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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Judge affirms tribe's right to Register vehicles



By Carl Manning
Associated Press Writer
Courtesy of The Capital-Journal

TOPEKA – A federal judge's decision affirming the right of Kansas' largest Indian tribe to issue its own license plates is an important reinforcement of Indian sovereignty, a tribal official said August 7.

In a 41-page ruling issued late August 6, U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson permanently barred the state from imposing its vehicle registration laws on the Prairie Band Potawatomi.

The tribe sued the Kansas Department of Revenue in September 1999 after a member was ticketed on a state highway in a vehicle with a Potawatomi plate – one of 20 that were sold before sales were suspended until the lawsuit was resolved. The plate has black numbers on a yellow background with the tribe's logo of a multicolored shield. At the top is "Prairie Band" and the bottom "Potawatomi."

Gary Mitchell, the tribe's vice chairman, called the judge's ruling "an important victory supporting the inherent sovereign authority of Indian tribes in Kansas and everywhere."

"Instead of having a 'Berlin Wall' mentality for Indian reservations, the state and the tribes must work more cooperatively and with mutual respect for the good of all Kansas citizens," Mitchell said in a statement from tribal headquarters in Mayetta.

"It's unfortunate it has taken nearly four years of litigation to have these federal rights recognized by the state of Kansas," he said.

The Tribal Council has not decided when its motor vehicle division will make license plates available for tribal government vehicles and tribal members living on the 121-square-mile reservation. In its lawsuit, the tribe had said it would register 300 to

400 vehicles.

Kansas Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagnon, who took office in January, said August 7 she was reviewing the judge's decision and that no decision had been made on whether to appeal it.

In its defense to the lawsuit, the Revenue Department contended that Kansas law doesn't allow it to recognize tribal tags on vehicles driven off the reservation.

Robinson wrote in her opinion that if the state prevailed in the case, the federally recognized tribe would be deprived of its right of self governance. But if the tribe prevailed, she wrote, "the state's titling and registration program will be minimally affected."

"Such restraint seems insignificant considering the state already recognizes tribally issued tags from other jurisdictions," Robinson wrote.

In 1999, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that license plates that are issued by the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma and are recognized by that state must also be recognized by Kansas.

Robinson also rejected public safety concerns raised by the state in the Potawatomi case, saying they were "exaggerated and simply not sufficient to outweigh the importance of plaintiff's right to self govern."

The Potawatomi is the largest of Kansas' four Indian tribes, which are all located in the northeastern part of the state. The others are the Sac and Fox, Kickapoo and Iowa tribes.

Known as "the keepers of the fire," the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe has called Kansas home since the 1830s after being forced from their Great Lakes homelands.

2003 Potawatomi Gathering— More photos and stories are featured



(L—R): Emery Hale, Leroy Mzhickteno, and Andy Mitchell taking a break after some sightseeing. A glimpse of the double rainbow at the Gathering.
(Gathering Photos by Micki Martinez)



MINOR'S TRUST FUND NEWS

PER CAPITA OFFICE NEWS

The Minor's Trust Fund received its first deposit on June 13th, 2003. US Bank, Tribal Trust Administrator, sent a packet of information to the parents of all minor tribal members regarding the trust fund. The contact for parents to inquire about their child's account is James R. Colahan, Tribal Trust Officer. He can be reached by calling toll free (800) 869-2833. Mr. Colahan will be available at the Government Center to answer questions regarding the trust on Tuesday, September 16th, from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM and on Friday, September 19th, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Parents should call the Per Capita Office toll free (866) 277-3722 by Friday, September 12th, 2003 during normal business hours to set up an appointment for those time periods. The amount of time allowed per appointment will depend on the number of responses received.

Sharon McClane, Director of Education, has been chosen to oversee the educational requirements stipulated in the trust. Sharon can be reached by calling toll free (877) 715-6789 extension 2960 during normal business hours. Parents with Internet

access can also reach her by e-mail at sharonm@pbnation.org.

Members who are 18 years or older and have obtained a high school diploma or GED and wish to apply for a portion of the fund need to call the Education Department or US Bank and ask for the appropriate application. The following will need to be returned to the Education Department by mail or in person:

1. The completed application
2. Certified copy of diploma or GED
3. Copy of Social Security card
4. Copy of birth certificate
5. Copy of CDIB (enrollment card)

Once all the requested documents are turned in, Ms. McClane will fill out a verification form to notify James Colahan that all requirements have been met. Mr. Colahan will then contact the Trust Division to release the appropriate amount of funds.



Fires in the Nation

By Mary Young

Although fires are important in conservation purposes, the problem exists when they get out of control, that is when the fire becomes dangerous to all life.

We are fortunate for the native peoples that are risking their lives to help combat the renegade fires, whether they have been started by natural causes or by carelessness.

We applaud all who are at the various fires in the nation; especially the PBPB Fire Department personnel and other tribal members.

See page 7 for more stories on the fires in the nation. Photos have been submitted by Lavonne Goslin, whose son was based in the northwest.

EXPANSION SALE

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GIFT SHOP

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN SALE: CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS, SUNDRY ITEMS, FOOD ITEMS, MAGAZINES AND BOOKS.

Upcoming Holidays

Monday
September 1, 2003
Labor Day

Friday
October 13, 2003
American Indian day

Tuesday
November 11, 2003
Veteran's Day

Government Offices
CLOSED



Holton Service Unit Health Board meeting held at Harrah's on August 13, 2003. Updates were given by Steve Ortiz and Randy Barnoskie regarding Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board and the Holton Service Unit. The new health facility resolution was to be brought before PBPN Tribal Council on the 14th; Iowa would not be participating, they will remain with Indian Health Service. Back Row (L-R): John Daugherty, Director of Field Operations and Managed Care, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service, Max Tahsuda, Director, Tribal Self-Determination Office of the Director, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service, Steve Ortiz, PBPN Secretary, Zach Pahmahmie, PBPN Chair, Fredia Perkins, Sac and Fox Vice-Chair. Front Row (L-R): Nancy Rios, Health Insurance Specialist, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Louie DeRoin, Iowa Chair, Nancy Keller, Sac and Fox Treasure, and Randy Barnoskie, Service Unit Director, Indian Health Service at Haskell. (PBPN News staff photo)

Ask the Dentist

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

Dear Dr. Rickert,

How can I avoid puffy and bleeding gums premenstrually?
Deb

Dear Deb,

Native people have long revered women because of the children they carry within their bodies and deliver into this world. The female body undergoes many hormone changes to ready it for this process.

A few days before menstruation, you may notice several changes in your mouth, including swollen, bleeding gums, reddened soft tissues and canker sores. These oral manifestations are due to the changing hormone levels of estrogen and progesterone. Both of these hormones affect blood supply to and water retention in all bodily tissues. There also is some influence on the body's immune system. Many women notice no changes at all.

In the mouth, there can be an exaggerated response to any plaque or tartar present. So, the first thing to do is to brush and floss your teeth thoroughly and often. DISCLOSING TABLETS are available from your dentist or your pharmacist, and these are vegetable dye, which clearly show where your brushing and flossing miss plaque. Second, reduce the amount of sugary, processed food in your diet, because the numbers of bacteria, which form plaque, increase dramatically when sugars are consumed. Try to increase the raw fruits and vegetables you eat. Try a multivitamin daily. Third, get plenty of rest and sleep, to boost your immune system.

Fourth, there are products you can use the week before menstruation to lessen the tissue responses. VIADENT toothpaste and mouth rinse may help, and you can use the rinse 4 or 5 times per day. For three or four days, take 500 mg of calcium and 100 mg of vitamin C, both help maintain healthy gums and bone.

Fifth, stop smoking and limit the amount of alcohol you consume for a week before your period.

If you are still having problems, consider having your teeth cleaned 3 or 4 times per year. Be sure to mention your concerns to your own dentist; there are prescription tablets and mouth rinses, which may help.

We have been wondrously created, and the rhythms of the female body are still a mystery to us, just as the why and wherefore of the rhythms of much of nature remain unknown to us.

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NEWS

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

Anonymous letters will NOT be printed in the paper.

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

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

Nutrition Education Project Seeks Native American Participants

Kansas State University is conducting a nutrition education project with Native American young adults in Kansas.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible, a participant must be 18-24 years of age and make no more than \$400 a week. Those who complete the project will receive \$20.00 and have the opportunity to learn some healthy eating tips.

If you are interested:

Please call Kansas State University toll free at 1-866-36-FRUIT (1-866-363-7848) for more information.

It's your choice!

NEW SUPPORT MEETING

**Diabetic Group
Meet at the PBPN Senior Center
At 12:30 pm**

Sept 10 and Sept 24

Support Groups

Topeka Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Addicts Anonymous - For people who feel addicted to certain foods, such as sweets, and who want to abstain from eating them; uses a 12-step program, 3 p.m. each Sunday at Pozez Education

Getting Ready For School Sports

Richard Pruikmsa, MD
Holton IHS Clinic, 100 West 6th St., Holton, KS 66436 (785) 364-2176

It's the time of year for many children to make their athletic plans for the year. At the Holton IHS Clinic we help in those plans by filling out physical exam forms (provided by the schools) that let the school know if the child needs any restrictions in his or her activities or sports.

One of the ways to make sure your time at the clinic goes smoothly, is to make sure you fill out the history form on your child before you come in. Many people think that part of the form is something for the doctor to fill out, or they think it is something that can be filled out later after the child is seen by the provider. This is something the parent and the child can fill out together. Health care providers make their assessment of a child based on the history as much as on the physical examination, and having that section filled out before time will make your time at the clinic more efficient. What are some of the important things we look for in the history that you would want to remember to put down on the form? Medications, head injuries, broken bones, heart problems and lung problems (such as asthma) are the most common concerns.

On the physical exam we look especially for vision problems, new heart murmurs or irregular heartbeats, physical strength and coordination and evidence of hernias.

Advice that you will hear from our providers includes:

- 1). Prevent eye injuries by using protective eyewear for those with contacts and by using straps for glasses.
- 2). Keep a metered dose inhaler (rescue inhaler) available at practices and games for those with asthma.
- 3). Many children who injure themselves in sports do so at the beginning of the "season" by pushing too hard after a long period of being out of shape. Your child will do well to try to have regular exercise (minimum 3 times per week) for a few weeks before the first day of practice.

Finally, you can help your child have a great sport season by helping him or her avoid tobacco products, alcohol or illicit drugs, all of which impair performance and increase risk of injury.

Please make an appointment for your child's physical exam. Due to the time involved in completing a thorough physical exam, these are not done on a walk-in basis.

REZ CAR CONTEST Sept. 27, 2003

**@ Dinner Break
American Indian Day
Pow Wow**

**Cash prizes & Rez Fame
For more information contact:
Sam Potts
785 845-2624**

Center, 1505 S.W. 8th, in Centennial Room D. Information: Michele at 233-1604. Internet: www.foodaddictsanonymous.org.

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

Mayetta Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lawrence Area

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

Fried Bread Man

The May issue of the Potawatomi Nation News, Fried Bread Man shared some teachings about the summer months to Linda Sitting Arrow, Joe Fast Elk, and Mary Swiftbird. The three people are sitting on logs around a blazing crackling fire. Again it is early evening, the sun has set to the west and the stars and moon are shining brightly, through the clear sky. The three children have been talking about school, which will start in one week. All three are excited to return to school. A warm fog appears that engulfs the children, and Fried Bread Man walks out of the cloud. He smiles at the three kids and sits down on a log. Fried Bread Man clears his throat followed with a pause, "It's good to see the three of you."

Fried Bread Man speaks to the children, "It's been two months since we have talked. I hope you have had a nice summer." Fried Bread Man rises from the log and walks to the children and shakes their hand of welcome. Then, he sits back down on the log. He smiles and asks, "How is your dad Linda?"

"Thank you for asking," said Linda. "Our dad is happy. Dad has got his humor back." And as tears are forming in Linda's eyes, she says, "Our dad has returned to our family." Linda begins to cry and between sobs she manages to say thank you to Fried Bread Man for helping.

Mary sits next to Linda and gives her a hug. Mary looks at Linda and says, "My sister, I am so happy for you and your family."

Joe smiles and gives Linda thumbs up, "You have done good Linda."

After Linda regains her composure and wipes her tears, she gives the family update. "Our dad is continuing to talk to the psychologist, Dr. Guy Big Mountain monthly and taking the prescribed antidepressants. Our dad has lost weight!"

"How much has he lost Linda?" asked Joe.

"He has lost 20 pounds in two months, for a total of 32 pounds."

"Linda, is your dad still walking?" asked Mary. "Dad no longer wears that elastic wrap around his knees. Dad is walking two miles four times a walk," said Linda. "In fact, dad got rid of his black walking shoes from Payless and got some new Nikes. Our dad looks bluff," said Linda smiling. This brings laughter from the four people. "One more thing I want to share about dad. The other evening us kids got back from swimming, our mom and dad were dancing with each other to some 1960's music, to a group called Credence Clearwater Revival."

"The Sitting Arrow family has regained their health and should be an example for our Indian families," said Fried Bread Man.

"This is a positive beginning for our Kickapoo/Potawatomi people, that regaining healthy lifestyles, diabetes mellitus will be controlled in the future. Our people have the answers here to gain back their health by using our cultural beliefs and listening to oral histories from our elders," said Fried Bread Man. "This topic will be covered in the future months."

"Before we leave for the night, I would like to share some information with you three. Our summer season will be leaving us in another month. Many of our children will be returning to school. Many of our people travel on our roads to work. Please remember to do your tobacco offering periodically to have a safe trip to school and return. Remind your parents to place tobacco in a sealed container in the vehicle glove compartment; this will serve as protection that no harm will happen. Should you have elderly relatives in a nursing home, take time out and visit them. Offer your tobacco to our brothers and sisters in the military. Offer your tobacco to our brothers and sisters that may be serving time in a penal institution. Finally, offer your tobacco to the Creator for the alcoholic or drug abuser that they be helped and become useful, productive people. Remember to love one another."

This concludes this month's article on Fried Bread Man. Have a good month!

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PBPN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Programs & Staff

The Education Department, from July 2002 - July 2003, has provided services to over 1,600 tribal members through our various education programs.

Adult Education

The Adult Education Program provides student grants for G.E.D. preparation and G.E.D. exam fees, registration fees for conferences and/or workshops, tuition for one 3-hour college course, C.N.A. classes, C.M.A. classes, employment enrichment courses, etc.

Adult Vocational Training

This program provides student grants for tribal members attending vocational technical schools. Grants include tuition assistance, subsistence while in training, books, related training costs, employee-furnished tools or equipment.

College Computer Program

One of the components of the Student Services Program is a program that provides a personal computer and printer to tribal members for use in their college undergraduate or graduate level education, both full-time and part-time students, with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0. Part-time students must have earned 30 or more college level credit hours. Full-time students must have earned 12 college level credit hours.

Student Loan Program

This college loan repayment program is also a component of the Student Services Program. It pays up to \$10,000.00 towards outstanding student loans for tribal members who have earned their Bachelor's Degree or Masters' Degree. Payment is made directly to the lending institution.

Higher Education - Undergraduate Students

Scholarships provided for assistance with tuition, books, fees, room/board for tribal members attending college fulltime (12 credit hours) and maintaining a 2.0 grade point average. Part-time students (6-11 credit hours) are also eligible for assistance with tuition, books and fees only.

For Fall Semester 2002 and Spring Semester 2003, scholarships in the amount of approximately \$375,000.00 were awarded for 152 tribal members. This number includes both full-time students and part-time students.

Higher Education - Graduate Students

Scholarships are also provided for tribal members attending graduate school. These scholarships include assistance for tuition, books, fees, room/board, etc.

We awarded scholarships in the amount of \$84,000.00 for 11 full-time graduate students and 3 part-time graduate students for Fall Semester 2002 and Spring Semester 2003.

Job Skills Program

The greatest accomplishment is becoming a satellite program of Fresh Start, offering Destination and Pass Key computer programs. Royal Valley High School and Kickapoo Nation high school students now have the opportunity to make up English credits they had failed during the school year. This has been very successful with 28 students completing their required course. These students have been tribal members, other native children and non-Indians.

Computer classes offered in our computer lab include Access, Excel, AutoCad 2002, Dream Weaver, Corel Draw 8, MS Word, Quark Express, Basic Computer, Mavis Beacon Typing Skills; and we have an Elders Lab which consists of basic computer skills as a way for elders to communicate.

Training attended by the Job Skills Coordinator - Kansas Adult Education Association Conference, Data Evaluation through KAEA, Quark Express, Dream Weaver, Corel Draw.

Four (4) students completed G.E.D. classes in our computer lab and successfully received their high school diploma.

Johnson O'Malley Program

The Oklahoma Area Education Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, presented our J.O.M. Program with a "Recognition of Excellence" award for being an exemplary program. This award was given at the Annual Oklahoma Area J.O.M. Conference.

The J.O.M. Program, Title VII Program of U.S.D. #337, Boys & Girls Club, sponsor an end-of-the-year Awards Banquet. This gives us the opportunity to recognize our K-12 students for a successful school year, and to thank all the people and different programs who support our students throughout the year. Awards for students include perfect attendance, honor roll, and extra curricular activities.

Our service area includes the following schools: Royal Valley, Head Start, Delia and Emmett elementary, Holton, Jackson Heights, Rossville, and St. Marys.

This is a reimbursement program for our service area that offers supplementary financial assistance to help defray costs associated with keeping students in school. Educational cost items include

class materials, book rental, class fees, band instrument rental, ACT fees, senior announcements/pictures, and sports activities.

Student Services Program

The mission of the Student Services Program for K-12 students is to place a computer in each household that includes an enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi student attending private, public, or home school; provide financial assistance of up to \$300 per calendar year per student for school related activities; and promote high school completion by providing each high school graduate with a \$200 incentive.

Upon the recommendation of her medical doctor, the Education Department was able to provide an 8-year-old visually impaired student with a Braille keyboard, and a software program called "Window Eyes" that enables her to be able to access the computer she received through the Student Services Program. Without these adaptations to the computer, she would not have been able to use it. Her mother states that this has made a significant difference in her life.

Other accomplishments include: 1) purchased computers for 141 households, which increases the total number of households served to 486; 2) processed 1,256 requests for financial assistance for 782 students; 3) provided incentives to 29 high school students.

Future goals are: 1) increase the number of households served by the approximately 160 households who have not responded to letters sent out to tribal members; 2) contact all seniors to insure that they are aware of the graduation incentive; 3) contact all households that are not enrolled that have a student entering kindergarten this fall.

High School Student Graduates with Honors

Jessie Leigh Murray, an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi in Mayetta, Kansas, recently graduated with honors from the Poplar High School in Poplar, Montana. Jessie is the daughter of Robert and Theresa (Jessepe) Murray and the granddaughter of the late LeRoy Jessepe, Sr. and Constance Magnauck Lewis and Joseph Lewis.

While in school, Jessie was always involved in all sports and received many awards and medals. She also earned her black belt in karate. Besides sports, Jessie played the clarinet in the high school band, was a member of the Close-Up organization, and did modeling for the Barbizon Modeling Company based in Denver, Colorado. Her favorite past time is "pow wowing" with her family. She is a fancy shawl dancer and enjoys traveling throughout Indian country and making new friends.

Jessie will be attending the University of Montana at Missoula this fall; she will be pursuing a law degree with a minor in theater. Family members in Montana and Kansas are very proud of her accomplishments and know that she will succeed at whatever she strives to do.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND EXTRA CREDIT: Questions For The Principal

August 13, 2003 FYI-For parents
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In a recent article titled "Questions for the principal," the Arizona Republic provided parents with suggested questions "to ask at your child's school." Following is a list of the proposed questions:

READING

What methods are you using to teach my child to read? Are teachers trained in these methods? How can I help my child's progress at home?

TESTING

What national, state and district tests will my child take this year? When will the tests be given? What will the tests measure, and how soon will I receive the results?

TEACHERS

What subjects are my child's teacher qualified to teach? Is the teacher trained in skills needed to teach the visually impaired, the developmentally disabled, the learning disabled or the gifted?

LABELS

What label was given to the school last fall? If it was labeled underperforming, ask for a copy of the state required School Improvement Plan. It will provide statistics about the school's plan to improve. Ask to meet with members of the state solutions team to discover what they learned about your school's strengths and weaknesses. If you don't like what you hear, ask if your child qualifies to attend a better-performing school in the district.

TUTORING

Do you offer a free or fee-based after-school program? Does my child qualify for free state tutoring?

The complete text of the Arizona Republic article can be found at: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0803parents03box.html>

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Undefeated Lady Bugs of Topeka Secure First Place

Pe-Qwas Hernandez plays softball on the Lady Bugs team in the Instructional league at Dornwood Park in Topeka, Kansas. Their instructional tournament began on July 15th and ended on July 18th. The Lady Bugs were undefeated during the tournament and received the first place trophy. Way to go Lady Bugs!!!



Paul Hernandez and Laury-Shopteese Hernandez are the proud parents of Pe-Qwas. She turned 7-years-old on July 20th and looks forward to playing softball next year.



Congratulations to Jacob Wamego!

On June 30, 2003, the College of Arts and Sciences at Washburn University announced the inscribing of the name of Jacob M. Wamego on the Dean's Honor Roll in recognition of Superior Academic Achievement.



Construction Job Training

Who: Tribal Men and Women

What: Job Training and Placement Assistance

When: Sept. 8 to Oct. 8 M-F 8:30 - 3:00

Where: Government Center/Lower level

The YWCA Career Assistance Network Women and Minorities in Highway Construction Program is recruiting students for a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation satellite session.

C.A.N. provides pre-employment training, support and counseling, and post-training job search assistance to women and minorities interested in careers in highway construction.



Classroom training will take place in the Government Center, lower level training room. Transportation to Topeka will be provided to allow use of the YWCA pool and fitness arena.



Five weeks will be spent in physical conditioning, classroom instructions and field trips. Classes will include:

- Self-awareness training addressing communication skills, workplace issues, assertiveness and practical problem-solving.
- Instruction in career development and job search skills.
- Vocational math, mechanical concepts and terminology.
- Rigorous physical training to increase strength, endurance and cardiovascular fitness.
- Orientation for apprenticeship opportunities.



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Job Skills Coordinator
(785) 966-2884 or email:
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Enrollment deadline: Sept. 4

A Journey to Remember

By Juanita Jessepe

"Bozho" – the universal word for "hello" in Potawatomi – was singularly the most often used greeting during the 2003 Gathering of the Potawatomi hosted by the Hannaville Band of Potawatomi Indians in Michigan this year. Old and new acquaintances alike greeted each other like long lost relatives, which essentially was the reason for the trip – to meet and greet relatives and strengthen the bonds of friendship, family and goodwill. Of course, the Prairie Band entourage arrived in full force with a caravan of five busloads of "Prairie Bands" carrying assorted relatives, bus companions and friends willing to endure the long ride. And what a test of endurance it turned out to be!

On the way up, we stopped at historical Skunk Hill. It was when we left the site that we entered the "Outer Zone". Some of us began to notice that the driver appeared to be driving aimlessly around Wisconsin Rapids. Whenever he spotted a Wal-Mart, K-Mart, or some strip mall parking lot he'd pull in and park. Why, we'll never know. But we spent a lot of time idling in parking lots. Finally, we were on our way out of town – but not before we ran into several police roadblocks! Somehow we managed to 'get out of town before sundown'. As we got on the highway again we breathed a collective sigh of relief. Most of us swore that the local cops must have received a report that five busloads of Indians were "circling" the town, and (that) the roadblocks were placed strategically along the way to get us out of town! Indian humor got us through it all.

When we finally reached our destination in Escanaba, Michigan we were faced with the chore of figuring out who went where, with whom and which motel. Apparently, there was a foul-up with our room reservations. But, once again - Indian humor overcame short tempers and finally we got settled into our rooms. But there was an added finale to the foul-up. On the eve of the last night in Michigan, some of us had to check out of our existing rooms and check into other rooms leaving some of us doubled up, and tripled up with new roommates. And, to add to the mud-ling, it rained every single day of the gathering! A local non-Indian was heard to comment that the state had been suffering from a dry spell until "all those Indians arrived." I couldn't tell if he was complaining, or thanking us for the rain. The trip back home was less adventure-some. (Yawn).

Disregarding the mishaps, the trip was full of memorable experiences.

The arrival at Skunk Hill was heart rendering for my friend Leatrice (Wabnum) Noriega. She was coming 'back home' where she was raised as a child during the late forties and early fifties. I used to hear her mother Blanche Cook, talk about their life and times at Skunk Hill. My uncle, "Kack-Kack" Jessepe also lived around there about this same time. Though he traveled back and forth between Wisconsin and Kansas his heart and spirit remained in Wisconsin. Today, there are several Prairie Band enrolled Potawatomi people still living in Wisconsin and around Skunk Hill. I was especially pleased to meet Carol Snowball for the first time. She is a very beautiful and gracious Prairie Band Potawatomi woman. She told us stories about the Dance Rings preserved there. She said people would walk many miles to get there for religious ceremonies and men would come in carrying the drums on their backs. People would stay for days and sometimes weeks after the 'doings'. She said local farmers would sit up on the cliffs looking on during the ceremonies. Though they could not participate they brought food to share with them afterwards. She said long ago, a 'bad sickness' hit the village and many Potawatomi and others died. There were so many dying they were buried right next to their homes, sometimes under houses or in the yards. There was not enough time to bury them 'properly'. She reminded us as we spoke, we could very well be standing on the bones of some of our passed-aways. Repatriation of Indian burial sites has been an ongoing issue between the local tribes, including the Prairie Band Potawatomi, and the State of Wisconsin for several years now. Today, the area is a state park but most of the cliffs have been blasted away to make way for "progress". It's now being touted as an attraction for winter skiers. Leatrice was going to show me where she lived and played as a young girl, so we were going to walk around the area, but one of the bus drivers was leaning on the horn. I guess he was getting anxious to circle around Wisconsin Rapids for the next several hours!

A highlight of the trip was when Leatrice spotted one of her relatives Phyllis Thomas and assorted other relatives sitting under a rain shelter with one of my relatives Dale Thomas, who was there with his wife Cindy.

It was like being a kid again listening to Dale talk about the "way it used to be". We talked about modern times and how they've affected our Indian way of life and shared reticent reminders that most of us are not honoring the 'old way'. I asked him, if someday I could tell his stories – in a book, or maybe the tribal newspaper. He responded (in so many words) that the stories and the old ways didn't belong to him they are to be shared with others. "That's why those 'old ways' are getting lost. They are not being told" I like his philosophy. My dad used to take us to his mother's (Lillian Thomas') place to visit a lot when we were growing up. I enjoyed seeing him again. We visited, laughed, shared somber thoughts and listened to Dale's sto-

ries until we had to catch the last bus to the motel. He said to me as we leaving: "If anybody out there asks about me and wants to know how I'm doing, tell them I already said, Hi".

The gathering trip was a good journey in more ways than one. At first, I was undecided whether to go or not. But I couldn't come up with a good reason not to. The ride was long but I'm glad I went. I enjoyed the company of my bus mates starting from the first row all the way to the back of the "Green Hornet" (the senior bus). And I would be remiss if I didn't apologize to Daniel Martinez (the unofficial head counter and the official snacks and water monitor) for giving him such a hard time - but he started it!

Admittedly, some of us felt 'put out' in some situations. But all in all, we made the best of it, by using laughter as 'medicine' to keep tempers down and spirits up. It was a long trip but I'm glad I went. At first, I was undecided whether or not to go. But I really couldn't come up with a good reason not to. If I didn't go, I wouldn't have enjoyed making new friendships and renewing old ones. Some of us, each knew who the other was, but it was our first time getting acquainted.

During the gathering, I had the chance to get reacquainted with my 'old' friends – the "Yazzie Sisters" - Linda and Ramona. We got caught up on what we were doing 'these days' and of course we talked about our younger days. We couldn't believe it was that long ago, when we were wearing a path around the outside of the pow-wow arena west of the "Rock House" just like we were watching our nieces, nephews, granddaughters and grandsons doing at the gathering. Round and round we went. Diverting eye contact with boys at just the right second. Yet, we were always in full view of our parents, who were watching us like hawks. We didn't dare meet their eyes. My grandma once said, "It's all about eye contact." We agreed those were the good old days!

These days are good too. I will be eternally grateful for being given the chance to 'forge many good memories that will last a lifetime.

A Hearty Thanks

I would like to take time to thank Paula for her good job on the Gathering. She did a good job as monitor on our bus #1550. Also, a big thanks to Chad Edwards who responded when my granddaughter got a bad coffee burn on her chest; he continued to ask how she was doing.

Thank you again,
Maxine Begay



2003 Gathering, July 31 – August 3

The following article has been submitted by Micki Martinez with some changes. She was given the task to take notes of the 2003 Gathering and do her fantastic photo shoots. The PBP News thanks her for her work in this project.--mly

The Trip Begins

By 7:30 a.m. on July 29, 2003, and with much anticipation and excitement, the five buses were loaded and ready to get on with the trip to the Hannaville Indian Community Band of Potawatomi at Wilson, Michigan near Escanaba. The day, had arrived after months of planning.

Once on the road, Cameron, Missouri beckoned for a breakfast stop. Unfortunately for one passenger, this was not a good move, she sprained her ankle but a PBPNT EMT rushed her to the local hospital for emergency services. They were able to catch up at the next stop, which was lunch at Cedar Falls, Iowa. One of the sights was an Amish wagon as they drove on for their evening break at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

After everyone had a nights rest, the first stop was to visit the Prairie Band Potawatomi settlement at Arpin, Wisconsin: Skunk Hill also known as Powers Bluff. Art Shegonee, an advocate of Skunk Hill, welcomed everyone "home" and gave a brief history of this area. Walking and climbing the rocks brought back memories to many, as well as the knowledge that the Prairie Band's roots still remain as evidenced by the burial sites. Fred and Germaine Pidgeon also shared stories and photos of their historical research that included "marker trees" and photos of relatives. To find out more on Skunk Hill, search the internet or reread Rey Kitchkumme's extensive article that was published in the PBP News.

Although the buses did not follow the marker trees to Escanaba, Michigan, the trees do point the way to Escanaba and the Skunk Hill burial sites. But, the buses did follow Michigan's Highway 35 that included scenic sights such as Lake Michigan, pine trees, ferns, cranberry bogs, and corn fields.

Thursday, arrival day! The site of the Gathering! Registration!

Once everyone registered and received their Gathering packets, travel bags were distributed to all adults and each youth received a back pack filled with the Gathering items, the time had come to get

reacquainted and meet someone new.

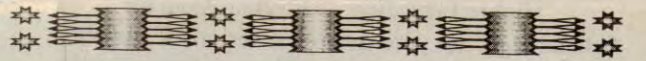
Although it rained off and on during the Gathering, this did not stop people from enjoying the events planned or try out new experiences. To officially begin the Gathering, various color guards posted their colors. Pow-wows, concerts, youth teen boxing, bingo, and classes on how to make beaded quill earrings and leather pouches were available. A tribal youth member from Topeka, Kansas tried out his skill at boxing against a trained boxer and took first place in his weight division; Hannaville Boxing Club held the matches. The Giveaway was held on Saturday, August 2nd with the conclusion of the Gathering on August 3rd.

The Trip Home

After leaving Escanaba, Rey Kitchkumme met the travelers at Shabbona State Park located in DeKalb County Illinois; another historical site for the Prairie Band. Chief Shabbona's settlement is located in the vicinity; and, photos of his great-great granddaughters, Erma (Kegg) Pequano and Elizabeth (Kegg) Hale, are located in the snack bar with other artifacts. The travelers then drove to Rochelle, Illinois to spend the night.

Heat and humidity picked up as the travelers stopped for lunch at Des Moines, Iowa; a sure sign Kansas was drawing near! On August 4th, the buses rolled in at 6:30 p.m. at the Bingo Hall, a half an hour earlier than expected. The following are some of the comments registered by the travelers:

- This is the first time I've went to the Gathering.
- The pow wow grounds were beautiful.
- Skunk Hill and Shabonna Park was interesting.
- I attended quill work classes, beadwork classes and danced two nights at the pow wow!
- I especially enjoyed seeing relatives I haven't seen in years.
- Enjoyed every minute of the Gathering.
- Felt good dancing.
- Hopefully they'll put the elders on the first floor next time.
- I loved talking to different people and enjoyed every bit of the trip.



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Accuracy Check: Update Address and Name Changes

PER CAPITA OFFICE NEWS

The Per Capita Office, in conjunction with the Enrollment Office and Election Board, will soon be mailing a letter to all adult tribal members regarding the information on file for each adult member to check for accuracy. We have been working hard to combine services in order to better serve the membership. As a result, we've made some changes that we hope everyone will find user friendly.

The biggest change involves updating addresses and name changes. Such changes must now be mailed in or brought in person to the Enrollment Office. Changes can no longer be accepted by phone, fax, or e-mail. The purpose of this new method of providing updates is to protect all members from unauthorized changes to his or her information on file. 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. While we understand that it can be difficult and painstaking to provide everything in writing along with the requested documents, we hope to end any and all attempts at fraud by implementing these new procedures.

Another change that has been a long time in coming is having the Enrollment Office, Election Board, and Per Capita Office on the same software, sharing the same information. Members will no longer have to deal with each and every office to update their information. All changes will be routed through the Enrollment Office, where one person will be responsible for all updates. The entire process will be streamlined and much less time consuming for members. Because we will be sharing information, we have undertaken the task of reviewing each and every adult member's file to correct differences of information among our offices. While we've made corrections where we could, but there are still many members we can't verify information for due to a lack of proper documentation.

The IRS recently passed a new regulation that goes into effect next year that can result in fines being levied against the Per Capita Office and each individual member for whom our information is not accurate. The ruling basically states that if we do not accurately report a name that matches the Social Security Number on file with the Social Security Administration, a fine will be assessed against the member and us per occurrence. The fine will be approximately \$50.00 each, which can quickly add up. Because of this new regulation, we are requesting a copy of each adult tribal member's Social Security card.

Please have patience with us while we go through this transitional period. In the end, we hope you'll agree that it was worth the effort. Thank you to everyone in advance for your cooperation and patience!



Charitable Contributions Award Ceremony

Shelli Osterle of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society thanked PBP for awarding the Mid-America Chapter with \$300. She wore this hand painted Tee shirt during her 3-day / 50 mile walk, this past June from Smithville, Missouri to North Kansas City, Missouri.

After many months of waiting for the process to be completed, the PBP's Charitable Contributions ceremony took place at the Bingo Hall on Monday, July 21, 2003, with \$226,755.00 awarded to organizations in various categories such as the arts, community service, culture, education, health, religion, sports and recreation, and the youth. Thirty-six applicants were awarded.



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CHILDREN LEARN THE VALUE OF SAVING

It's never too early to start teaching our children the value of saving for the future. Teaching children the importance of saving today to buy that coveted toy tomorrow will help them develop the skills and attitude to save for larger items in the future - such as college, a car, a house and even for their own retirement. That's why we offer a kid's page as a fun way for children to learn about Social Security and saving for the future. With school out for the summer, now is the perfect time to direct your children to our kid's page. With the help of a turtle, crow, lion, grasshopper, pig and Social Security card, your kids will have fun while they learn some valuable lessons.

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/kids.htm>

Reminder

PBP News deadline is the 15th of the month.

If you have an upcoming event in October, the information has to be in the News office by September 15th.

September mail out date is tentatively the 26th.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

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

Government Center

877 715-6789

Alcohol & Drug

866 966-2411

Boys & Girls Club

866 727-6242

(866 PBP-NBGC)

Housing

866 966-2756

Social Services

888 966-2932

Tribal Court

866 966-2242

Transit Program

(785) 966-3024 or

877 727-6743

(877-PBP-NRIDE)

Meeting Schedule

We-Ta-Se Post 410

Monday, September 8, 2003

We-Ta-Se Unit 410

(Auxiliary)

Monday, September 15, 2003

WANTED TO BUY

**"Squaw" Dice
set including a
Wooden Bowl
to play the game**

Anyone having this information
Please contact **Mary Young**
PBP.N.News
P O Box 116
Mayetta, KS 66509

Or e-mail
Maryy@pbpnation.org

Or telephone and leave a message
(785) 966-2461



Bingo Management (L-R): Vestina Nonken, former Acting Manager, Louie Creek, Assistant Manager, and Sylvia Moss, Manager.

Bingo Under New Management

By Mary Young

Sylvia Moss, Manager, and Louie Creek, Assistant Manager, have replaced Vestina Nonken who temporarily stepped in until the hiring process was completed and a final decision was made. They both have brought expertise and experience to PBP Bingo. For nine and one-half years, Sylvia had been with the Forest County Potawatomi Bingo; Louie has worked in every department at PBP Bingo for three years. Their goal is to be "the very best place to play bingo in the state;" and, to begin the process, Sylvia will be working with Harrah's on a new marketing promotion starting August 20th.

Sylvia and her husband, Harold, have three children, Danielle, Adam, and Bruce III. Her parents are Floyd Wamego, Horton, Kansas, and Mildred (Whitefish) and stepfather Peter Engels of Wabeno, Wisconsin. She said she is "happy to be working for my own people and hope to make a difference and pleased that the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe has chosen me to be their Bingo Manager."

Vestina said she will now go back into retirement and was glad to help out during this time. She wanted "to keep Bingo going and not set it go down."

Bingo Schedule

New Levels will be starting in August:

Level 1 Payout—\$200

\$10—1st 6-On

\$5—Additional 6-On's

\$13—1st 9-On

\$8—Additional 9-On's

Level 2 Payout \$400

\$25—1st 6-On

\$10—Additional 6-On's

\$30—1st 9-On

\$15—Additional 9-On's

Level 3 Payout \$600

\$40—1st 6-On

\$13—Additional 6-On's

\$45—1st 9-On

\$18—Additional 9-On's

EXCEPTION 7th & 21st

These are "**Hot Spot**" days so only 9-On's will be sold. \$16—1st 9-On; \$8—Each Additional Bingo on a certain Card on your 9-On and win up to \$400

Mini Games Begin at 6:30

10 games at \$5 each

Regular session begins shortly after Mini's

Combo Pack—\$20 value for only \$16

Includes: 3 continuous, 3 Break the Bank, 3 Potawatomi, 1 Large U-Pick Em, 1 Speedball, 1 Dbl



The Prairie Band Gift Shop

Come in for a really great gift.

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

Harrah's
PRAIRIE BAND
CASINO
harrah.com

Owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

SEPTEMBER 2003

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	Hamburgers Broccoli Soup Baked Fries Fruit Salad	Baked Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Normandy Dinner Roll	Chicken Fajitas Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Tomato Salad	Ham & C. Croissant. Vegetable Soup Citrus Salad Crackers
BLT Sandwich Baked Beans Quiche Fruit	Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Noodles Spinach Salad Biscuits	Lasagna Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Birthday Dinner Ham, Potato Stuffing, Yams Green Bean Cass.	Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Caesar Salad Crackers
Country Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Zucchini & Carrots Dinner Roll	Stir-Fry Chicken Pork Egg Rolls Egg Drop Soup Fruit	Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Succotash Dinner Roll	Meatloaf Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	Chicken Salad Sand. Mixed Vegetables Chicken Rice Soup Crackers
Tiger & Onions Potato & Gravy Zucchini & Tomato Dinner Roll	Sweetish Meatballs served over Pasta Green Beans Garlic Bread	Baked Chicken Grilled Potato Brussels Sprouts Dinner Roll	Beef & Hominy Buffalo Burgers Tossed Salad Fried Bread	CLOSED FOR INDIAN DAY
Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Carrots or Spinach Dinner Roll	Cheesy Chicken Baked Potato Broccoli Dinner Roll			

POTAWATOMI ELDER CENTER

LUNCH HOURS 11:30-12:30
SENIORS 50+FREE
ADULTS \$3.50
CHILDREN \$2.00
WARRANT SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Area Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

Prairie Band Baptist Church

128 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS

Sunday: 10 am – Sunday School

11 am – Worship Service

Pastor Terry Paine

Bethany Baptist Church

821 New York Ave., Holton, KS

(785) 364-4379

David Noland, Youth Sunday School Teacher
David preaches the 5th Sunday of months.

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 – 166th Rd, Mayetta

Our Lady of Snows is on-line with a web page on history, calendar of events, mass schedule, photo gallery, and other important information. Please take a few minutes to visit our web page at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/snow/index.html> or go to the tribal web site home page and click on Our Lady of Snows icon. We would be glad to answer any questions about our parish.

Native American Mass at Assumption Church

204 West 8th, Topeka, KS

Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist

On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.

Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

Sunday: 9:45 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service

Pentecostal

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134

Rev. Vernon Potts

Sunday: 10 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship service

7 pm – Evening Worship

THE BIBLE SAYS...

By Pastor Terry Paine

The Bible says in John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

In this text, Jesus is speaking of something that He voluntarily gave up. It was something He gave up to glorify His Heavenly Father.

What was it, that He gave up??

Of course, most of us know that Jesus was soon to give up His very life's blood on an old rugged cross, for your sins, my sins, and the sins of the whole world. But here, He was talking about even something more. It was something that He had to give up to be able to come into this world as a human being.

Can you take a little theology today?? For all of eternity, Jesus has ALWAYS been God! He was as much God in the manger, as He is on the throne in Heaven today! He didn't become God when He took on human form as that little babe in the manger at Bethlehem. He ALWAYS was God!

The last part of this text says, "...the glory which I had with thee before the world was." He was God before the world was even created!

So from this we know it was not His royal priesthood He gave up. You see, what He gave up was.... His GLOW! He limited Himself by giving up the glow of His awesome holiness. How many of you believe that God is light, and in Him is no darkness? (That's what the Bible says.) When Moses came down off the Mountain of God, Mt. Sinai, the Bible tells us that His face glowed! Why? Because Moses had been in the presence of God, and God is light.

When Jesus appeared to men in the Old Testament, He was brighter than the noonday sun. But when He walked with men on this earth, He had to limit Himself. He gave up his glow!

You might say, "I can't believe all of this preacher!" Well, listen to what Stephen saw in Acts 7:55 "But he (Stephen), being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." He saw Jesus standing there, and He GLOWED with the glory of God!

Or what about the Apostle John, when Jesus appeared to him in Revelation 1. Verse 16 says "...and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength." As the song says, "Shine, Jesus, Shine."

Jesus was soon to die for you and me – all Jesus asked of His Heavenly Father was... "Father, give me back that glow."

Beloved, someday you and I will walk that valley of the shadow of death. Wouldn't you like to experience that glow as you cross that valley?? The Bible tells us that there's only one way. You must receive Jesus as your saviour. Why not call upon his name today and be saved. "Oh, that will be glory for me, when by his grace, I shall look on his face, that will be glory, be glory, for me!!"



GAMBOTTEK

(Those who died)

Jon Leroy Blandin

A Memorial Gathering for Jon Leroy Blandin, 52, of Lawrence, KS is planned for 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 31, 2003 at the Union Pacific Depot, 402 N. 2nd Street, Lawrence. Mr. Blandin died Sunday, August 3, 2003 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. He had lived in Lawrence the past seven years and prior to that, he lived in the Topeka and Kansas City area. Warren-McElwain Mortuary has handled arrangements.

Jon was born September 1, 1950 in Holton, KS the son of Leroy "Pete" and Dorothy (Patch) Blandin.

Jon was a graduate of Topeka High School, attended the University of Kansas, Washburn University and the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He completed the two year Chef Apprenticeship Program at Johnson County Community College and Westin Hotel's Executive Chef Apprenticeship Program. He was a member of the Kansas City Chef's Association.

Jon Blandin enlisted and served in the US Air Force from 1969-1971 as an Avionics Electronic Warfare Repairman.

Jon was a cook at Naismith Residence Hall at the University of Kansas and Dos Hombres in Lawrence. Formerly, he was a chef at Café Allegro (a four star award winning restaurant), the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City. He was also the Executive Chef at the Butler Country Club in Butler, MO.

Jon was a proud member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, where he volunteered on numerous building projects, and provided transportation for reservation children to Head Start in Topeka. He was also an active member of the American Indian Movement. He enjoyed music, dancing, theater, crossword puzzles, trivia, national public radio, humor, and fishing. He was a strong believer in social justice issues.

His close companion, Mary Lisa Pike, Lawrence and a sister Judy Gunn, Port Orange, FL, survives him.

The family suggests that personal acts of kindness be performed as a memorial contribution in Jon's honor.

Online condolences may be sent to info@warrenmcelwain.com (subject: Blandin)



Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Hot summer months with temperatures in the three digit category call for quick and easy meals that do not require the oven or burners on for an extended amount of time! Some cooks will make several meals at a time and freeze or refrigerate portions to serve at a later time. This not only saves time but will keep you out of the hot kitchen. This also works during cold weather, or just a busy schedule.

Orange Spice Mold with Pears

Courtesy of the *Say Yes to Fresh Cookbook*, Pillsbury

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup strongly-brewed orange spice tea or her tea
3/4 cup cubed fresh pear or apple
3/4 cup seedless green grapes, halved

Lightly oil 3-cup mold. In small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over water to soften; stir over low heat until gelatin dissolves. Remove from heat. Add sugar and salt, stirring until dissolved. Stir in tea. Refrigerate until slightly thickened but not set, about 45 minutes. Stir in pear and grapes. Pour into prepared mold. Refrigerate until firm. Unmold onto lettuce-lined serving plate. 6 (1/2-cup) servings.

Cream Cheese Balls

Courtesy of the *Say Yes to Fresh Cookbook*, Pillsbury

Soften 3 or 8-oz. pkg. Cream cheese slightly; cut into garnish-size portions. Shape into balls. Roll in cinnamon or finely chopped nuts to use with muffins or quick breads; roll in finely chopped parsley or other fresh herbs to use with arranged salads.

Summer Salmon Salad with Pears

Courtesy of the *Say Yes to Fresh Cookbook*, Pillsbury

9-oz. pkg. Green Giant® Harvest fresh® Frozen Baby Lima Beans
2 medium pears or apples, sliced (2 cups)
1 to 2 zucchini, sliced (2 cups)
16-oz. can salmon, drained, flaked
Spinach or lettuce leaves
Creamy Parsley-Honey Dressing

Potawatomi Tribal Emergency Services Fights Wildland Fires

Submitted by: Cheri-Micol Smith

Twelve employees of PBPB have answered the calling to help out on the wildland fires that have stirred ablaze in Colorado and Montana. Raymond Nioce and Bill Merkel returned on August 16 after leaving July 30 to fight the burning lands on the 2,050 square miles (or 1.5+ million acres) of the Flathead Indian Reservation.

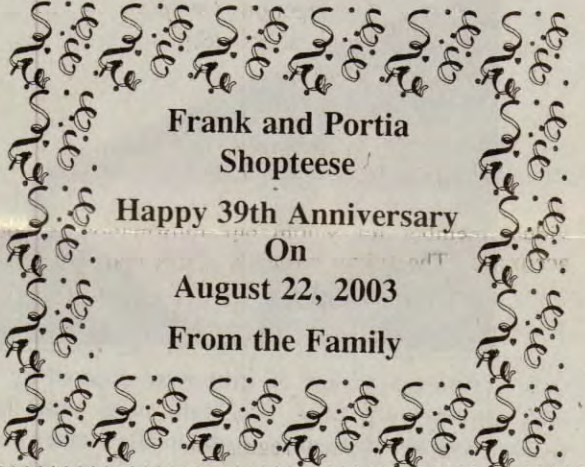
In that time, they worked long hot hours averaging 12-16 hours per day, including 27 fires in only 6 days. A few of the fires they worked were the Skunk Meadows, Skunk One, East Jetty, Boulder, and Hog Heaven fires. On one particular fire, the men were flown in by helicopter and fought fire for 3 days working until midnight only to get up and dig line at 6 am after camping out in sleeping bags in the mountains. Now, that is work!!!

Raymond, who is also a PBPB tribal member, also spent 6 days working on a hand crew to get his squad boss task book signed off. He has one more task to complete to become certified. This certification will allow Raymond to get bossy and control a squad of 10 firefighters.

The Engine Crew is currently in Ronan, Montana and they are: Joe Morris III, who is the Crew/Engine Boss, Larry Woltje, Engine Operator, and Firefighters Michael Schubert and John Rodecap. Firefighter Michael Barbosa returned from fire duty near the end of July.

The Hand Crew departed for Colorado on August 7 and is currently in Missoula, Montana. They are slated to return around August 25. Those devoted men are: Randy Smith, Lance Wishkeno, Raphael Wahwassuck (from the Boys and Girls Club), Rick Swogger, and Brian Jones. As of last report, all are doing fine and are working very hard!!!

If you have any questions, or are interested in experiencing the time of your life out on a wildland fire, feel free to give us a call at the station (785) 966-2164.



Frank and Portia Shopteese

Happy 39th Anniversary

On August 22, 2003

From the Family

BRAND NEW PBP FIRE-FIGHTER FIGHTS FIRES IN ARIZONA & FAWN COMPLEX FIRE IN WASHINGTON STATE

By Lavonne Goslin

On March 28, 2003, Robbie Goslin, a tribal member, received his Red Card for firefighting by completing training at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation and through his S130 and S190 classes at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. While training at PBP, he was involved in four controlled burns and one actual fire under the supervision of Chief Brian Jones. Through HINU (Haskell), Robbie was offered the opportunity to work for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Service in Trout Lake, Washington. Robbie will be a senior this fall in Environmental Science and hopes to graduate next summer with his bachelor's degree.

Shortly after arriving in May, the Mt. Adams (Trout Lake) Search & Rescue Team services were requested to locate a missing 60-year-old man. About 4pm his family came to the Ranger Station noticeably upset and crying. They told the team that they had been hiking and their dad had never returned from their trip near some caves. Robbie and other members from his barracks immediately got their gear and two GPS (a global positioning unit) tracking systems and left for the caves. Robbie and another team member initially attempted to locate him in the cave, then returned again to the caves with two other team members. They found him 200-300 feet deep within the cave, and within five hours had him safely back with his family.

Besides this exciting cave rescue, Robbie was called out from his district with five firefighters to fly to a fire near Flagstaff, Arizona for three days. Then their team was called back to Winthrop, Washington—near the Canadian border—to the Fawn Complex Fires. Twenty firefighters from the Trout Lake District, including Robbie, drove ten hours to the complex of fires. They were able to totally contain the second fire in five days, and were then moved to the "Sweetgrass Fire". Then they moved to the "Fawn Fire", which was the biggest of the complex. They fought this forest fire—which had been started by a lit cigarette carelessly thrown away—for another nine days. This was a 500 acre fire initially, but by the time his team had to leave, it was still only 5% contained. The burning fire had now reached 12,000 acres.

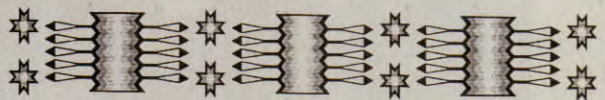
Robbie took the S-212 to obtain his certification as a sawyer early in the summer to prepare for the use of a chainsaw. He was then chosen to be one of a few sawyers at the Fawn Complex Fires. He sawed trees to clear paths, and dropped snags to

keep his team free of hazards. He spent a lot of time digging fire lines. Also as a first year firefighter he was given the task as lead polaski (ax) for most of the line digging. He loved the new challenges he faced, but was awestruck at the incredible experiences he learned as a new fire fighter.

Robbie recalls when he arrived at the "Fawn Complex Fire", he realized just how dangerous firefighting can be. He told his dad: "At times fighting a fire can create an excitement rush that cannot be explained in simple terms."

Upon returning to Trout Lake, he was sent to another five fires in the Gifford Pinchot districts that were small night fires and were between 1-5 acres each. Robbie has now returned home to Wisconsin for a few days respite from firefighting before he has to return to school for fall classes.

Robbie is the son of Rob and LaVonne (Chenault) Goslin. His mother is a Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal member and his dad is from the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The late Ethelene Chenault was his grandmother, and his great grandmother was the late Lillian Thomas. "Nan", as we affectionately called her, told us shortly before she died, to name Robbie "Jacquiss" after his great, great grandfather who also had blue eyes. We're sure that both grandmas are proud of him, as well as his parents.



Press Release

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50+ Second Potluck Surpasses the First

By Mary Young

Just when you think you've done all you can do to make an event great, Jim McKinney offered his home to plan activities for the second senior and elder potluck prior to the August 16, 2003 get-together. Those who attended the Gathering requested the August 9th date be rescheduled for the 16th; they wanted to rest before they attend another function. Even though there were 40 to 50 prizes, the Activity Committee decided only two prizes per person; this would give everyone an opportunity to win.

Attendance was great, 33 showed up for the potluck. Those who attended were from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Tulsa and Pawnee, Oklahoma and Horton, Kansas. The potluck was an added touch for those from Oklahoma;

*50+ Potluck

September 6, 2003
3—7 pm

Events:

- Bingo
- Squaw Dice
- Horseshoes
- Croquet
- Bring Your Pictures of the Gathering to show

they stopped to visit friends and family on their way to Haskell Indian Nations University. Nancy Conboy's daughter and granddaughter are from Pennsylvania.

After the icebreaker and meal, bingo and squaw dice were the main events. Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson brought her squaw dice; she was able to teach those who wanted to learn how to play. From the sounds of the laughter and the sh-h-h of the bingo players, the squaw dice players were enjoying themselves!

During the icebreaker, a discussion was held about the activities for the upcoming potlucks. The following are some of the suggestions: go to a rodeo,

attend the various pow-wow's such as the one at Shawnee Lake, go to a Royals game, visit the Kansas Historical Society and play horseshoes.

September 6th will be the last potluck from 3 - 7 pm due to Daylight Savings Time. The events will start earlier and will be over while there is still sunlight.

*A senior made a suggestion: At the next Talking Circle meeting, give the Saturday event a name other than "senior/elder" potluck. Remember, when a person becomes 50-years-old, they are considered a "senior."



Nugget, Nancy Conboy's daughter, is holding up a gift she won playing bingo. Nugget and her family live in Philadelphia, PA.



(L—R): Meeks Jackson, Rose Potts and Norma Mzhickteno.



Between 40 and 50 gifts were donated by the participants; the bingo and squaw dice winner could choose any gift. The "rule" is to wrap the gifts in newspaper and, during the games, if a winner won two gifts, they sit out to allow other players to win.



Winner of a squaw dice game, Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson holds up her gift for all to see.



Jim Darnall, Meeks Jackson, and Rose Potts trying their luck at bingo.



Bernadette Osage hold up her gift. She won at bingo! (L-R): Geraldine Cliff, Isabelle Thomas, Kitty Shopteese, Pat Keesis. Unidentified lady standing near Isabelle.



(L-R): Carol DeWitt in deep concentration by getting the horse to stand up, this would give her more points or a win. Julia Lewis is watching as Meeks Jackson is teaching the ladies how to play squaw dice.



(L—R): Geraldine Cliff, Isabelle Thomas, and Kitty Shopteese.