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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Prairie Band receive Red Cross Humanitarian Award

National and State Red Cross dignitaries thank Nation for donations



National and Kansas Red Cross officials came to the PBPB Government Center on April 13 to present the Tribe with the Red Cross Humanitarian award, the highest award given by the Red Cross. The PBPB were selected for their generous contribution to the Katrina Relief Effort that the PBPB awarded through a Charitable Contribution made last September. In the photo from left to right are Council members Jackie Mitchell and Ryan Dyer, Marc Jaspersen, Midway-Kansas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Charitable Contributions members Delores Abrams and Wanda Treinen, Council member Jim Potter, Charitable Contributions member LaVera Bell, Dr. Gary Forbach, Midway-Kansas American Red Cross and Judith Ostronic, National Chair, Biomedical Services, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

Photo submitted by Pam Bowman

## Here's a list of Tribal Council candidates 14 members vie for positions

### 2006 Tribal Council Candidates

#### Chairman

- Mamie Rupnicki
- Tracy Stanhoff
- George Wahquahboshkuk

#### Secretary

- Joshua Arce
- Dorothy Kikuyan-Lewis
- Carrie O'Toole
- James Potter
- Badger Wahwasuck

#### Tribal Council Person (1 Position)

- Bobby Cadue
- Jim Darnall
- Tamara McClammy
- Roy Ogden
- Benny Potts
- Warren Wahweotten, Jr.

## Tribal Council election July 24, 2006

## 1st quarter Charitable Contributions ceremony to be held April 27

The Charitable Contributions Committee has scheduled the 1st quarter awards ceremony to be held on April 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bingo Hall.

Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition, Lawrence, Camp Kindle, Lincoln, Stormont Vail Foundation Care Line, Topeka, and Osage Nation Counseling Center, Pawhuska, Okla. are just four of the 24 organizations that will receive awards that total \$87,035.

The primary duty of the PBPB Charitable Contributions Committee is to act as the clearing-

house for all funding requests and make recommendations to the PBPB Tribal Council as to which requests will benefit the community directly or indirectly.

The PBPB Charitable Contributions Committee consists of five tribal members including LaVera Bell, Betty Rice, Mary Carr, Wanda Treinen and Delores Abrams.

Jim Garcia, Finance Department, is the PBPB Charitable Contributions coordinator.

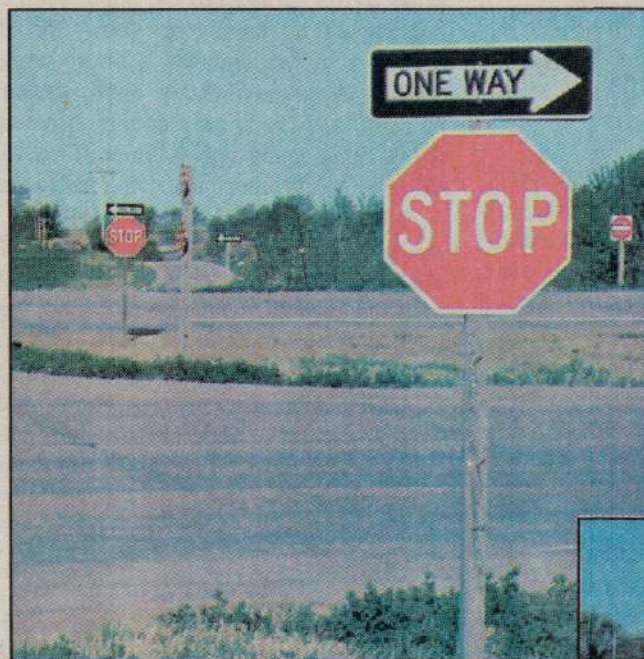
## Casino interchange and addition of stop signs at crossovers on Highway 75

## making roads safer

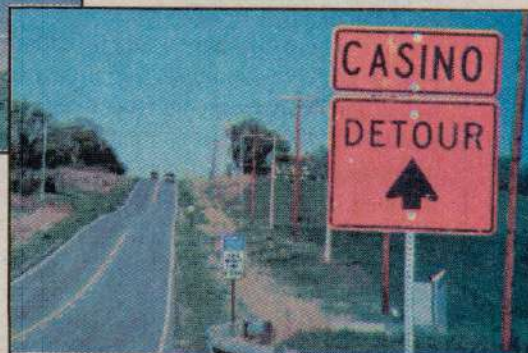


Above: Construction of the new overpass on Highway 75 has caused 150th Road that leads to the casino (seen in the background where the water towers are) to be temporarily closed for about three weeks. Traffic is being detoured north on Highway 75 to 158th Road and then back west to P Road, and south back to 150th Road.

Below: A sign on 158th Road west helps lead motorists to the casino. It should be noted, however, that 150th Road is reopened on weekends so weekend casino goers don't have to take the detour.



Above: Stop signs have recently replaced yield signs on Highway 75 at some crossovers in an attempt to make the intersections safer. This picture was taken at Hwy 75 and 162nd Road which is a primary road leading into the PBPB Government Center and headquarters.



## Enjoying Easter and spring in Kansas

The beautiful sunrise seen above provided the backdrop for worshippers who attended an outdoor sunrise service at a church on the reservation Easter Sunday. Despite chilly temperatures in the mornings, temperatures have been warmer than usual this month which made children, like the little guy to the right, want to get outside and play. The little boy in the photograph was participating in the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Child Care Center Easter Egg Hunt that was held on April 13 at the Center.

Photos by Mary Young







## April Message To The Nation from Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff



Our Tribal Council has once again made many, major strides for our Nation this month. Below is an overview of our actions and happenings:

• Jim Potter and me and our Casino Management

Committee met with Casino General Manager Mike Kenny regarding the operation, needs, marketing and human resource issues in our Casino.

• Attended several presentations regarding operating systems for the casino with our Gaming Commission and tribal casino employees.

• Monitored the progress of our new Health Clinic, which is looking marvelous and should be ready to open later this summer, and met with officials from Stormont-Vail Medical Center to discuss possible strategic partnering opportunities.

• Presented an endowment to our Boys' and Girls' Club and celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the national Boys' and Girls' Club organization.

• My legislative associate and I toured our waste management site hosted by our own Vincent Hernandez of the EPA department.

• Moved forward on the Shab-eh-nay reservation project – a presentation on this project will be held at our April General Council meeting and a special letter on the details of the project will be sent to all tribal members in the near future.

• Met with Juanita Jessepe to continue addressing the points in her January General Council resolution.

• Met with several tribal members regarding various issues and ideas. I am available on an appointment basis so please call Verna Simon at 785-966-4008 to set up an appointment if you are in the area.

• I am also addressing the "slow delivery" of our tribal mail with the US Postal Service.

The State gaming legislation is still a threat, but perhaps not any more for the rest of this legislative session. Tribal Council is continuing to monitor the state governing bodies to address any bills that may arise.

Many of us on Tribal Council attended the National Indian Gaming Association's annual conference held April 1-5 in Albuquerque. Along with the usual convention activities and sessions, we had our Casino Transition Managers – Peggy Houston and Dan Kennedy – schedule several presentations from gaming industry companies,

including slot management and a player's club software system, in preparation for our move to Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation management. Tribal Treasurer Ryan Dyer was our delegate and helped "word-smith" a resolution that was approved regarding the proposed new Indian Gaming Regulatory Act provisions brought forth to Congress by Senator John McCain.

Also, the Nation has received awards this past month from both the National Indian Gaming Association and the Red Cross for our Hurricane Katrina relief efforts that included monetary donations from our Charitable Contributions and Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and manpower from our Fire Department.

Additionally, congratulations to all of our upcoming graduates. And please do your best to commemorate Earth Day on April 22 by planting a tree or doing clean-up.

As I have always stated, our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is very progressive and has much to be proud of as a model Nation in Indian Country. We are working together to keep on our great path.

We're Moving Forward,  
Tracy Stanhoff

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## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council



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Jackie Mitchell, Member  
Jim Potter, Member  
James Wabaunsee, Member



## How to (legally) get money from a bank

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Dennison State Bank

Success at football, blackjack, or backgammon requires knowledge of the rules by which the game is played. The same applies to success in borrowing money. It helps to know the rules by which the bank operates. Luckily lending is based on three rules, all starting with the letter C. Knowledge of these three C's will help you predict the outcome of a loan application and anticipate many questions a loan officer might ask you.

### CREDIT

The first C is credit. Today, credit is very closely identified with a credit score. Credit scores range from the 400's into the 800s with the average being 678. Next month's article will deal with credit scores and how they work, so please be patient if I don't answer all your questions on credit today. The lower your credit score, the higher the risk you present to a lender. The higher your score, the more likely you are to qualify for a loan.

For people who have low credit or no credit, you may still qualify for a loan if you have a co-signer. A co-signer is someone with very good credit who will sign the loan with you. By doing so, the co-signer is obligated to make payments on the loan or to pay it off if the borrower is unable or unwilling to do so. For that reason, one should think very carefully before becoming a co-signer.

### COLLATERAL

The second C is collateral. Collateral is something of value that you are willing to pledge that the bank can take if you don't make your payments. The collateral on a home loan is usually the house. The collateral on a car loan is usually the car. There are some loans that do not require collateral. Those are called unsecured loans, personal loans, or credit cards. Usually, a higher interest rate will be charged on an unsecured loan than on a secured loan. That is because an unsecured loan presents greater risk to a lender.

There are times where collateral can help a weak credit score. If a customer who has a \$5,000 loan secured by a \$20,000 automobile finds themselves unable to make the payments, they will sell the automobile, pay off the loan, and keep the difference. If they allow the bank to repossess the automobile and sell it, they will suffer a substantial loss. They will be motivated to protect their money. A customer with little equity in their home or car will be less motivated to repay the loan, as they have far less to lose.

Liquidity is an important factor in collateral. A Boeing 787 may be a wonderful value at \$120 million. However, if it is repossessed and it is parked in front of the bank at Hoyt, I don't like my chances of getting that much for it. As a general rule, the more specialized a product is, the longer it takes to find a buyer. While virtually everyone in the United States can make use of an automobile, a 1928 Model A popcorn truck will not meet the needs of many Americans no matter how cool it looks.



### CAPACITY

The final C is capacity. Capacity examines how much available money the customer has to repay the loan. The customer's income is only 1/2 of the capacity equation. The customer's debts must be subtracted from their income to establish capacity. 38% of gross pay is considered the upper limit of what one should be paying on debt. If Al earns \$5,000 a month and has a house payment of \$1,300, a car payment of \$400, student loans of \$100, and credit card minimum payments of \$100, he is at the upper limits of his capacity. Were he to add more debt onto his income, say a 1928 Model A Popcorn truck, he would struggle to make those payments. Were he able to squeak by for a while by giving up luxuries such as electricity and food, he would have no flexible money to address automobile repairs, damage to the house, or medical bills. Now if Sal earns \$5,000 a month and has a house payment of \$800 and no other debt, he is in a position to take on a \$400 automobile payment and still have money available to deal with small emergencies that enter everyone's life.

### CONCLUSION

Hopefully this will take some of the mystery out of the loan process. The primary obligation of a loan officer is to ensure the repayment of the money loaned. The customer's past performance on loans, what can be liquidated to payoff the loan in an emergency, and the cash flow to handle this loan and life emergencies are time tested indicators of how likely a loan is to be paid back.

## Entrepreneur Spotlight

on  
Edward J. Mitchell  
aka Eddie Joe  
owner of  
Neswabmi

Porcupine hair roach headdresses

Any questions? Contact:  
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www.neswabmi.com



Eddie Joe says, "Champion dancers and a famous Indian actor wears a Neswabmi roach headdress." He clarifies the statement by adding, "they're champions because of their own merit, not because they wear my roaches."

Eddie Joe has been making roach headdresses for over 31 years. He was taught by an elder and continues to carry on the tradition of a roach-maker. For more of his story, go to his website.

### Neswabmi offers the following:

- Your choice of color and size, contact for details
- Work guaranteed
- Unsatisfied with work, return within one week, money will be refunded
- Pay pal, personal checks, or postal money orders
- Shipping and handling included in cost
- Trade of equal value acceptable



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# Tribal Council Election Highlights and Candidate Profiles

## Election Highlights

- May 3, 4 p.m.
- May 26, 4 p.m.

- June 12,
- July 24, 9 a.m.

Last day for candidates to withdraw their names from election

Last day for members 18 years of age or older to register to receive a ballot for this election, if not already registered.

Ballots mailed to registered voters only

Last day for ballots to be received at Mayetta Post Office

### Editor's Note:

Below are the photographs and profiles of Tribal Council candidates who are running in the Tribal Council election to be held on July 24, 2006. Three (3) members of the Tribal Council: Chairperson, Secretary, and one (1) Council Person will be elected. The term of office for each position is for four (4) years. Each candidate listed provided their own profile for the *News* that will run concurrently in the May and June issues. In the interest of fairness to all candidates and because the *News* does not have paid advertising no political advertising will be accepted.

## Tribal Council Chair Person (vote for one (1))



Mamie Rupnicki



### CODE OF PERSONAL GOVERNANCE

Position Paper By, Mamie Rupnicki

These things I hope to accomplish if elected chairman of the PBP Nation. I strongly believe we need to have a cohesive government and to follow the Constitution of the PBP Nation.

#### Pursue service and excellence by;

- Ensuring patients'/clients' needs are at the center of decision-making.
- Encouraging service excellence and supporting changes to make superior quality service a reality.

#### Act with integrity and probity by;

- Communicating with openness and honesty in all matters including handling complaints and giving feedback.
- Ensuring confidential and constructive communication.
- Managing resources and financial risk effectively and efficiently.
- Ensuring personal integrity and probity at all times.
- Seeking to protect tribal member's resources.

#### Account for my own performance by;

- Taking responsibility for my own performance.
- Complying with all statutory requirements.
- Providing appropriate explanations on performance.
- Acting on suggestions/requirements for improving performance.

#### Engage appropriately with others in decision-making by;

- Ensuring that tribal members, staff and partner organizations are able to be involved in decisions-making in relation to PBP services.
- Seeking out the views of others for enhanced perspective mutual understanding.
- Ensuring clarity and consistency in relation to dual accountability.

#### Develop myself by;

- Building and developing effective teams, supported by appropriate leadership.
- Instilling trust and giving freedom to tribal members and staff to make decisions within a defined scope of authority.
- Being aware of and taking responsibility for my behavior and continuous personal development as a PBP leader to ensure my fitness for purpose.

I do know that health concerns are a major issue with tribal members and that tribal members are

left out of the loop of their service, I hope to rectify this problem if I become the chairman of PBP Nation and to keep the tribal members informed, not only with State initiatives but also on the Federal level. They are cutting the budgets of tribal programs. I have not seen any paper work where the Tribal Council has written or spoken against these issues. I will pursue and speak out against all legislation that has a negative impact on the PBP Nation and try to bolster the issues that benefit the PBP Nation as well. One of the issues, the IMM accounts, has been unresolved for our tribal members for too long, and must be addressed. We need to be involved with any legislation that has an impact on Indian country. I feel that we need to give proper presentation and have strong representation on all consequential issues that affect our people.

If I am elected, I will make our issues known and acted upon. This is also what I need to accomplish for myself and hope the rest of the Tribal Council will develop their personal governance. I believe it is a personal responsibility to share guidance and concern through effective leadership to enhance the well-being for all individual tribal members to impact the tribe as a whole. Through integrity and service to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, I am dedicated and secure in the success for my leadership for the Nation as a whole.



Tracy Stanhoff



### Accountable, Accessible and Progressive - Tracy Stanhoff

I was humbled and honored to be sworn in as Interim Tribal Chair of our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on January 19, 2006.

On my Prairie Band side of the family, I am from the Darling family line. My grandmother, the late Elsie "Sally" Stewart Dyer was born and raised on the Prairie Band reservation in Kansas. Both my grandparents Elsie S. and Van H. Dyer (Choctaw/deceased) were graduates of Haskell. My great-grandmother, Frances Darling Stewart (Prairie Band), was a member of the Drum religion, lived and farmed on her Prairie Band reservation land allotment.

For over 18 years, I have built up - arguably, the largest American Indian advertising and graphic design firm in the country. In my absence from the daily operation of my business, my second in command or most senior level executive in the firm has been operating it while I have served the Nation as Chair.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Long Beach where I was honored as the outstanding graduate in the Journalism - Public Relations department. I also completed the Minority Business Executive Program at the

Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. As well as numerous other industry-related continuing education courses.

I am a firm believer in contributing to both American Indian business and community based organizations and have served in leadership roles on many board of directors and by donating time to represent American Indian business owners nationwide.

I am the honored recipient of numerous awards on behalf of my business and community involvement - advocating on behalf of our Native peoples in both economic and social arenas. In April 2006, Fortune Magazine is featuring a short article on my contributions to Indian Country in their special section on Indian Gaming and new American Indian leaders.

Most importantly, I have contributed to the growth of our Nation as our interim Chairperson in the following areas:

- increased communications from the Tribal Council to our people (on-going)
- moving forward on our Shab-eh-nay reservation project
- effectively managing the Casino Transition from Harrah's to Prairie Band Entertainment Corporation management with transition plan agreement completed and Section 17 corpora-

tion submitted to the BIA (on-going)

- direct engagement to oversee improvement in our tribal programs, visiting departments to determine their history while examining future needs and direction
- initiated an "Elder's Chat" program
- working on a long-range vision or plan for the tribe to present to fellow Tribal Council members and our General membership for input
- addressed accountability and responsibility in our government operations
- engaged and enjoyed the community events that are happening on the reservation
- facilitated Tribal Council and the Constitution Committee in moving Tribal Constitutional Amendments forward to the BIA for Secretarial election

In closing, a heartfelt thanks to all who have invited and included me in the community events and programs. I truly enjoy working for our people - you all have inspired me to continue the work we have only begun.

We're Moving Forward,  
Tracy Stanhoff



George Wahquahboshkuk

Thanks to Jake Huyett of Jones & Huyett for providing some of the candidate photos

I'm running for PBP Tribal Chairman with 12 years experience on the Tribal Council; 11 years as Tribal Chairman where I helped to usher in Bingo and Class III Gaming, and our Law and Order Code. To assure that these are a success in justly serving all the people, we need truth and honesty in our government. I bring that, along with my past Tribal Council experiences, as well as my solemn commitment to the people of the PBP Nation. To do for them with all the resources and time available, in the betterment of their lives.

Most people know me, as I have lived here most of my life and served in the Marine Corps for six years with an Honorable Discharge and numerous medals for service in the Marine Corps and combat in Vietnam. I was married 23 years and have seven children, two who are adopted. They are Sheila, Samantha, Georgia, Noah, Levi, Michelle, and Marcus. I also have eight grandchildren and I am divorced but not really looking at this time for a mate. A!

Due to some service-connected injuries and disabilities my percentage of disability is 100%. In the

last election I had someone check for me in Washington or wherever on what my status as a 100% disabled veteran was. Some are classified as Non-Schedulers and Schedulers. Schedulers can work where Non-Schedulers can't. Found out the day after the filing deadline, I am a Scheduler so I didn't get to run. But I can assure you that I am in this election to win and to be an implement of good change in our tribal government for our people.

My belief is that the people when they are in an official General Council body are the voice of the people. The General Council has inherent powers...some not yet brought up or used yet covering anything not covered in the Tribal Constitution.

### EDUCATION

We need to have our own schools to assure that our culture and heritage is preserved through education. It is a small part of the Kansas history taught in the schools. Schools for the grades of kindergarten through eighth grade would further be equipped with knowledge they would not have gotten in the conventional public schools, with more one-on-one teacher and pupil time.

Set up tutor programs for them through kindergarten through high school. So when they are ready for any college or university in the nation. We need to focus on the future of our Nation and those children that will have to step forward and be our leaders in the future.

### OFF RESERVATION MEMBERS

One thing I mentioned some time ago was for the members in the outlying areas to be served better with a plan I have, which by the way, is being looked into by the Navajo Nation to address those members that live off the Navajo reservation. I firmly believe that everyone should be taken care of. We have the means and the ability to do it...it just needs to be done.

I need your vote to help make things right for the people.

George L. Wahquahboshkuk  
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# Exert your right to vote in the upcoming election!





## Tribal Council Secretary (vote for one (1))



Joshua Arce

Greetings readers and voters!  
My name is Joshua Arce and I am a candidate for the secretary position. I would like to have your vote in the upcoming election.  
I am a proud Potawatomi and would like the opportunity to serve our Nation in its government operation. I clearly understand that being a sovereign nation is more than using a brand of shingle. Sovereignty means functioning as an autonomous government, and making decisions for our members to insure future success and survival. I am committed to our Tribe, our people, our land, and our rights. I descend from the Thomas family. I am Thunder Clan. I have earned an associate's degree from Haskell Indian Nations University, and earned a

bachelor's degree in Social Work and my Juris Doctor in Law from the University of Kansas. Now I would like to bring my education and my organizational tools to work for our Tribe. I feel confident that my leadership skills will be useful to the Nation in its government operation. I am also confident that my legal education will be useful when analyzing complex problems that face the Tribe, reading contracts, and negotiating with state and federal agencies.  
I could spend time touting my achievements and awards, but I would rather be clear and to the point. I want your vote, I want to work as the Potawatomi Tribal Secretary, and I want to lead this Nation forward.

If elected, I pledge to uphold all duties

assigned to the secretary position under our constitution, I pledge to be accountable for my decisions, and I promise to keep the best interest of the Potawatomi in mind at all times.

I am committed to being an asset to our tribe, I am committed to youth education and development, and I am committed to serving our Nation with respect and integrity. I would be honored to be elected and it would be a privilege to serve the Potawatomi Nation. I am the right candidate for this position; please vote for me in the next election.

Thank you.



Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis

### I GREET YOU WITH A WARM HEART AND A HEARTY HAND SHAKE.

Hi, I'm Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis, and I am running for tribal secretary. I am the daughter of Julia Ann Lewis and the granddaughter of David Lewis and Minnie (LeClere) Lewis of Soldier, Kansas. I am "Wiche Quah" a Thunder Clan member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

I have traveled back and forth for many years, as it has always been my intention to move back to our reservation, and bring a type of professionalism that promotes integrity and trust.

I am computer knowledgeable, flexible, quick, dependable, energetic, and open to learning new trends. The qualities and skills I possess make me vigilant and watchful when it comes to the needs of our people. I have worked all my life and I am willing to commit to giving this job 100%. I am familiar with the responsibilities of the secretarial position and Tribal Council, and I understand the importance of

communication, accountability, and having the minutes ready immediately to our members.

I have worked at a tribal school for fifteen years, and during this time I have come to appreciate all the responsibilities that each position holds. This is why I believe I would make an outstanding tribal secretary. I earned a master's degree in Educational Psychology and Guidance & Counseling from the University of South Dakota. My undergraduate degree is in Psychology and Human Services. I have received numerous awards and recognitions. Some of those awards include: National Indian Educator of the Year Award, the South Dakota Indian Educator of the Year Award, SD Governor's Executive Proclamation declaring October 28th "Dorothy Kiyukan Day" in the state of South Dakota, along with many other awards & recognitions. I have had numerous speaking engagements, as I strongly advocate a drug & alcohol free life style.

I am currently a high school counselor at Marty Indian School and a college instructor. I am the

former president of the South Dakota Indian Counselor's Association.

I am a punctual, honest, hardworking professional; and I am knowledgeable about our culture and traditions. I would bring to the council strong leadership competencies, solid judgment, trouble-shooting and decision-making abilities. I am unique, as I am my own person, who has patience and I have the ability to make my own decisions. I believe in shared decision making, as well as teamwork. And as a team member, I would keep our tribal interest at heart at all times and work hard to do the very best that I can. I would like to say, "Good Luck" to the other candidates and thank you to those who continue to support me. With this in mind, I respectfully ask for your vote and support in the upcoming elections.

VOTE "Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis"  
for  
Tribal Secretary

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Carrie O' Toole

Hello All Prairie Band Potawatomi Members,

My name is Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole, the oldest daughter of Drusa Masquat Wabaunsee and the late Will Wabaunsee. My grandparents were Jim and Charlotte Nocktonick Wabaunsee and Bob and Carrie Puckee Masquat.

I have been happily married to Jim O'Toole for over twenty years and we have four beautiful children: Kateri, Chris, Kavan and Lara, as well as five nieces and nephews. We all live in and around Mayetta. My early years were spent in Hoyt with my brother Will and three sisters Elizabeth, Shawna and Ah Sha Ni.

My education extended from being a Royal Valley High School graduate to attending: Emporia State University, Washburn University, Highland Community College and Haskell Indian Nation University. The knowledge pursued during this time at college was diverse: elementary education, psychology, business and casino management with varied training opportunities with past employ-

ment.

My current employment is at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino as a Regulatory Compliance Clerk, and previous employers include Koger Variety Store, Integrated Application Technologies; Sales Executive with gaming software, Prairie Band; Gaming Commissioner, PBP Nation; Receptionist and Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson, Bingo Hall; Floor Walker, Harrah's; Beverage Server and the Housing Authority as Occupancy Specialist.

Over the years I have volunteered and been involved with many community interests by holding office positions in the Tribal Educational Parent Committee for JOM, Title VII and Impact Aid for 14 years. As well as volunteering for the Mayetta Volunteer Fire Department for eight years. We are members of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Snows Church. While a Commissioner I served as a representative for the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators Board.

Most of all I value and support my family, children, nieces and nephews and their extra-curricular activities.

While being involved with family activities, it keeps me in touch with diverse members of the community on a personal level.

Serving the Tribe and all its members is my priority. Our continued tribal success depends on positive progressive thinking with widespread tribal cooperation, ensuring that our rich history and traditions remain intact. Our obligation to enhance economic development while identifying and controlling critical costs must continue in order to set realistic goals for the Nation. Clearly the improvement and effectiveness of communications and interactions with each other will always play a part in our future as well as education. I would encourage all tribal members to strive for continuous improvement in both on the job and classroom training.

I am asking for your generous support and your vote to serve the office of Tribal Council Secretary. Thank you in advance for participating in the upcoming Tribal Council Election and feel free to contact me at [carrieo56@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieo56@yahoo.com) or my cell number 785-608-1504.



James Potter

### Jim Potter For Tribal Council Secretary

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who supported me in this last election. The election is one of the instruments by which you the individual member have to set the course for our Nation and participate in our democratic structure of government. This is one principle I have always upheld and will continue to do so as an elected official or otherwise. Our Nation's Constitution identifies these rights that we as a people have in ARTICLE IX - POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT.

I want to make reference to another Section of our Constitution that pertains to the position I am requesting your support for.

**Section 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of all meetings and prompt and efficient handling of all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Tribal Council and General Council. The Secretary, under the direction of the Chairperson, shall notify all committees of their appointments and shall maintain custody of the records and all papers of the Tribal Council and the Nation. The Secretary shall maintain a correct list of all members of the Council, and shall authenticate all accounts or orders of the Council. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, shall call the meetings to order until a Chairperson pro-tempore is selected, and shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence, as directed by the General Council and the Tribal Council. At the expiration of the term of office the records and all papers in the Secretary's possession shall be turned over to the newly elected Secretary.**

This portion of our Constitution pertains to the responsibilities of the officers of our Tribal Council and more specifically the Tribal Council secretary position. I have served you, the people of our great Nation, for nearly 10 years now and have always taken my responsibilities as a representative and elected leader for our people with the highest regard, respect and have considered myself most privileged in being able to do so. At one point in my career I had the wonderful opportunity to work side by side with other individuals who labored to draft amendments to the Constitution and send those

amendments through the approval process; amendments that were necessary to continue governing our people and the people to come, in the most fair and uniform manner as our vision into the future could foresee. At times in the past when faced with a very difficult decision that would effect the welfare and future of our people, I would look initially at two places for answers. First to our Creator for guidance and secondly to our Constitution for the wisdom and foresight from those who had come before us. Should you support me in our upcoming election and I become the Tribal Council secretary I will continue this same practice in providing governance for our Nation and people.

In the past, I gave you data by which to judge who would be the best candidate. I'll not take your valuable time nor bore you with the same information. For those who are interested in this information you can find it on my web site, my blog site or contact me and I will send it to you directly and answer any questions you may have.

I would like to explain to you why I have an interest in pursuing the secretary position on the Tribal Council. The position is extremely critical to the appropriate operation of our tribal government in its service to our membership. It serves as a central, official and focused communication point between our Tribal Council and the tribal membership. It is the recorder, the archive, the reporter, and the librarian of all historical tribal government documents. As you can see from some of the examples of what I feel are the responsibilities of the position, I have an extensive understanding of what the Secretary's position involves. This being said, I'm compelled to request your assistance in obtaining these responsibilities in order to continue the proper and appropriate operation of our Tribal Council secretary's office. Additionally, should I obtain these responsibilities, I feel it necessary to develop a method by which to disseminate information about actions taken in our Tribal Council and General Council meetings and make this information available to all of our membership, no matter where you may reside. In today's age of technology this should be a relatively simple matter.

As many of you know, I'm a lifelong resident of the reservation and Mayetta, Kan. area. I was born and raised here. This is my home and I don't plan on leaving it in the future. My commitment is to all of our people, the tasks that

need to be executed to fulfill that commitment has to occur from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I will always be a watchman for our people whether elected or not, although I feel the best situation is to be that watchman, as an elected official.

Much concern and attention has recently been placed on our future Economic Development endeavors and yes, we should continue to pursue these endeavors with the proper and careful due diligence they deserve in the best interest of our people. I have heard from many directions that our Nation has been described as a "multi-million dollar corporation." I beg to differ. We are not a corporation; we are a nation of people with the same rights and privileges as any other nation. If anything, we are a Nation with multi-million dollar business operations and holdings. Corporations have one objective, to make money for their owner or owners with no regard for cultural beliefs or values. Due diligence is a business practice that is used to determine whether a business venture is in the best business interest of the company. We need to keep that in mind as part of this "weighing in process", whether the venture is also in the best interest of future generations maintaining their traditional, cultural values and beliefs. I will seek to keep these very important national treasures in place for future generations, as our elders did before us, and still provide a secure economic future for our people.

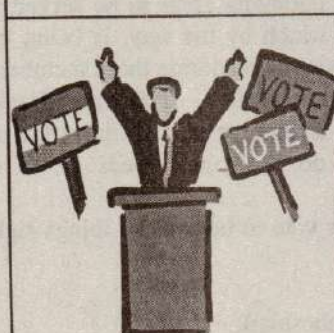
If elected I will continue these personal characteristics and principles in the leadership and as a representative of our Nation in the most fair and uniform manner possible and would be honored and unselfishly willing to do so.

I respectfully request your support and vote in this next election and pray the Creator will take care and guide you and your families.

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Tribal Council  
election





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Badger Wahwasuck

Once again elections for Tribal Council are here and I want to encourage all tribal members to make sure they are registered to vote, and get out to vote.

I would like to remind everybody that no matter where you live the members of Tribal Council are your representatives and those of us running for office should be aware we are to represent you, the tribal members. With that, I would concur with Council woman Mitchell to be careful who you put into office, but I would also encourage tribal members to take that a step further and be careful who you put back into office.

I am a strong supporter of the "sunshine law" that the Federal government implemented, and that law is that the people have a right to know what is happening within their government and especially what motions the Council Members presented and how they voted on issues.

The PBP Nation has a lot of laws and ordinances in effect that most tribal members are not aware of. If a law or ordinance has an impact on the tribal members I feel there should be a public comment period and public hearings if need be.

Previously I had the opportunity to serve as Tribal Chair for 18 months and I learned a lot from experience and from mistakes. We all make mistakes at some

time or another, but the important thing is to admit our mistakes and to correct them. One of my mistakes was to fall into the idea that Tribal Council has to be a team; that is definitely not so. As Tribal Council members we have to work together and be willing to oppose each other in debate, work towards a solution that is beneficial to as many tribal members as possible.

Many tribal members have asked me to run for the position of Chair. The reason I declined is that I have a tremendous amount of respect for Mamie Rupnicki and I feel that she is better suited for Chairperson as she has established herself as a strong leader... That was another mistake I spoke about and now I hope to correct it by offering my support to her, and I hope the tribal members who voted for me as Chair, will offer her their support.

A little about myself. I am 56 years old and I have been happily married for 33 years. My wife Karen and I have four children ages 26 through 35 and we raised four adopted boys. In total we have 16 grandchildren.

I have been alcohol free for 32 years. Although I do not have a college degree, I have the experience, knowledge, and love for our people. I raised my family in Arizona and Nevada. In Arizona I

worked as an alcohol and drug counselor for the Traditional Indian Alliance. I was the Executive Director of the American Indian Association of Tucson; our family has had a wholesale business for 25 years selling Native crafts and producing Native music C.D's and tapes.

I worked in the motion picture industry for about six years as an actor/stunts. I was the founder of the Southwest Indian Actors workshop and I served on the Arizona Board of Stunt/and Safety for the Screen Actors Guild.

If elected to serve as your tribal secretary I will present your needs to the rest of Council and I will debate the cause as your representative, not as a member of a team. Tribal secretary is a position that is 24/7, 365 days a year, and my home phone, cell phone will be published in the tribal newspaper for all tribal members to reach me, if needed. I will work with the Tribal Council, and respect them as long as they work for you, your elders, and your grandchildren.

**Get out and vote for your representation.**

## Tribal Council Person (vote for one (1))



Bobby Cadue



Hello, my name is Bob Cadue and I am seeking a seat on our Tribal Council. I am the son of James "Hambone" Cadue Jr., grandson of James Cadue Sr. and Anna Matchie, great-grandson of Patrick and Nancy Matchie.

Why am I seeking this seat on the Tribal Council? Because we need change. I see the need and obviously so do a great many more tribal members. The last General Council meeting I attended, spoke that fact loud and clear. The only way to change things is a vote for the right people. *Are you happy with the way things are today?*

We need people on our Tribal Council that understand business the way it works off of the reservation and that the vote of the General Council should not be ignored. Great leaders of the past are remembered as great leaders, not because they did only as they wished, but because they put their people first and foremost above themselves. I may never be considered a great leader, but I understand the concept that made them what they were and will follow it. I am not seeking fame or fortune, I want to see a better future for our Nation.

The last time I ran for a position the question I was most asked was, "What have you done for The people?" My answer: Not as much as I would like to have,

but I did try to raise awareness within our populace and I worked with other tribal members to research as much as possible when questions were raised. Thousands of dollars were spent, as well as thousands of man-hours, not just by myself but many of us, all of this before and during our "fraud audit" and we are still looking for answers.

Since the last election my work in the transportation industry has taken me thousands of miles from home for weeks on end, but I still keep in touch with people who are concerned for our future who live nearby, as well as some who live across the country.

I have traveled through nearly every Indian reservation in this country west of the Mississippi River as well as some east of it. Some are underdeveloped and make us look good, but there are some who have far surpassed us in economic and social development. With our centralized location we should be far more profitable than we are now. We are no longer just a Tribe, we are also business owners. We need to diversify so we do not have all of our eggs in one basket. We need profitable business and the people to operate and oversee those businesses.

I have spent 27 years in business management, positions of leadership or self employment. I presently

own and operate Indigenous Trucking LLC, a trucking company that operates from the midwest to the west coast. I believe in an honest day's work for an honest day's wage. Some of my present business days are as long as 18 hours and some times more. If elected I will keep to the same work ethic I put into my own company and, my company will not profit from my council position.

You will not see bumper stickers with my name on them, nor will you see a bunch of campaign signs. I will not waste my money on such things due to the fact that 97% of all signage is wasted. *Elections should not be bought by who spends the most money on advertisements.* I can speak to everyone through this paper and I want you to know that I will not waste my money or yours. I am a member of The Conservative Organized Potawatomi Party. I am a conservative/utilitarian person, meaning if it's not broke don't fix it, but if it is broken fix it right the first time but do it for a decent price. It is a firm belief of mine that we are all equal as members of the PBP Nation and should all have the same benefits and opportunities.

If you have questions for me before the election I can be reached at 785-383-7963.

Dear Fellow Members of  
our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation:

It's election time again and we have the opportunity to select three 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 when all mem-

bers of our Nation have not been given equal opportunity to benefit. I know that you have heard Tribal Council members before make specific promises that they cannot keep, but the following are promises that I will make to you if elected:

- When important decisions are made, the General Council will be involved. You will not learn of the Nation's involvement in multi-million dollar projects from the news media.

- My decisions will be made on the needs of all tribal members and how these decisions will affect all the member's lives. I will not make decisions that circumvent policies to the benefit of my family and 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. I will excuse

myself from the decision-making process when the issue involves a member of my immediate family. Only in this way can we give all our tribal members the equal opportunity 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 14 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 serve in 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. To vote is a privilege. Research the candidates carefully and use your vote wisely.



Jim Darnall

**"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." - Albert Einstein**

Hello,

My name is Tami (Wah-sesh-mo-quah) Lewis McClammy. I am asking for your support in the upcoming tribal election. I would first like to thank those that have served and are currently serving our country both abroad and stateside. I come from a long line of veterans and understand their sacrifices. My great grandparents are Grant Magnauck, veteran WWI & WWII, and Madeline Tomey. My grandparents are Joseph Lewis, veteran Kansas Army National Guard, and Constance Magnauck Lewis. My parents are Charles (Magnauck) Lewis, veteran Vietnam, and Christine Lewis. My husband is Will McClammy, veteran Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and my children are Stephanie 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Courtney 10<sup>th</sup> grade and Ashley, currently deployed with the Kansas Army National Guard (108<sup>th</sup> Aviation) in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom.

My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Washburn University, and a master's degree in Business Management, Baker University. I am currently employed at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino. My reason for filing my candidacy is simple; I have a vested interest in the Tribe's success in all of its endeavors and I want to be an active component in that facet. I pride myself on being an objective, fair minded individual. I have never been swayed by the popular contention. Instead, I rely on my own morals and convictions to guide me in my decisions. I have always taken a systematic approach when making a decision. I weigh all options and look at "what" the problem is and not "who" it is.

I support Indian preference in upper management training programs to ensure a smooth transition from Harrah's to tribal management in January of 2008. I believe that tribal employees are a key ingredient in the continued success of our gaming interests and should be given the proper tools to develop. I am an advocate for full

disclosure on all issues in regard to current business ventures, future acquisitions, and financial holdings. I encourage economic development for Indian owned businesses on the reservation as a way to provide a stable economy for the surrounding area. I also support franchising with outside businesses to assure that we are not solely relying on the current trend in gaming to continue. I assure that the expenditures will be administered with the utmost discretion. I believe that the annual tribal operating budgets should reflect anticipated revenues and expenditures for the FY(fiscal year); posted for public notice; and made available for General Council review (30) thirty days prior to expiration of the FY. I support the formation of an ethics commission & ethics code that will govern the conduct of tribal officials.

In conclusion, I believe in a "full days work" to earn a "full day's dollar" and if elected I will be at the disposal of all tribal members when needed. Thank you and please exercise your right to vote in the upcoming tribal election.



Tami McClammy



Roy Ogden

Dear family, friends, and fellow tribal members,

I am Roy Ogden and am running for tribal office. I would like to let you know a little about me. I will also share some of my views regarding the prosperity of our Tribe.

I was born and raised on our reservation here in Mayetta. My wife Shirley and I have raised six children here. We have several of our children and grandchildren still living in this area.

I have served as a councilman for our Tribe, been a commissioner for Jackson County, served on USD 337 school board for six years, and currently serve on the board for NEK-CAP. I have coached or been an assistant

coach for baseball/softball for 32 years. I served in the United States Army for two years and was stationed in Germany.

I am a man of strong belief and am willing to stand up for what I believe in. I feel that we have some very good opportunities. As a Tribe we can do a lot for our people if we take the time and effort to utilize and plan for our future. We need to do for our fellow tribe's people, but we also need to make investments that will continue to provide for our young people. I have a great deal of concern for the welfare of our Tribe when Harrah's management leaves.

We need to make provisions now or we will lose some of that benefit. We need to hire quality skilled pro-

fessionals. We need to invest in employees whom are trained management personnel. By hiring qualified people we are able to keep the revenue and benefits that we now have. The casino is a resource that needs to be managed very closely to keep as a benefit. We should still have this as a benefit for years to come. Our children should be benefiting from the casino, if managed properly.

My goal is to keep the current programs we have. We need to plan for the future. We have some very good ideas. Given as a team of council members that can look ahead and plan for the future we should be able to continue prospering.





## Tribal Council Person vote for one (1)) (continued)



Benny Potts

Bo Sho.

My name is Benny Jo Potts, called *Banjo* by many, and I am blessed with the Nesh Nah Bah name of En weh Sah of the Thunder Clan. I am a candidate for the office of Council Person in the upcoming tribal council election.

To share a bit about myself, I have had the great fortune of being raised by two of the wisest elderly ladies on the Potawatomi Reservation – Ko Yeh (Rose Potts, grandmother) and Meeks (Cecelia Jackson, biological aunt/adopted mother). I speak of them first because they bestowed upon me the virtues that are truly representative of what it means to be a Prairie Band Potawatomi person.

I served as a Council Person during the years of 1995–1999. I know for a fact that there should always be a balance of individuals in the leadership roles. I have been raised on this reservation and am representative of keeping intact our original ways and possessions. I have seen our Nation progress as a result of our pro-

perous casino. There is no doubt that we have a very rough road ahead of us with two major challenges facing us with our casino transition and the new clinic– both of which I support.

The casino transition success should always be at the forefront of our leaders' minds as it is our major revenue source. However, during our successes, we should never forget who we are and what we are really about. We must always keep in mind how it was before our casino days; we were about simple survival! There may come a day when we will once again have to depend on living off the land!

With that in my mind, I strongly support maintaining and continuing to gain possession of the entire reservation land base, continued research of our water rights, care of our graves and repatriation, and the resurgence of our language. One has to actually be a part of a community to truly appreciate these areas.

The Rock Building, developed with intrinsic beauty and one of the few remaining historical buildings

on our reservation, is an ideal site for a museum. We have artifacts that should be returned to our Nation but no appropriate storage location for these historical treasures. We have an abundance of artistic talent in our members that would have a display location for their works within the confines of such a building.

I strongly believe that we must take better care of our own people through the hiring of more of our tribal members for all job openings on the reservation. I believe that Tribal Council must take the necessary measures to encourage a more active tribal membership participation in tribal council meetings as declared in our Nation's constitution. I believe that all tribal council meetings should be held *on* the reservation and that *members should feel welcome to attend these meetings.*

Our reservation and its people are the reason for our continued survival, progress, and success. Keep our reservation voice strong by keeping your vote here on the home grounds.



Warren Wahweotten, Jr.

Bosho, Tribal members,

My name is Warren A. Wahweotten Jr. and most of you know me as "Junior". My Indian name is Kohn-Mon of the Bear Clan. My wife Gina and I have lived on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation for twenty years. We are blessed with six beautiful children.

I have a diversified work history on and off the reservation. For example, I worked for 13 years off the reservation in the construction field. I then went on to work on the reservation with our Tribe's gaming enterprises. I held positions with the Tribe's class II – gaming operation at Potawatomi Bingo as a security guard/custodian, pull-tab supervisor, and assistant bingo manager.

Next, my class III gaming career involved working at both our temporary and permanent casinos. I gained experience here as a lead cashier, dual-rate table games supervisor, table games supervisor, assistant table games manager, table games manager, and games shift manager, employee relations manager and finally I worked as the food & beverage manager for

our casino. I also had the honor of serving as a tribal management committee representative until August 2005. I am currently employed as a gaming commissioner for the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas.

It has been a fast track, progressive learning experience for me to have worked in the various management capacities at the casino. This experience has taught me the many different aspects and responsibilities that are important to the successful operation of our tribal enterprises. I also believe that both my management skills and experience give me special ability. I know that I can be an asset to the Tribe while serving as a Tribal Council member.

I have been privileged through the years to be involved with many different activities and events as a member of the community as my wife Gina and I chose to live and raise our children here on the Potawatomi reservation. Therefore, I am well aware of the every day needs of our families. I was not raised on the reservation, so I can also relate to Tribal members who live off the reservation as well. All Tribal members on and off the reservation are important to our Nation's suc-

cess.

I also think about our elders and what they have taught us. They are the ones who worked through many rough times and good times and through their hard work, they have laid the foundation for what we have today. Now it is time for us to take care of them. It is equally important to provide for our youth, as they are the ones who will carry on our ways for generations to come. Let us continue to support them, as there are many opportunities for them to succeed in life.

I would appreciate and respect your vote for the Tribal Council position. I will work hard for the Potawatomi people of today and tomorrow. I will never forget the great Potawatomi's that have gone before us. It is in my sincerest hopes and prayers to make them proud, as they were proud to be Potawatomi.

Megwetch,  
Warren A. Wahweotten Jr.

## Meet the Potawatomi Tribal Police Dispatchers

The featured department of the month are the BPN Tribal Police dispatchers. The thought behind the story: to give the community an insight into the people and job behind the scenes of an important function in our police department. Micki Martinez, Motor Vehicle, assisted in gathering the photos and information. Each dispatcher was asked the follow-

ing questions:

- \* What are your job duties, what do you do?
- \* What do you like most about your job?
- \* When you're stressed from work, (if you get stressed) how do you handle it?
- \* What, if any, do you like least about your job or what would you change about your job?

- \* Who do you admire and why?
- \* What do you do for fun?
- \* What is your pet peeve?
- \* Name an outstanding event in your life?
- \* What is an important lesson you learned, in life or work?
- \* What do you do when you want to relax?

- \* If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- \* What do you hope to accomplish this year or what goal do you hope to achieve? It can be work related or a personal goal.
- \* Do you have any advice, comments, thoughts and ideas you would like to share with other employees?



Fredonia Coverdale, Dispatcher

Fredonia answers emergency and the business phone lines and dispatches the police, fire and EMS calls. She likes being a big part in making sure people receive the help they need in emergency situations and being the calm voice at the other end until help arrives.

When she's stressed from work she said she takes it out on her husband, like most people. She does not like the wondering and waiting to see if everything turned out okay after dispatching emergency personnel to a scene.

She admires her son Michael for his dedication for her freedom; he serves in the army. He was injured in Baghdad and he said he would have quit but, "I started something and I would finish it."

For fun, I have get-way dates with my husband, attend ballgames with the children and family get-togethers.

Her pet peeve is laziness and an outstanding event in her life was childbirth!

The most important lesson she learned was not watching the news 24-7 with her child in the war. And at work, there's always room for improvement.

For relaxation she does crafts, relaxes in the Jacuzzi, watches movies and hangs out with her husband.

If she could go anywhere in the world she would go anywhere with her husband.

Goals and accomplishments include the following: plant a garden, finish her basement work and to continue to keep her officers and community safe.

When asked if she had any advice, comments, thoughts or ideas she would like to share with other employees, she said, "My father said, 'If you work for someone, work with your heart and 110%. If you don't like what you do, hate coming to work...it's time for a change.'"



Martin A. Hale, Dispatcher

Martin provides communication between the public and Tribal Fire, EMS, and Police. He likes being able to help people.

When Martin gets stressed, he will make a remark and/or will go home and play violent computer games. The hours can be crazy at times.

He admires Buddha for his passivity. For fun, he will play strategy games on the computer.

His pet peeve is when pets urinate on the carpet.

The outstanding event in his life was his daughter's birth.

An important lesson he learned in life or work: anger is a luxury he cannot afford.

To relax, Martin attempts to play the guitar, play golf, hunt, fish or target practice.

If he could go anywhere in the world, his choice would be the Rocky Mountains.

His goal and accomplishment to achieve this year would be a budget.

His advice to other employees, "Don't worry, they can't eat you."



Micky L. Houk, Lead Dispatcher

Micky is a dispatcher TAC (Terminal Agency Coordinator), records clerk part-time and dispatches for Fire, EMS, and officers. She likes the people she works with and the work she does.

Micky will draw or scream when she gets stressed.

She does not like calls involving kids.

She admires her mother, Pat Williams.

For fun, she likes to hang out with her family. She likes to watch good movies, draw and do yard work.

She does not have a pet peeve.

Two outstanding events in her life was when her niece Alexcia (Lexi) Proffitt was born on August 29, 2000 and her nephew, Kryndon Proffitt was born on April 27, 2005.

The most important lesson she learned was to be kind to others and life is short "enjoy it." It can be here and then gone.

To relax, Micky watches a good movie with some popcorn.

She would like to go to Ireland if she could go anywhere in the world.

Her goal is to do the budget.

On advice or comments, Micky said, "All the dispatchers do a wonderful job. Thank you..."



Kristina Throssell, Dispatcher

Kristina does the dispatch for the police and fire department. As a dispatcher, she handles emergent and non-emergent phone calls. She likes the people she works with and says

"dispatching is fun."

How she handles stress? Kristina will take deep breaths to get her through it while at work. When she is done with a call she will step outside for a few minutes and will also talk with her co-workers. She also colors to handle her stress. She does not like the calls involving children.

She admires her family because they help her through the many things she goes through.

For fun, Kristina likes to hang out with her family, hangout with her friends, stitch, sew, walk, watch good movies, and talk with her friends.

Her pet peeve is people not saying or spelling her name right.

The outstanding event in her life is the birth of her two wonderful nieces: Desiree' Duncan on July 10, 2001 and Angelina Coon on January 13, 2006.

The important lesson she has learned in life is to take care of yourself because you're the only one who can.

To relax, Kristina goes for a walk or will sleep.

She would like to go to Puerto Rico if she had the opportunity to go anywhere in the world.

Kristina's goal is to lose more weight.

She would like to share the following: Everyone, you all do a great job, keep it up. And thank you for giving me the opportunity to work in dispatch.



Jayne M. Wooton, Dispatcher II

Jayne is a dispatcher II and handles emergent and non-emergent phone calls. The dispatcher pages out Tribal Fire and Tribal Police, for emergency phone calls. She checks the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and local warrants to see if a person is wanted and checks driving status.

She likes the people she works with. They work together well and help each other out.

Jayne says the job of a dispatcher is very stressful. "We are to handle the call. We deal with the stress when the call is finished. I find coloring helps relieve stress, sometimes I go for a quick walk, and talking also helps."

The least liked aspect of her job is when a child calls for help because mom and dad are beating each other up.

Jayne admires her father, Harold Wooton because he loves his country and his family. He helped raise his four daughters and to do that he had great patience.

For fun, Jayne goes to the casino, shops, and spends time with her family.

Her pet peeve is folding laundry, she tries to get her sister to do it for her. Also no one spells her first or last name correctly. She said, "Check the spelling at the top."

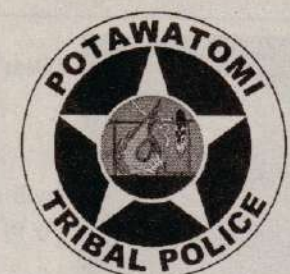
The outstanding event in her life was July 24, 1988. Her nephew Steven Wooton came into their lives and she enjoys spending time with him.

The most important lesson she has learned in life is to not take anything for granted, it can be gone in a flash.

To relax, Jayne takes a nap for about an hour, it does relax her.

If she could go anywhere in the world she would go back to the Austrian Alps because they were beautiful.

She would like everyone to know that the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department is a great place to work. The officers are terrific guys. They do a lot to keep everyone safe. She will do everything as their dispatcher to keep them out of harm's way.



For an  
emergency call  
Police: 966-3024  
Fire: 966-2164





## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation gives \$100,000 to Boys & Girls Club endowment

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) proclaimed National Boys & Girls Club (BGC) Week April 2-8 and also gave a \$100,000 contribution to the BGC endowment at a special event held at the PBPB Boys & Girls Club on March 30.

Members of Tribal Council, BGC Board members, and Coleen Green, the PBPB BGC Executive Director, along with BGC youth and staff, were on hand to help celebrate the week that also marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Boys & Girls Club.

The Club offers recreational, sports, and educational programming and hosts monthly family nights and other events that support community involvement. The Boys & Girls Club of the PBPB was originally known as the PBP Youth Program and has been in operation for many years.

The Boys & Girls Club provides services to more than 600 young people in Jackson County. In 2004 the Club expanded its facility to include a 37,800 square foot addition that includes an indoor swimming pool, a fitness area, gymnasium, library, computer lab, and regalia sewing center.



L to R is Tracy Stanhoff, Coleen Green and Lance Wahquah-boshkuk with the check.



At right is Coleen Green (l) who took Topeka television crews on a tour of the Club after they filmed the ceremony for their evening's newscasts.

**Boys & Girls Clubs celebrate 100th anniversary nationwide**

## May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Club Closed for Staff Development</b> May 1st - 5th, 2006	2	3	4	5	6
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28	29 Memorial Day Club CLOSED	30 Summer Program Begins Pre-Session: May 30-June 2 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	31 Pre-Session: May 30-June 2 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS CLUB OF THE PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION</b> <b>2006</b>		

## May 2006 Pool Calendar

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## Summer Session of activities to be held at Boys & Girls Club Sign up now for fun & activities!

•swimming •arts & crafts •sports •language classes & more

The Boys & Girls Club (BGC) will collaborate with Royal Valley School District this summer to provide a three week Summer Enrichment program for children 5-19 years of age.

All summer youth participants will be required to complete a BGC membership application. In addition, a separate form needs to be completed for participation in the Summer Enrichment program.

To register your child for the summer session, please contact the Boys & Girls Club at 785.966.3031 or 785.966.3011 to receive applications

### Time and place

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
PBPB Boys & Girls Club  
15424 K Rd  
Mayetta, KS 66509

### Pre-Session

May 30-June 2

Session 1-Summer Enrichment with RV  
June 5-June 23

### Session 2

June 26-August 11

### Prices

**\$20 per child per week**  
(Scholarships available for qualified applicants. Contact Coleen Green at BGC).

The Summer Program price will include all summer program activities, meals, and the end of the year field trip. Payment due each Friday prior to Club attendance.

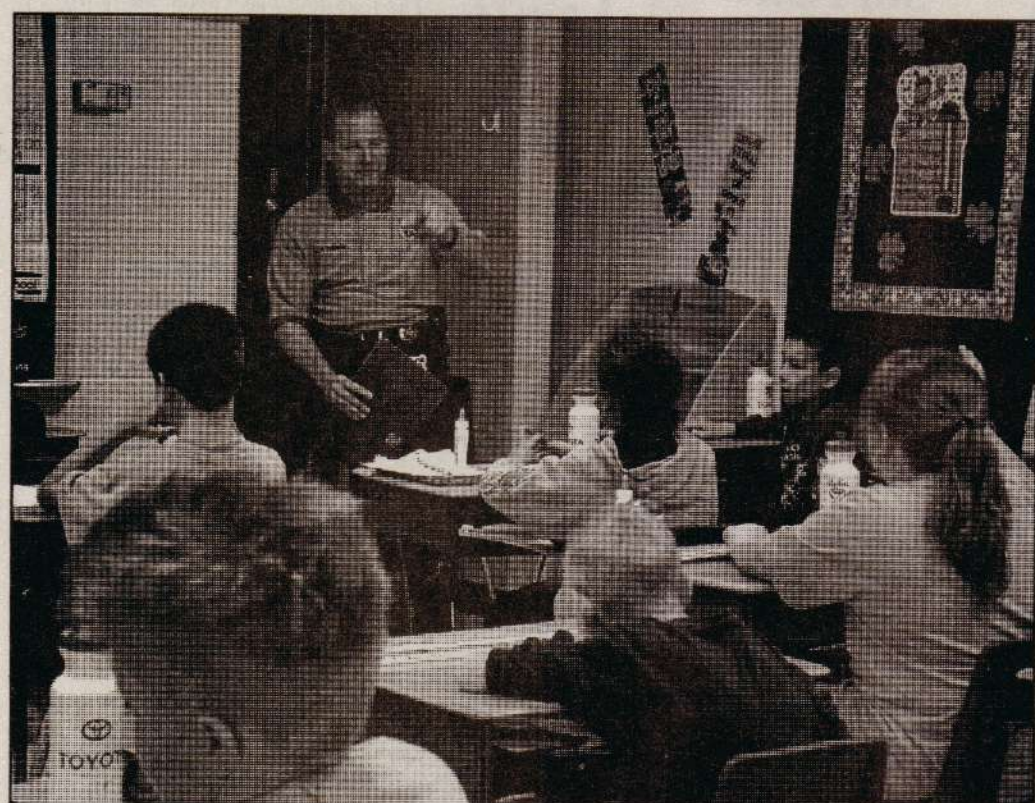
*The BGC is a positive, safe place for kids!*

## Student Recognition Night is planned for April 26



**Honoring graduates and other students for doing well**

## Russell Whiteside is the new Royal Valley School Resource Officer



Above, Tribal Police Officer Russell Whiteside is seen talking to a third grade class about bullying at Royal Valley Elementary School. Whiteside began his duties as the new School Resource Officer (SRO) on March 27.

photo by Suzanne Heck

By Suzanne Heck

Wherever kids are that's where you're likely to find Sgt. Russell Whiteside of the PBP Tribal Police Department these days. For Whiteside has been named the new School Resource Officer (SRO) for Royal Valley School District (RVSD) and holds the honor of being the first Royal Valley SRO.

In the past RVSD has shared an SRO with Jackson County but thanks to a federal grant that was recently secured through the PBPB, Royal Valley and the Boys & Girls Club community get the benefit of having their own officer.

The Tribal Police Department, Boys & Girls Club, Social Services, and the Nation's Grant Department all collaborated with each other to secure the federal tribal youth grant.

Officer Whiteside began working at the schools on March 27. He was selected for the position by former PBP Chief of Police Terry Scott who was particularly instrumental in helping to attain the grant before he retired last month. Scott told the News that he selected Whiteside for the job because Russell had a lot of experience working with youth.

Scott said, "Russell was the logical choice for the SRO position because he relates real well to the kids and because he had lots of previous experience as a juvenile officer. He would often lunch with kids at Royal Valley Elementary when he was a regular police officer and a lot of the kids already know him."

John Rundle, Superintendent for Royal Valley, is also pleased about having a full time SRO at the schools.

"It is terrific having someone like Russell working with the kids at the schools," Rundle said. "He is helping us with programs that we already have in place like our youth-friends mentoring program and just having his presence on a daily basis is helping to create a safer atmosphere for the kids."

Rundle said that he had known Whiteside ever since he had coached him in basketball. Whiteside graduated from Royal Valley in 1990 and was raised in rural Hoyt. Following high school he worked in security at Menningers in Topeka for several years before taking a position with the PBP Tribal Police, where he has worked for approximately six years. He also periodically helps his sister with her business called New Beginnings which is a group home for foster children in Topeka.

"I hope I do a good job and can help the kids out," Whiteside said after speaking about bullying to the kids one day in the classrooms.

Whiteside can be reached through the PBP Tribal Police Department or at any of the Royal Valley schools



Sgt. Russell Whiteside smiles for the camera outside of Royal Valley Elementary School.



## Harrison Hamuud is Royal Valley's new basketball coach

Tribal member Harrison Hamuud has been hired as the new varsity basketball coach for Royal Valley (RV) and is returning to the community after an extended absence. He will also teach special education at the elementary school.

Some folks may remember Hamuud who graduated from RV in 1987 because he holds numerous basketball records at Royal Valley.

Hamuud has fourteen years of coaching experience and has been teaching special education in the public school system in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### A message from Hamuud about his return to Kansas

*I am delighted. I am very excited about my return to RVSD. I am very excited about the chance to give back to my community, in an arena, I have some familiarity and expertise in which is being an educator and basketball coach. As a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe, I have a chance to be a positive role model to others who are like me.*

*As an educator and coach, opportunities to teach and coach in a school district where I grew up, is a life long dream; not many people have opportunities like this one. I am proud that I will have the opportunity to provide many young tribal members with the experiences I have had through my own endeavors with the game of basketball.*

*I am looking forward to the indigenous games, and the many facets that sports has provided to me as a native. "Rez-ball" began my playing basketball and playing with my elders at the gym (which is now the new Boys and Girls Club) taught me the game from the native perspective. Now that I am older, I look forward to giving back to some of the younger tribal members who may venture down the same path of basketball that I have taken.*

*I am beaming with excitement, and can not wait to start down my new path as a Head Coach and Special Education Teacher in the Royal Valley School District. I am anxious to start working with the students and athletes in the Royal Valley District. I plan on having a team basketball camp for anyone who wishes to go out for basketball July 10th through the 14th, 2006, from 6PM to 9PM, 9th through 12th grade.*

Harrison Hamuud

*"Success is a Journey, you only need a one-way ticket." "Getting ahead in a difficult profession requires avid faith in yourself. That is why some people with mediocre talent, but with great inner drive, go much further than people with vastly superior talent."*





## Social Services in action



A group from the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana spent the day on the PBPB reservation learning about the PBPB's Group Home that is supervised under the Social Services Department. In addition, they attended the weekly department meeting and took a tour of other facilities on the reservation. Larry Pickman, who is fourth from left in the photo is Director of Social Services and hosted the tour. Others in the photo are from left to right Lisa Barbey, Chico Mose, Jenine Quebediaux, and Evelyn Cass. The women are with the Tunica-Biloxi Social Services and Chico is a Lieutenant in their Police Department.

Photo by Suzanne Heck



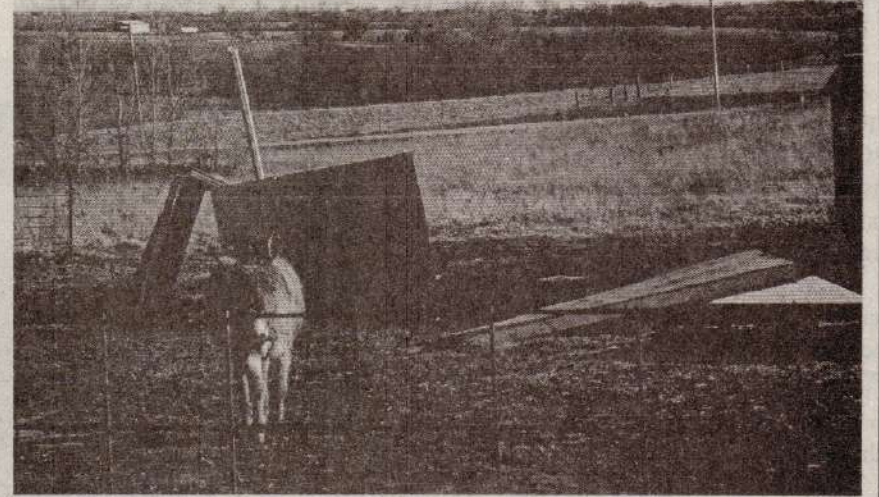
Tribal member Denise Doty is a house parent for the Group Home and is seen here standing in the living room of the home. The North Star Group Home provides care for foster children who are in tribal custody and is designed to promote independent living skills.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

## Donkey conk:

## PBPB to the Rescue

Submitted by: Dawn Masqua  
and  
Photo by Mary Young



During a severe thunderstorm that occurred on March 30 two tribal members were called on by a woman who lives next door to the Social Services Department to help her revive a donkey that had become pinned under an outbuilding due to the high winds.

Roger Lewis, Sr., a PBPB transit driver, and Rick Burns, PBPB tribal police, came to the rescue and they, along with the woman, were able to lift the building off the donkey. At first Roger said that it looked as though the donkey was dead because one side of his nose was in the mud and water but after a little while he eventually came to and was able to stand up. His buddy, the horse watched from afar but when the little donkey eventually gained enough strength to get up, he went over and stood by his friend. This goes to show that true friends will stand by one another through the stormy happenings in life.

## Another interdepartmental project between Road & Bridge, Maintenance, and the Department of Planning & Environmental Protection



Photo by  
Suzanne Heck

Road & Bridge Director Tim Ramirez, right, and crew boss Hardy Eteeyan, left, are seen conferring with each other about improvements being made to the PBPB's sewer system. The grader shovel in the picture was plowing dirt to fill in an abandoned lagoon that is located west of the maintenance building near the Government Center parking lot. A reserve septic tank system will replace the lagoons.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

By Mina Neuburger, RN CHN

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center (PBPBFC) is pleased to announce that we now have a Community Health Nurse on staff.

What is Community Health Nursing? By definition, this is a nursing position involved with performing the assessment of health care needs of individuals and families in the community, then developing a plan and intervention to assist with their health care needs.

A Community Health Nurse (CHN) has the primary focus to promote health. This includes the identification of individuals who may have health problems that put themselves at risk. We collect information from the community, add the understandings of health and illness experiences of patients and come up with a plan to care for those in need. A CHN deals with prevention of illnesses, promotion of health and the maintenance of the healthy, by evaluating public health programs in order to establish activities to promote, protect and restore health to the community. We also serve in the capacity of a consultant to other areas of health care. The CHN's job is to influence and direct the current delivery of care to the community and other health resources.

The CHN can help you and your family with health concerns, parenting and lifestyle issues. CHN's are knowledgeable about the resources in your community. They work within a specific community focusing on health promotion/disease prevention, and case management.

The PBPBFC's Community Health Nurse will serve Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members living within Jackson County. She will locate and identify individuals and families with health risk factors and connect them with the resources needed to provide optimum care. She will also perform home visits and teach comprehensive curative, therapeutic, and preventive health care information to patients and their family members.

She will provide a comprehensive plan of care for adults and elderly patients on community

health needs and resources; perform health and physical assessment to newborns, infants, and children; provide and coordinate home care to patients for prenatal, postpartum care.

Another duty will be to collaborate and coordinate programs and services with other health resource agencies and other tribal programs such as Community Health Representative, Social Services, Elder Center, as well as consult with the Health Center medical and managed care staff to facilitate care of patients.

Areas of concern in most rural areas are being able to provide all the services needed for individuals and their families with nursing needs associated with illness. As an example, such services are restorative care for patients that are recovering from serious illness and / or preventive care to those with chronic illness.



Mina Neuburger, RN CHN

Did you know that in rural communities there are:

- Higher rates of diabetes, high blood pressure, heart and lung problems?
- Health risks associated with occupations such as; machinery accidents, skin cancer and exposure to chemicals and pesticides?
- Higher infant death rates?
- Increasing rates of alcoholism and drug abuse in our schools?

My goal to the Prairie Band Potawatomi is to maintain the highest level of health care possible in the community, with the assistance of health care professionals and the COMMUNITY. If you or a family member need the services of the Community Health Nurse, Mina Neuburger, RN CHN, please call the Health Center at 866-694-6728 ext. 230.



## April is Alcohol and Drug Awareness month



### SUPPORT GROUPS

For a support group in your area, contact Alcohol Anonymous in the telephone book or website.

#### 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.

**AA Meeting—Friday** at 7:00 p.m. at Hunter Ridge, St. Francis Bldg., 46th and Hwy 75.

**Native American AA Meeting—Friday** at 8:00 p.m. 135 Buchanan St.

**Recovering Women's Group—** Closed and non-smoking meeting, Monday at 5:30 p.m. 725 Buchanan St.—Ring bell.

**Gamblers Anonymous—**For people seeking help for problem gambling, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital, 1700 S.W. 7th, 2nd floor, meeting room 6, 862-6666; Friday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital, 2nd floor, meeting room 9, 862-6666; and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Westminister Presbyterian Church, 1275 S.W. Boswell, 339-3583.

#### Mayetta Area and Vicinity

**Open AA Meeting—Wednesday** at 7:00 p.m. to ?? at We-Ta-Se Building, 15434 K Road.

**Alateen,** meets weekly. Contact the A & D program at 966-2411 for times.

**AA Meeting—Sunday** at 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church basement.

**P.A.R.R. House—Open meeting,** Monday at 7:00 p.m. 18301 Hwy. 75, Mayetta.

**Women's NA Meeting—Friday** at 6:00 p.m. at the We-Ta-Se Building, 15434 K Road.

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

**Holton NA Meeting—Tuesday** and Friday at 7:00 p.m. at EUM Church (1 block south of post office—enter west door, meeting on the second level).

#### Lawrence Area

**Circle of Hope AA Meeting—Every Wednesday** at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell Campus, Winnemucca Hall (south of the campus).

### My name is meth

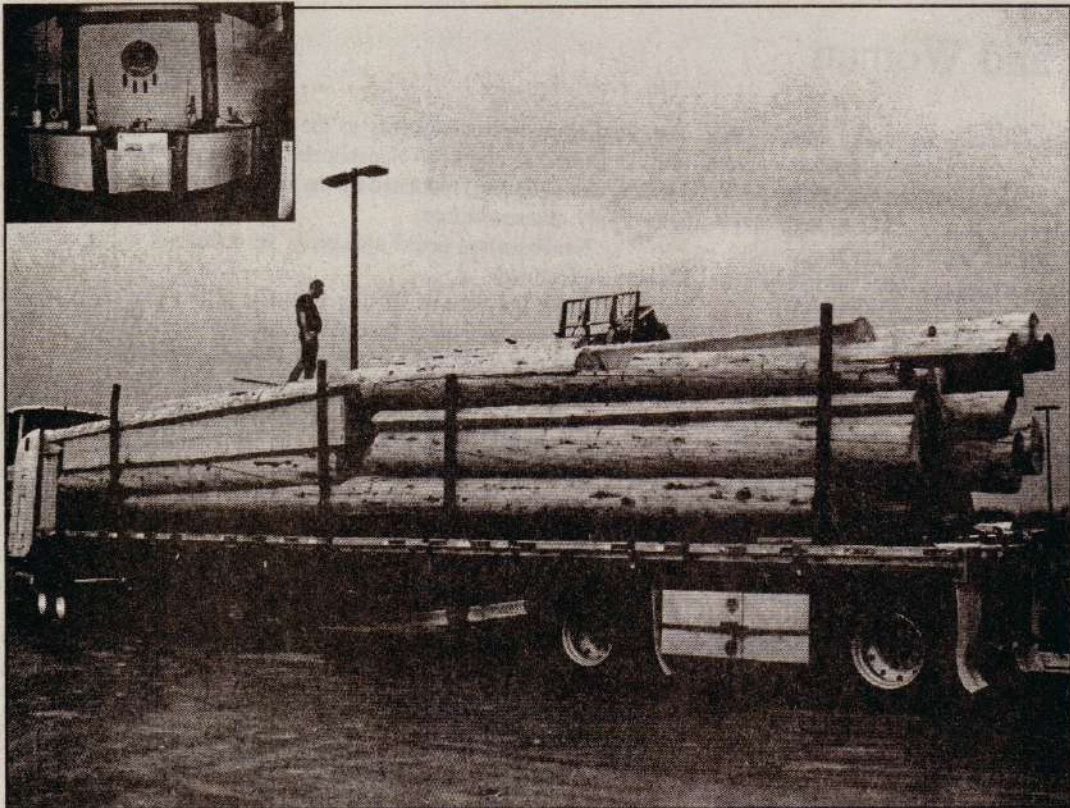
*Editor's note: The following poem about the devastation caused by methamphetamine use has been making the rounds on e-mail and is said to have been written by a young American Indian girl who was in jail at the time on drug charges and later died of her addiction to meth.*

I destroy homes, I tear families apart,  
I take your children, and that's just the start.  
I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold.  
The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.  
If you need me, remember I'm easily found,  
I live all around you—in schools and in town  
I live with the rich, I live with the poor,  
I live down the street, and maybe next door.  
I'm made in a lab, but not like you think,  
I can be made under the kitchen sink.  
In your child's closet, and even in the woods.  
If this scares you to death, well it certainly should.  
I have many names, but there's one you know best.  
I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is crystal meth.  
My power is awesome, try me you'll see.  
But if you do, you may never break free.  
Just try me once and I might let you go.  
But try me twice, and I'll own your soul.  
When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie.  
You do what you have to—just to get high.  
The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms  
will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms.  
You'll lie to your mother, you'll steal from your dad.  
When you see their tears, you should feel sad.  
But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised.  
I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.  
I take kids from parents, and parents from kids.  
I turn people from God, and separate friends.  
I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride.  
I'll be with you always—right by your side.  
You'll give up everything—your family, your home,  
your friends, your money, then you'll be alone.  
I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give.  
When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.  
If you try me be warned—this is no game.  
If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.  
I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind,  
I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine.  
The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed,  
the voices you'll hear, from inside your head.  
The voices you'll hear, from inside your head.  
The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see.  
I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.  
But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart,  
that you are mine, and we shall not part.  
You'll regret that you tried me, they always do.  
But you came to me, not I to you.  
You knew this would happen, many times you were told.  
But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.  
You could have said no, and just walked away.  
If you could live that day over, now what would you say?  
I'll be your master, you will be my slave.  
I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.  
Now that you have met me, what will you do?  
Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.  
I can bring you more misery than words can tell.  
Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.





## Lodge poles delivered to the health center



Above, A & K Trucking of Burlington, N.C. delivered a load of 20—36 ft. yellow pine lodge poles to the new health center. According to the truck driver, Allen Brown, a fire occurred ten years ago in a New Mexico national forest. The undamaged trees were cut and sent to Saguache, Colo. and finally to the health center. Burn marks can still be seen on the poles from the fire.

Prior to installing the poles in the health center, Jim Shane, PBPB construction manager, said the poles will get a termite treatment and sealant. The poles will also be tested and stained to match the cedar in the rotunda ceiling and canopy.

Note the lodge poles in the photo inset in the upper left corner; the health center design will be similar to the foyer of the PBPB Government Center.

## Prairie Band government staff tour the health center



John Holtz led PBPB employees on a tour of the new Indian Health Center on March 29.

### Introducing Mina Neuburger, Community Health Nurse

ORY (o-si-yo) (Hello), my name is Mina Neuburger, (pronounced My-nah New-burger). I was born and raised in Kansas City, Kan., with many of my summers spent in Okla. where my mother was born and raised. My family and I are members of the Cherokee Tribe. I am a wife and mother of three wonderful boys and one beautiful step-daughter. My husband is Ted.

I have been in the medical field for 25 years with 22 years as a Registered Nurse. I have experience in geriatrics, general medical/surgery, orthopedics, home health/hospice, gastroenterology and urology. I received my nursing degree from the Kansas City Kansas



Mina Neuburger, RN  
CHN

Community College.

I feel privileged to be able to serve with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Clinic. It will be very rewarding to meet the people and help improve the health care of the Prairie Band community. I look forward to meeting you all.

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### Community Health Nurse (CHN)

Mina is the new PBP Family Health Center's Community Health Nurse (CHN). She will be conducting home visits; currently she is assessing those in need. She will help identify the proper resources such as home health aids; housekeeping services; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; and social services. For more information, see page 8.

She will also assist with Head Start to get their immunizations in place.



**Family Health Center (FHC)**  
510 Kansas Avenue, P. O. Box 190  
Holton, KS 66436

#### Clinic Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday  
8:00 am to 11:30 am &  
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuesday  
8:00 am to 11:30 am  
**CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Phone: 785-364-2176 ext. 222  
Toll Free: 866-694-6728

#### Pharmacy Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday  
8:00 am to NOON &  
12:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday  
8:00 am to NOON  
**CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Phone: 785-364-2176 ext. 227  
Toll Free: 866-727-6330

## Allergies

By Terry L. Harter, MD  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center  
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785-364-2176, 866-694-6728

Spring is here and the pollen is flying so I thought I might write about allergies. Itchy watery eyes and a runny sneezing nose are rites of spring for millions of people. We hear the weatherman talk about the pollen count but pollen is only a part of the problem. The real culprit is our own over active and confused immune system.

The function of our immune system appears to be to protect us from microscopic germs. The immune system identifies germs by recognizing small parts of the germ. When a germ is identified our immune system is activated. The cell that identifies the germ starts to send messages to the rest of the immune system telling other immunity cells to come help fight off the invader. One of the messengers that are used to activate the immune system is histamine. Histamine causes blood vessels to enlarge to allow more immune cells to arrive. Leukotrienes are another group of recruiting messenger chemicals called chemo tactic factors. Once the immune system is activated and more immune cells have been gathered, the immune cells begin to release inflammatory chemicals that are designed to injure germs. This process is responsible for the redness and swelling we see during an infection and also for the fever, aches, and chills during infec-

tions like the flu. Normally this process helps us fight infections.

When a person has allergies much of the same immune system activation occurs. The major difference is that for some reason substances that are not germs activate the immune system. These substances are called allergens. Common allergens are pollen, animal dander, house dust, certain foods, mold, metals, insect stings, and some chemicals. When a person with allergies is exposed to an allergen their immune system is activated. If the activation is local they will develop localized symptoms like hay fever or poison ivy. If the activation is generalized they will develop hives or asthma or stomach upset.



Dr. Terry Harter

We treat allergies by interfering with the immune system. Antihistamines, like Benadryl and Claritin, block the effects of the messenger histamine. Leukotriene blockers, like Singulair, block the leukotriene messengers. Cortisone calms the immune system and can be given as an injection, an inhaler, a salve, or in pills. Another strategy to treat allergies is to inject the person with allergies with very small quantities of allergen over a long period of time. This process is called desensitization.

Allergy symptoms can vary from mild itching and sneezing to life threatening swelling of the airways. Many people with allergies also have asthma. If you have symptoms of allergies or questions about allergies please make an appointment and come see us at the Family Health Center.



## Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Recipes from Pennsylvania will be the feature this month. While on vacation and driving through an Amish settlement, we stopped for the famous chicken and waffles dinner that included mashed potatoes and peas (see photo below). A family member from Pennsylvania, Virginia Byers, offered to share some of her favorite recipes.

### Chicken and Waffles

Using your basic waffle recipe, make the waffles. Mix 2 tbsp. cornstarch with water until dissolved. Add cornstarch to chicken broth or gravy containing small pieces of cooked chicken. Pour mixture over the waffles. Serve with mashed potatoes and a vegetable.

### Basic Muffins

Vegetable oil or unsalted butter for muffin tins.  
3 c. all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. salt  
10 tbsp. unsalted butter, softened  
1 c. minus 1 tbsp. granulated sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 ½ c. plain low-fat yogurt

Heat oven to 375 degrees - spray 12 hole muffin tin with vegetable oil or coat with unsalted butter. Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in medium bowl, set aside. Cream butter and sugar with mixer on med high until light and fluffy, 2 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in ½ dry ingredients. Beat in 1/3 of yogurt. Beat in remaining dry ingredients in two batches, alternating with yogurt, until incorporated. Divide batter evenly among muffin tin. Bake muffins 25-30 minutes or until brown. Cool at least 5 minutes before removing muffins from tins.

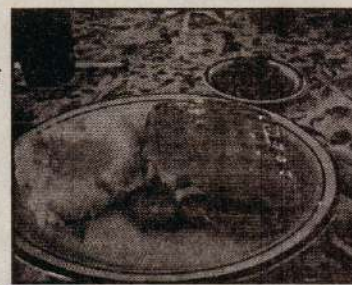
You can add almost anything to the batter—chopped dried fruit, nuts, frozen divided berries (separate them into droplets while frozen—this is the tiny sections that make up the berry), or chocolate chips. If you add something wet like applesauce you will have to decrease the yogurt by the amount of the wet stuff added. Good luck.

Try them plain first and then try adding things. You can also put some batter in the tins then make a little well and add jam and then cover the jam with more batter. Those are jelly filled muffins - very good. And you can sprinkle raw sugar on top to make them pretty. They will really poof up - these are big muffins.

### Cream Scones

There are lots of recipes for scones - this is one.  
2 c. all-purpose flour  
1 tbsp. baking powder  
3 tbsp. sugar  
½ tsp. salt  
5 tbsp. chilled unsalted butter, cut into ¼ in cubes  
currents or berries or whatever  
1 c. heavy cream

Heat oven to 425 degrees and do not ever put a scone or biscuit into a cold oven. Their rising depends on using cold butter and putting them immediately into a HOT oven; the secret to high poofy biscuits and scones. Put flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a large bowl - preferably a food processor. Whisk together several times.



Chicken and Waffles  
Photo by Mary Young

Use pastry blender or food processor to cut butter into the dry ingredients. - should resemble coarse meal. Add chopped nuts, currents, raisins or separated droplets of berries. Then stir in heavy cream with a rubber spatula just until dough begins to form. Transfer dough and all the dry floury bits in the bowl to countertop and knead dough by hand just until it comes together into a slightly sticky ball. Pat out into a round and cut into eight wedges. Place wedges onto ungreased baking sheet. You can brush with some reserved cream and sprinkle with sugar or leave plain. Bake about 12-15 minutes. Cool slightly and serve warm.

Remember never put a scone into a cold oven - always a HOT oven. Quick hot baking is the key along with the least amount of kneading that you can get by with.

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

### Diabetes Conference—Save the Date! Working Together for Balance

October 27—28

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino  
Mayetta, KS

This conference is a cooperative effort of:

- Prairie Band Potawatomi
- Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
- Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas
- Haskell Health Center
- Sac & Fox Tribe of Missouri

For more information contact Sebe Masquat at  
785-364-2176 ext. 231

Major source of funding provided by  
Association on American Indian Affairs

### 8th Annual Conference on the Prevention and Treatment of Overweight and Obese Individuals

2006 Focus: Behavioral

September 7—9  
Hyatt Regency, Crown Center  
Kansas City, MO

#### Registration

Contact Kim Johnson 785-864-0797 or visit  
www.ebl.ku.edu (available 6/15 on website)





## Storytelling, Editorials, Opinions, and Letters to the Editor

### A Story of Man and Woman

By Stewart King, WFN

Grandfather had walked on several years before I was born and I had never known him. I had been told that he was blind and very old and ill tempered. As I walked along that old wagon road in my dream I came upon him resting beneath a large yellow birch. I approached cautiously. His hands were leathery brown and his wrists were thin and sinewy. His ancient sweater was tattered and worn. His eyes were clouded and not able to see the light of this day but could see many years beyond. He motioned to me with his twisted old cane and proclaimed in a laughing, raspy voice "Nmadbin! Waabgiishik ndahwin nbwaach waaban, gehgaa ngii oniseh (Sit down! I was off to visit Dawning Sky and I just about lost my way)"!

He knew my name and shared our early history in ancient, precise Anishinaabe. Frenzied, pesky flies swarmed about us in that warm afternoon forest as he told of a story that answered questions that had evaded me.

Nanaboozhoo was very lonely as he had no partner and no one to share with. One day while on a walk he noticed a set of very small moccasin footprints in the sand. They were fresh, and he thought that if he hurried he could catch up with the owner of those footprints. He was not concerned about who it was but was very excited at meeting the person who walked just ahead. The footprints carefully set themselves upon the moistened leaves that carpeted the forest floor. They crossed the high moss-covered rocks overlooking a vast, tranquil lake. Using all his skills as a seasoned hunter Nanaboozhoo was unable to gain any distance on this unknown traveller. Darkness was now approaching and he worried that his effort would be in vain. He persisted, but soon darkness had swallowed up all traces of the one who walked before him.

Daybreak came early and Nanaboozhoo was seen already tracking his prey, confident that he would soon catch sight. The footprints had made

no attempt to run or hide, nor to evade the skills of the mighty hunter. On occasion they seemed to lift into thin air only to re-appear some distance away. It challenged all the skills of Nanaboozhoo, and yet his efforts went unrewarded. On the third day he was convinced that the Spirits were playing tricks on him. He thought of the little people that lived in the surrounding forests and high places. They must be laughing. Perhaps he would just give it one last try in the morning.

He arose before light on the fourth day and had a brief drink of water to resume his quest. He would eat only the berries along his path. His quarry appeared to have had the same thought. The tiny footprints paused before the laden berry bushes and the fragrant strawberry patches. They stopped on the pristine beach of a small silvery lake and appeared to pause, to look back, in expectation of his appearance. The soft breezes whispered enchanted songs high in the lofty pines. The sun appeared even brighter than it had ever been. The air was intoxicating with the fragrance of many brilliant flowers. Exuberant, colourful birds fluttered all about him, singing joyfully and urging him on.

Nanaboozhoo felt renewed excitement as he sensed the close proximity of this tiny person just ahead. He knew that he was closing in. Yet he felt intimidation as never before, in awe of what to expect. He felt the urge to turn around and to fade silently back into the comfort of the forest he knew so well. Potent, uncontrollable feelings from deep within compelled him to go on. He questioned himself and wondered why.

The footprints led deep into a cluster of aromatic cedars and the cool, darkened shade of a towering hemlock.

There, resting on a large boulder was a tiny, delicate figure in a white buckskin dress, fringes swaying gently at her shoulders. Exquisite, unblemished moccasins on her tiny feet were adorned with glowing beadwork not crafted by ordinary human hands. Her hair was as blackened char-

coal flowing in lustrous strands to the middle of her willowy waist. Her skin, so pure, so smooth, as Nanaboozhoo had never before seen. Her flawless lips were alluring, reddened by the ripened strawberries delicately consumed only minutes before.

Nanaboozhoo could not speak, he could not move as she looked his way and smiled.

From the base of smaller boulders at her feet there flowed pure spring water, cool and clear from deep within Mother Earth. "Tikbii Enjih Mookjiwang", "the Place Where Water Flows From the Giver of Life"

Nanaboozhoo knew that his quest was over. His days of loneliness would be no more and a new life had begun. He would walk that good Red Road with a Partner that had been sent by the Creator.

Grandfather laughed! "Wgii nehmigoon wiignaa jih debnigwat! Mii dash Nanaboozhoo gaa neh yanseht inini namak maandah Nishnaabe miikan. Neh bmikwe sesnoonwan geh gwah maa moccasinesnoon. (She let herself be caught by him! And so it was that Nanaboozhoo continued his walk on the good Red Road accompanied forever by those tiny moccasin footprints).

Inini, today speaks of the man who must walk the direction of the good Red Road. In the word *bmikwe*, we find *ikwe* or the woman who leaves her footprints alongside her Life's Partner.

I looked once more and Grandfather had gone, but he had left behind a message for our people. I will share it with you.

Note: Stewart King is a Wasauking First Nation (WFN) Potawatomi elder who is involved in the teaching of the culture and language of the Potawatomi Nation. He resides in Parry Sound, Ontario

### What our Tribal Constitution doesn't say?

Letter to the Editor:

First, consider the source and that is the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 or The Wheeler-Howard Act: "An Act to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form business and other organizations; to establish a credit system for Indians; to grant certain right of home rule to Indians; to provide for vocational education for Indians; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American in Congress assembled, That hereafter no land of any Indian reservation, created or set apart by treaty or agreement with the Indians, Act of Congress, Executive order, purchase, or otherwise, shall be allotted in severalty to any Indian." Section 16: "Any Indian tribe, or tribes, residing on the same reservation, shall have the right to organize for its common welfare, and may adopt an appropriate constitution and bylaws, which shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of the adult members of the tribe, or of the adult Indians residing on such reservation, as the case may be, at a special election authorized by the Secretary of the Interior under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe. Such constitution and bylaws when ratified as aforesaid and approved by the Secretary of the Interior shall be revocable by an election open to the same voters and conducted in the same manner as hereinabove provided. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be ratified and approved by the Secretary in the same manner as the original constitution and bylaws.

In addition to all powers vested in any Indian tribe or tribal council by existing law, the constitution adopted by said tribe shall also vest in such tribe or its tribal council the following rights and powers: to employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior; to prevent the sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, or other tribal assets without the consent of the tribe; and to

negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments. The Secretary of the Interior shall advise such tribe or its tribal council of all appropriation estimates or Federal projects for the benefit of the tribe prior to the submission of such estimates to the Bureau of the Budget and the Congress."

Felix S. Cohen, commonly known as the "Father of Indian Law" said this about Indian constitutions.

"Since any group of men, in order to act as a group, must act through forms which give the action the character and authority of group action, an Indian tribe must, if it has any power at all, have the power to prescribe the forms through which its will may be registered. The first element of sovereignty, and the last which may survive successive statutory limitations of Indian tribal power, is the power of the tribe to determine and define its own form of government. Such power includes the right to define the powers and duties of its officials, the manner of their appointment or election, the manner of their removal, the rules they are to observe in their capacity as officials, and the forms and procedures which are to attest the authoritative character of acts done in the name of the tribe."<sup>2</sup>

Most tribal constitutions are authorized under the IRA of 1934. Some Tribes did not accept this act or cast a vote to participate but were eventually considered an IRA Tribe by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The original constitutions were designed from a "boilerplate form" that favored federal control and approval. Maybe the federal intent was for us to have a token government while a fleecing of our land, money and natural resources was continuously underway. Meanwhile, as generations pass, their legislative blood quantum requirement and allotment fractionation terminates our existence and in other legislation if not in trust reform fixes. Either way, we are losing our land, money and remaining sovereignty.

Many Tribes feared the loss of traditional methods of tribal leadership, traditional values and a tribal structure that endured for hundreds of years. I

think many tribes were living under extreme duress from the federal historical resentment of Indians, the removal from their homelands, deaths from forced marches, lack of leadership from forced divisions from tribes to bands, federal prejudice of religious practices, strict control from bureau paternalism, strong arm bureau tactics from Indian Agents to maintain peace and calm by threats of holding back food rations, their own judgment and appropriated funds, forced assimilation citizenship methods, political pressure to obtain Indian lands and still outright termination by spirit, mind and body. There were many other inhumane conditions at that time and many tribal leaders were forced under the survival of their remaining tribal members, just as their fathers were forced to sign treaties for survival, to accept these constitutions as a new form of governing their people.

Our constitution is still a means to divide our tribal membership, as indicated by the BIA revoking our constitution on October 4, 1972.<sup>3</sup> The cause was indifference between a BIA supported Business Committee and a Tribal Action Committee sensitive to the traditional and religious needs and wants of the Prairie Band. In more recent times, it has been the impeachment of our tribal leaders. Our constitution is outdated and our desires outlived the original boilerplate items such as the annual general council meeting and tribal council appointments for temporary chairman.

What is important to us is what our constitution doesn't say today. Such things as there should be; a Separate of Powers clause; judicial, administrative and legislative (tribal council), an ethics commission and code, a balanced budget, fiscal accountability, no tribal council appointments but elections for judges and police chief, greater protection of Indian civil rights, Whistle Blowers protection and Anti-Retaliation Clauses for employee's and tribal member protection, Veto power for the Chairman, etc. The Nation may want more and that is our right. From then to now we have advanced our means of income now we must make sure all are healthy, educated and equal. As we progress with success, we fill in more blanks.

Our constitution needs to be a growing document with major business concerns. Our constitution shows us not only where we are going but where we came from. Our constitution needs to be Nation driven with our elected making it so. Our constitution needs power checks and balances to enable the Nation to expand our economic desires. Our constitution needs to state what we want and how we are going to get it, so that all tribal members know and flow in the same direction that becomes the Law of the Land. Our constitutions and meetings should promote harmony and success, not calamity and stress. Our constitution needs to be consistent in theory, exchange compliments to each Council's authority whether delegated by tribal member vote or authorized by Treaty, an agreed upon driving force to support what tribal members require as in our Preamble calling: We, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (the People).....

So, why does our Tribal Council(s) have fear of amending our constitution for the common good of our Nation? If we are a Nation within a Nation, then we must be the best in both worlds. The People should never fear their own government. What do you want our constitution to say?

A legal person may technically define what a constitution means to them but we want it without weasel wording. When this happens, we can then begin to mark our healing process of our People from the damage our federal protector has appropriated on us for hundreds of years.

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> The Indian Reorganization Act, June 18, 1934.

<sup>2</sup> Hand book of Federal Indian Law by Felix S. Cohen, 1942

<sup>3</sup> Our Story: The Prairie Band Pottawatomi Indians. "How to Survive when the Government Tries to Steal Everything you have." by Lester Jessepe 1972(?).

Thomas Wabnum  
(Submitted on 3/16/06)

## Community News



### A message of thanks

Thanks to the PBP Road & Bridge Department for all the work you have done on our driveway and road since all the recent storms. Also, a special thanks to the PBP EPA Department for helping with the clean-up at my parent's home. One call and you were there willing to help my family.

Again, thanks,  
Charlene Pappan Anderson

### Kanibwēṭēk

(the one's that stood up together)

Emma and James Battese  
will celebrate  
their 30th wedding anniversary on May 10

Daughters,  
Kelly, Jamie  
and Betty and  
granddaughters  
Kateri and  
Esmerelda, send  
their love and  
congratulations.



Have fun in Hawaii, mom and dad!



### Congratulations to Mike Ballard

on receiving a 2006 Northeast  
Kansas  
Jefferson Award  
for  
Community Enrichment

To our cuz...  
we are proud of you.  
Love, your family & friends



The family of Ashley  
McClammy requests your  
thoughts and prayers  
during her deployment in  
support of Operation Iraqi  
Freedom with the Kansas  
Army National Guard  
(108th Aviation).



Support our Troops!

Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)

### Welcome

Keyli Kylii Eteeyan  
Born  
February 2, 2006

Parents: Criss Eteeyan &  
Una Torres







## Ttiwenmo eginigyēn (Happy day you were born)



### Happy 71st Birthday Bobby Lee Ray

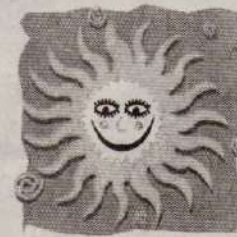
You're a special dad  
and we love you,

Norma, Ruby, Robert, Bonnie,  
Roger, Connie and Grandkids



### Happy Birthday to my little sister and Aunt Jill on April 14 who we love and miss very much.

Love your sis, Brenda LaClair  
and kids, Brandon & Joey



### Happy Birthday to Tony Estes



who will be  
12 years old  
on  
April 24

From: Chris, mom, Ella,  
Ashli, and Nathan



Proud to be a  
Prairie Band Potawatomi!

### Happy Birthday May 16 Daddy!

Love,  
Moen Ka



Got some news to share? Send it to the News

- birthday
- anniversary
- wedding
- new births
- graduations
- obituaries
- thank yous
- military news



### Happy Birthday Stephanie Lynn McClure



born:  
May 4, 1988



You must  
have been a  
beautiful  
baby ...cause  
baby look at  
you now!

We love you!  
Mom, Koya, Hoho,  
Kelly & Misho



### Happy Birthday to Kayla Gomez who becomes 12 years old this month!

Love,  
Grandma  
Arlene Lingo



## Kamboŋtēk (Those who died)

### Carl Levier

Carl Levier, 85, Topeka, died March 27, 2006, at a local care home.

He was born June 11, 1920, in Mayetta, the son of Peter Oliver Levier and Lucy Pam-Nuck-Muck.

Survivors include six sisters, Vivian, Rosanne, Geneva, Bernadette, Sharon and Martha; and a brother, Glenn.

Graveside services were held March 31 in Shipshee Cemetery at Mayetta.

Memorial contributions may be made to Assumption Catholic Church. Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel in Topeka is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.penwellgabel.com](http://www.penwellgabel.com)

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 4/3/06)

### Douglas Cleland Wahwasuck

Douglas Cleland Wahwasuck, 65, Mayetta, died March 28, 2006, at his home.

He was born Jan. 10, 1941, in Rose, Okla., the son of Luther C. and Cecelia Johnson Wahwasuck. He moved to Mayetta from Seattle, Wash., in 1993.

Mr. Wahwasuck worked as a carpet installer and also as a truck driver.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He married Kathryn Mead-Specht on Sept. 4, 1978, in Wichita. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Aleshia Ipsen and Amber Cox, both of Wichita; three sons, Michael Douglas Wahwasuck and wife Tammy, Lakewood, Colo., Robert Specht and wife Janet and Stephen Specht, all of Aurora, Colo.; two sisters, Donna Wahwasuck, Seattle, Wash., and Phyllis Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Wahwasuck was buried April 1 in Wahwaksum Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mercerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhome.com)

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 4/3/06)

### Winifred LaClair-Killebrew

Winifred "Punkins" LaClair-Killebrew, 63, Lynwood, Calif., formerly of Mayetta, died April 4, 2006, at a Paramount, Calif. hospital.

She was born Nov. 5, 1942, in Holton, the daughter of William LaClair Sr. and Mary E. Lasley LaClair. She attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence. Mrs. LaClair-Killebrew worked as an aide at a nursing facility in California.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

Survivors include a sister, Arlene Lingo, Mayetta; and two brothers, Milton LaClair, Mayetta, and Melvin LaClair, Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by a sister, Leona LaClair, and a brother, Billy LaClair.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 9 a.m. April 8 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. April 7 with visitation to follow at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com)

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 4/5/06)

### Shipshee Cemetery Spring Cleanup

In preparation for the mowing season and Memorial Day weekend, all families are asked to remove old flowers and wire holders which would interfere with mowing operations. We will meet at the cemetery on Saturday, May 6, to cleanup grave sites, but we would appreciate each family helping by removing these items as soon as possible.

If you can identify an unmarked family grave site, please contact Roy Hale or Delores Nioce-Abrams (785-966-0037). Perhaps we can work together to be sure the grave is marked. We want to thank those families who have made markers already. If you have a family plot reserved or would like to reserve one, also contact us as it simplifies the selection of a burial site on short notice.

Roy Hale, Caretaker  
(785) 608-7038

### In Loving Memory Donna Jean Fox Amerson

Entered The Spirit World  
30 April 2005

Always Loving  
Loving Wife, Mother,  
Grand Mother, &  
Great Grand Mother

Missed By All  
Loved By Husband



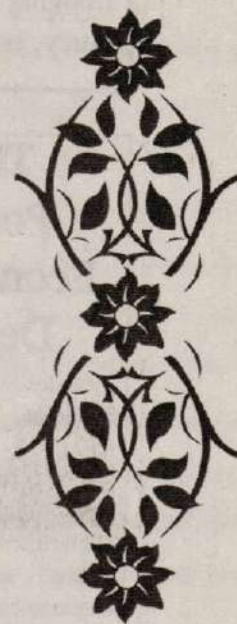
### Special memories of Sharon McClane

In our last moments with you we knew the pain and suffering was not meant for you. We thought of many things we needed to say but as we held you close in our hearts and minds—wishing you were strong and happy again—you were ready to go home so we all gave you life's greatest gift of letting go.

Today we cherish all the love and memories you gave to us, until we meet again always know we love you and miss you every day.

Thanks to everyone who has shared their thoughts and love with us.

Love,  
Charlene and family







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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

**One of the Nation's biggest American  
Flags will be at Prairie Peoples Park on  
May 28, 2006**

Your help is needed by the Veterans to  
unfold the big 50' by 75' American Flag.  
There will be a picture taken from the  
Fire Department ladder truck.  
Registration will be from 1pm to 2pm

**PBPN Earth Day is April 23.**  
Read about it in the next issue of the *News*

### Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## POW-WOW

June 9, 10 & 11  
Prairie Peoples Park  
158 Rd & M Rd  
Mayetta, KS 66509

- Dance Contests-Specials
- Drum Contest

For more information call 1-877-727-6743 or  
email [powwow@pbpnation.org](mailto:powwow@pbpnation.org)

Location subject to change in case of inclement weather

### Memorial Day cemetery visits by We-Ta-Se

1. Potts
2. Wah-wak-sum
3. Wah-go
4. Nelson Potts
5. Sweed Wahwasuck
6. Shipsee
7. Dance Ground
8. John Mitchell
9. Prairie Peoples Cemetery
10. Wamego (Algernon)
11. Wazo
12. Andy Mitchell
13. Prairie Peoples Park
14. Veterans Memorial
15. Wishkeno



Members of Our Lady of  
Snows Church who would like  
to receive the bi-monthly  
church bulletin via email are  
asked to let Delores Nioce-  
Abrams know by sending your  
email address to [pbpsnows-  
rez@yahoo.com](mailto:pbpsnows-<br/>rez@yahoo.com). Financial cuts  
make it necessary to stop the  
monthly postal mailing; there-  
fore, the bulletin can be sent to  
you via email. Again, please  
send your email address; other-  
wise, a copy of mass schedules  
and church activities will only  
be posted at the church hall and  
OLS website [www.pbpin-  
diantribe.com/snow/index.html](http://www.pbpin-<br/>diantribe.com/snow/index.html).

Laura Thackery  
Delores Nioce-Abrams

Let  
Manager  
Mark Matchie  
and the staff  
help you  
at

**Nation Station**

Sun.-Thurs: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri.- Sat.: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

- convenience store items
- Pendletons

- hot food items
- Zippos

(PBPN owned and operated)



### PBPN Government Offices closed

for  
Memorial Day  
Monday, May 29



### 2006 Potawatomi Gathering News Update

The 2006 Potawatomi Gathering trip is being planned  
and details are being worked out to make the trip one of the best  
for our elders. This year rules were set by interested elders who  
attended a meeting held on March 9 at the Firekeepers Elder  
Center here on the Rez. Due to budgets being tight we are  
sticking with the one bus rule this year. Another new rule is  
Prairie Band Preference will be followed. The rule of 60 and  
over will be followed again.

Joy Yoshida, assistant coordinator, and I traveled to  
Pokagon Country in March to scout out hotel accommodations  
for our people. We also timed how long it will take to get from  
one place to the next so we can plan accordingly. We made it  
to the Pokagon tribal offices and had a nice visit with the  
Pokagon's and they gave us a good map. We checked out the  
grounds where the Gathering will be held. Very nice. They  
have built an arena with new bleachers. The grounds have lots  
of shade, big trees, and a pond. As soon as we get more infor-  
mation on the Gathering we will put it into our newspaper. I do  
have a list of the local hotels if you plan to attend on your own,  
that I will be glad to send to you.

If you have questions or want your name added to the  
list please give us a call. LaVerne Hale 877-715-6789 Ext.  
4014 or e-mail [laverneh@pbpnation.org](mailto:laverneh@pbpnation.org), or Joy Yoshida 785-  
966-0041.

We-Ta-Se  
will participate in the  
dedication of the  
Ceremonial Flag Pole at  
the  
Great Overland Station  
in Topeka  
May 7, 3 p.m.

**Haskell  
Indian Nations  
University  
graduation &  
Pow-Wow  
May 12-14**

### Chief Wabauensee Family Tree

Judy Hale-Wabauensee, Larene Hale-Thomas, Rose Hale,  
Richele Pahmahmie and Marilyn Hale-Wakolee have  
been updating the Chief Wabauensee family tree and we  
are now in the final stages to have it printed in a book-  
style format.

If there any corrections/additions or photos,  
please contact us.

Marilyn "Num"  
[numhale@yahoo.com](mailto:numhale@yahoo.com)  
15382 Meadow Lane  
Mayetta KS 66509  
cell phone: 785-608-4078 (preferably after 7 pm)

Judy: 785-286-4226  
Larene: 785-486-3759

Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition  
invite you to a

### Women's Wellness Retreat

May 5-6, 2006

Who: Women of the 4 Tribes ages 15-115

Where: Sycamore Springs

When: Friday Evening May 5th 7:00 pm

Saturday May 6th 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

What: Women Wellness Activities

### Featuring

Theda Newbreast - Keynote Speaker

Pam Belgarde - RezRobics

Lori Martin - Hopi Women's Health Program

Laurie Ramirez - Haskell Health Center

Space limited

Pre-registration required

Free lodging for the first 40 registrants

For pre-registration contact Carol Shopteese @ 785-742-4708.  
Lodging will be at Sycamore Springs & Sabetha Country Inn.  
Sorry, no childcare will be provided.

**Kickapoo  
Pow-Wow Days  
July 14-16**

**Kickapoo  
Reservation  
Horton, Kansas**

•food

•fun activities

•demonstrations

•tours

Your invited to help celebrate  
**National EMS Week**

May 14 - 20

Tribal Emergency Services open house

Potawatomi Fire  
Keepers Elder Center

# May 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chili Cornbread Bake Green Beans Little Chefs Salad Peaches & Cottage Cheese	Turkey Ala King Over Toast Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit Salad	Chicken Thighs Ranch Mashed Potato Steamed Zucchini Rolls Garden Salad	Breakfast for Lunch Sausage, Bacon Hashbrowns, Eggs Biscuits & Gravy	Fish Sandwich Macaroni & Tomato Cole Slaw Baked Apples & Raisin
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Roll - Tossed Salad	Chicken Pita Sandwich Minestrone Soup Cheese & Crackers Pears in Jelly-o Salad	Polish Sausage Kraut Chefs Salad Baked Potato & Brocc. Waldorf Salad	Enchiladas Brown Rice - Beans Tomato & Sugar Salad Mexican Sugar Cookies	Cajun Baked Cod Mashed Potato & Gravy Brussels Sprouts Carrot Salad - Roll
Chicken Rice Casserole Brown Rice Peas & Carrots Biscuit - Cocktail Salad	Spaghetti & Meatballs Green Beans Tossed Garden Salad Garlic Toast - Cot. Cheese	Sliced Pork Tenderloin Potatoes and Pork Gravy Steamed Spinach Rolls Carrot Salad	Hamburgers W/ Cheese BL & T. Butter Bean Soup Potato Salad Fruit	Tuna Casserole Steamed Broccoli Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit Orange
Sloppy Joe Sandwich Home Baked Cheese Fries Cauliflower Soup Jelled Waldorf	Roast Beef Mashed Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Rolls Italian Spinach Salad	Bell Pepper Stuffed With Beef & Rice Vegetable Soup Tossed Garden Salad	Cranberry Chicken Cornbread Stuffing Glazed Carrots Roll - Pea Salad	Tuna Swiss Melt Macaroni & Cheese Louisiana Green Beans Toast
Closed Memorial Day	Liver & Onion Mashed Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Rolls Orange Citrus Salad	Ham Sandwich Bacon Potato Chowder Cottage Cheese Delight Baked Pears	<b>Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30 Menu Subject to Change.</b> Native Seniors 50+ Free Adult \$3.50 Child \$2.50	

## The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Economic Development Department Update

By Helen Sumner, Economic Development  
Specialist

Don June, Tribal Business CEO and  
head of the Economic Development  
Department wants to share information period-  
ically about Economic Development  
Department projects with tribal members.

As you know, Mayetta Oil Company  
is the newest tribal business acquisition and  
Kary Broxterman, Mayetta Oil Company

bookkeeper and sales coordinator, along with  
employees Charlene Anderson, Mike Jewell,  
Fred Mock and Rick Sims are all working dili-  
gently for the company and the Prairie Band  
Potawatomi Nation (PBPN). In addition,  
PBPN Finance Department employees John  
Forrester and Audrey Oliverius are also peri-  
odically assisting with the propane business.

Mr. Broxterman said having a prof-  
itable business by having competitive prices  
and meeting the needs of the customer are the  
major goals of Mayetta Oil Company.

In other news, the PBPN Wind  
Energy Feasibility Study is still in progress.  
As the wind energy data becomes available  
from Black and Veatch Engineering, Overland  
Park, Kan. tribal members will be kept  
informed through the *News*.

Black and Veatch engineers Ryan  
Jacobson and Steve Block are in charge of the  
wind energy study on the reservation and often  
meet with the the PBPN Wind Energy team  
members. Wind Energy team members are  
Larry Berryhill, Barb Cornelius, Daniel Dyer,  
Ryan Dyer, Don June and Helen Sumner.

One of the goals of the study is to  
determine whether or not there are adequate  
winds on the reservation to produce electricity.  
There are four tasks to be accomplished in the  
wind study and the study is now into Task 2  
which is collecting one year of wind speed  
data. So far, the wind speed data looks prom-  
ising.

For further questions about the study,  
contact Don June at 795-966-4047.

Got questions about propane orders,  
deliveries and prices?  
Call Mayetta Oil Company  
at 785-966-2721.

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