numbers, linear and quadratic equations, exponents and radicals, and graphs, and systems of linear equations.

SW 110 3 Credits Chemical Dependency and the Native American

TR 1:00-2:15 Venida Chenault

This course introduces students to the field of addictions and examines the continuum of chemical abuse and dependency. Factors contributing to abuse and dependency and the emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual effects on the individual, the family, and community will be explored. Major theories of causality, their effects on treatment approaches and a special emphasis on integrating American Indian/Alaska scholarship, research, and treatment approaches to chemical abuse and dependency will be examined throughout the course. Fulfills Social Sciences requirement, part a, or Native Citizenship requirement.

AIS/ENGL 346 3 Credits Philosophy in Indigenous Literature

MW 12:45-2:00 Denise Low-Weso

A junior/senior-level class that explores literary works of Native writers and the worldviews, implicit and explicit, that inform the texts. This course explores the indigenous concepts that arise from poetry, fiction, drama, autobiography, film, photography, and other print/performance media. Ideas from outside commentators also will be considered, such as metaphysical concerns, colonial discourse, Marxism, postmodernism, feminism, and ecological critique.

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION PBP No. 2004-066 National Women's Health Week Proclamation

Whereas: The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (the "Nation") is a duly organized Indian Tribe, with a Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior and last amended on May 13, 2000.

Whereas: Pursuant to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitution, the Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Nation and of regulating law and order on the reservation.

Whereas: National Women's Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come.

Whereas: Women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that should be addressed in their own right.

Whereas: Keeping women healthy and safe and promoting awareness of women's health issues depends on partnerships with social, health and other services.

Whereas: Women can promote health and prevent disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social and spiritual health.

Whereas: Women's health remains a priority for families, communities and government, and our commitment to women's health is stronger than ever.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council does hereby proclaim and recognize May 9-15, 2004, as National Women's Health Week and encourage everyone to work together to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution proclaiming National Women's Health Week was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2004, at a Meeting of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council, during which (7) members were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of (6) for, (0) opposed, (0) abstaining, (0) absent from voting and the Chairperson not voting.

ATTEST:

Zachariah Pahmahmie, Chairperson

Steve Ortiz, Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of April, 2004.

Notary Public

Jona Rupnicki says thanks!

Thank you for electing me as your gaming commissioner. I'm proud to serve my Potawatomi people and am looking forward to doing the best job I can for the Nation.

The Powwow committee is raising money for the June Powwow and has created the Booster Club program seen below. Please send in your check for level 1 or level 2 as listed to become a booster to:

Rebekah Potts, Tribal Police Department
16344 Q Rd, Mayetta, Kansas 66059
or call (785) 966-2585

POW WOW BOOSTER CLUB

Become a Pow Wow Booster

Level 1—\$25

You get: 1 Pow Wow Admission
1 Pow Wow Program Book and
Your Name In the Program as a Pow Wow Booster

Level 2—\$40

You get: 2 Pow Wow Admission
1 Pow Wow Program Book and
Business Card Size Ad to send message of your choice



Welcome Home Irene



2 Business Card size\$80

In Memory of
John S. Smith
January 1, 1930
December 31, 1990

1 Business Card size\$40

Other Messages
Happy Birthday
Graduation
Happy Anniversary
Congratulations!!!!
Look Who's Over the Hill
Thinking of You
World's Best Dad
World's Best Mom
Welcome our New Baby
Remember that '49?
Engagement Announcements
Welcome Home
In Memory of
You are my Shining Star
CHAMPION POW WOW DANCER
Good Luck Best Wishes
Happy Grand Parents Day
We're So Proud of You
Happy Retirement

Attention: All Graduating Students—high school and college—deadline to submit information, May 15, 2004

The PBP News will be featuring the 2004 graduates in the May issue. If you would like to be included in the May issue, please send the following with your name and address so we may return your photo:

- One photo.
- Name of school you are graduating from.
- Return address and/or SASE for your convenience.

Send photos to:

PBP News, P O Box 116, Mayetta, KS 66509

OR drop the information off at the PBP News office:

15434 K Road, We-Ta-Se Bldg., Mayetta, KS

OR by email, as an attachment, send to:

Suzanneh@pbpnation.org—maryy@pbpnation.org

Congratulations Students

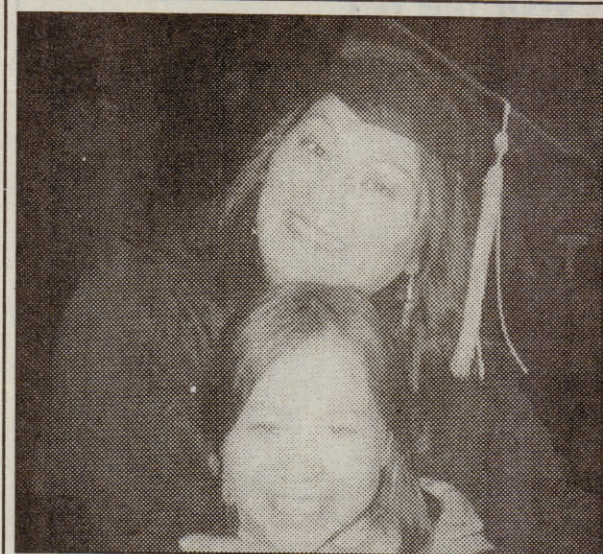


Congratulations Verna Potts!
your family is so proud of you!

B.S. in Life Sciences
Kansas State University

December, 2003

Verna Potts with her niece, Kaylin celebrating on graduation day.



Come help celebrate
the American Legion Post 410 WE-TA-SE
15th Anniversary 1989—2004
at this year's Pow-wow
on Saturday, June 12



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

POW WOW

June 11, 12 & 13, 2004

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Drum Contest - over \$7,000

Dance Contests paying over \$35,000

Golden Age, Men's & Women's,
Teen Boys & Girls and Junior
Boys & Girls categories -
Tiny Tots paid each session

Golf Tourney
4-Person Golf Scramble

Men's FastPitch tourney

Wellness walk sponsored by
PBP Nation Health Board

Plenty of Camping - Limited RV
Space (first come-first serve)

Admission for the weekend \$5

Contact person:
Micki Rice Martinez
1-877-715-6789 ex 3999 or
Rebekah Potts at
1-877-727-6743



HEADMAN
Daryl Jack, White Cone, AZ
HEADLADY
Jancita Warrington, Keshena, WI
MC
Vince Beyl, Bemidji, MN
CO-MC
Manny King, Lawrence, KS
INVITED DRUM
Bear Creek, Batchewana Reserve, Ontario
HOST DRUM
Tha Tribe, Lawrence, KS

More Pow-wow info

Grand Entry: Friday - 7pm, Saturday - 1pm & 7pm, Sunday - 1pm

Contests: Point system for all contests - Points earned beginning with Friday evening Grand Entry - Dance/Drum contest registration opens Friday at 5pm - Dance/Drum contest registration closes Saturday 6pm

Men's Fastpitch Tourney
Contact: John LeClerc (785) 966-2335 (eve) or Curtis Masquat (785) 966-2580 (day)

Golf Scramble
Vendors/Info
Contact: Pow Wow Committee @ 1-877-715-6789 x-3999 (voicemail) or powwow@pbpnation.org

Parking: Parking within the park limited to Elderly/Disabled or by Permit only - Plenty of parking and shuttles available across from the park - Please make sure we have plenty of parking space and convenient arena access for our elderly/disabled pow wow'ers by respecting this request.

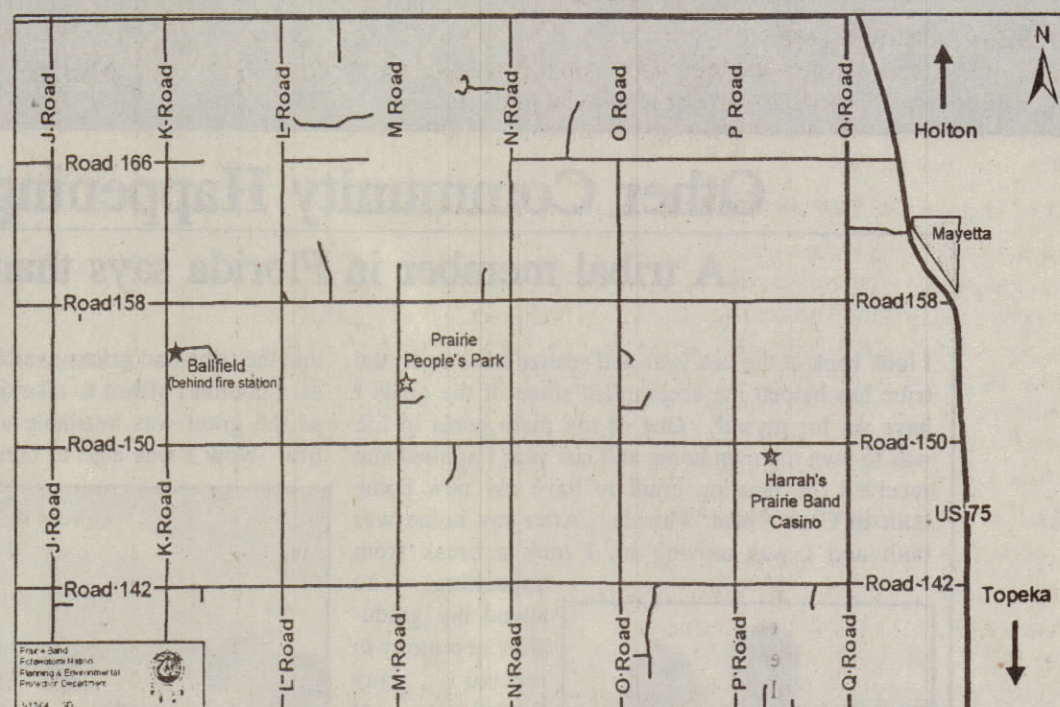
Lodging: Super 8 Motel, Holton - (785) 364-1988 - \$63.90/night - by 5/11/04

Sleep Inn, Topeka - (785) 228-2500 - \$69.00/night

Plenty of Camping at Park - Showers on site - Permit Required, check in at Committee booth - Limited RV Space at Park (first come first serve)- Additional RV space at Casino

Pow Wow Location: Prairie People's Park - Mayetta, KS - US 75 highway, 20 minutes north of Topeka to 158th Road, West on 158th 5 miles to M Road, South on M Road 1/2 mile to Park.

Other Info: 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 lost 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 Prairie People's Park. Any person violating this order shall be placed under arrest. Violations shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both.



11th Annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations

hosted by the

Citizen Band Potawatomi Nations
at the Tribal Complex
Shawnee, Oklahoma

August 4,5,6,7, 2004

For lodging information call
Cathie Hanson, 800-880-9880, ext. 1106



Community

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Ganiŋtēk (Those who are born)

Happy First Birthday Markus Edwaye Parish



Born: April 16, 2003
Birthplace: Sherman, TX

Parents: Lorian Clark & Mark Parish,
Sherman, TX

Grandparents: Tony E & Kim A. Clark,
Sherman, TX

Late Great-great grandpa: Leroy E.
Clark,
Shawnee, OK



Donte Keith Bell



Born: March 27, 2004
Duluth, MN

Weight: 7 lbs, 10 oz
Length: 21 inches long

Parents: Miyah Danielson & Lionel Bell
Cloquet, MN

Grandparent: Frances Wabaunsee
"Granny Franny"
Mayetta, KS



HaPpY 1st BiRtHdAy !!

Mason Elkriver Thomas
"Pyetaska"
04-28-04

Parents:
Charisse Warrior & Victor Thomas
Grandparents:
Larene & Fred Thomas
Rose & Ron Jessepe
Great-grandparent:
Orcelia Thomas



Benjamin Thomas Bartlett



Born: March 29, 2004
Weight: 7 lbs

Parent: Thomas Bartlett



Addison Grace Boyles

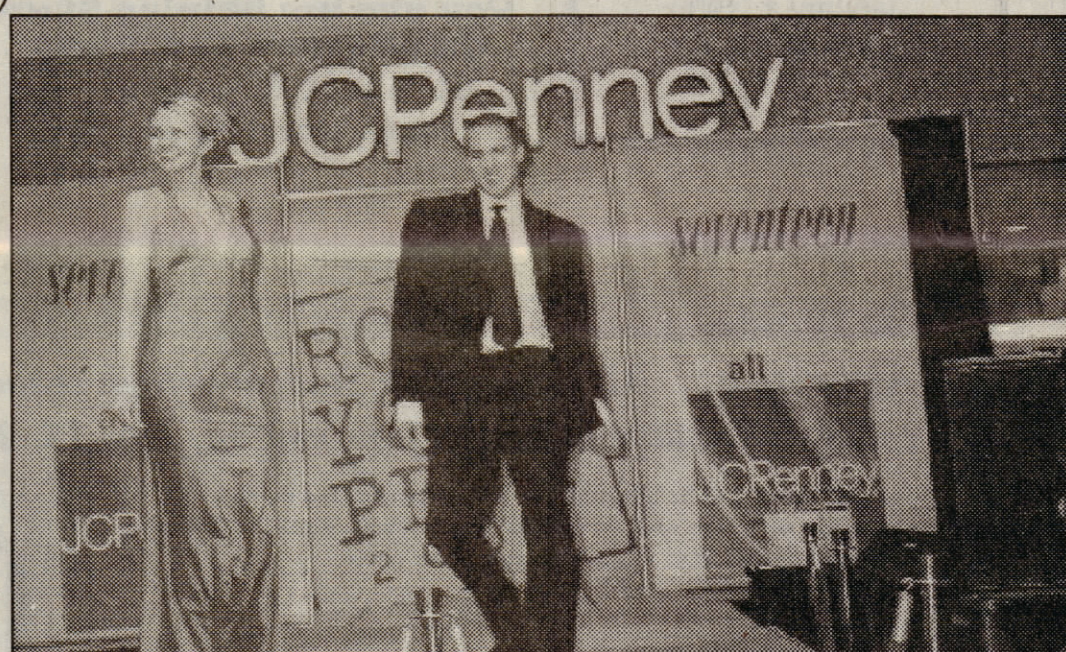


Born: March 5, 2004
Wt: 7 lbs, Lgh: 19 in.

Parents: Randy & Suzzi Boyles, Burnips, MI

Grandparents: Jim Gunn, Troy, MI
Judy Gunn, Daytona Beach, FL
the late Cheyenne Richard
Boyles
Laurene Boyles, Burnips, MI

Great-great grandparents: the late Pete
& Dorothy Blandin, Topeka, KS
Clarence & Addie Gunn,
Harper Woods, MI



Tribal member Andrew Micco was selected from more than a thousand applicants in the Kansas City area to model for Seventeen Magazine and the JC Penney fashion show held at Oak Park Mall in Overland Park on February 21. He also won first place in the dance competition during the tryouts. One of 22 students chosen to model, he was the only representative from Lawrence where he is a senior at Free State High School. After graduation he has accepted a modeling job with Abercrombie & Fitch and plans to attend college.

He is the son of Diana (Micco) Pinegar and grandson of Dempsey and Ramona Micco, Lawrence. His great-grandparents are Andrew and Stella Mattwaoshe.

Other Community Happenings

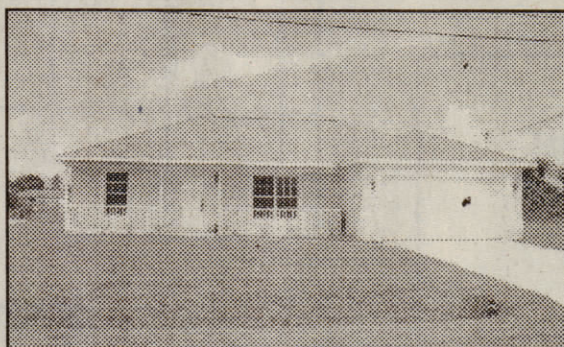
A tribal member in Florida says thanks

I look back at the last year and realize how much the tribe has helped me accomplish some of the goals I have set for myself. One of my main goals in life was to own my own home and last year I applied and received the housing grant to have my new home built in Cape Coral, Florida. After my home was built and I was moving in, I took a break from



unpacking to attend my graduation ceremony to receive my Bachelors of Science Degree from International College. Graduating would have not been possible if not for the tribe's help. They provided help with tuition and I received a grant to help pay for part of my student loans. Not only does the tribe provide grants for housing and schooling but the tribe provided a moving expense grant. What a big help that was! When the time came to move I was in the middle of planning a surprise wedding for my family, graduating from college, working full time and going to school part time for my Appraisal License. My mind was put at ease because I knew

that the tribe had grants available for moving expenses. I couldn't afford to take time off work or school, so the grant was available at a perfect time in my life. Now I was able to concentrate on passing the

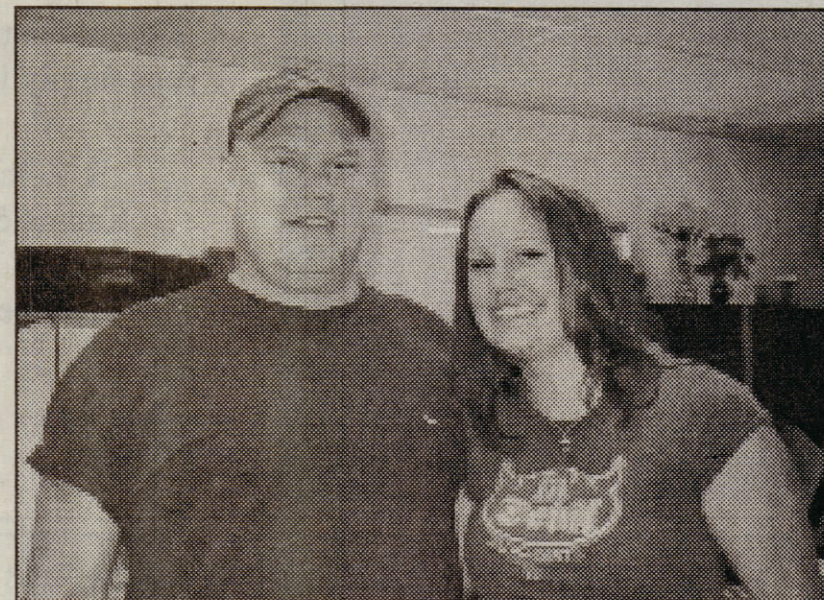


tests for my Appraisal license. I am extremely grateful for the per capita money that is dispersed twice a year. It seems that every time the per capita checks are sent out, some 'crises' comes up and I need some extra money. That extra money has saved me so many times. The tribe has also provided transportation and aid for my mother and father when it was needed. Thanks for looking out for them. My husband and I want to thank the tribe for all your help and all the staff that has made these programs possible.

Thank you.

Janet L. Sullivan-Fry & Glenn Fry

Tribal members from Colorado visit the rez



Kevin and Kendra Dizmang from Colorado Springs stopped by the News office during their visit to the reservation on April 2 while vacationing in Kansas. They were seeking historical information about the Prairie Band and taking a self-guided tour of the new facilities and land around the reservation.



Kamboŕëk (Those who died)

Sharon R. "Pi-Neh-She" McClane

Sharon R. "Pi Neh She" McClane, 60, Hoyt, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at home.

She was born Nov. 22, 1943, at Holton, the daughter of Charles M. and Goldie Stewart Pappan. She was a lifelong Jackson County resident and a 1961 graduate of Circleville High School.

Mrs. McClane worked for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for more than 25 years, serving as Secretary of the Tribal Council from 1978 to 1980, and from 1980 until her death as Director of the Education Department. She previously was a secretary for the Attorney General's Office in Topeka. She also had worked in the Office of Revisor of Statutes and Office of Supreme Court.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, a member of the White House Conference on Indian Education, National Indian Education Association, Tribal Education Contractors Association, and a charter member of the Kansas Association for Native American Education.

She married Thomas McClane on Feb. 25, 1967, in Miami, Okla. They were later divorced.

Survivors include three sons, Craig McClane, Topeka, Dustin McClane, Hoyt, and William McClane, Holton; four sisters, Dorothy Simon, Netawatka, Geraldine Hamlin and Charlene Anderson, both of Hoyt, and Theresa Anderson, Oskaloosa; a brother,

Donald Pappan, Topeka; and five grandchildren, Kaleb, Austin, Wesley, Sierra and Brooks. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Margaret Pappan.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in Hoyt Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Sharon R. McClane Scholarship Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, 1101 W Fourth St., Holton, Kansas 66436.

(Courtesy of the Holton Recorder 4/12/04)

The family of Sharon McClane would like to thank all of the people who gave in our time of need. It was reassuring to know that there were so many who cared.



Thank you

Anthony George "Nack-twa-tuck" Mahkuk

Anthony George "Nack-twa-tuck" Mahkuk, 36, Hoyt, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at his home.

He was born Oct. 29, 1967, in Holton, the son of Fred and Vernona Knoxsah Mahkuk. He had been in Hoyt for the past five years and previously lived in the Mayetta area.

Mr. Mahkuk was a heavy equipment operator for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Road and Bridge Department.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Native American Church. He married Lorrie Wahwassuck on Nov. 1, 1997. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Vernona Lewis, Mayetta; his father, Fred Mahkuk, Yuma, Ariz; four daughters, Vanessa and Ashley Mahkuk, both of Horton, and LaTosha Mahkuk and Amber Wahwassuck, both of Hoyt, a son Samuel Mahkuk, Hoyt; seven sisters, Anna Padilla, Delia, Linda Mahkuk, Emmett, Shannon Mahkuk and Jeanette Mahkuk, both of Topeka, Mary Mahkuk, Pablo, Mont., Marissa Mahkuk, Butte, Mont., and Rebecca DeVore, Topeka; five brothers, Robert Mahkuk, Mayetta, Matthew Mahkuk and J.C. Mahkuk, both of Ronan, Mont., Melvin Lewis, Holton, and Daniel Mahkuk, Mission, Mont.; and a granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a son, A.J. Mahkuk.

Services will be held Monday evening (April 12) at the Danceground Building west of Mayetta. Burial will be Tuesday morning at the Mahkuk Cemetery 10 miles west of Mayetta.

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 4/12/04)



Rafail "Ralph" Vega, 70 yrs Topeka, KS

Born: July 26, 1933

Died: April 8, 2003

Funeral Services: April 12
Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel,
N Topeka, KS

Burial: Mayetta (KS) Cemetery
with military honors by
WE-TA-SE Post No. 410

Survivors:
Patricia A. Zeller-Lundin, wife
Ruth Vega, daughter
Gilbert Vega, son
Paul Vega, son
Kathy Griffin, stepchild
Rick Lundin, stepchild
Vince Lundin, stepchild
Tammy Varner, stepchild
John Vega, brother
Salvador Vega & wife, Delores, brother
Alfonso Vega, brother
Sally Garcia, sister
nine grandchildren
one great-grandson
11 stepgrandchildren
one stepgreat-granddaughter

Preceded in death by
Salvador & Lillian Martinez Vega, parents
Gloria Hernandez, sister

Alice Marie Wa-Tam-Ke Conboy

Alice Marie Wa-Tam-Ke Conboy Gartland, 35, Philadelphia, Penn., died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, in Philadelphia.

She was born Nov. 1, 1968, in Philadelphia, the daughter of Peter Joseph and Nancy Wahwassuck Conboy. She graduated from high school at Phoenix Indian School in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Gartland was a hairdresser.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Philadelphia, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion.

She married Robert Gartland in Philadelphia. He survives.

Other survivors include her mother, Nancy Conboy, Mayetta; two sisters, Rencie R. Eteeyan, Sunnyvale, Calif., and Josette "Nugget" Whitlock, Philadelphia; two nieces; and two nephews.

Drum services will be held Monday evening on the Dance Ground west of Mayetta. Burial will be Tuesday afternoon in Wak-som Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

On-line condolences may be sent to
www.chapelofaakfuneralhome.com.

(Courtesy of the Holton Recorder, 4/5/04)

News from the Language Dept.

Eshgënbëk – Spring

Some of you might have received a call inviting you to our language forums on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The Department decided to hold language forums to provide information on the components of language revitalization. What does revitalization mean...In a few words...How to save our language!

In the first forum, we discussed the components involved in documentation which is the first step in revitalization. During this process we obtain the language from the elders in different methods. Some of those are in a written format by asking questions to a particular area of the language and the elders replying to the question. Here it is very important if you know the right questions to ask in finding out an answer. In another method, we translate stories either that have been already written or give the elders a book and they make up the story as they go along focusing on the pictures. Currently we are videotaping the elders and working either with a variety of pictures that combine into a daily activity or stories that have no words so that the elders can make up the story without being concerned with the English story line.

In addition to the actual documentation we look for language description which is the process of looking for grammar rules that

we can identify and determine how words are put together. In this part, you would also look for the sound rules that exist in the language. Sound rules are rules that determine why some vowels or consonants change in the pattern of speech. To give you an example in English look at the word "write." In this word you only hear (w)rit(e) with the "i" sound being a long "i." Now when you take the word "sit" then the "i" changes to a short "i" sound. This is an example of a sound rule. This area also looks at how the Potawatomi language is used in context. How is the language used to ask someone to do something, how are conversations started and ended. These are all a few examples of what this area entails.

All of this documentation will be added to a database that we have in way of our computers and back up copies. From this database, we continue the process in making our curriculum. The Department develops immersion style curriculum that is theme-based. What this means is that we take a theme, say weather, and then determine what language we are going to need for the unit in managing the classroom, teach the lesson, language to identify pictures, games, puzzles, what ever is necessary for the lesson. We need classroom aides to make the learning fun so we use a variety of visuals, hands on activities and a lot of repetition. Another aspect which we are now able to focus on is the making of tapes for the lesson. Currently, we have an audio/

video technician for fifteen hours a week so we are busy making the best use of her time for all the many, many tasks that need to be accomplished.

From there, the teachers practice the thematic-based units and see what needs to be added or subtracted to make the unit work for a variety of ages.

The community can become involved in any step so far if they are willing to volunteer some time in the department. We encourage the community to become actively involved in saving our language.

Another way the community can be involved is through language classes. We need to provide a means for language to return to the home. This takes parents as well as children to make language a commitment and the action of learning and using the language even if it is only a small amount to begin with.

The ultimate goal is to create fluent speakers and become bilingual which means speaking in both Potawatomi and English.

Other areas of revitalization include the administrative area of attending workshops to learn new techniques and keeping up on the latest that the revitalization movement has to offer. It also includes the general administration of the department.

As you can see, this is a very involved task and we need your help. The speakers by themselves cannot revitalize the language, the department by itself cannot revitalize the language, the community by itself cannot revitalize the language, we all need to work together to save our language. If we don't, it will be lost. Are you ready for that?

Pama mine kowabmën.

April Bark Peel Moon Bkon Kisès

Kansas is experiencing spring time and this is the time that the elm bark is ready to be peeled. Because our weather warms up before the northern states; we use different Potawatomi terms for the months.

PBP News will begin to use the names of the month in this issue.





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