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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Kansas passes gambling legislation Prairie Band threatens legal action

By Suzanne Heck

Just as the Tribe was preparing for a press conference on April 2 to announce the changeover of the casino to Harrah's on July 1, the Kansas legislature unexpectedly passed gaming legislation that will allow for the state to operate four destination hotel-casinos and slot machines at horse and dog tracks that are already located in the state.

In response to the news, Tracy Stanhoff, tribal chair person said that the PBPB would legally challenge the State through the courts as a means of blocking the legislation.

She said in an article that appeared in the *Topeka Capital-Journal* (April 3, 2007) "We're going to fight it. It's bad for the state."

She also said that the biggest challenge the Tribe had was the state of Kansas putting Indians down and that the tribe had supported Gov. Kathleen Sebelius by donating to her inauguration. "But we can't even get a meeting with the governor...We've been sideswiped by this whole process."

In other media interviews that were held at the Government Center, Tracy told reporters that the expanded gaming will negatively impact the tribe's casino revenues which means fewer jobs and a decline in the economy of Jackson County and surrounding areas.

More on the Kansas bill

Gaming operations will still have to win approval by voters in those counties where the casinos and tracks are located but the bill was quickly endorsed by Gov. Sebelius who signed it into law on April 11 during four separate signing ceremonies held in various cities throughout the day.

Acquiring voter approval doesn't appear to be much of a roadblock to companies wanting to invest, however, because as of this writing four different groups had already announced proposals for casinos in Wichita alone last week.

Sebelius asks Kansas Attorney General to challenge bill to hasten legality

As a way to head off the opposition, Gov. Sebelius has also announced that she is asking Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison to challenge the new gaming bill as a way of ensuring that the law is constitutional. She suggested that investors need to know that the bill is sound when they are making a \$225 million investment. She said that if the Kansas Supreme Court would make the ruling soon that it might make investors more secure about developing casino enterprises in Kansas.



At left, Chair Tracy Stanhoff in her office being interviewed by KTKA-49 ABC news reporters Gena Terlizzi and Bill Edwards about the expanded gambling bill. Gena and Bill are statehouse reporters and were at the Capitol when the new bill was passed.

All three Topeka television stations sent reporters to interview Tracy to find out what the next steps will be that the PBPB plans to take in challenging the State on the recent gaming legislation.

Ernie Stevens, Jr. re-elected chair of the National Indian Gaming Association

Ernie Stevens, Jr. was re-elected Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) at its annual meeting and trade show held in March in Phoenix, Ariz.

"I am honored and humbled to be re-elected as chairman of this great organization," said Stevens. "During the next two years, I pledge to continue upholding the mission of NIGA and of tribal sovereignty, in general."

Stevens was re-elected by acclamation

and is serving his fourth term as NIGA chair. Stevens is a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Also re-elected by acclamation as Secretary of NIGA's Executive Committee is Lynn "Nay" Valbuena, a member of California's San Manuel Band of Mission Indians who will be serving his sixth term.

For more details about the conference or NIGA visit www.indiangaming.org.

Shabbona negotiations continue

Members of Tribal Council met with the DeKalb County Board on April 18 in Sycamore, Ill. where the board narrowly passed an "agreement of purpose" with the PBPB by a vote of 12-11.

The agreement allows for pre-negotiations to take place regarding the Nation's desire to develop 128 acres of land purchased last year in Illinois before a final decision by the county is made. A public hearing on the issue is scheduled in DeKalb County within the next 45 days.

The full Tribal Council approved the agreement this week.

The Nation wants to put a bingo hall and cultural center on the land. The Tribe has claimed all along that the land is a reservation that should be sovereign since the land was given to Chief Shabbona in the 19th century. However, some

DeKalb County officials don't see it that way and are arguing that they should have jurisdiction over the land.

Tribal Council has made several trips to Shabbona to hold meetings with county officials and residents over the past few months to establish good will and to create a presence in the area.

Lawyers representing the PBPB and an attorney hired to represent DeKalb County are researching the case for the next round of negotiations planned for sometime in the future.

It should also be noted that not everyone on either side agrees with what is happening. Some DeKalb County residents and PBPB tribal members have publicly expressed pro and con views through the media concerning the land issue.

Nation taking charge of its own destiny July 1 casino management takeover announced at press conference

A press conference was held on April 2 at Harrah's Casino by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) and Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., *Kansas Casino Corporation* (Harrah's), who announced a July 1 management changeover of the Nation's casino enterprise to the public.

In attendance were members of the



Mike Kenny and Tracy Stanhoff answered questions at the press conference. In the photo sitting to the right are Jim Potter Jackie Mitchell and Ryan Dyer who are on the Tribal Council.

Tribal Council and Gaming Commission and members of the Harrah's executive staff.

"Taking over the management of our casino is a major milestone in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's way to achieving our goal of economic self-sufficiency," said Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff. "While we have valued our partnership with Harrah's over the years, it was always part of the overall plan that the Nation would take over the management of the property."

"Since the Casino opened in 1998, we have learned much from the good people at Harrah's about the management of this property, and we thank them for their service to this enterprise," said Stanhoff. "However, the time has come for the Nation to take charge of its own destiny."

The Nation is planning a public celebration in early July at the casino to celebrate the occasion. The new logo and branding campaign will be launched within the next few weeks. The property will be renamed "Prairie

Band Casino & Resort". The Nation is also planning a private community celebration to thank Harrah's in the coming months for their service to the Nation.

In 1992, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation opened a Class II bingo facility on its Kansas reservation in Mayetta. In 1998, the Nation entered an agreement with Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., *Kansas Casino Corporation*, and opened a 63,000 square-foot gaming facility, which created more than 1,200 jobs and approximately \$28 million in tribal wages and revenue during that year alone. Today, the Casino is Jackson County's largest employer. A \$55 million dollar expansion to the casino property took place in 2003. Since gaming began on the Prairie Band reservation, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Tribal Council has mandated that 43 percent of gaming revenues go toward the Nation's economic development and other infrastructure needs. Since 1998, the Nation also has contributed approximately \$5 million to charitable causes.

A close-up photo of Mike Kenny (left), General Manager of the Prairie Band Harrah's Casino and Tracy Stanhoff (right), tribal chair.



The logo below and a branding campaign will be launched within the next few weeks



Flags lowered on reservation in observance of national tragedy



Above is Frank Shopteese, We-Ta-Se Senior Liaison, seen lowering the flags in front of the Government Center to half-mast on April 18. President Bush declared a national time of mourning for the 32 students who were killed recently at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va.

Photo by Mary Young



Letter to the Nation April 2007 from Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff



Dear Tribal Members:

I am writing to you with a heavy, but always, positive heart.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is at a crucial time in our history. Never before have we seen such prosperity and never before has there been so much to threaten what many of us have worked hard to build and maintain for our Nation. These threats come both from the external world and, unfortunately, from within the tribe.

Recently we've had a great victory on our Shab-eh-nay Reservation re-jurisdiction efforts. Last week we won a critical vote with the Dekalb County board, rebuilding the stalled negotiations between the County and our Nation in regards to an Intergovernmental Agreement that the Department of Interior suggested the Nation enter into with the County and other governmental bodies in Illinois in order to avoid costly and time-consuming litigation over the land.

This victory will lead us to an historic reclamation of our jurisdiction over this reservation that is in trust to our nation. This situation is unlike any other tribe's effort to reclaim land in the country. The Tribe is very optimistic that the Bingo/Gaming Casino that will be in place up there once these Intergovernmental Agreements are signed will add tremendously to our revenues.

These revenues will be used to both enhance tribal programs and increase your per capita payments. This victory is directly attributed to this Tribal Council's and our Nation as a whole's faith in my ability to lead our negotiations and strategy regarding this effort and to Tribal Council's teamwork in getting things completed on the project.

It is now essential that I, as the Tribal Council's spokesperson, as voted on by you, the people, in our last election and affirmed as our sole and chief negotiator by Tribal Council in a special resolution, that I be able to continue in this process unhindered by the interference that has, is, and possibly will be presented. These negotiations are very sensitive and the people of the reservation area in Illinois are also counting on Tribal Council and myself to be steady, professional, and to keep our word to them.

Tribal Council had the wisdom to bestow this negotiating honor to me as they know I have walked in two worlds, one as an American Indian leader and the other as an American Indian business person who can successfully talk to "many worlds" of people and thereby direct this project to successful completion.

Therefore, I am writing to the entire Nation about these concerns of in-

terference and controversy because there is a petition for my recall as your chairperson that may be presented very soon in attempt to overturn last summer's vote while unjustly attacking me.

Just the presentation of this recall petition may provide to the outside world just what they need to stop our efforts. It may mean bye, bye to more per capita, decreased program funding, and our historic efforts to establish our re-jurisdiction over our Shab-eh-nay Reservation. I will fight this petition to my fullest ability as I feel it is unjust.

Another challenge that we face as a Nation, is the new State gaming law that will in an estimated 90-120 days allow the first round of 1,600 slot machines to be installed in Wichita (where we have many customers) unless the tribe can stall and/or stop it from happening. We are working strategically to beat or delay this unconstitutional piece of legislation from going forth. Kansas Governor Sebelius has been unhappy that Indian nations in Kansas do not have to share revenue with the state and would not meet with us on this law. This gaming law provides the State of Kansas with the ability to open four destination resorts, slots at the horse and dog tracks and is estimated to take away from us 35 to 50% of our revenues.

There are many other projects that Tribal Council is working on now to diversify economy including:

- The casino transition to self management
- A wind farm energy plant
- A Section 8(a) certification and resulting talks with major defense contractors on a Department of Defense Mentor Protégé partnership for a manufacturing plant
- The re-working of our Mayetta Bingo operation
- More funding for our Health Center
- A tremendous project for the development of the 150/Hwy 75 interchange - this is a project that will "change the landscape" of the entrance to the reservation and provide for jobs, jobs, jobs
- And much more...

My time as your chairperson is now. I am working for our people to move our Nation forward, diversify our economy and provide project completion. We have had the last 10 years of reliance solely on our gaming enterprise, with little or no diversification of our economy. I have the skills, connections and ability to lead us to a more diverse economy- and am working diligently right now to do so. With my leadership we can do it. Therefore, I ask to you to show up here on the reservation, when and if there is a recall hearing and to stop it. You must be present to stop my recall because there is not a tribal-wide vote on recalls.

We need to continue moving forward and to stop replaying these old Indian stereotypes. I still believe in our people.

Tracy Stanhoff



2007 April message to the Nation from Tribal Council Member, Jackie Mitchell



I write this letter as a proud Prairie Band Potawatomi member of this tribe. Our nation has many things to be grateful for, most importantly our ability to have survived the past injustices to our tribe throughout the years. We have arrived at 2007, with many strengths including our traditions and customs.

I have lived all of my life on the Potawatomi reservation and would never ever live anywhere else in this world. I have witnessed in my lifetime, the transition from being a poor community with little resources to a community that has not have a quality of life that is conducive to providing a wonderful place to raise our families.

The people that have gone on before us are probably looking upon us with great pride in their hearts for what has been accomplished within our tribe. With the benefit of gaming, revenues have come into our tribe to assist each tribal member with increased benefits including per cap, housing, education, burial, CSP and numerous other services. In addition, our reservation is a beautiful place that belongs to all of us. Comments made by visitors to our community are positive and often mentioned are how beautiful and clean our reservation is. The housing and community buildings are made of stone and wood to reflect the beautiful people that live and work here. The infrastructure has been built to upgrade our roads, water,

and sewer systems. There is so very much potential for the future, I am excited about what lies ahead for us as a nation and for the people of our tribe. I am even more excited about future negotiations with DeKalb County for a Class II facility at our reservation in Illinois.

With all of these great things happening within our tribe there are still and will continue to be many distressful issues that have occurred. State gaming has been passed in Kansas and with this there is a direct threat to our future revenue from our casino. We will continue to explore ways to fight the impact of state gaming.

A negative impact to our community is increased drug and alcohol abuse. This has placed an alarming strain on our families and community. This impacts many aspects including employment where many applicants are testing positive for drugs and being prevented from employment opportunities and present employees that are randomly testing positive for drugs. Professionals that are working with our children are witnessing the effects of drug use by their parents. The Potawatomi have a very strong alcohol and drug program and other programs that are assisting the tribal government in dealing with this abuse. The Tribal Council is committed to fighting drug and alcohol abuse on our reservation.

With tribal politics, there are many times when tribal members are not satisfied with tribal government. There are rumors that a group of members are circulating a petition for removal of our Chair, Tracy Stanhoff. I am personally very distressed by this possible action. Tracy

was elected chair by an overwhelming majority in July of 2006 and has been an advocate for our nation since she was appointed to the position when it was vacated in January of 2006. Tracy is an example of what a true leader for our tribe giving above and beyond what is needed for as a chair. She has come to work for our nation bringing with her years of business experience and knowledge. She is a spokesperson who truly has the best interests of the nation first. Many times mistruths are said about tribal politicians and many believe them. This is the way of tribal politics. I believe that Tracy and all the Tribal Council are doing the very best job for our tribal government and the tribal members should be assured that the truth is that we are the leaders of one of the most progressive Indian nations in this country. Tribal Council is dedicated to moving our nation ahead in the future and continues to maintain our obligations and responsibilities as required by our Tribal Constitution.

I am proud to be an elected official of the Prairie Band Potawatomi and if you have any concerns, suggestions, comments, please email me at jackiem@pbpnation.org or call me at 785-966-4016.

Thank you



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

Photos submitted with news article will be returned after publication. Please print name on back of photo to ensure accuracy. Please include a stamped and self-addressed envelope with the photo.



Charitable Contributions



The Charitable Contributions Committee finalized their recommendations for the first quarter on April 12. Front row left to right are Mary Carr and Delores Abrams. Back row left to right are Jim Garcia, Wanda Treinen and LaVera Bell. Absent in the photo was Betty Rice who is also on the Committee.



Postmistress Cheryl Farmer stopped to pose for the camera on her last day with the Mayetta Post Office the end of March. Cheryl now works in the U.S. postal system in Topeka. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation government and Casino does a great deal of mailing through Mayetta and the post office is the first stop for the bulk mailing distribution for the Potawatomi News, Elections, and the Tribal Council Secretary's office when information is mailed out to tribal members.

Staffing change at the Per Capita office

Jim Garcia, who previously worked in the Purchasing Department, has replaced Susan Morgan whose last day working for the Tribe was March 30. Susan had worked in Per Capita since November 1999.

Susan's assistant, Jami Reynolds, has also moved on. She divided her time between the Per Capita office and the Bingo Hall where she handled auditing, reconciling bank statements, and being a contract specialist for grants in the Finance Department. Jami had worked for the Tribe since May 2002.

Both women were feted with a going-away luncheon that was held in the Finance Department on their last day.

For information about per capita call (785) 966-3993 or 3994.

A letter of goodbye from Susan Morgan

Dear Members & Co-workers,

I want to take a moment to thank the Tribe for keeping me employed these past seven plus years. I've learned so much through the years that I otherwise would never have known. The reputation of the tribe as being very generous is accurate and truly deserved. The majority of what makes the Tribe so great is the direct result of the people employed there. My co-workers, past and present, have each contributed to the success and reputation of the Tribe and deserve applause for their hard work and dedication. For those members who took the time to say thank you, I can assure you it was appreciated each and every time it was said.

I also want to say thank you to each member I've come to know along the way. I will miss your humor and friendship. You made my day many times by simply picking up the phone to call, stopping by my window to chat, or by sending me a humorous e-mail. You always made a tough day better, and I can't even begin to tell you how much that was appreciated. When I think of the Tribe and its members, it is you I will always think of. You more than made up for the ones who behaved just the opposite.

I would like to ask each member to please stay involved with the Tribe; they are there to serve your best interests. The Tribe is about so much more than receiving a payment four times a year. Learn about the issues facing the Tribe, vote in the elections, read the newspaper and the notices sent to you, keep your address updated with the Enrollment Office, and cooperate with offices that ask you for information and paperwork. They ask for so little but provide so much in return.

Good luck to each member, each co-worker, and to the Tribe as a whole. I hope your success continues well into the future and I wish you all the best. You will be missed!

With gratitude,

Susan Morgan

Reminder:

All address and name changes are routed through Enrollment Office. Deadline for address change is December 10, 2004.

- All changes must now be mailed in or brought in-person to the Enrollment Office.
- Changes are no longer accepted by phone or e-mail. Fax accepted with legible signature.
- Each change of address must be in writing with a verifiable signature from the adult member or the person designated to handle that member's personal information, such as a Power of Attorney.
- Name changes must be accompanied by legal documents showing the change, such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree, and a copy of that person's Social Security card showing the name change.

All changes will be routed through the Enrollment Office.

Sample of form to be used:

Date of Update: _____				
First	Middle	Last Name	Maiden	Jr/Sr
Print Legibly				
Other names used: _____				
Contact name for minor (Per Capita use): _____				
Old address	City	State	Zip	
New address	City	State	Zip	
Social Security: _____		Date of birth: _____		
Enrollment #: _____		Request new card <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>		
Home phone: _____		Work phone: _____		
Cell phone: _____				
Requested change by: IN PERSON <u> </u> MAIL <u> </u>				
Copy to: Enrollment <u> </u> Election <u> </u> Per Capita <u> </u>				
Sent by: _____				
Date entered on database: _____				
Signature of Tribal Member _____				

Spotlight on Fred Pidgeon Entrepreneur for April 2007



*Originals
by
Mimike*
Owned and operated
by
Fred Pidgeon
With assistance from
Germaine

"Originals by Mimike" specializes in custom, sewn to fit, Native American clothing and regalia. It is owned and operated by Fred Pidgeon with some assistance from his wife, Germaine, who is the first seamstress the business hired.

Fred says, "I provided the initial start up investment and now cut out items, trim ribbonwork, select the colors to be used, shop for fabric and manage the household when my seamstress (wife) Germaine gets bogged down with orders. I got serious about the business after I completed the Small Business Entrepreneur classes offered by the PBPB. Thank you so much for making them available on DVD! My "class" business idea was not selected, but I knew a small business was just what I needed for retirement income. So I went back to the drawing board and talked with my elders.

I evaluated our lifestyle, strengths and weaknesses and realized that our clothing was popular among folks who knew about us. The clothing label, "Originals by Mimike," had been put in use years ago...seriously who would buy "Originals by Fred?" So I looked for a way to expand our customer base. It had to be a no money start-up type business. I discovered Ebay. To date I have sold Mimike Originals in France, Germany, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Japan, Italy, Canada and every state in the union.

This year I opened an Ebay store which you can find on the internet by typing in "Originals

by Mimike" in a Google search. Or, go to Ebay.com and click on "specialty sites" and "find a store." Then type in Originals by Mimike in the search bar.

Purchase any item from the store, mention this article, and you will get FREE SHIPPING.

If you can give me a good description or a photo example of the shirt or dress you want, I can design it and my seamstress can sew it. We never copy others work unless it is the original owner requesting the copy.

- This handcrafted shirt (shirt in the photo) will be made of high quality wrinkle resistant quilting fabric unless you request something different.
- Sewn to be danced in and passes the test of time. Seams are double-stitched then serged.
- Machine wash, tumble dry.
- Care, size and the Mimike signature label are sewn into the side seam.
- Cut ribbonwork panels featuring the diamond pattern in any colors you choose.
- The chest and back panels have drops that extend to the hem of the shirt.
- The sleeve panels run all the way to the cuffs. The front and cuffs are fastened by your choice shell, wood, antler or metal buttons or decorative snaps.
- This example shirt is a men's large, with western taper.
- Button down front with a regular collar.
- 6 inch side vents.
- Cut ribbonwork is fast becoming a lost art. I am one of few seamstresses who will offer this difficult craftwork to you.
- Need extra tall or short? No problem, I make my own patterns.
- Want a larger size, or more than one? Please go to my store there is a listing for you to purchase through there.

To locate Originals by Mimike:
go to google.com
and type in Originals by Mimike
or use the internet address:
<http://ebay.com>

Hat's off to the Prairie Band Casino & Resort Slot Performance Team



Above is Bert Vega, a tribal member, who posed for the camera recently in front of some slot machines that were recently converted at the Casino. Bert has worked at the Casino since it first opened and began as a slot technician. He was then promoted to slot supervisor and is now a slot performance manager. Bert was recently recognized for his good work which is detailed in the sidebar story at right.

According to Transition Team members Peggy Houston and Dan Kennedy, the most critical task began on March 25th which was the conversion of the ICT system to property on schedule. The task was completed April 6. A celebration was held after it was finished and staff who worked on the conversion process were recognized and publicly thanked. Bert Vega was the first to be recognized during the celebration.

The conversion would not have been a success without the seasoned slot performance team that is in place.

The PBPB should be proud of the 18-member team who are 50 percent Native strong.

Officers sworn in as special deputies



LEFT PHOTO: Left to right: Marcus Koch, Wade Schneider, Matthew Johnson, and Shawn Swisher. RIGHT PHOTO: Charles Addington, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Photos submitted by Priscilla Martin, Human Resources

Four Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation police officers were sworn in as commissioned special deputy officers of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) April 13 at an All-Employee meeting.

The swearing in was conducted by Charles Addington who is with the Bureau of Indian Affairs District II Office that is located in Muskogee, Okla.

Officers included Marcus Koch, Matthew Johnson, Shawn Swisher and Wade Schneider who all completed a three-day training in August. The new level of authority allows the men to conduct investigations involved with crimes in Indian Country like homicides, sexual abuse or aggravated robberies.



Department of Planning and Environmental Protection Happenings

Household Hazardous Waste program gives presentation to PBPN staff



Merle Green from the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection directed an outreach presentation called "Characteristics and Storage of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)" on March 30th in the conference room at the We-Ta-Se building.

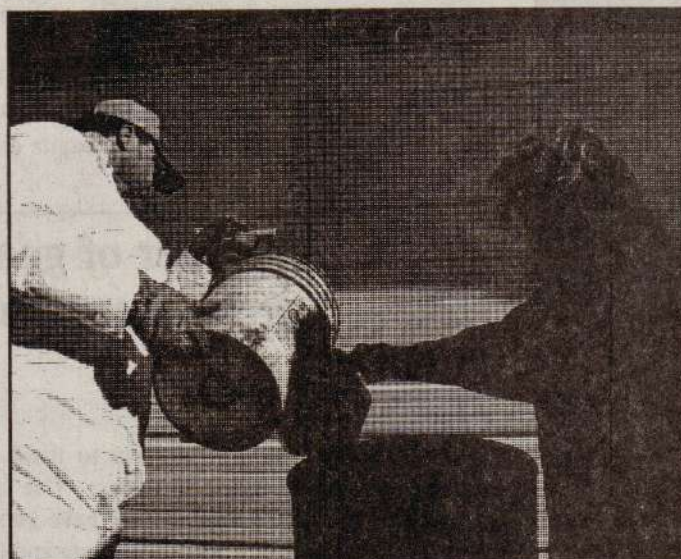
Sixteen representatives from several departments on the reservation attended the seminar to learn how to

deal with household hazardous waste products while on the job.

Topics included identifying the characteristics of HHW, identifying the four signifying words that are displayed on HHW products, and learning how to properly store and dispose of HHW.

More presentations are being planned in the future as part of the Department's outreach program.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up held on reservation



ABOVE: Patty Nocktonick (r) helped hold a funnel for Roy Hoss (l) who is on the Solid Waste staff in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Department of Planning. Patty brought in old car oil and other hazardous waste products that the staff properly disposed of at the Solid Waste Center located on 142 Road on April 7.

BELOW: Roy Hoss (l) and Ed Sass (r), a volunteer from the community, recorded a box of moth balls that was brought in during the round up.

Photos by Mary Young



Become a volunteer and help pick up trash on rez roads. Call the Department of Planning today at (785) 966-2946

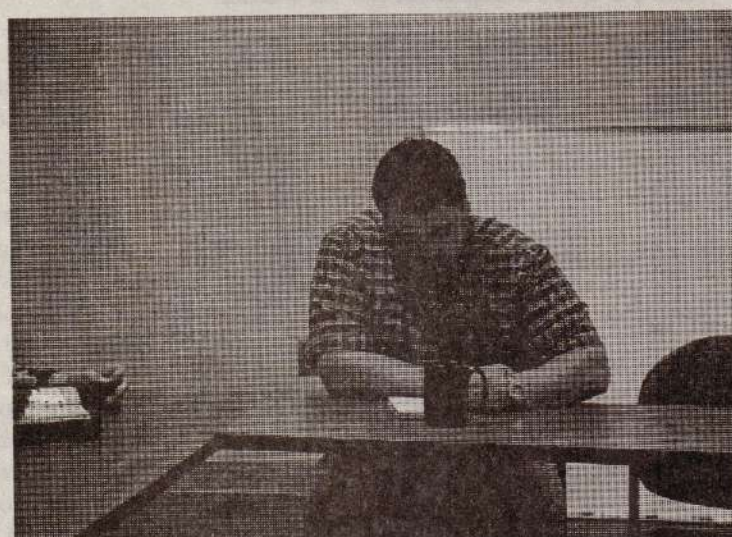


Safe cleaning products

Instead of buying harsh chemical products for your spring cleaning, consider making the solutions below as recommended by the staff in the Department of Planning.

- **All-purpose cleaner**-4 T. baking soda to 1 quart of water
- **Disinfectant**-1/2 c. borax, 1 gal. hot water
- **Window Cleaner**-2 T. white vinegar and 2 quarts water; dry with wadded newspaper
- **Wood Furniture Polish**-3 parts olive oil and 1 part vinegar, apply and polish
- **Scouring powder**-sprinkle baking soda or dry table salt on surface, scour and rinse
- **Upholstery**-sprinkle baking powder liberally, wait a few minutes, and vacuum
- **Organic pesticide**-fill a plant sprayer with 1 tsp. baking soda, 1/3 c. cooking oil, and 1 c. water

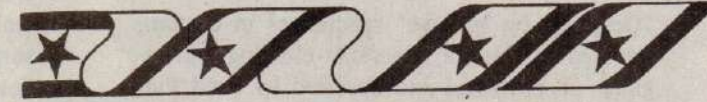
Pushing paper: A day in the life of the General Manager's office



Staff who work in the General Manager's office help coordinate director meetings that are held weekly in the Government Center training room where these photographs were taken. The office also oversees all departments and programs. From left to right are Jim Shane, Assistant General Manager, Richard Rooth, General Manager, and Brenda Pahmahmie, Executive Administrative Assistant.



News from We-Ta-Se



A souvenir plaque from the National Parks Service was recently given to color guard members of the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 in recognition of the Nation's participation in the Kansas Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission. Tracy Stanhoff, tribal chair person, far left, attended We-Ta-Se's monthly meeting held April 2 where she congratulated the men. Next to Tracy from left to right is Jim Darnall, Emery Hale, Roy Hale, B.J. Darnall, and Francis Shopteese.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Veterans History Project needs you!

The Legion Post is putting together a scrapbook of our veterans that will be put on display at the We-Ta-Se building. We need your biography and photographs (optional) of your time in the military.

SEND TO: We-Ta-Se Legion Post 410
15434 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
or call (785) 966-2580
fax: (785) 966-9853

E-Mail: franciss@pbpnation.org or jimd@pbpnation.org



We-Ta-Se Legion Post 410 members posted colors at the opening of the 23rd Capital City Motorcycle Show held at the Expocentre in Topeka March 17. From l-r is Robert Jackson, Jonathan Melchior, Charles Wakole, Francis Shopteese and Ralph Lundin.

Photo submitted by We-Ta-Se



If you know a veteran who is buried in one of the 16 cemeteries on the reservation, We-Ta-Se would like to place a flag on his/her grave on May 27.

Please call the We-Ta-Se office at (785) 966-2580 to help them identify unmarked veteran's graves.

Upcoming spring events

May 5
American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance (AIHREA) Health & Wellness Pow-wow, Johnson County Community College, Kansas City, Mo.

May 25-26
Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Memorial Dedication, El Reno, Okla.

May 27
Memorial Service at 16 cemeteries on the reservation



Introducing 'Chucky': the Tribe's new drug dog

By Suzanne Heck

Meet Chucky. He's sleek and muscular, and has eyes that are attentive and bright. He also appears obedient and affectionate and everyone around here is hoping that he'll work out. For Chucky is the new Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) drug dog who began training with Police Officer John Hurla on April 9.

The last dog that the PBP police force tried to train didn't work out. "Too submissive," said Police Chief Sam Grant at a director's meeting not long ago. But Chucky comes with high hopes and great credentials and was highly sought after by other law enforcement agencies, according to Hurla, who is Chucky's K-9 partner. He and Chucky have begun rigorous training that will last for ten weeks at the Kansas Highway Patrol Company B Headquarters in Topeka. In between time Hurla will care for Chucky at his home where the dog is living.

Chucky is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois from the Netherlands where he was bred and initially trained through the Royal Dutch Police Dog Association which is a world-class premiere dog training institution. Hurla traveled to Dallas over Easter weekend to pick Chucky up through a dog-handling agency.

The K-9 school in Topeka has Chucky and Hurla dividing their time between the Kansas Highway Patrol Company B Headquarters, the old Menninger Clinic grounds, and at the State Hospital. Chucky must learn fourteen "drives" and seventeen "traits" in order to become certified to work for a law enforcement agency. An example of a "drive" is how well a dog can learn to hunt and track and a "trait" might be how aggressive the dog can be when given a command.

Drug dogs are highly pedigreed and must meet certain criteria before joining a law enforcement agency. Even though Chucky will be with Hurla most of the time, Hurla said that the dog can be called out at any time if needed by other members of the police department when there are possible drug felonies or other



John Hurla, PBP police officer, with Chucky, the tribe's new drug dog, on their first day of training together at the old Menninger Clinic in Topeka.

serious crimes that are taking place.

Hurla said that once Chucky is certified they will both have to go through a refresher training session at least one day a week at the Kansas Highway Patrol headquarters to keep them up to date.

Plans are that if Chucky passes all the requirements needed to become a professional drug dog he will be with the PBP police force for a long time. Hurla said that a professional drug dog's average tenure with a police force is



Chucky already seemed to be fond of John Hurla even though their K-9 partnership had just begun three days before this photo was taken.

anywhere from eight to 10 years.

A good drug dog is estimated to cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$12,000. Tribal Council approved costs for adding a drug dog to the police force a few years ago to help fight crime and drug abuse on the reservation.



Did you know that a dog's sense of smell is 50 times stronger than that of a human's?

The photo above and to the right shows Chucky close up.

photos by Mary Young



See crime happening in your community? Report it to Jackson County Crime Stoppers

Reservation residents can now feel safer about reporting crime when they see it happening thanks to the Jackson County Crime Stoppers program that has been implemented in the county.

People can now call a hotline or visit a web site where they can anonymously report tips about crimes that have been or are in the process of being committed. Although there are three law enforcement agencies in the county including the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Tribal Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Holton Police Department, none of those agencies receives the hotline information directly when the tip call is made.

Here's how it works: Residents can call 800-222-TIPS or go online to www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com where they reach an answering service that will forward the caller's tip that will be coded by a random number other than the caller's phone number. The service will then contact the appropriate law enforcement agency. If the information leads to an arrest and conviction, the anonymous tipster will receive a cash award that will be determined by the Crime Stoppers board of directors. It should also be noted that even in this phase the person will be given anonymity.

Jim Shane, Assistant General Manager for the tribe, is president of the Jackson County Crimestoppers board of directors and tribal member Mary LeClere, also sits on the board. Other board members are from Holton and the Jackson County community.

Crime Stoppers is funded by donations and sponsors are the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Giant Communications, City of Holton and Walmart.

Crime Stoppers began in 1976 and is a national program that and has been successful in many communities.

Got a tip?

1-800-222TIPS
www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com



FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN
March 15—April 10, 2007
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING
ALARMS:

3-15-07 at 11:43 a.m. units responded to a Structure Fire at 8215 158th Rd. at the PBP Group Home for Girls. Upon arrival companies found heavy smoke and no flames. Fire was contained to the room of origin, which was a back bedroom. Smoke damage occurred throughout the residence. Cause of the fire was determined to be careless smoking. Estimated loss value was estimated to be \$20,000 for the structure and \$2,000 for contents.

3-16-07 at 6:10 p.m. units responded to a Carbon Monoxide Alarm at 8102 Meadow Ln. Upon investigation units found readings in the residence as high as 246ppm. Residence was evacuated and house was ventilated. Carbon Monoxide was believed to be coming from the garage. Due to poor ventilation fumes were coming from a vehicle in the garage into the residence.

3-21-07 at 3:45 p.m. units responded to PBP Headstart Center at 15380 K Rd. on a suspicious odor. Upon investigation units discovered the odor to be a cleaning solution containing bleach.

3-29-07 at 2:15 a.m. units responded to the area of the 16000 Blk. of L.4 Ln. for a head on injury auto accident. Upon arrival responders found two vehicles in the west ditch, there were no victims or occupants in the area. The Potawatomi Tribal Police and Jackson County Sheriff's Department responded and searched the area for possible victims. No victims were found. Officers at the scene stated that alcohol may have contributed to the collision. The accident is still under investigation.

3-30-07 at 4:10 p.m. units responded to a Fire Alarm at 11400 158th Rd. at the PBP Health Center. Units arrived to find no smoke or flames visible. After entering the complex companies found smoke in the east wing of the building. The complex was ventilated. Cause of the fire was found to be burnt food in a mi-

crowave. Mayetta Fire Dept. provided automatic mutual aid for this alarm.

4-02-07 at 10:30 a.m. units responded to a Fire Alarm at 14880 K Rd. at the PBP Road & Bridge. Units arrived to find no smoke or flames visible. Investigation found the alarm was set off by employees cutting rebar.

4-09-07 at 9:02 p.m. units responded to 7550 174th Rd. for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm. After investigation no sizeable readings were found.

Public Assist:

3-15-07 at 11:14 a.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 12285 150th Rd.

Calls to Harrah's Prairie Band Casino:

Fire Alarm - 3
Standby Event - 2
EMS Calls - 4

Other Alarms:

EMS Calls - 28
Medical Assists - 50
Lifeline Alarms - 5
Good-Intent Call - 13
Standby Event - 0
Grass Fires - 8
BIA Prescribed Burn Assist - 3

Special Training:

Staying on the cutting edge of Pre-Hospital Care, Paramedics and EMT's from the Fire Dept. are being trained on a new life saving tool called the ResQPOD. The ResQPOD is used when an individual suffers a Cardiac Arrest event. The ResQPOD is what's called an Impedence Threshold Device. That's a fancy way of saying that the device prevents unnecessary air from entering the chest during the decompression phase of CPR. This benefits life saving efforts by providing a greater venous return to the heart, increasing coronary perfusion, increasing blood flow to the brain by 50%, doubles the systolic blood pressure and increases the likelihood of successful defibrillation.



Address markers:

The Fire Dept. in conjunction with the Jackson County Extension Office and the Jackson County 4-H program are providing highly

visible address markers which are 6" X 18". These address markers are visible day or night. They have reflective material on both sides, fade resistant and will last for years. Most importantly the address markers will make it easier for emergency responders to locate your home when you call for help! Address markers are \$15.00 each and proceeds from the sale of the markers go to help the Jackson County 4-H program. Signs can be obtained at the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Station.



Unless people have an emergency, their only connection

with EMS is when an ambulance siren blares loudly and red lights flash in their rearview mirror of their car that seem to say: "Get out of my way, or I'll run you over!"

May 20-26 the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department will be celebrating EMS Week with several exciting activities. EMS Week is used to educate the public about EMS, injury prevention, and what to do in an emergency. This week's theme is "Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service." We hope that we provide that extraordinary service each time that you or your family call for help. EMS Week posters will be posted around the reservation with more information regarding all of the activities for EMS Week. The highlight for the week will be an Open House scheduled from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, May 25 with fire fighters and paramedics serving lunch to all of you! We appreciate your support for all we do!



At left, Tim Flanary, center, poses with Bill Wilbur, left, and Bruce Weber, right, of EPA.
Photo by S. Heck

On Friday, March 23 Tim Flanary resigned as Assistant Chief of the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department. Tim came to the fire department with over 20 years in EMS. Tim had previously worked as a paramedic for Medevac Ambulance Service, now American Medical Response in Topeka. Tim began the Fire & Safety Program for Westar Energy and Jeffrey Energy Center in Emmett, Kan. and had already tenured over 23 years with Westar before coming to work for the Nation just a little over three and a half years ago. Tim is

returning to Westar as their Risk Management Coordinator. Tim is also Assistant Chief for the Wamego Fire Department and plans to remain a volunteer there. Tim will remain a part of the department as a Reserve Paramedic. Taking Chief Flanary's position will be Larry Woltje. We will feature Assistant Chief Woltje in next month's edition.

Stay Safe! From the PTFD

New at the FD



Above: Drive by the PBP Fire Department and see the new sign donated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The sign is to alert the public—to burn or not to burn.

Photos by Mary Young



Above: The medical and social service staff were evacuated on March 30 due to smoke in the ventilation system. The PBP Health Center had a fire drill prior to the evacuation.





Early Childhood Center provides screenings for children's health at biannual health fairs

By Cecily Wabaunsee, Director of Ben-no-tteh Wigwam

A spring health fair will be held on April 27 for Early Head Start, Head Start and Child Care children from birth to 5 years of age and is open to families in the community.

The Head Start Family & Community Program Manager is responsible for the events. The health fair is open and advertised to the community and serves as a way to find children who might utilize the various child care programs and the Royal Valley School District's Early Childhood Special Education Program. The Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Early Childhood Education Center's health fairs provide the opportunity for children to be screened in the areas of nutrition, vision, dental, developmental, speech/language, hearing, and physical growth areas. Children's health physicals also includes hemoglobin and lead screens. The Center closes for the health fair to allow stations to be set up in each classroom. Appointments are scheduled in advance to assure that all screenings are provided in a timely manner for each child. The screens are manned by members of the center's Interagency Coordinating Council which includes: Royal Valley Parents As Teachers, Jackson County Health Department, Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center, PBP Emergency Response Team, Families, Haskell Dental, PBP Community Health Representatives, Dr. Nicole Meerpohl, OD, and the Kansas University (KU) Speech, Language and Audiology Department.

Families are escorted by the Child Care Center staff during their visits to the various stations. At the first station children are photographed with a Polaroid camera that allows each child's photograph to become a part of their file. Chairs are placed throughout the Center to allow the families to wait comfortably between stations. Early Head Start and tiny-k Early Intervention Services provides a bag of goodies for the children to carry and keep them occupied. The bag includes colors, paper, books, treats, post-it notes and other items that are donated. Completing the stations takes approximately 1-2 hours per child. Upon completion of the screening, parents participate in an exit interview with a program manager. Health referrals and re-screens are noted on the children's exit forms. Notes are also made on the exit forms if the

parent is going to take action or if the Center's staff needs to follow-up on the child. For example, a child may have failed a hearing screen due to fluid in the ears and the screener recommended a re-check of the child's hearing. If developmental concerns are noted, the child can be referred for further evaluation by the Early Childhood Special Education or tiny-k Early Intervention Services. Head Start and Early Head Case managers are responsible for follow-up on concerns or referrals. The Head Start Family and Community Program Manager handles the follow-ups for non-Head Start/Early Head Start children. Children are given a certificate stating that they have completed the health fair. Throughout the day door prizes, that have previously been donated from PBP tribal departments, Tribal Council, and other local businesses, are given away in a ticket drawing. In addition, the health fair includes an area called a community resource room that various outside agencies utilize to set-up informational displays and program materials. Agencies providing resource materials and/or display booths have included: Jackson County Health Department, KANZA Mental Health Center, Royal Valley Parents As Teachers, PBP Social Services, PBP Violence Prevention, PBP Emergency Response Services, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Kansas Attorney General Victim Rights, State of Kansas Edgar Elephant's "Stomp out Lead Poisoning", and the state Environmental Protection Agency Department.

Another health fair will be scheduled in November. For more information about the health fairs or the Child Care Center call (785) 966-2527.



April 27
Ben-no-tteh Wigwam
Health Fair
15380 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509

What do you think?

This month's survey was about alcohol and pregnancy. Once a month during a weekly department meeting, Cecily Wabaunsee, ECEC, asks directors in attendance to fill out a written survey about how they feel about various child-related issues.

Alcohol and Pregnancy

Do you know of anyone who has consumed alcohol or any illegal drugs during their pregnancy?

74% - Yes
26% - No

Answer: In the United States 1 in 30 pregnant women report high-risk drinking to the level that increases the risk of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. One in five pregnant women report use in the first 3 months of her pregnancy.

Have you ever heard of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder?

96% - Yes
4% - No

Answer: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FSAD) is a term that describes the range of effects that can occur in an individual who was parentally exposed to alcohol. These effects may include physical, mental, behavioral, and/or learning disabilities with lifelong implications.

Is it safe to have alcohol while pregnant during the last term of the pregnancy?

4% - Yes
96% - No

Answer: Alcohol can damage a fetus at any stage of pregnancy. No amount of alcohol can be considered safe at any time during the pregnancy. Any substance the mother takes is directly transferred from the mother to the baby throughout the entire pregnancy.

Women who consume alcohol are at risk for their child to develop birth defects, behavioral disorders, and low intellectual development?

100% - Yes

Answer: A mother who uses alcohol during pregnancy puts her child at risk for lifelong cognitive deficits and behavioral problems. The child may have problems with mathematical skills, language development, short attention span, impulse control, and difficulty processing information. Physical defects such as facial abnormalities, damage to organs, bones, and muscles may transpire. Vision and hearing problems often become present.

Does the father of the baby have a role in Fetal Alcohol disorders?

96% - Yes
4% - No

Answer: Yes, the father has an important role in encouraging the mother not to drink. When fathers abstain from social settings that involve drinking and chose not to drink himself, it reduces the temptation for the mother. Finding alternative activities that the couple can do together that do not involve alcohol or illegal drugs help the mother not feel left out. Mom and dad together need to become educated on the effects of alcohol to the baby and the family.

For more information visit fascenter.samhsa.gov.

This information obtained from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

If you're pregnant, don't drink. If you drink, don't get pregnant.



Ben-no-tteh Wigwam End-of-year spring pow-wow

May 16, 2007
Prairie People's Park
(Boys & Girls Club rain out)
10 a.m. - noon

Lunch served at noon
Door prizes throughout the day
families & community welcome

Come watch the little ones graduate and dance!

- Host drum-Little Soldier Singers
- Head Dancers-Parents/Community/Staff
- M.C./A.D.-Mi-kies Potts
- We-Ta-Se Posting of Colors
- Grand Entry
- Introduction of Classes/Special volunteers



Volunteers needed to help sew regalia for children

The Ben-no-tteh Wigwam staff needs help from volunteers who can cut material and ribbon to create ribbon shirts and shawls for our 2007 End-of-Year Spring Pow Wow gift to all of our children.

Please stop by the Childcare Center and pick up the material and ribbon if you have a sewing machine at home. There are also sewing machines set up in the childcare center conference room.

If you prefer not to sew, the shawl material is ready for the ribbon to be attached,

Thank you in advance and our deadline is Monday, May 14. Call Cecily Wabaunsee at (785) 966-2527

A chilly Easter egg hunt



It was a very cold day when the Childcare Center held their Easter egg hunt for the children on April 5 but that didn't deter Headstart and Early Childhood Education teacher Therese Falls from helping the child in the photo find some eggs on the childcare center's playground. The kids cut out Easter rabbit hats and made papersack baskets and appeared to have a good time despite the chilly temperature.

Boys and Girls Club Calendars for May

May 2007 Pool Calendar

MAY 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Help us Celebrate a Great Year of School by participating in various activities throughout the month of May!!! Call the CLUB to volunteer TODAY!	1 3-on-3 Indoor/Outdoor Tournament	2 Tennis	3 Crazy Hair Day	4 Crazy Hat Day	5 CLUB CLOSED	
6 Club OPEN 8:00 pm 2:00	7 Clean-Up Day	8 Plant a Tree or Flowers	9 Kickball	10 Manners-Respect Day	11 Crazy Socks Day	12 CLUB CLOSED
13 Club OPEN 8:00 pm 2:00	14 KSU/KU Shirt Day	15 Track & Relay Races	16 Four Square Tournament	17 BGC Shirt Day	18 Inside-Out Day	19 CLUB CLOSED
20 CLUB CLOSED	21 Sunglasses Day	22 LOST & FOUND DAY All of the UNF will be in the GYM. Take home your stuff!	23 Family Night-5pm End of School Celebration *Water Balloons* & *Picnic*	24 CLUB CLOSED	25 CLUB CLOSED	26 CLUB CLOSED
27 CLUB CLOSED	28 HOLIDAY	29 CLUB CLOSED	30 CLUB CLOSED	31 CLUB CLOSED	Congratulations Graduates!	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POOL PARTIES-\$40 for the first hour and \$20 for each additional hour; \$20 charge for additional lifeguard (required for parties of 25+ swimmers) COMMUNITY SWIMMERS: 19 to 44 yrs-\$2.5 to 18yrs-\$1; 4 & under and 45 & over-FREE Children under 5 will not be permitted without parental supervision	1 Elders swim 12 to 2 JR youth 4:30 to 5:50 Water aerobics 6:30 to 7:30	2 Open lap swim 12 to 2 JR youth 4:30 to 5:50 SR youth 6 to 7:30	3 Elders swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 2 JR youth 4:30 to 5:50 Water aerobics 6:30 to 7:30	4 Childcare swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 2 JR youth 4:30 to 5:50 SR youth 6 to 7:30	5 Community swim 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm	
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Scenes from Boys & Girls Club week March 26-30



Tidbits

Rent to Own Home Available

Application requests will be accepted beginning May 7, 2007

No applications will be mailed or handed out prior to May 7, 2007.

Applications will be accepted through June 4, 2007.

If you have questions, please contact:
Liana Onnen, 785-966-2756 or 1-866-966-2756

PBPN Housing Department
8273 156th Lane
Mayetta, KS 66509

Bingo Hall
has been temporarily closed
for
reorganization.

**We-Ta-Se Ladies
Auxiliary
Fundraiser
May 4 and 5
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Community/Rock Building**

- crafts
- baked goods
- garage sale items
- silent auction
- Indian taco sale

For details call Judy Darnell
at 785.966.2710

A walking trail is being developed on the reservation that will connect some of the housing complexes with nature areas like Prairie Peoples Park and other buildings on the reservation.

Horton Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) staff give presentation on trust assets



At left, from left to right are Monica Cortez, Ron Graham, Antoinette Houle, and Mary Mitchell who recently gave a presentation at the Firekeepers Elder Center on the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA).

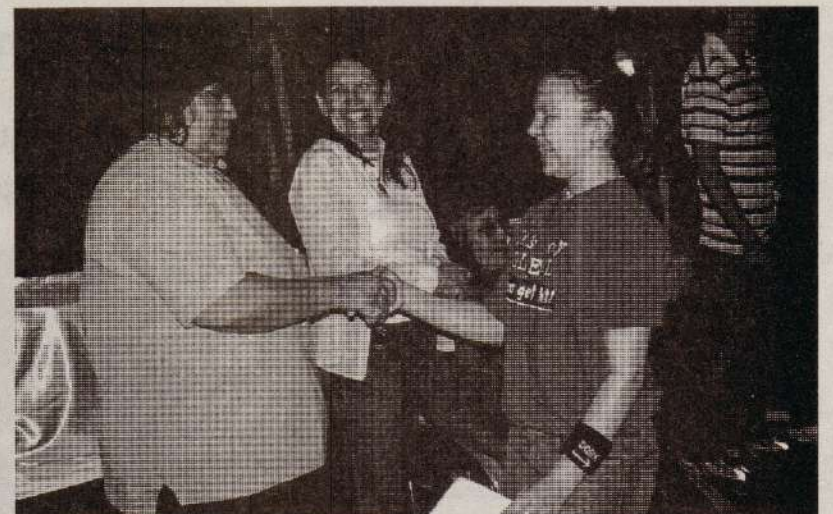
By Mary Young

On March 29 staff from the Horton BIA Agency gave a presentation on the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) at the Firekeepers Elder Center. AIPRA was passed in 2004 and went into effect on June 20, 2006; the purpose was to establish the Federal Indian Probate Code. Topics that answered "Who will inherit your trust assets?" and "What can you do

about it?" were discussed at the workshop. If members need to talk to someone about those topics or other options like making a will, selling your property or making gifts they should call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-888-678-6836, ext. 888. The BIA no longer assists or accepts new wills but will give you a list of legal organizations that might help you. The BIA cannot "recommend" or endorse any of these lawyers or legal organizations, however.

News in education

8th annual Student Recognition Night to honor Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation students



Scenes like the one above taken at the 6th Annual Student Recognition Night will be a common sight at the upcoming awards ceremony scheduled for April 25 at Harrah's Conference Center. The event is held each year to honor graduating students and youth who are involved in the Tribe's student programs. Sponsors include the Johnson O'Malley(JOM) program, Title VII, Prairie Band Potawatomi Education Department, and the Boys & Girls Club.

2005 News photo

Bošho from Bořewatmi Těshēmwn

By Sydney Van Zile, Language Director

It seems that Eshgēnibēk (spring) is here once again. We in the Department hope that you all are enjoying warmer weather as you plant your gardens this spring. Perhaps you have planted some of the following items:

Onions	Mshkakoshek
Peas	Nēttimnēn
Carrots	Sewttisesēn
Radishes	Ttisesēn
Beets	Mskottisēn
Cabbage	Eshobēk

Or perhaps you might be looking for the following wild vegetables:

Wild Onions	Mshkakwēshisk
Wild Potatoes	Mpkott pēnyek
Mushrooms	Waptokeyēk

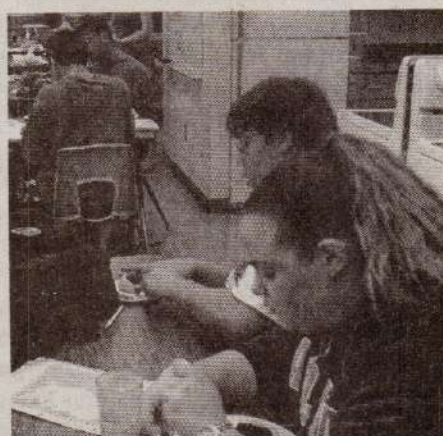
Along the lines of food, we recently provided information on native foods to the Topeka West High School International Foods class. This class studies about food in various cultures around the world and learns how to cook some of the food and



Above, students from Topeka West High School sample wojapi.

enjoy it. What a fun class to be able to eat before lunch! Mrs. Weir, the class instructor, likes to have the students learn how

foods around the world have influenced the American diet and, of course, native foods have definitely done that.



Above, the students are eating again; the boy who is to the right of the photo comes from the Nioce family.

Laverne Haag and I provided information concerning native foods of various regions within the United States. More close to home, the students learned about the process of wild rice picking complete with "knockers" (long round sticks carved out of cedar) and the process of drying corn. The students learned how to cook wild rice, make corn soup and fried bread. And what meal would not be complete without something a bit sweet as a dessert. From the Sioux, we fixed "wojapi" a blueberry/huckleberry thickened sauce that you can pour over biscuits or any sweetened shortcake. The students enjoyed eating their cooking.

If you did not pick up your copy of the latest language calendar and the third language booklet at the General Council, please call the office and request one. We will be mailing both items to those on our mailing list and if you are not sure if you are on our list don't hesitate to call 785-966-2138.

Just a reminder that the dates of the series of immersion classes are as follows: May 31 – June 3 and June 21 – 24. Hope to see you there.

Until next time...



**Dorothy
Kiyukan-Lewis
Counselor
of the Year**



Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis received the counselor of the year award by the South Dakota School Counseling Association (SDSCA). Her school principal and the (SDSCA) nominated her for the award that was given to her at the state conference.



**Apply for the
Sharon McClane Scholarship
by
calling William at
(785) 986-6564**

You're invited to a Job Preparation Workshop

Wednesday, May 16
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
PBP Bingo Hall

- job-search tips
- proper dress and hygiene
- application assistance
- communication skills
- resume writing help
- interviewing tips

Come dressed to interview!
Lunch served

Contact Melinda Williamson, (785) 966-3041
Must sign up by May 19





Stroke

By Terry L. Harter MD
Prairie Band Health Center, 11400 158 Rd.
P. O. Box 249, Mayetta, KS 66509

May is stroke prevention and awareness month. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the developed world. Stroke is a term that describes damage to the brain caused by the disruption of blood flow to the tissue of the brain. This causes loss of the sensory or motor functions controlled by that part of the brain. This loss of function may be temporary or permanent. Most stroke victims will regain some but not all of the lost functions over time.

Strokes usually occur in one of three ways. A blood clot can form in the large arteries going to the brain. This is called an ischemic stroke and is a result of peripheral vascular disease. An aneurysm, a weakened section of artery, can burst causing bleeding into the brain and loss of blood down stream from the rupture. This is called a hemorrhagic stroke. Small arteries deep in the brain tissue can become blocked by a clot. These are called lacunar infarcts and are caused by microvascular disease.

Common symptoms of a stroke are sudden onset of: confusion, loss of speech, paralysis or partial paralysis of one side of the body, loss of vision, dizziness, double vision, and impaired consciousness. Hemorrhagic strokes are often accompanied by the sudden onset of severe headache in addition to any of the above symptoms. Sometimes the person having a stroke is not aware of the loss of function even though the symptoms are apparent to an untrained observer.

Most strokes can be treated if they are caught in time. Hemorrhagic strokes frequently re-

quire surgery to reduce pressure on the brain. Ischemic strokes and lacunar infarcts may be treated with clot dissolving drugs if they are caught within three hours of the start of the stroke. Some research facilities have been having some success with a corkscrew like device that is able to remove clots during an ischemic stroke. The important issue is time. If you or someone near you appears to be having a stroke, get to a medical facility as soon as possible.

Prevention is the most important treatment for stroke. Cigarette smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, stimulant abuse, alcohol abuse, and atrial fibrillation are all risk factors that predispose a person for a stroke. All of these can be treated or modified. Advancing age also predisposes for stroke. Most experts recommend aspirin (81 milligrams a day) for people over 50 years of age or for people with other risk factors. There are some hereditary conditions that predispose to stroke. If you have family members who have had strokes and they did not have any of the listed risk factors, you should discuss this with your health care provider.

Everyone should have their blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol levels checked periodically. Your health care provider can help you determine how often you should have yours checked. A healthy diet, lifestyle, and exercise can go a long way to preventing stroke. If you have concerns about your risks of stroke, come by and talk to us at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center.

Prairie Band Dental Clinic open one half year

The Dental Clinic, located in the newly constructed Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center, is reaching its one half year mark since opening in November. The state-of-the-art clinic is reporting success and acceptance by the community with over 600 new patients.

Dental Clinic hours are from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 8:00 AM - Noon on Tuesday. The clinic sees walk-ins from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM daily and treats patients with appointments during the remaining clinic hours.

The clinic routinely sees pediatric dental patients, and provides routine cleanings, and fillings as well as providing root canal therapy, dentures, crowns and bridges to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members. The clinic strives

to supply care in every area except orthodontics.

Since opening in November, the clinic offers services that are routinely available at any general dental office. The clinic also manages wisdom tooth removal either by direct in-house treatment for simple wisdom tooth cases or referral to an area oral surgeon in severe cases. The clinic also uses nitrous oxide for patient relaxation during stressful and lengthy procedures. The use of these analgesic gasses make dentistry easier to tolerate and certainly less feared.

PPBN members in need of dental treatment are encouraged to use the Center.

Meet the new staff at the Health Center



Nancy Stegman
LPN, Caregiver Coordinator

Nancy began April 2 at the Health Center. She attended Washburn University and Kaw Area Technical School in Topeka. She is a tribal member.



Melvin "Mel" Young
Alcohol and Drug (A & D) Counselor

Mel began April 11 in the Social Services Department. He holds a BA in Sociology, University of Kansas and A & D certification from Kansas City Community College. He worked for DCCCA in Lawrence for five years in the A & D counseling program.

Important Reminder:



If you need to cancel or reschedule a dental appointment, please call and give us at least 24 hours notice so that your appointment time can be assigned to another patient on our waiting list. You can reach the dental office by calling 1-866-694-6728 and pressing 4 for the dental office or locally calling 966-8290 and you will be connected directly to the dental office.

Your assistance with timely cancellations will help other patients and assist in the efficient operations of your dental program.



Staff training and workshops

Recovery Center presenters

Credentialed addiction counselors and social workers obtain continuing education units (CEU's) when they attend presentations sponsored by the Recovery Center at St. Francis Health Center. The state guidelines require the counselor and social worker to complete a certain amount of CEU's to meet the qualifications and standards; an example of workshops the professional must attend are ethics, confidentiality, and infectious disease.

The following are two of the presentations sponsored by the Recovery Center:



Above (l-r): Duane Olberding, LSCSW, CADC III, KCGC, Clinical Coordinator, Recovery Center at St. Francis, Kendall Heiman, LMSW, and Dena Dean, BA, CADC I, of the Recovery Center, and tribal member, Betty Rice, Social Services, Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri. Kendall and Dena presented "Family Intervention" on April 13 in the auditorium at St. Francis Health Center.



Above: Ira Stamm, Ph.D., ABPP, presented "Marital autopsies: What failed marriages teach us about how to make a good marriage" on March 23 in the auditorium at St. Francis Health Center. The presentation was sponsored by the Recovery Center at St. Francis.

Native Americans and HIV: 2007 update



March 21 was National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Susan Tusher, left, LMSW, Kansas AIDS Education and Training Center (KAETC) Coordinator, provided the HIV/AIDS training program to health-care professionals on March 20 at the PBPB Health Center.

Thirty-five participants attended the two-hour continuing education (CE) program; this program was CE approved for physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists, other dental health professionals, and pharmacists. Attendees included staff from the Topeka AIDS Project, Kansas State Health Department, and staff from the PBPB health and social services.



Above, DeeAnn DeRoin, MD, MPH, gave the presentation on "HIV/AIDS: Where we are and where we're going."

DeeAnn DeRoin, MD, MPH, likes to work with Native American communities concerning HIV/AIDS and has done much research on the topic. This coincides with KAETC's Outreach Education Project, the American Indian Supplement.

Dr. DeRoin pointed out ten things health care providers should know about HIV/AIDS during the workshop: The global status

of HIV/AIDS, the common modes of transmission, who should be tested, what are the newest tests for HIV, the status of HIV in pregnancy, how HIV infection was treated in 2006, when to initiate antiretroviral therapy, what antiretroviral medications are available, what is a patient's prognosis, and how important is health maintenance for people living with HIV.

She pointed out that 38.6 million people were living with HIV in 2005 (World Health Organization/Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, 2006 report on the global AIDS epidemic, Fig. 2.4).

In Kansas, as of June 30, 2006, there were 2,661 cumulative AIDS cases; this includes adults, adolescents and pediatric (below 13 years old). By ethnicity/race, the American Indian-Non-Hispanic shows 11 prevalent cases and 24 cumulative AIDS cases for the same time period.

Dr. DeRoin stated there is a problem with statistics with native people. They are not counting HIV, how many new cases there are, where they are occurring, and who are they happening to. Surnames also play a part in these statistics; a native person may have a Spanish name and would not be classified as Native American.

Statistic show native infection rates are higher than the Caucasian race since 1995.

HIV screening is being recommended to the health profession by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This should be considered routine clinical care.

Contact your primary care provider for more information on HIV screening.



Participants met in the conference room at the Health Center.

Save the date!
2007

National Alliance for
Drug Endangered Children
Conference

on
October 10-12, 2007
at

Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, MO

For more information:

www.nationaldec.org

or

www.ksmethpreventionproject.org

Are you a caregiver?

Services for Jackson, Shawnee, Brown, and Douglas counties

A caregiver is an unpaid person who cares for an elder; or grandparents/elders who act as the primary caregiver for children under the age of 19.

If you are a caregiver, we are here to help. We provide the following services:

- Information to caregivers about available services and resources with the tribe and state, and assistance to gaining access to these services.
- Individual counseling.
- Organization of support groups.
- Caregiver training to assist the caregiver in making decisions and solving problems relating to their roles as caregivers.
- Respite care, which will enable the caregiver to be temporarily relieved from their care-giving responsibilities.

If you are a caregiver in need of assistance, please contact:

Nancy Stegman, Caregiver Coordinator
Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center
11400 158 Rd., Mayetta, KS 66509
(785) 966-8305



Methamphetamine: Impact on the individual, family and community

Article contributed by Vickie Oana, LICSW, National Indian Child Welfare Association, Community Development Specialist
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A drug that is currently impacting the individual, family, community, and the environment, is a stimulant, methamphetamine (meth).

This drug has been manufactured on a large scale since WWII. It was used to effectively impact the sleeping patterns of combat personnel, to enable them to remain physically alert for extended periods of time.

Today, meth continues to be manufactured in labs in massive dosages, as well as in relatively small quantities, sometimes cooked in the backseat of a car traveling on an interstate highway. In our high tech world meth recipes are easily found by surfing the Internet on home computers.

The impact on the individual user can be costly. Many of the ingredients that are used to create the hard, chalky white substance are toxic, and some flammable. When mixed together, they become an unstable chemical blend with the potential to become an explosive. Trays of processed solid meth are broken up into smaller pieces and into powder, which can be used in a variety of ways.

Meth can be ingested in food and drink, smoked with a glass holder (like pipes or broken light bulbs), used intravenously, or snorted. Individuals have expressed the appeal of meth for the immediate sense of euphoria mixed with high energy levels and the potential for quick weight loss. Young women with poor self-esteem and negative body images are especially vulnerable, seeing a quick weight loss solution in meth.

Continued meth use can lead to sleep deprivation, impaired thinking, mimicking paranoid schizophrenia, as well as health issues, including rapid dental decay and skin lesions. As with other types of drug abuse, individuals who use meth also tend to use other mood altering substances, such as alcohol and marijuana. Poly-drug abuse further negatively impacts their mental and physical health and increases high-risk behaviors. The individual spends more and more time focused on obtaining meth and other drug-related activity. Much of that activity becomes criminal with serious legal consequences. Communities experience an increase in crimes of theft, burglary, identity theft, and forgery as meth addiction becomes more prevalent.

Family impact

Children with parents who are using meth are exposed more often to instability. Those children living in homes where adults manufacture meth are at imminent risk of harm. Their food supply and physical environment, including walls and floors, become toxic. If parents use the bathtub to mix the ingredients, the toxins become a hazard to children when they bathe. The potential for fire and an explosion is also a serious concern because of the volatility of the chemicals in the processing of meth.

Ongoing meth usage leads to conflict between adults as the family resources are siphoned off to feed the drug addiction. Children are often exposed to domestic violence. As the mental health of the parents becomes more and

and physical abuse are also greater where meth is used. With so many people frequenting the home, many without their own resources, food and other commodities are quickly depleted. The children's basic needs for safe shelter, food, and parental supervision become less and less of a conscious priority for parents as they become more and more impaired. This impairment can lead to further unmet needs such as medical and dental care for both parent and child.

Community impact

- Meth affects the community in multiple ways: Child Protective Services respond to the family with safety assessments and intervention, including removal of drug-

the influence of meth and other members of the family, especially children, are protective of parental secrets.

- Juvenile court systems are also impacted as children grow up with continued unmet needs including supervision. The courts are challenged with maintaining public safety and providing for the emotional and physical needs of troubled youth.
- Dental care providers are also challenged in meeting the needs of patients who are experiencing rapid dental deterioration (adults) and chronic dental neglect (children). Oral surgery is often needed to address these needs in both children and adults.
- Public welfare agencies are also challenged with providing for the basic financial needs of impoverished families. Often parents, due to their drug abuse, do not meet the requirements of the agencies and are placed in sanction until they do. Children therefore also suffer the consequences as the family's resources become more and more limited.

Environmental Impact

The most obvious impact on the physical environment is the release of toxins during the manufacturing of meth. The toxins permeate the family's food supply, the home structure, and the water source. Professionals responding to closure of a meth lab must be geared in special clothing to protect themselves from exposure. They must also deal with children and adults who have been exposed. There is also the potential for unstable chemicals to cause fires and/or explode. Implementing a bust is risky and dangerous, careful planning is necessary.

Conclusion

Meth seriously impacts our children, our families, and our community. It is our responsibility as providers to become as well-prepared as possible to meet the special needs of drug-exposed children and their families. Education is the key. Planning is essential due to the complexity of the challenge. Indian communities, as with other communities throughout the country, are citing more incidents of meth abuse and its fallout on their Native communities.

I was raised very traditional.

And I lost it all when I started with meth.

My family made me leave my home—all I had was my addiction and the clothes on my back.

And it's hard...because as bad as it was, my daughter still loved me. And I have a bond...I still have that bond with her.

And it's hard...because I think "How did I give this up, for that hit?"

And it's hard...because we need a lot more people to stand beside us. The more people, the more scared the dealers are gonna be. We need more people to stand there and say, "No more."

An American Indian community activist and former meth addict, mid-20s, speaking before the recent BIA meth conference, Portland, Oregon

more compromised, rational thinking occurs less and less. Family roles are disturbed: children may assume the role of parents or be treated as peers by parents who share drugs with them. The family home becomes more dangerous as other drug abusers frequent the home to buy drugs and use them with the parents. Children then lack a routine, many are unable to get to sleep at night and have difficulty getting up for school and staying alert during lessons at school. Often such children will have a history of multiple absences that reflect their unstable home life. When these children do attend school, they can be identified as the students who appear overly tired and who may fall asleep at their desks. These children also complain of being extremely hungry.

The potential for incidents of sexual

exposed children and placement of newborns testing positive for meth.

- Law enforcement and correctional centers, from the local to the federal level, respond to the criminal activity in the family home, as well as other crimes the parents are engaged in outside of the family home, including burglary and other drug-related crimes.
- School systems meet the needs of their students by providing food, safety, and emotional support.
- Emergency medical staff struggle with the challenge of treating adults with meth addiction; their medical crisis can appear as domestic violence, a mental health breakdown, or cardiac arrest.
- Parents do not readily admit being under

Diabetes Prevention Program

Wellness Center News

Step Aerobics are offered at the Health Center, Monday and Wednesday, times are 4:50 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. The community-based activity is open to all, so come and join in the group exercise.

The equipment which is housed in the Wellness Center: treadmill, elliptical machine, stationary bike, light barbells, Swedish exercise ball, lightweight dumbbells and elastic bands, are available to all community members. The current hours for the Wellness Center are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you plan on using the Wellness Center during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and/or 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., use the entrance nearest the wellness center. Note: Individuals under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Water Aerobics are offered at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) Boys & Girls Club (B&GC), Tuesday and Thursday, times are 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Lap swim is 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by group exercise until 7:30 p.m. The community-based activity is open to all, provided that the application needed by the PBP BG&C is complete. The application is provided at www.pbnation.org, or at the PBP BG&C office (application for adult volunteer/non club member).

Your favorite childhood game (Kickball) is back, a league is forming now. The league is open to all interested adults (five women and five men per team). All league games will be played at the K Road softball field on Friday evenings.

We are seeking input to organize a horseshoe pitching league. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact the Wellness Center. We are also seeking input to organize a walking club. If interested, contact the Wellness Center.

Our women's slow-pitch softball and men's wooden bat leagues will begin following the conclusion of the kickball league.

The Diabetes Prevention Program is always seeking ideas to help promote healthy lifestyle and community based activities. If you know anyone who might have ideas or suggestions, contact the Wellness Center.

Roy Spoonhunter, Lifestyle Coach at
(785) 966-8270

Women's Support Group

Afternoons & evenings

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.

and

Thursday

6:00 p.m.

meet in the

Social Services conference room

Come join us to discuss issues relating to being a woman. Those issues can be relationships, children, work, friends, etc....

Questions? Contact:

Robyn Edwards at 966-8341 or

Nis Wilbur at 966-8342

Family Violence Prevention Program
(FVPP Women's Support 966-8340)

KICKBALL
2007
ADULT CO-ED
LEAGUE

FORMING NOW!

GET READY TO PLAY ONE OF YOUR CHILDHOOD FAVORITES!
AT THE K ROAD SOFTBALL FIELD
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS
ALL GAMES WILL BE NO EARLIER THEN 6:00 P.M.

- 10 PERSON (5 WOMEN & 5 MEN) PER TEAM
- 18 YEARS AND UP
- \$50 PER TEAM (USED FOR SHIRTS)
- DEADLINE APRIL 25, 2007
- LEAGUE WILL BEGIN MAY 3 & 4, 2007

CONTACT:

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ROYSPOONHUNTER@PBP.NATION.ORG

Carol Shopteese makes mark at national conference

Carol Shopteese, PBP member, was a co-presenter at the 25th Annual "Protecting Our Children" National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, which is sponsored by the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) April 15-18 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Shopteese co-presented with Michelle Levy on a workshop entitled, "Hope and Hard Work: Developing ICWA Curriculum Through Collaboration."

This workshop presented a promising practice model of University-Tribal-State agency collaboration for the development and delivery of training on the Indian Child Welfare Act. This was a "first" for both Shopteese and Levy to present at a national conference and both were honored to have been selected.

Shopteese, LMSW, MBA, is the ICW/Independent Living Program Director for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri. She worked in the PBP Social Services Department from 2000-2004 and has become a strong ICWA advocate in the state of Kansas. Levy, MSW, is a child welfare program manager at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare. She currently serves as a Co-PI on the Native American Scholars Program. She has worked as an administrator, researcher and grant writer in child welfare for over ten years.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month...What you can do to help prevent it

By Carol A. Shopteese, LMSW, MBA Facilitator—Four Tribes Child Protection Team

Individuals and families, especially parents, need to understand the definitions of child abuse/neglect. We believe most people understand what abandonment, abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse are. The most misunderstood of these is mental or emotional abuse. This definition was taken from the State of Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services Child Welfare Policies (www.srs.kansas.org). "Mental or Emotional Abuse means the infliction of mental or emotional injury on a child or the causation of a child's deterioration. This term may include the following: 1) Any act or omission that impairs a child's social, emotional, or intellectual functioning; 2) terrorizing a child, by creating a climate of fear or engaging in violent or threatening behavior toward the child or toward others in the child's presence that demonstrates a flagrant disregard for the child; 3) emotionally abandoning a child, by being psychologically unavailable to the child, demonstrating no attachment to the child, or failing to provide adequate nurturance of the child; 4) corrupting a child, by teaching or rewarding the child for unlawful, antisocial, or sexually precocious behaviors; or 5) engaging in any behavior having substantially the same effect on the child as that of any of the actions specified in paragraphs Reference: (e)(1) through (e)(3). KAR30-46-10."

If you believe your child has been a victim of child abuse or neglect, it is important for you to protect him/her from such, even if it is a trusted friend, relative, neighbor, teacher, counselor, coach, minister or pastor and professionals such as social workers, psychologists, etc. The social workers of the four tribes are here to help you, if needed. They will help you to report the abuse/neglect to the proper authorities, whether that is a tribal or state agency. Many parents have stated they have been "stonewalled" by individuals or agencies and "give up." Social workers are here to help parents overcome those barriers and report abuse/neglect. One important thing to remember is for an individual to keep telling until you find someone that believes you and supports you.

Please contact one of the following tribal social services departments, whom are members of the Four Tribes Child Protection Team, if you have questions or to report suspected child abuse/neglect. Please remember that all child abuse/neglect reports can be anonymous. Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, 402-245-3404; Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, 785-486-2613; Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, 785-966-8330; or Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 785-742-4711.



Community Notices

Prairie Band Potawatomi News



**Haskell Indian Nations University
2007 Commencement Pow-wow
May 11 and 12, 2007
Haskell Pow-wow Grounds
Lawrence, Kan.**

Kickapoo Pow-Wow Days 2007
July 20, 21, & 22, 2007
Kickapoo Reservation
Horton, Kan.

- Over \$35,000 in prizes
 - Invited drum: Midnite Express, Twin Cities, Minn.
- email: kickapoopowwowdays@hotmail.com



Applications
for the
Jim McKinney
Scholarship Fund
(\$500)
are now being taken until August 13

Download applications from
www.shawneecountyalliedtribes.org

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma
Annual Fall Reunion
October 26-28, 2007
Radisson Hotel
Tulsa, Okla.

Call (918) 341-5532
or email
dushkut@cox.net



Prairie Band
Casino & Resort
presents
May Country Weekend
with
Deana Carter
May 4
and
Mark Chesnutt
May 5
Shows 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Tickets in Buffalo Grill or
online at
www.ticketweb.com

Notice



**Shipshee Cemetery
Mayetta, Kan.**

Please remove all flowers and decorations
where necessary so workers can mow and
clean the cemetery.

If you registered to be on the
DO Not Call registry list with Kansas in 2002
you must **reregister** as the list was only
good for five years and that time period is up.

Reregister by calling (888) 382-1222
or go to www.donotcall.gov



We regret that no Elder Center menu was submitted to the
News this month. For information contact (785) 966-0053.

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation government offices will be closed
Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day**

Be a vendor at
the
Pathways to our Future
Early Childhood Education Conference
August 13 and 14, 2007

For applications contact Natalie McClane
at (785) 966-2527

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is now participating in
JACKSON COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS
If you see crime happening call 1-800-222-TIPS
Learn more at
www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com

Calling all youth between 5-13 years of age!

Have fun at American Indian Culture Camp
July 5-July 9
Rotary Club Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, MO.
Sponsored by the Heart of American Indian Center

Applications: www.haicindian.com
Call (816) 421-7608 for details

FREE GOLF LESSON FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS
Saturday, May 5, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Lake Shawnee Golf Course, Topeka
Steve McDonald, PGA, instructor

**Congratulations
Graduates!!!
Enjoy the Beach Bags
and T-Shirts**

Courtesy of
Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff
&
The Staff @ ADPRO



Graduating
soon?



Send photos
and graduation
congrats
to
the News.
See disclaimer
on page 2
on how to
submit
information.

**Potawatomi
Language Conference**

August 5-8, 2007

Look for information about the conference
in future issues of the *Potawatomi News*



**Potawatomi Gathering
August 8-12, 2007
Forest County Potawatomi
Crandon, Wis.**



**American Indian Health Research and
Education Alliance (AIHREA)
Health & Wellness Pow-wow**

Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Johnson County Community College
Overland Park, Kan.

For more information call Jerry Briscoe,
(913) 588-2708 or email jbriscoe@kumc.edu

Students who are interested in dentistry can attend
with a free registration
Society of American Indian Dentists Conference
June 7-10, 2007

Mystic Lake Hotel near Minneapolis, Minn.
Charge for hotel, meals and lodging
Information: jarickert@charter.net
or phone (231) 276-9633

Attention

**veterans, widows of wartime servicemen,
and caregivers**

Plan to attend an informational meeting about benefits
available concerning your healthcare needs
(including homebound veterans)

When: Friday, May 11
Time: 1 p.m.

Where: Firekeepers Elder Center
Speaker: Rick Edwards, Veterans Administration

Sponsored by: Potawatomi Indian Health Center
Caregiver Program

Call: Nancy Stegman, Caregiver Coordinator
at (785) 966-8305



**Get fired up!
for the first
Amateur Backyard Barbeque Cook-off!**
Saturday, June 2
Mayetta United Park on Main Street
Mayetta, Kan.

To get a registration form
and for more information
call (785) 966-2405

Prizes to be awarded!



Get the details about the
PBP Pow-wow
June 8, 9, 10, 2007
Prairie Peoples Park
Mayetta, KS, 66509
by logging on to
www.pbpnation.org/powwows/forum
• vendor applications
• dance contest information
• lodging information





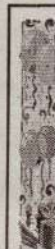
Ttiwenmo eginigyēn (Happy day you were born)

Happy 3rd
BirthdayAntonio
GremoreLove, mom, Grandma Paula, Carla, Evie,
and all your aunts, uncles, and cousinsHappy 3rd
Birthday

Skyla Youngbear

Love, mom and dad, Grandma Carla,
Paula, Evie, and all your aunts, uncles,
and cousins

LOOK OUT WORLD...

OUR
KAYLA GOMEZ
IS NOW 13...
HAPPY
BIRTHDAYFrom: Mommy Leslie LaClair
Grandma Arlene LingoHappy 12th Birthday
Kek-Kaw-Quah
on April 19Love,
mom, Pat-Ko-Shuk
and
TaraHappy 17th Birthday
Russ!Love, Auntie Mauds,
Kek, Pat-Ko and
TaraHappy "Sweet
16th"
Nephew Waskeh
on April 15th!Love, auntie, Kek,
Pat-Ko and TaraHappy Birthday to my
Cousin Sams
Love, MaudsHappy Belated
Birthday
to the best Nene
in the world
on
April 1st
Love,
your sweetieHappy Belated
12th
Birthday
to this handsome
young man
Jug Hubbard
on
March 27th
Love,
auntie and
NsowahkwitHappy 10th
Birthday
to my brown beauty
on
April 26thLove,
auntie
and
MalakaiHappy Birthday Sis!
Hope this year is better
than ever...
Ultimate love from QHappy 19th Birthday
to the coolest sister ever
on May 4thLove,
Wahkwit and MichelleHappy 2nd Birthday
to our Sargar Bear
Omar J. Higin
March 2nd
We love you very
much!
Love, mommy, daddy,
Big Brother Edgar
(Boo Boo),
grandma, grandpa,
Leta, and Leto

Kanibwēṭṭēk

(the one's that
stood up
together)Happy Belated
50th Anniversary
auntie and uncle
from
the White House
on Elston Avenue
Love you always,
Michelle and Malakai

Kamboṭṭēk (Those who died)

Glenn S. "Tiny" Place

Glenn S. "Tiny" Place, 66, Mayetta, died March 27, 2007, at a Topeka hospital. He was born Feb. 25, 1941, in Soldier, the son of Dean and Edna Burns Place. He graduated from Circleville High School in 1959. Mr. Place worked at a sawmill in Holton and later worked at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Bingo Hall. He also was a lifelong musician. He married Pam Martin on Dec. 11, 1971, in Holton. They divorced. Survivors include four daughters, Kim Barber, Holton, Denise Marshall, Whiting, and Brandi Place and Courtney Place, both of Mayetta; two sons, Brent Place, Denison, and Eric Place, Holton; two sisters, Ruth Long and Olive Hyatt, both of Holton; and 11 grandchildren, Aaron Castellon, Macaela Lewis, Colby Steele Place, Brhet Place, Steven Marshall, Sarah Marshall, Grace Place, Trista Place, Chase Buskirk, Malerie Buskirk and Justin Mullins. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in Olive Hill Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes and Holton Recorder 3/28/07)

Joseph Orin "Pe-way" Fitzsimmons

Joseph Orin "Pe-way" Fitzsimmons, 81, Mayetta, died April 5, 2007, at his home. He was born Feb. 23, 1926, in Mayetta, the son of Floyd S. and Ruth E. Wahwassuck Fitzsimmons. He attended Mayetta High School. Mr. Fitzsimmons had lived all his life in the Mayetta community. He had operated the café in Mayetta with his wife and later worked as a road maintainer for Jackson County. He was a member of the Potawatomi United Methodist Church and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He married Ida "Carol" Ramage on Oct. 17, 1943, at the Potawatomi United Methodist Church near Mayetta. She preceded him in death on April 24, 2003. He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Carol Arnold; a grandson, Joe Arnold; a sister, Evelyn Wahweotten; and three brothers, Floyd "Mark" Fitzsimmons, George Fitzsimmons and Gene Fitzsimmons. Survivors include a daughter, Debra Slocum, Mayetta; a sister, Edna Forster, Holton; five grandchildren, Laura Schreiber, Elaine Dreasher, Robert Slocum, Carilyn Slocum and David Slocum; and three great-grandchildren, Curtis and Justen Dreasher and Jamie Arnold. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. April 10 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Interment will be in Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. April 9 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Potawatomi United Methodist Church, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home and Holton Recorder 4/9/07)

Bernice Cartwright

Springfield, Ore.—Bernice Ann Cartwright of Springfield, Ore. died March 31 of age-related causes. She was 84. She was born Nov. 13, 1922 in Mayetta, Kan. to William and Minnie Wishkeno Evans. She married Edward "Blackie" Cartwright on Aug. 15, 1947 in Portland. He died April 25, 1963. Bernice spent most of her life in the Oakridge-Westfir area. She later moved to Springfield to be closer to her children. Her favorite hobbies included gardening, camping and traveling around Oregon, especially the coast. She centered her life around her children and later her grandchildren. Bernice had many friends and was always thinking of ways she could help them. Bernice spent her early years in Kansas and developed a love for the big draft horses, especially Perchons and Clydsdales. Her love of animals always included cats and dogs. Whatever the children brought home she accepted. She worked in the hospitality industry until her retirement in 1989. Survivors include three daughters, Margaret Nuse, Thelma Sharek, and Sandra Murphy, all of Springfield; a son John Cartwright of Lebanon; and five grandchildren. Her nephews Calvin, Mando and Gene Evans of Mayetta, Kan. also survive her.

(Obituary submitted April 13, 2007)



Area Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

Bethany Baptist Church

821 New York Ave., Holton, KS (785) 364-4379

David Noland, Youth Sunday School Teacher, preaches on months with five Sunday's.

Prairie Band Baptist Outreach

P. O. Box 206, Holton, KS 66436, Pastor Terry Paine, (785) 364-4259

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta, KSMass: 8:30 a.m. on 1st, 3rd, and
4th Sundays
2 p.m. on 2nd Sundays

For additional information go to tribal website home page and click on Our Lady of Snows.

Methodist

Potawatomi United Methodist

On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.
Mayetta, KS Rev. Howard SudduthSunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship service

Pentecostal

Lakeview Faith Chapel

3-1/2 mi. south of Holton, KS on U.S. 75, Pastor Steve Cappleman, (785) 364-2416

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service
6:30 p.m. Youth group
6:30 p.m. Evening worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible study

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

4-1/2 mi. west on 134 Rd. from
U.S. 75, Mayetta, KSSunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service
7:00 p.m. Evening worship

A word from

Lakeview Faith Chapel

By Pastor Steve Cappleman

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and friends all:

Blessings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am truly blessed to have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. I am what I am by the grace of God. I am happy much more often than not because I know my name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. I believe the secret to continual happiness and victory even in this life on earth is to continually taste of the things of God.

So many people are unhappy, lonely, depressed, and/or downright angry about their lot in life. That poor person who killed all those people at Virginia Tech and then ended his own life was about as miserable as anyone can be.

He, like so many other people are drinking from the wrong well. Jesus said in the sermon on the mount, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

The psalmist said in Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

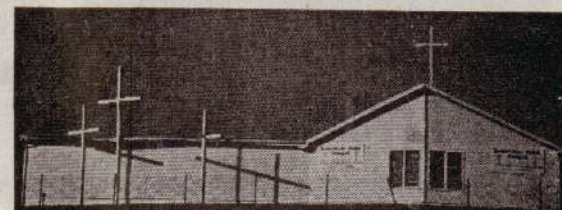
Again, Jesus said in John 4:13-14, "Whosoever drinketh of this water [water from a well] shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Friend, wouldn't it be nice if you could be happy all the time! Something else too, there's plenty of happy water for everyone!

Jesus said in John 7:37, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

I will tell anyone who will listen, Jesus is all you need! I would like to invite all to the church on the hill where the three crosses are. There's lots of "water" for you on that hill!

Blessings!





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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

9th Annual Earth Day Celebration

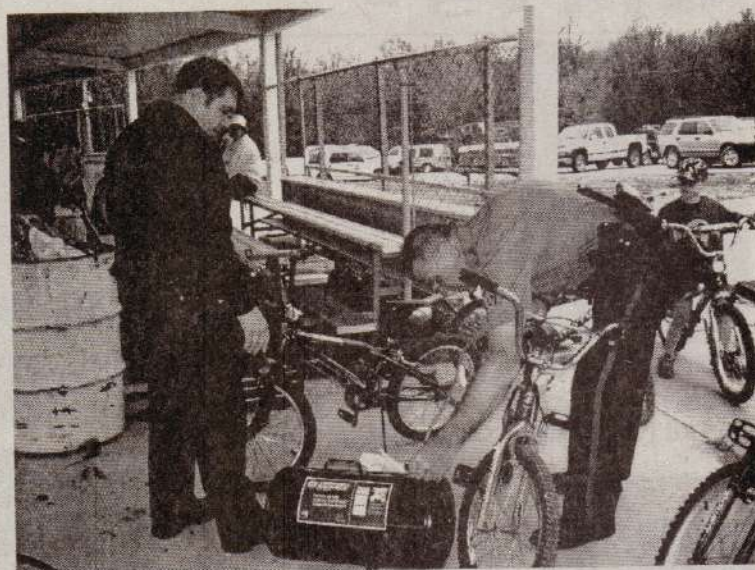
The Department of Planning and Environmental Planning held their annual Earth Day Celebration April 22 at Prairie Peoples Park. Members of the committee were: Roy Spoonhunter, Cheryl Hopkins, Mary LeClere, Lance Wishkeno, Paul Juedes, Nathan Hale, Merle Green, Virginia LeClere, Adele Thomas, Officer Marcus Koch, and Sharon Bosse.



Above: The Earth Day Committee members met Friday, April 20 for final preparations. The flats of flowers were give-aways this year.



Above: Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (EPA) staff pose by the "Flower give-away." From (l-r): Bruce Weber, Sharon Bosse, Latane Donelin, former EPA director, and Vincent Hernandez. The goal of the give-away is to increase community involvement in beautifying the reservation neighborhood.



Above (l-r): Paul Juedes, PBPB Fire Department, and Marcus Koch, PBPB Law Enforcement, perform the bicycle mechanical safety check. Marcus is checking tire pressure on one of the bikes. The following are some of the items they check: are the wheels on tight on the frame, are the wheels fully spoked, is there a rear reflector, and are the brakes working.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM	REGISTRATION OPENS Bike Safety Checks begin
9:00 AM	3-MILE RUN
10:00 AM	3-MILE & 6-MILE BIKE RIDE Language Immersion Activity
11:00 AM	3-MILE WALK Bike Rodeo
12:30 PM	Parade
1:00 PM	Other Boys & Girls Club Activities
1:30 PM	AWARDS CEREMONY
2:00 PM	Conclude



Above: Adele Thomas (sitting, front) and Dawn "Sogi" LeClere (sitting, back) registered participants for the events. After registration each participant received a tag and picked up an Earth Day t-shirt that said, "What on earth are you doing?"

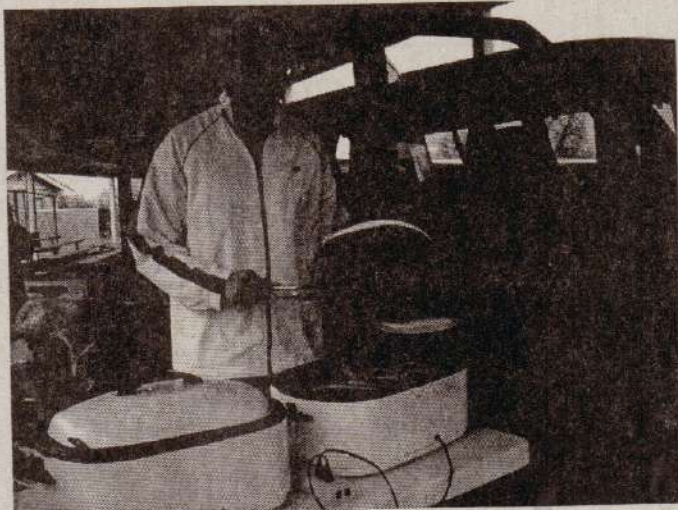


Above: Mary LeClere (facing the camera) straightens out the raffle items as Eddie Joe Mitchell (left) fills out a raffle ticket. Person with back to camera is unidentified.

Scenes of Earth Day 2007: people and events



Above: Chago Hale, emcee for the day, is seen advertising the food stand.



Above: Nathan Hale is seen preparing hot dogs for the participants; taco salads were also on the menu. He represented the Keystone Club of PBPB's Boys and Girls Club.



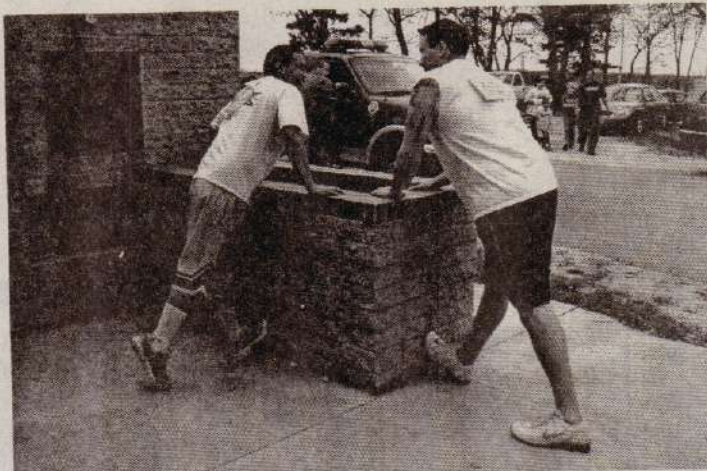
Above: Steve Corbett, PBPB Health Center diabetes prevention staff, chats and laughs with the Jim Darnall family.



Above (l-r): Steve Duryea, EPA, Tim Morse, Fire Department, and Mike Boswell, Tribal Police, stopped to pose.



Above: Alvina LaClair made her way up the stairs to register for the Predictor's Walk. Mr. Needles, (dog inset), walked for her with her daughter Sarah.



Above (l-r): Johathan Melchior and Raphael Wahwassuck warmed up before the 3-mile run to prevent injuries.

Right: Participants lined up in anticipation of the 3-mile and 6-mile bike ride.



Left: Judy Wabaunsee stopped to pose as she took her flowers to her car.



Right: Rose Hale is in full swing and is ready to begin the Predictor's Walk.



Above, right front: Don Don LeClere holds a few of the participants captive as he organizes the 3-mile run.