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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Newly elected Tribal Council sworn in on July 27



Recently elected Tribal Council members from left to right are Rey Kitchkumme, Vice-Chair, Ryan Dyer, Treasurer, Jackie Mitchell, Council Member, and Juanita Jessepe, Council Member. With them are Chairperson, Zach Pahmahmie and Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Secretary. The new Council members are seen here wearing a Pendleton blanket that was given to each of them. Outgoing Tribal Council members Gary Mitchell, Jim Potter, and Roy Ogden also received a blanket for their many years of service and were publicly recognized at the event.

A large crowd gathered for the Swearing In Ceremony of the new Tribal Council on July 27 at the Bingo Hall.

Steve Ortiz gave the invocation and Zach Pahmahmie, chair, gave the opening remarks. He said that the ceremony had two purposes: to show gratitude to the Council members who had previously served on the Council and to welcome the incoming Council members. He also voiced that he was looking forward to working with the new Council on the many challenges that the Nation is facing as the government moves ahead.

Following his speech, the new Council members were sworn in as a group. After that, brief speeches were given by each of the newly elected and then gifts were offered to them and those retiring from the Council.

At the event's conclusion, various members

of the audience filed by one by one to congratulate the new Council members.

A buffet was also served to the crowd after the ceremony ended that morning.



New treasurer, Ryan Dyer visits with employees during the Swearing In ceremony.

## 2004 Special Election Tribal Council Candidates Tribal Council (1 Position)

- Dale Delg
- Peggy Houston
- Joe Jessepe
- Terrell E. Moore
- Jim Potter
- Ann Simon-Garcia
- Tom Tuckwin
- George Wahquahboshkuk
- Trilby Wahwasuck
- Mary Young

- Term of office to run until July, 2006
- September 1-Last day to register to vote if you are not already registered
- September 15-Ballots mailed to all registered voters
- October 8-Election Day, Stone Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- October 14-Last day to file protest of election

See inside on page 2 for more details

## 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit invalidates state motor fuel tax

Submitted by: Zach Pahmahmie

On August 11, 2004, the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals granted judgment to the Nation and invalidated the state's motor fuel tax on fuel sold by the Nation's convenience store. This is an important victory that supports the inherent sovereign authority of Indian Tribes in Kansas and everywhere. The sovereign rights of Tribes are guaranteed by federal treaties and federal law. It is unfortunate that it has required five years of litigation to have these tribal rights upheld.

In 1999 a federal court lawsuit was filed by the Nation for a declaratory judgment and injunction.

The basic issue was whether federal law prohibits the state fuel tax under the circumstances of PBPN's case. The Nation's tribal government imposes its own fuel taxes, which are entirely used to build and maintain roads and bridges on and near its reservation.

The imposition of the state tax would make collection of our tribal fuel taxes impossible. In reversing the District Court, the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit held that the state tax illegally burdens a tribal enterprise that embodies significant reservation value.

When Kansas was admitted to the Union, it was on the condition that tribal rights not be impaired.

In accord with this condition, the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit has prohibited the impairment of PBPN's right to finance and operate a tribal government using the tribal fuel tax revenue.

The Nation is grateful that the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit recognized the merits of the case and invalidated the state tax. In the near future, the Nation will find out whether the State will attempt to appeal this decision or will finally recognize and accept the tribal rights that have been upheld by the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision.

In other news, David Prager, PBPN attorney, was

scheduled to argue before the Kansas Court of Appeals on August 17 in Kansas City, Kansas concerning tribal court (vs. state court) jurisdiction over casino patron claims. He reported that the Nation was previously successful in the Douglas County District Court which upheld exclusive tribal court jurisdiction and that this case would help determine the extent of state deference to tribal judicial jurisdiction.

Additionally, Prager will travel back to the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Denver on September 30 to represent the Nation in the State's appeal of the tribal tag decision recently made.



Rhythm and blues music artists, The Commodores, performed at the new Convention Center July 30 - August 1 and proved to be a popular draw. They were sold out in the first two nights and a third show was added. Over 2,800 people attended the shows during the three-day period. The photo, right, shows the group during a sound check before their first show and it was taken by Mary Young.

## Commodores a hit at Harrah's new Convention Center



Are there three Commodores or four? John Rupnicki, third from left, had fun posing with the group one night after they performed. The photo, left, and backstage pass was submitted by Jona Rupnicki.



## New casino expansion areas now open

by: Suzanne Heck

What an exciting and proud time to be a Prairie Band Potawatomi member as the Nation's new casino expansion facilities are now open to the public.

And, to show how much tribal members are appreciated, the Casino is sending all members age 21 and over, a coupon for a free hotel stay and another one for 30 percent off a dinner at the Three Fires Steakhouse that is valid until December 31, 2005.

In addition, the Casino will host a dinner during the General Council meeting to be held at the Event Center on October 16.

There have been several activities and events that have already taken place and several more on tap for the coming months.

Tribal members and employees were given tours of the new facilities in early July and were treated to a luncheon at the Convention/Events Center on July 28 and a dinner at the Steakhouse on August 12.

On July 30 the Commodores, kicked off the opening of the Events Center in the Great Lakes Ballroom and drew a sold out crowd. The next big entertainer to appear will be Tony Orlando who is scheduled for August 20 - 21. Tribal VIPs and their families, along with several other folks,

were invited to be special guests during some of the concert performances.

The Gaming Commissioners were one of the first groups to move in to the new expanded area and are now located behind the Casino next to the new RV Park.

Upcoming activities include a Flame Lighting ceremony and Grand Opening Reception to be held on August 27 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the hotel's courtyard. Speeches from Chair, Zach Pahmahmie and a Harrah's representative are on tap along with those of other dignitaries who have also been invited for the day.

The new expansion includes a three-story hotel with over 190 rooms, a steakhouse restaurant, a new Prairie Village Gift Shop, and a 12,000 feet convention/event center. In addition, the gaming area was expanded and outside is a new driveway entry area and new parking lots.

The exterior of the building has also been beautifully redesigned and features a mural that portrays the history of the Prairie Band people that is located on the west side of the front exterior of the hotel.

A grand opening is scheduled for all of the new facilities Sept. 9-12.

See back page for a photo tour of the new facilities.



## 2004 Notice of Special Election for Tribal Council

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that an election will be held on October 8, 2004 for the purpose of electing one (1) member of the Tribal Council which is (1) Council Person. The term of office for this position will fill the duration of term (July 2006). This election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Ordinance of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, New Mexico will assist the Election Board with this Election.

### Qualified Voters

To cast a ballot in this election you must:

- A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- B) Be 18 years of age or older by Sept. 1, 2004
- C) Have a voter registration form on file with the Election Board no later than Sept. 1, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

### Ballot Distribution

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than September 15, 2004. All ballot distribution packages will contain:

- a preaddressed return envelope for mailing ballots back to the Election Board

All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Mayetta, Kansas no later than 9:00 a.m. on the date of the election, October 8, 2004.

### Election Results

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

The Election Board shall issue the preliminary election results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation. Protests of the election results may be filed up until October 14, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

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

### Tribal Council Election Calendar

**Election Date**  
**October 8, 2004**

**August 23, 2004 - 4:00 p.m.**

- Last day to file Declaration of Candidacy and pay non-refundable filing fee and turn in photo graph for ballot.

**August 30, 2004 - 4:00 p.m.**

- Last day for candidates to withdraw from the election.

**September 1, 2004 - 4:00 p.m.**

- Last day to register to vote. If you are **not** registered

**September 15, 2004**

- Ballots mailed to all registered voters

**October 8, 2004 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Election Day**

- Ballots tabulated
- Results reported

**October 14, 2004 - 4:00 p.m.**

- Last day to file protest of the election



The Election Board has recently moved to office suites located nearest the lobby on the west side in the Government Center.

### About Tribal Council candidate submissions to the PBP News

- Candidates who wish to have a profile of their qualifications published in the September issue of the Potawatomi News must submit it to the News office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Please note that due to the special election the paper will be mailed to members **the week of Sept. 13-17 which is two weeks earlier than when members normally receive the paper.**

- Candidates are requested to send their profile by email with an attachment or in written form to the News Office. A profile length of 500 words or less is recommended.

- The photo submitted to the Election Board Office will be the same one used with your candidate profile in the News.

- Candidates will be listed in alphabetical order and in the same format as the others.

- No political advertisements will be accepted.

### Election Board

Please phone or write the Election Board Office if you have recently moved.

Voncile Mitchell.....(785) 966-3911  
Julia Barber.....(785) 966-3910  
Ruta Mendez.....(785) 966-3912  
Fax Number.....(785) 966-3913  
Toll free.....(877) 715-6789

### Election Board

**address:**

**PO Box 128  
Mayetta, KS 66509**

### Qualified Candidates

a qualified candidate must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
- Be 21 years of age or older as of the date of the election for Council Person position.
- Agree to criminal background investigation conducted by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation /US Investigations for record clearance.
- **NOT** have been convicted of a felony within the five years prior to the date of the election.
- If elected, agree to the Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to drug testing.

- Submit a Declaration of Candidacy form, the \$150.00 non-refundable filing fee, and a photograph for the ballot of the Election Board Office no later than Monday, **August 23, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.**

- The filing fee and photo must accompany the Declaration of Candidacy Form and must be paid by Cashier's Check or Money Order made payable to: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Cash or personal checks will not be accepted.

note: Deadline for filing has passed and is reprinted in the News for informational purposes only.

## From the Vice-Chairman's Office...

Submitted by Vice Chairman Rey Kitchkumme and Administrative Assistant Liana McGeer



We couldn't start our first article without saying a big "thank you" to all of Rey's constituents for the belief and support you have all demonstrated during previous terms in office. The results of the recent election were both thrilling and humbling. This office will continue to provide the support and open communication you have come to count on. We will continue to work toward the common goals of preserving and upholding our Native American governmental rights, Tribal Ordinances, Policies, and Procedures. We will support our Economic Development endeavors so that this Nation can begin producing more employment opportunities, services, and monetary gain for the membership and community. We know that together we can get this Nation back on

track and accomplishing all that is within our grasp to do. Thank you to each one of you for allowing this office to be of service to our Nation and for the patience that is sometimes required in getting necessary changes in place.

Right now, Rey is working on putting together a Robert's Rules of Order for the Nation to use during its General Council meetings. This project is being done as a result of a motion made and approved at the last General Council meeting. It was discussed and decided that it was necessary to bring some clearly defined rules to these meetings so that there are no misunderstandings and so that no motion is passed without the proper processes being executed. Rey will be working with DCI America in September to put together these rules of order so that they will be ready for review at the next General Council meeting in October. It is our hope that by providing these rules of order to the General Council we will enable all of those who wish to participate in our governmental processes at the General Council meetings the means with which to do so as well as provide clear guidelines that all members are aware of and accountable to.

The last few weeks have been very hectic here in the office. The phones have been ringing frequently with questions and concerns of tribal members and Rey has been very busy following the election. The swearing in ceremony was on July 27<sup>th</sup> and then it was down to business for the new tribal council with their first meeting being held that afternoon. The new council then traveled to Shawnee, OK, for the Potawatomi Gathering the week of August 2. The week of August 9 was busy as well with council reviewing Personnel Advisory Board suggestions for three of the vacant director's positions here on the reservation: Housing, Education, and Clinic. They also had several meetings including Housing Board, Health Board, and Casino Management Committee meetings. We ask that you continue being patient in regards to having your phone calls returned and/or questions answered. We may not always get back with you right away, but know that we will always get back with you as soon as it is possible.

These next few months should be exciting and we look forward to working with the new Tribal Council and we look toward a bright future for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

## From Councilperson Jackie Mitchell

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all who voted for me in the election. I promise to do my very best and am very excited about the next four years. It is a good time to be on Tribal Council and it will be a good experience working with our newest council members, Juanita Jessepe and Ryan Dyer. Both of these new members bring much experience and new perspectives to the council. I also wish Gary Mitchell and Jim Potter the very best in their next endeavors. They contributed a lot to the tribe during their terms in office. I appreciate working with all members of the council and look forward to the next four years.

Congratulations to our tribe for winning the gas tax case. I especially want to thank David Prager for all his work on this important case. The case has important implications for tribes across the country. The state will probably appeal and other states may be added because of the impact for all tribes.

The following excerpt was in Indianz.com on April 1, 2004 titled *PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION*:

*The Kansas-based Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has had no problems tapping into the state's Class III market but in recent years, the tribe has picked up its campaign to reclaim a 1,280-acre reservation in Illinois. A former Interior solicitor said the claim was credible but a formal ruling has not been made.*

*In the meantime, the tribe has purchased a small plot of land in Illinois and has floated plans for a casino resort. If DOI reaffirms the tribe's reservation, it would be hard to stop the tribe from moving forward. A compact would be needed for Class III gaming.*

The Illinois land claim will be an important issue in the next few years and Tribal Council is working on this claim and the next steps to reclaiming this reservation. Tribal membership will be informed about this as events occur.

It is my pleasure to serve as a tribal council member and if you have any questions about any tribal business please call me at (877) 715-6789 or (785) 966-4016 or email me at jackiem@pbpnation.org. Again thank you for your support and I look forward to the next four years as your council person.

## Tribal Council Election

### Count by State July 21, 2004

Registered Voters 2,401- 1,177 VOTED

Alabama	1
Alaska	3
Arizona	18
Arkansas	5
California	55
Colorado	17
Connecticut	3
Delaware	0
Florida	10
Georgia	4
Hawaii	0
Idaho	10
Illinois	12
Indiana	5
Iowa	13
Kansas	694
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	0
Maine	2
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	12
Minnesota	17
Mississippi	1
Missouri	36
Montana	8
Nebraska	11
Nevada	12
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	0
New Mexico	14
New York	2
North Carolina	1
North Dakota	1
Ohio	2
Oklahoma	44
Oregon	13
Pennsylvania	6
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	3
South Dakota	3
Tennessee	3
Texas	32
Utah	3
Vermont	0
Virginia	3
Washington	27
West Virginia	2
Wisconsin	63
Wyoming	0
Canada	1



## PBPN's Ortiz brothers come back to work on Harrah's Casino management team

Submitted by: Barb Alcantar, Harrah's Casino Human Resources Department

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino (HPBC) has made great strides in the recruitment of highly qualified Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members.

As of July 1, 2004, HPBC statistics indicate the following: of the 971 total HPBC employees, 186 (19%) are eligible for Native American preference, 29% of employees in key managerial roles are eligible for Tribal preference, of that 29%, 22% are enrolled members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Salaries for these positions are commensurate with those of senior managers, not only in the business community, but also within Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.

HPBC is proud to present two additions to the Management team: Stephen and Dominic Ortiz. Stephen and Dominic are the only two grandsons of Laura May Jessepe Ortiz, and sons to Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council secretary, and Delores Ortiz, who works for the state of Kansas.

Stephen is a graduate of Haskell Indian Nations University with an associate's degree in science. He received his bachelor's of business administration degree in accounting from Washburn University and went directly into gradu-

ate school and received a master's of business administration from Washburn in 2000. He worked for the prestigious Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Kansas City, Missouri as a senior consultant. His client list included Armstrong World Industries, May Company, and Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. His auditing and consulting engagements took him from coast to coast on a weekly basis. Stephen specialized in banking, financial services, and gaming. Stephen came to work for HPBC on June 7, 2004 as an executive intern, and was quickly placed in marketing to help with events and promotions as the property gears up for the grand opening in September. He loves his work in marketing and said, "It's been such a long time since I've been so excited to come to work."

Dominic also attended Haskell Indian Nations University and received an associate's degree of arts. He then proceeded to the

University of Kansas (KU) and obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting. He immediately went to graduate school at KU while interning for Harrah's North Kansas City Casino & Hotel. During his internship in finance, Dominic was promoted to cage supervisor working on weekends and attending classes during the week. In 2001, Dominic graduated with a master's degree in accounting and information systems. He began working for HPBC in the ACE III Casino Management Training program. Upon successful

completion of ACE III he then left HPBC to take a position at Ernst and Young, LLP in Kansas City, Missouri to earn his CPA requirements, where he most recently was a senior consultant in financial audit and IT risk management. His client list

included AOL, Berkshire Hathaway, Fortis and Sprint. He rejoined HPBC in April 2004 as a beverage manager. He is responsible for the hiring, budgeting, and scheduling of three shift supervisors and over 40 beverage servers. Dominic is planning on sitting for the CPA exam this fall.

Stephen and Dominic both indicated that one of the Tribe's main goals is focused on education and to "bring those back home" to work and be a part of both the Tribal community and surrounding communities. The late Sharon McClane communicated this vision to Stephen and Dominic many years ago: Stephen said, "When Sharon shared her vision with us, we wanted to make due on our promise and commitment to the Potawatomi people to return our services and to fulfill her wishes." He also indicated that he and Dominic want to serve as role models to the younger generations: "By expanding your boundaries and constantly challenging your personal comfort zone it only makes you stronger," he said. "We hope that our shared experiences will demonstrate to our young people that they have the power to control their own destiny...if they are willing to accept the challenges that life throws at them, remain focused and persevere, they will become successful at whatever journey they have chosen for life."



Tribal members Dominic and Stephen Ortiz



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## "Ticket out ticket in"

Submitted by Gaming Commissioner Joyce Guerrero

The Gaming Commission moved this past summer and we are located at the west end of the new administrative offices, at 14978 West Casino Drive, (behind the Casino, across the road from the RV Park). We are still getting settled in, arranging and rearranging. One of our big chores this summer was to get some control of our stored paperwork. Files that the Gaming Commission has stored since the beginning of our gaming has been an ongoing problem of the Commission, how to follow the required record keeping for Tribal Gaming without getting snowed under. The amount of paperwork that flows through the Commission is what prompted the Gaming Commission to seek other options of maintaining records. This past year, after looking at several companies offering software services to the Commission, we purchased a program, with imaging products, a computer system for better communication for the Gaming Commission. Although not entirely eliminating the paper, (we will probably always have paper to store) it is much more efficient and it does make the licensing, (vendor and employee) run more smoothly and allows for faster processing. The State Gaming Agency recently followed our footsteps and purchased the identical system for their offices and other tribes are looking into the same. We are going to update the fingerprinting system to allow for electronic transfers to KBI and vice versa. Also a much speedier process.

Also, this summer found us to be in need of more inspectors with the event openings and more activities coming up. The carpet installation was also a big project this year and went very smoothly thanks to the preparation and coordination with Gaming Commission Inspectors and Harrah's staff.

We are working with Harrah's to use temporary banquet servers for the many events coming up in the new convention center. Any one interested in these types of employment should contact Harrah's. These require minimal background processing.

An update on Ticket out Ticket in: Harrah's proposed this plan to Tribal Council in late 2003. The

Tribal Council approved this and informed the Gaming Commission of intent to have ticket out ticket in machines on the gaming floor. After reviewing the current guidelines the Commission concurred with the state gaming agency that the Technical Standards needed to be updated to include the new technology. We followed through with inspections of gaming machines, this also involved the wiring and electrical circuits. Commissioners and Inspectors along with several state gaming agents and with the assistance of a tribal electrician did this check one late night last spring starting at midnight. We tried to pick a time where we would not be disrupting players on the floor. The implementation of TOTI has not been as rapid to put in place as all would have liked, (including the Commission). However, we are making progress and after some promising final summer round of meetings with state gaming, the commission, council and attorneys the customers should see some ticket out ticket in machines in the upcoming months on the floor. The Commission's caution is to ensure that compliance with the compact was met and that the integrity of the casino would not be compromised. The Commission believes there is less stress for the Tribal Council if we do our jobs thoroughly and preparation is complete before a plan such as this is put into place. We are all too aware of negative news media reports on Tribal Casinos not being regulated. Tribal Gaming Commissions have to continually work to dispel that myth.

As Gaming Commissioners we strive to work on the premise that our casino is strictly and fairly regulated by the Nation's and the State AND Federal guidelines. My personal experience is that it continues to be a privilege to serve on this Commission for the Nation. We are constantly entering into new fields of gaming. The new expansion areas will soon be open, the new convention center is beautiful with many events coming up. Stop by and visit us. Call or email if you have any questions or comments.

EMAIL: joyceg@pbpgaming.org  
PHONE: 966-3047



Joyce Guerrero

## Gaming Commissioners convene at new conference room in Casino



Clockwise: Calvin Evans, Joyce Guerrero, Carrie O'Toole, Jona Rupnicki and Milton Laclair.

Open House

Sept. 10, 2004

Call Gaming Commission for  
more details  
785 966 3043

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Apply online at [www.harrah.com](http://www.harrah.com) or in person at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino, Human Resource Department, 12305 150th Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. For questions, please call 785.966.7663. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Harrah's  
PRAIRIE BAND  
CASINO



Casino RV Park now open!  
(located in back of casino)



## Around the rez

### Ben-no-tteh Wigwam News



Cecily Wabaunsee is seen above learning self defense techniques at a preservice training held at the Early Childhood Education Center on August 16. The Center was closed that week so that the PBPB staff and other child-care service personnel from the reservation and surrounding areas could participate in various training sessions. Participants learned about child development issues and how to implement policy and procedures in addition to having fun with ice breaker sessions and lunching together each day.

### Happy Birthday, Julia!



We-ta-se Post 410 lifetime member Julia Kabance was presented with a shawl on August 10 to celebrate her 94th birthday. With her at the We-ta-se Post 410 headquarters is her nephew Darrell W., who was visiting from San Diego, and Roy Hale, adjutant for the post.

*Did you know that there are almost 5,000 tribal members and as of July 2004 that 359 people worked in the Nation's government?*

### Announcements and news briefs

The PBPB is seeking five members to be on the **Advisory Board of Directors for the PBPB/Sac and Fox Health facility.** Please submit your resume to Secretary-Sue Ortiz, 16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS 66509. Position will pay \$50.00/meeting and meetings will be held once a month. Please submit a resume by October 4, 04.

**We-ta-se Post 410** is sponsoring a 15th ANNIVERSARY VETERANS POW-WOW T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST. All designs must be delivered to: We-Ta-Se Office, 15434 K Road Mayetta, Kansas 66509. Deadline is September 30th. The winner will have a choice of a shawl or a Pendleton blanket.

**We-Ta-Se Post 410** would like to have any and all tribal members who have been or are now on Active Duty in Iraq to notify the We-Ta-Se office so that we can honor them at our 7th Annual Veterans Pow-Wow November 13, 2004. Call: 785-966-2580 or Fax: 785-966-9853 or Email JimD@PBPNation.Org.

**Jack Kitchkommie** has been hired as the new Housing Director.

The **PBPB RV Park across Highway 75** south of Mayetta will remain open until further notice.

**Garden Apartments** construction continues to progress. Concrete slabs are being poured and the plumbing is being put in place.

**Boys and Girls Club** is having some landscaping done and a sidewalk put in at its front entrance. The Club is closed until August 31.

**Coleen Thomas** is the Royal Valley School District Parent Information Resource Center representative and works out of the Boys and Girls Club.

The **Economic Development Department** sponsored CPR/First Aid training for the Nation's community and government members that was taught by the Tribe's EMS crews on August 18.

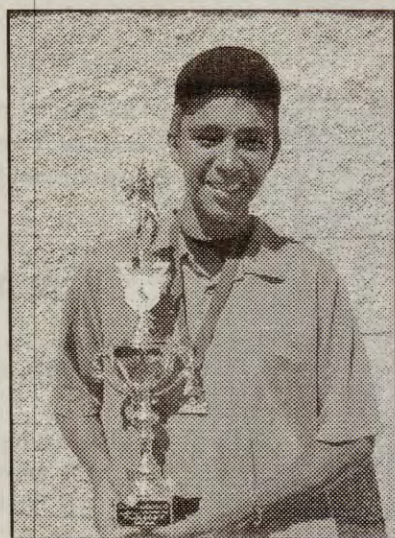
### Annual PBPB Tribal Council/department leaders picnic held at Prairie People's Park



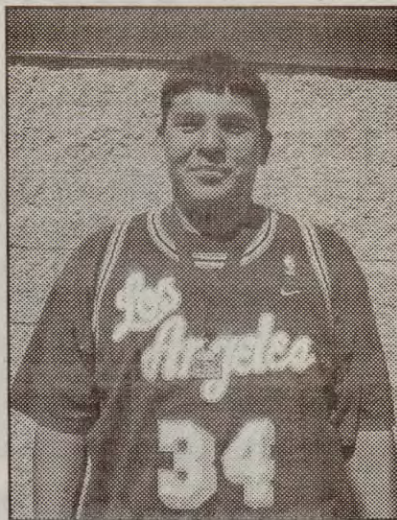
**Jon Boursaw, Executive Director,** is seen here with department heads and the new Tribal Council, at the annual picnic/meeting held this summer. Meetings between department heads and the executive director are held each week to discuss department and program matters. Tribal Council members also attend as schedules permit.

### These PBPB teens are first rate!

**Nolan Pahmahmie and William Evans both score big at Sunflower State Games**



Nolan Pahmahmie



William Evans

PBPB teens Nolan Pahmahmie and William Evans both took 1st place in their respective sports at this year's Sunflower State Games held in Topeka in July.

Nolan scored 1st place in golf in the youth male 13-14 age bracket and William took first in wrestling, folk-style, in the 230-232 lb, 15-18 age category.

Both boys have been winning ever since beginning their sports.

For example, Nolan's golf wins just this year include becoming champion in the 13-14 age range at Lake Shawnee in Topeka on August 5, and the week before that, he won the City Team Play at the Topeka Country Club. He also placed 3rd at this year's National Native American Junior Golf Association (NAJGA) that was held in Orlando from July 26 - 28 placing 2nd the year before.

William, on the other hand, has been wrestling in the Sunflower State Games for four years. Last year he took 1st in the age 14 and under, 225 lb category and in 2002 placed 2nd in the 14 and under age, 175 lb range. In 2001 he wrestled in the 12 and under age, 152-172 lb category where he took 3rd place.

Anita Evans, who teaches at Royal Valley High School and is also the Title VII Director there, said that she thought both Nolan and William were ready to go to the United States games next year in Colorado. The U.S. Games are the national ver-

sion of the Sunflower State Games and are patterned after the Olympics. She said that the only requirement for participating in the U.S. Games was having to place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the state competitions and that both boys have definitely achieved that.

A well versed athlete, Nolan also plays football and basketball for Royal Valley school where he is a freshman. In addition to playing golf this past summer he played for the Hoyt Baseball Team and was selected to play in the Tri-County All Star Game.

Nolan's parents are tribal members Jona Rupnicki and Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie.

"Nolan loves to golf and is doing such a good job, but, of course, he is my son so I have to brag on him," Jona said.

William also plays in other sports. In addition to wrestling, he is on the football and track teams at Royal Valley where he is a sophomore this year.

His parents are tribal members Anita and "Mando" Evans.

The Sunflower games are designed to provide Olympic style competition to Kansans of all ages and skill levels. There are approximately 30 sports categories for participants to choose from and the games are recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. In 2003 over 6300 people participated in the games in Topeka at several venues throughout the city.

### Educator Anita Evans, a mentor to the kids

by: Suzanne Heck

If you saw a group of kids going to and from various places around the reservation this summer you probably saw Anita Evans following close behind. For she has played an instrumental part in the process of educating the PBPB Nation's youth for many years and in many more ways than just one.

This summer, as in several summers past, Anita has been in charge of the Summer Youth Program that places school children in the Nation's government to work. This year over 60 of the Nation's youth went to work in departments like Social Services, Maintenance, Road and Bridge, and the Gaming Commission, to name a few, and Anita kept track of it all.

Kathy Slimmer, social worker for Social Services, said, "I had a good youth worker this summer who really helped me out. I frankly don't know what I would have done without her."

In addition to the intern program, Evans directs the grant-funded summer enrichment programs that Royal Valley School District offers. Courses like learning the Potawatomi language, Native American cooking, arts and crafts, fishing, and hunter safety are taught to area youth at the school and at other sites around the community. Instructors are often pulled for their expertise from the community and Nation, like employee Herb Nance, who taught a hunter safety course.

Anita has taught at Royal Valley for over twenty years. She was named the National Indian Teacher of the Year in 2002 by the National Indian Education Association.

She is also the advisor of the Native American Club at Royal Valley High School and is a sponsor of the Native American Singers and Dancers group.

### Hunter safety course taught



**Herbert Nance, who works for the Tribal Police Department,** taught hunter safety to approximately 20 K-8 Royal Valley students this summer as part of the Community Learning Center and Impact Aid program. The program, funded by grants that Royal Valley received about three years ago, provides for programs in student enrichment for after school and in the summer season and for transportation.



## EPA News

### EPA regional directors visit Nation

Region 7 EPA leaders took a firsthand look at some of the tribe's EPA facilities and programs when they visited the reservation on July 9.

Their tour began with a lunch at Harrah's Casino and then a meeting was held with Tribal Council at the Government Center where they learned about tribal proj-

ects and tribal environmental priorities. Following those presentations, other EPA staff members gave a brief summary of their programs like the Lead-Based Paint and Solid Waste programs, as examples.

Following the meeting Latane Donelin took the four visitors on a tour of the reservation.



Left to right is Ira Salvini, Sr. Indian Program Liaison, Jim Gulliford, Regional Administrator, Latane Donelin, PBPB Planning & Environmental Protection Director, Jon Boursaw, PBPB Executive Director, Bill Rice, Deputy Regional Administrator, and Cody Hubbard, Tribal Specialist.



One of the stops on the tour that day was to visit the Fire Department. At left is tour guide, Latane Donelin, along with Jim Gulliford and Ira Salvini conversing with Fire Chief Dave Price.

The photo on the right shows Alan (Boney) Pahmahmie of the Road and Bridge Department, explaining the bison program to the group during their tour.



### Earthship building nearing completion



From left to right is Greg Wold, biologist for the EPA Department, with Gabe and Garrett McKee of Civitas which is a group of professionals and students that help organizations build structures out of recyclable materials like the PBPB's Earthship project.

The Earthship building will be energy efficient and made entirely out of recyclable materials



The Earthship building is located on 142nd Road near the Solid Waste Plant and is proposed for use as a water quality laboratory. Note the old tires (left) that comprise a large part of the structure. In the photo above are some other Civitas members who were helping Wold on the day that this photo was taken. The PBPB Maintenance and Construction Department and several other departments also helped build the structure.

### Former Olympic Hockey players attend Charitable Contributions ceremony

by: Suzanne Heck

Two former Olympic Hockey players attended the second quarter Charitable Contributions Awards ceremony held on August 2 at the Bingo Hall.

Henry Boucha, who was on the 1972 Olympic Hockey Team that won a Silver Medal, and Bob Owens, who played on the 1960 Olympic Hockey Team that won a Gold Medal, accepted donations for two different organizations.

Kicking off the ceremony, the Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers performed for the audience and were also one of the groups that received an award. After each group was

recognized refreshments were served to the large crowd.

Over \$213,000 was distributed to sixteen community organizations that are primarily located in Northeast-Kansas.

The Charitable Contributions Committee is comprised of five Tribal members whose primary duty is to act as a clearinghouse for all funding requests. Requests are coordinated through Jim Garcia of the PBPB Finance Office. The Committee then makes recommendations to the Tribal Council for their

approval. Several members of the committee and Tribal Council were on hand during the ceremony.



Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers performed at the Charitable Contributions ceremony held on August 2.



Former Olympian Henry Boucha, an Ojibwa, is seen at right shaking hands and accepting a check from PBPB Chair Zach Pahmahmie for an organization he is associated with called Kah-Bay-Kah-Nong. The Native American youth service group is based in Warroad, Minn. and contains a youth hockey league, a crisis center, a mentoring program and a center for history research and documentation.

Gold Medal Olympian, (Edwyn) Bob Owen is seen left with Zach Pahmahmie accepting money on behalf of Topeka Ice, a not-for-profit organization that is raising money for an ice rink in Topeka. Owen played ice hockey for and graduated from Harvard and played ice hockey on the 1960 US Olympic team.



#### This Quarter's Charitable Contributions

- Fiesta Mexicana 2004 (Topeka, KS): \$14,000
- YMCA Camp Wood (Elmdale, KS): \$10,000
- KAH-BAY-KAH-NONG (Warroad, MN): \$6,000
- National MS Society (Topeka, KS): \$1,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Topeka, KS): \$20,000
- Elk Creek Observatory (Holton, KS): \$20,000
- Race Against Breast Cancer (Topeka, KS): \$8,000
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band (Fulton, MI): \$5,000
- Highland Park H. S. Air Force JROTC: \$7,215
- Topeka Day Care Learning Center (Topeka, KS): \$10,000
- Topeka Ice (Topeka, KS): \$20,000
- St. Marys Health Center (St. Marys, KS): \$20,000
- Kids Voting Kansas (Topeka, KS): \$12,000
- Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers (Mayetta, KS): \$20,000
- The Topeka Youth Project (Topeka, KS): \$20,000
- Sunflower Soccer Association (Topeka, KS): \$20,000

Thanks to Patrick Feltman in the PBPB Construction Dept for his submissions to this photo essay.

#### Henry Boucha's Hockey Career

- 1972 U.S. Olympic Team
- 1972-74 Detroit Red Wings
- 1975 Minnesota North Stars
- 1976 Minnesota Fighting Saints
- 1976 KC Scouts
- 1977 Colorado Rockies

In the photo at right, Boucha is seen sharing his experiences with some of the children at the Boys and Girls Club. Boucha had photographs from his professional hockey days and passed around the medals that he has received through the years. He also told the children that they could be anything that they wanted to be and offered some other motivational points during his visit.





## Casino Expansion

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

### Community celebrates at the convention/events center luncheon on Wednesday, July 28, 2004



### Commodores light up the stage on Friday, July 30, 2004

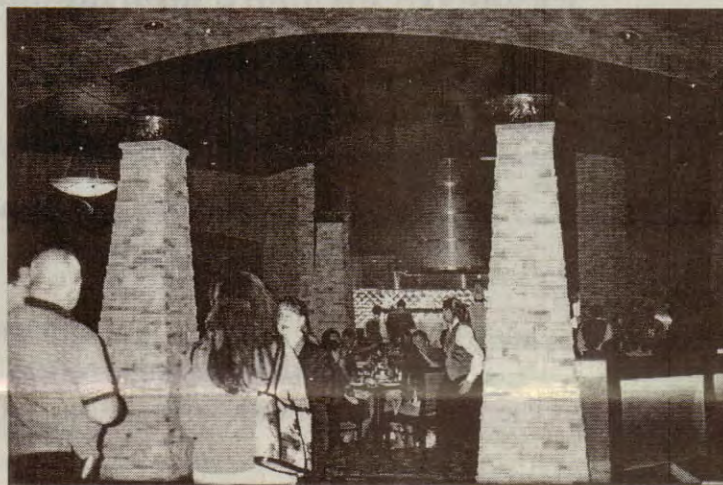




## Three Fires Steakhouse grand "sneak peek event" Thursday, August 12, 2004

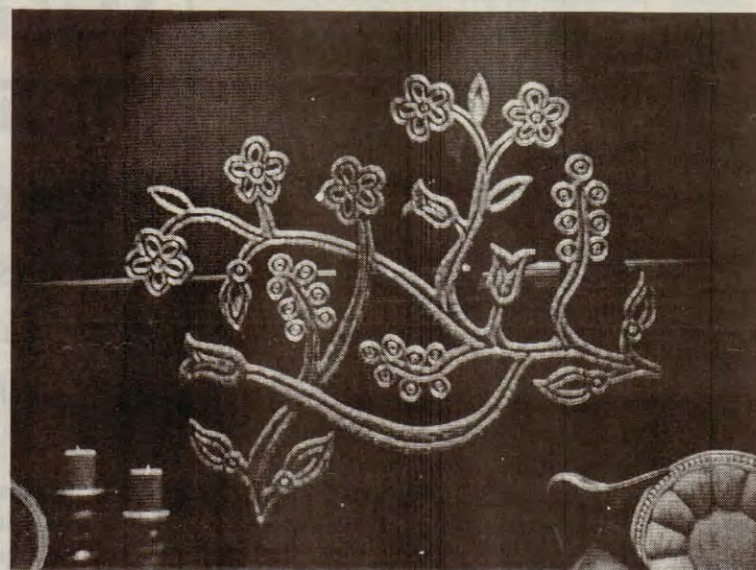


Community members  
tour the new expansion  
at the Casino on Sunday  
August 15, 2004.



For an exciting and enjoyable  
meal, stop in at the Three  
Fires Steakhouse.

The above photo from left to  
right: spinach salad and  
bread pudding.





Dear Editor;

I'm writing as a concerned tribal member to address tribal member hire. I recently applied for the Housing Director and Executive Director positions with the Tribe and casino. On July 26th, I was called and asked to come to the PBPB to interview for the Housing Director position only to find out that if I wanted to interview, I would have to pay all my own expenses. I have worked as a professional in Human Resources for many years and have recruited for many upper level management and "hard to fill" positions. At no time, have I had to tell someone that if they wanted to interview, they would have to pay their own expenses. Travel and relocation expenses are customarily paid for director level and hard to fill positions, even in the non-profit sector. After being disqualified from the Housing Director position, I e-mailed several council members, receiving electronic confirmation that my message was read. To date, (August 2), no response has been received, therefore, I am compelled to write this letter.

In my e-mail, I suggested the following procedure: "When recruiting for upper level positions, organizations customarily screen the applicant pool down to approx. 5-6 top candidates. Then the interviewer or interview committee will arrange telephone interviews and ask a set of written questions. When finished, the committee reviews their notes and decides on a "short list" of 2 or 3 finalists for face to face interviews. After making the decision, the hiring manager notifies HR to call the finalists to schedule interviews and make travel and lodging arrangements. The organization is not necessarily just looking for the most qualified, it is looking for the best fit. In addition, it gives the finalists the opportunity to see if your organization is a good fit for his/her career goals and family. Many times, I have invited the spouse too. In the long run, this process works better for everyone and reduces the chances of hiring someone who may not stay. If you hire the wrong person, you will have to go through the cost of recruitment all over again. As you may know, there are not just direct costs associated with recruitment and hiring, there are indirect costs such as HR staff time, advertising, the cost of assembling another interview committee etc."

In summary, if the Tribe truly wants to recruit qualified tribal members for management and director level positions, it should consider changing its recruitment practices. Making it hard, sometimes impossible, for "off reservation" tribal members to participate in the recruitment process, does not enhance the goals of the Tribe and its tribal members. At the very least, I respectfully request that you reconsider your position on the recruitment process for recruiting tribal members in "upper-level positions".

Thank you,  
Fred Grinnell, Kodiak, Alaska, 907-486-0948



## Metabolic Syndrome (AKA Syndrome X, Insulin Resistance Syndrome)

### What is it?

Metabolic syndrome is a term used to describe a set of heart disease risk factors that tend to cluster in some people. This syndrome increases the risk of a heart attack by 4—20 times more than that of people without these risk factors.

### What are the risk factors?

- Having any three of the following conditions:
- High levels of lipids (fats) in the blood, including high LDL cholesterol (the "bad" cholesterol) and high triglycerides.
  - Low levels of HDL cholesterol (the "good" cholesterol).
  - Having a high amount of body fat in the stomach area.
  - High levels of insulin in the blood, or having Type II diabetes.
  - Hypertension, or high blood pressure.

### How can Metabolic Syndrome be treated or prevented?

Ways to prevent metabolic syndrome include maintaining a healthy weight, getting regular physical activity, and making changes in eating habits.

- Losing weight if you are overweight will help to lower LDL cholesterol, and exercise will help to raise the level of HDL cholesterol (the good cholesterol). Weight loss will also reduce blood pressure and help to control blood sugar levels if you have diabetes.
- Exercise—even without weight loss — will help lower blood pressure, increase good cholesterol levels and reduce blood sugar levels.
- Changes in diet such as eating fewer fats and oils will help to decrease LDL cholesterol. Cutting back on the amount of salt (sodium) in the diet can help to control blood pressure in many individuals.

### Resources for more information

[Http://www.heartcenteronline.com](http://www.heartcenteronline.com)  
[Http://www.hhlbi.nih.gov/hbp/prevent/p\\_active/walk.htm](http://www.hhlbi.nih.gov/hbp/prevent/p_active/walk.htm)  
[Http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2000/document/contents.htm](http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2000/document/contents.htm)

### Another approach

According to various medical sources, a low carb approach would reduce the above risk factors. Words to be aware of in reading labels: sucrose, syrup, cane juice, and fructose. These words mean sugar!

## RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23—31, 2004

Take a stand against the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. Help the youth lead healthy lives.

Walk the walk, lead by example

## Address changes

Please note:

**PBP News does not accept address changes. All address changes are to be directed to the Enrollment office.**

Toll free: 1 877 715-6789 or 966-3934

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the  
"Special Election"

The *PBP News* will be sending out an early issue for September.

The *News* will return to the normal mail out in October.



## Eye Care: An Important Part of Taking Care of Diabetes

Submitted by the National Eye Institute

While thousands of American adults are in danger of losing their vision as a result of complications from diabetes, American Indians and Alaska Natives are at an even higher risk.

According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health, American Indians are 2.6 times as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes compared with other ethnicities of similar age. About 15 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives have diabetes. In some communities, the prevalence is as high as 40 to 70 percent in some age groups.

All people with diabetes, both type 1 and type 2, are at risk for vision loss from diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy occurs when diabetes damages the tiny blood vessels inside the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. A healthy retina is necessary for good vision. Research has shown that maintaining good control of blood sugar, blood pressure, and blood cholesterol is essential in slowing the development and progression of diabetic retinopathy.

To reduce the risk of vision loss, the National Eye Institute (NEI) of the National Institutes of

Health encourages people with diabetes to have a dilated eye exam at least once a year and recommends the following behaviors to help people keep their health on TRACK:

- Take your medications.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight.
- Add physical activity to your daily routine.
- Control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol.
- Kick the smoking habit.

If you have diabetes, be sure to have a dilated eye exam at least once a year since diabetic retinopathy often has no early warning signs. You can be an inspiration to everyone you know who has diabetes or is at risk for developing diabetes by taking care of your diabetes and including a yearly dilated eye exam in your diabetes management strategy.

Your vision is an important gift from the Creator. It allows you to enjoy your world and the people around you. Saving your eyesight is one more thing you can do to help pass your culture and traditions on to the next generation.

To learn more about diabetic retinopathy and what you can do to protect your vision, visit the NEI's Website at [www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes/](http://www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes/) or call 877-569-8474 for a free brochure. The NEI conducts and supports research that leads to sight-saving treatment and plays a key role in reducing visual impairment. The NEI is part of the National Institutes of Health, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



## Making Medicare Make Sense

### Answers To Some of The Most Commonly Asked Medicare Questions

- Q: Explain how the inpatient hospital pay increase for acute care hospitals will provide for greater access to high-quality care in our nation's hospitals?
- A: Acute care hospitals around the nation are due to receive an increase in Medicare revenues in fiscal year 2005 for the care they provide to Medicare beneficiaries during inpatient stays. The payment increases are the result of a final inpatient prospective payment system for acute care hospitals that will take effect for discharges on or after October 1, 2004.

In addition to establishing updated payment rates, the final rule provides significant financial relief to rural hospitals, and, for the first time in the history of Medicare, creates a link between quality services to Medicare beneficiaries and payment for those services. Almost all of the acute-care hospitals plan to start reporting quality measures in October to qualify for the full 3.3 percent increases in their payments. This means that, in 2005, patients will be able to get information on the quality of care at their local hospitals for such conditions as heart attacks and pneumonia.

The final rule implements major payment and policy changes for acute care hospitals required by the comprehensive Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.

"The inpatient payment rule brings many specific improvements included in the new Medicare law to hospital patients," said CMS Administrator Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D. "The bottom line, particularly for rural hospi-

tals, is significant increases in hospital payment rates. And the bottom line for Medicare beneficiaries is greater access to high-quality inpatient care." CMS projects that the combined impact of the inflation update and other proposed changes will yield an average 6.2 percent increase in payments for rural hospitals in fiscal year 2005.

The final rule addresses the impact of the new Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) definitions on hospital geographic classification. The MSAs, which were developed by the Office of Management and Budget on the basis of 2000 Census data, will replace the currently used Metropolitan Statistical Areas and New England County Metropolitan Areas, which reflect 1990 data. As a result of these changes, a number of hospitals, currently located in rural areas, will benefit from being classified into areas with higher payment rates. The MSA changes also have an impact on hospitals that are entitled to automatic geographic reclassification because they are located in rural counties whose workforces tend to commute to adjacent urban areas.

The final rule also implements a number of provisions in the MMA designed to help critical access hospitals (CAHs), as they serve rural beneficiaries. For example, these hospitals can now designate up to 25 beds as either acute care beds or beds that may be used for either acute or post-acute care (called swing beds). Now CAHs can also set aside units of up to ten beds each to be used exclusively for inpatient rehabilitation and psychiatric services. These units, which would not count toward the CAH's 25-bed maximum, will be paid as if they were distinct parts of acute care hospitals, and will have to meet the same standards as units in acute care hospitals. In addition, payment for both inpatient and outpatient services rendered by critical access hospitals has been increased from 100 percent to 101 percent of reasonable costs. Finally, CAHs that are in a county that is now classified as urban will be permitted to retain their CAH status for two years.

If you have questions about this or other Medicare related questions, please call: 1-800-Medicare, 1-800-633-4227.

**CMS**

CENTERS for MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

## Tips for helping a person with diabetes

Learn about diabetes  
Understand your loved one's diabetes  
Find out what your loved one needs

Talk about your feelings  
Offer practical help  
Try a new approach

Get help



## Doctoral student visits PBPB



One of Chris Wetzel's stops during his visit to PBPB was to drop by the Adult Language class to say hello.

Chris Wetzel, a Sociology graduate student from the University of California, Berkeley, is in Mayetta conducting research with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for his doctoral thesis. Over the past two years, he has spent time with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Forest County Potawatomi Community, the Hannahville Indian Community, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, the Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi, and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

At each Nation, Chris talks with elders; current and former elected tribal officials; individuals and families; as well as directors of tribal programs to get a sense of contemporary life and each tribe's rich history.

"It has been humbling to meet so many generous and welcoming people during my travels. People have shared a lot with me -- from their recollections of relations being removed from the Great Lakes region to their visions for the future for their Nations. I've even had someone tell me about his grandmother's recipe for muskrat stew," Chris stated.

In September, Chris will head to Wausauksing First Nation in Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada to continue his research.

His decision to study the Potawatomi tribes for his dissertation emerged from work with a number of Native Nations. After graduating from college, Chris taught in a youth education program at the Native American Indian Center of Boston. During home visits with his students and their families, many people related to him the important role played by the occupation of Alcatraz Island (from November 1969 until June 1971) in their lives. These conversations, and a meeting with a lecturer in Native American Studies at UC Berkeley who was one of the first students on Alcatraz in the early days of the occupation, led Chris to ask activists from tribal Nations across the United States about their experiences. "People told me that after Wounded Knee II, they returned home to work with their Nations. Whether studying language or running for tribal council, their experiences drove them to think more about the connection between tribal history, identity, and the work being done by tribes to reassert their inherent sovereignty."

When two Potawatomi who work for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian told him about the annual Potawatomi Gathering, Chris was extremely interested in learning more. They encouraged him to read existing books on the tribes and pursue this project further. He agreed and has been working on his dissertation ever since.

Chris was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and lived on a campground owned and operated by his family. He graduated from high school in Rochester, New York before moving to Michigan for college. Recently, he celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary with his wife, Michelle.

If you would like to talk with Chris or have any questions about his project, you can reach him by email at: [cdwetzel@socrates.berkeley.edu](mailto:cdwetzel@socrates.berkeley.edu).

## PBPB sponsors the 13th annual RABC event: a certified 5K run/walk

On Saturday September 18 the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Against Breast Cancer (RABC) will take place on the campus Washburn University in Topeka. PBPB is one of "THE" major sponsors of this event along with KMAJ Majic 107.7.

The RABC is a fundraiser with all monies raised used to provide mammography services at no charge to women in Shawnee County and the immediate surrounding counties who otherwise could not afford to receive them. It is hoped that this event will raise awareness about breast cancer and help save lives through early detection and treatment.

Participants can either enter as a runner or a walker; entry fee is \$20 per individual or \$50 for a family of 3 on or before September 9. After the September 9 the entry fee is \$25 per individual and \$55 per family.

The course is a certified by the USA Track & Field Association.

There will be a packet pick-up the night before the race from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm on the south terrace of the Washburn School of Law. There will be a silent auction and light supper buffet for the participants that evening along with music provided by KMAJ radio.

Check-in on race morning is from 7:30 - 8:30 am with the race starting at 9:00 am. The race will start on the south terrace of the WU Law School.

If you have any questions about the event you can contact the RABC office at 785-271-1500 or go to their web site [www.rabc.topeka.org](http://www.rabc.topeka.org).



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### Community Notices

#### Important upcoming Tribal Events

October 8	Special Election for Tribal Council
October 16	General Council Meeting

### Government Offices will be closed

Sept. 6	Labor Day
Sept. 24	American Indian Day

## EXERT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE—Special Election—BALLOTS IN BY 9 AM 10/8/04

### 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 Meeting** — 8:00 p.m. Friday, SW 135 Buchanan.

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

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

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

**Food Addicts Anonymous** — For people who feel addicted to certain foods, such as sweets, and who want to abstain from eating them; uses a 12-step program, 3 p.m. each Sunday at Pozez Education Center, 1505 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup>, in Centennial Room D. Information: Michele at 233-1604. Internet: [www.foodaddictsanonymous.org](http://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 Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road

**Alanon/Alateen Unheard Voices**, TBA, at the We Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road

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

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

**\*\* Women's NA Meeting**— Friday at 6:00 pm at the We Ta Se building, 15434 K Road.

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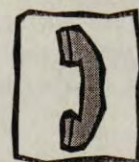
**Kickapoo AA meeting**— at the Kickapoo Senior Citizen Building at Friday at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

#### Lawrence Area

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



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

**TOLL-FREE NUMBERS**

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

#### Government Center

**877 715-6789**  
or (785) 966-4000

**Alcohol & Drug**  
866 966-2411

**Boys & Girls Club**  
866 727-6242  
(866 PBP-NBGC)

**\*\*NEW\*\***

#### Health & Wellness Clinic

**866 694 6728**  
**Pharmacy**  
**866 243-6525**

**Managed Care (CHS)**  
**800 441-6021**

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**Housing**  
**866 966-2756**

**Social Services**  
**888 966-2932**

**Tribal Court**  
**866 966-2242**

**Transit Program**  
**(785) 966-2995 or 966-3024 or**  
**877 727-6743**  
**(877-PBP-NRIDE)**

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### To contact the PBPB Tribal Government:

Write  
16281 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
Or call  
Toll free: 1-877-715-6789  
Or (785) 966-4000





## Area Churches

By Mary Young

### Baptist

#### Prairie Band Baptist Church

128 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS  
Pastor Terry Paine

Sunday: 10 am - Sunday School  
11 am - Worship Service

#### 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 - 166<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

Sunday: 10 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Worship service  
7 pm - Evening Worship

### THE BIBLE SAYS

By Pastor Terry Paine

*Ephesians 5:15-20 - "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all*

*things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Beloved, this portion of God's Word is very rich and full of instruction for Christians. It talks about walking "circumspectly." That is, God is telling us to walk right! Someone rightly said once "Christians are not perfect, they are just forgiven!" Nevertheless, God tells us here to watch how we act!

Sometimes as Christians we make mistakes, and we walk in a way that is not pleasing to the Lord. People may call us hypocrites when they see us doing wrong, and they may be right!

A few years back, right after I became a Christian, I was working at Josten's Yearbook Co. in Topeka. Every year there was a layoff of several months. The last day, a young man that worked on the press beside me came to me with tears in his eyes. He began to share with me this testimony. He had accepted Christ as a teenager and not long after had a chance to go with his church to summer camp. Approximately every 10 boys were assigned a Christian counselor that was responsible for their behavior, etc. As this boy started to leave his bunkhouse he saw his counselor pickup one of his towels and put it in his own duffel bag. The boy turned around to approach him about it and to double-check if it really was his towel. It was. When he confronted the counselor, he said he didn't take his towel and if he didn't hush-up about it, he'd put him on KP duty.

The boy was so discouraged, he quit going to church. He thought, "If this is what Christianity is all about, that he didn't want anything to do with it." How we act affects other people!

This young man then said to me, "I have been watching you." He had seen me pray before meals and try to share Christ with other people. He had decided that not all Christians are hypocrites and that he was going to start going back to church. ("Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.")

Beloved, God gives us 24 hours in a day and sometimes we feel that what we do with it is only our business. But what we forget is that someday we will be accountable to God for our lives. As a Christian, your sin won't keep you from heaven, but you may lose eternal rewards at the judgment seat of Christ. The Bible says... "be not drunk with wine... but understanding what the will of the Lord is." May God help all of us that are Christians to understand what the Lord would have us to do with our days and how He would have us to act so we don't hurt ourselves or other people.

If you have been affected or hurt by a Christian that you witnessed doing wrong, remember, that Christians are not perfect, and they make mistakes too. Don't let someone's mistake keep you from accepting Christ and being a part of the family of God. If you have never accepted Christ, I beg you to call upon Him today and be saved.



## Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

This month Recipe Corner has been honored to print recipes from tribal members. We hope you try them out and make them to suit your taste buds.

### Cucumber Bread

Submitted by Julia A. Lewis

1 cup oil  
2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
2 tsp vanilla  
2 cups grated cucumbers (strained through fingers before measuring)  
2 tbs lemon juice  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup walnut meats (optional)  
3 cups flour (all purpose)  
1 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp nutmeg  
1/3 cup oatmeal

Grease and flour two loaf pans (9 x 5 x 3)

Cream eggs until frothy and set aside  
Cream oil and sugar  
Add one at a time, vanilla, grated cucumber (first strained through fingers), lemon juice and brown sugar.  
Add flour mixture (3 parts at a time)

Mixture may be a little runny so add 1/4 cup oatmeal then if mixture not right consistency, add more oatmeal until there is a good cake-like mixture.

Bake at 350° oven for one hour or when toothpick comes out clean.

### Cactus Salad

Submitted by Frances Alcantar

1 jar of El Mexicano Nopalitos (Natural Tender Cactus)  
1 package of El Mexicano Enchilado Queso Anejo (Aged Part Skim Cheese)  
1 small onion  
2 large tomatoes  
1 bunch of cilantro

Wash tomatoes and cilantro.

Dice your onions, tomatoes and cilantro into small pieces.  
Rinse the nopalitos (cactus). Then dice the nopalitos into bite size pieces.  
Crumble the cheese (queso) over the other ingredients.

Mix everything into a large bowl. It can be served by itself with a beef meat meal, eaten with tortilla chips, or other style of chips.

### Nachos

Tortilla chips  
Shredded cheese  
Crumbled ground beef  
Refried beans  
Jalapenos or Picante sauce

Microwave 30-45 seconds

Lay out chips on plate  
Melt sprinkle cheese  
Add hamburger, beans, etc.

### Meat Loaf

Make own bread crumbs: oven bake bread on a cookie sheet at 350°.

1-1/2 cup crumbled bread crumbs  
1 egg slightly beaten  
3/4 cup minced onions  
1 tsp salt  
1-1/2 lbs ground beef  
1-1/2 cup tomato juice

Combine bread crumbs, egg, onions, salt, meat, and mixing lightly. Gradually add about half of the tomato juice, using just enough to hold the mixture together and mix lightly but well. Shape into a loaf in a shallow baking dish. Pour remaining tomato juice on top. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F) for 40 to 50 minutes, or until loaf is well browned.

To complete the dinner, use the drippings for gravy and add green beans, mashed potatoes and a dinner roll and voilà.

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



**COME, let God work in your life...**  
**at an Old-Fashioned Tent and Camp Meeting**  
**Wednesday - Sunday • Sept. 8-12, 2004**  
**11995 174th Road, Mayetta**  
2 miles north of Mayetta on Hwy. 75, then approx. 1 mile west on 174 Rd. • Watch for signs.

**SERVICE TIMES: (All services at tent site)**  
**WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. • THURSDAY - 7 p.m. • FRIDAY - 7 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY - 2 and 7 p.m. • 5 p.m. weimer roast**  
**SUNDAY - 10 a.m. Sunday School • 11 a.m. Worship Service**  
potluck following morning service • 7 p.m. service

**Special Speaker - Alan Sizemore, Antlers, Okla.**  
Host Church: Prairie Band Baptist Church, Mayetta, Kan.  
**Special prayer and messages for those dealing with addictions from alcohol and/or drugs.**  
For more information call Pastor Terry Paine at 785-966-0223  
*"COME unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28)*

## Invitation to the 2nd Annual Community Fall Festival at the Prairie Peoples Park

September 11, 2004  
4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Community churches gather to meet together for an afternoon of entertainment and fellowship.

Balloons, clowns, puppets, hog roast and local talent

## 3rd annual PBP Holiday Craft Fair 2004

Nov. 19 & 20, 2004

Harrah's Casino  
Prairie Band Convention Center

- Special gifts
- Crafts
- Food
- Entertainment

For vendor information call Janelle at 785 845-7919  
Or email all inquiries to [Jnlmurk@hotmail.com](mailto:Jnlmurk@hotmail.com)



## Bumper crop in 2004

Kansas had a bumper crop in corn and just to show the readers how high the corn grew, co-editor Suzanne Heck stood by the corn to show the comparison. The stalks measured over 6 ft. tall, this was not counting the tips of the tassels.

Rains were plentiful this year and did not have the high temperatures as in the past.

Other crops that benefited were soybeans and wheat.

Photo at left: Suzanne Heck, co-editor of the PBP News.

## September "2004" Potawatomi Elder Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Closed For Labor Day	Ham & Beans White Rice Peas & Carrots Corn Bread	Parmesan Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Normandy Dinner Roll	Sloppy Joes Baked Fries Cole Slaw Sliced Oranges	Chicken Rice Cass Louisiana G Beans Tossed Salad Biscuit
Spaghetti & Meatball Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Chicken Pitats Broccoli Soup Macaroni Salad Crackers	Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Tomato Salad	Roast Beef Potato & Gravy Carrots Dinner Roll	Salmon Patties Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Sliced Bread
Breakfast Sausage, Bacon Eggs, Hashbrowns Biscuits & Gravy	Swedish Meatballs Over Noodles Zucchini Casserole Dinner Roll	Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuit	Baked Chicken Grilled Red Potato Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll	Beef & Barley Soup Beef Sandwich Fruit Salad Crackers
Goulash Brussels Sprouts Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Roast of Pork Potatoes & Gravy Carrots Dinner Roll	Chicken Cacciatore Baked Potato Mixed Vegetable Dinner Roll	Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Greenbeans Dinner Roll	Closed For American Indian Day

Lunch Hours  
11:30-12:30

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

Menu Subject to Change





## Ganiṭṭēk (Those who are born)


Happy 3rd Birthday  
Pudge  
July 15, 2004



Mama, Love, Grandma  
Pops, Coonie, & Chuckie




Look who's 4 years old



Felicity  
Born August 7th, 2000  
Proud parents: Nikki & Billy Price




Happy Birthday  
Nice  
Niece

Happy Birthday  
Ni-kon  
Ko-la  
September 11

September 11  
Moonlight Dancer



Happy Birthday  
Nibawi

Haskell Reunion  
in Oklahoma  
October 29,30,31, 2004  
Biltmore Hotel  
I-40 & Meridian  
Oklahoma City, OK

Haskell Alumni Association  
of Oklahoma


contact Leon Yahola, (918) 616-3757 or  
Kenneth Scott, (918) 628-0969.  
Golfers: Simon Mitchell, (405) 672-7923

Happy Birthday  
Neph  
September 29




Have a good day today  
and q̄ day

Happy Birthday  
Neph  
September 1



Have a good day  
and year




Wants a penpal  
please write to:  
Larry Dean Shopteese #79740  
Lansing Correctional Facility  
Truunit East 217  
P.O. Box 2  
Lansing, KS 66043

## Kamboṭṭēk (Those who died)

### In Memory

Edward C. Dickinson died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on July 16, 2004 in Tyler, Texas. He was 66. He is preceded in death by his wife, Edwina "Wezhnah" Matchie Dickinson. He is survived by his children, Dianna Payne and Charlene McCoy of Gladewater, Texas, Roxanna West of Big Sandy, Texas, Charles Dickinson of Houston, Texas and Rolanda Fuller of White Oak, Texas, 6 granddaughters, 6 grandsons, 3 great-grandchildren, a sister, Esther Niles of Phoenix, Arizona and uncle, Bill Dickinson of Holton, Kansas. A memorial service was conducted on Sunday, July 18, 2004 in Big Sandy, Texas.

(submitted by Dianna Payne)

Dear Family and Friends,  
A heartfelt "Thank You" for a REAL SURPRISE 90th Birthday Day Picnic.

Thank you so much to all who brought food, gifts, cards, and helped cook. Seeing, visiting with all the people and reading my birthday cards are cherished memories that will be in my heart forever.

Love and blessings to you all,  
Julia G. LaClair



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## Gathering 2004

Photos:  
Courtesy of the Citizen Potawatomi  
Nation.  
PBBN members leaving for the Gathering,  
courtesy of Pam Bowman.

- Some Gathering quotes:
- Weather was good.
  - Getting reacquainted.
  - Fun on the way down.
  - Lots of food—frybread and corn.

Photo: Top, 2nd row middle (L-R): PBBN  
Princess Sydney Jessepe with the new Gath-  
ering Princess Tomi Pahmahmie.

Gathering next Year: Michigan

August is the Ripening Moon: Nibne Kisēs