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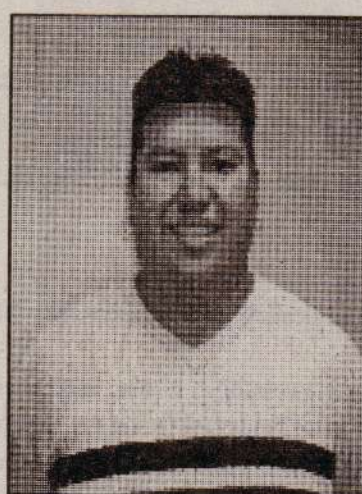
A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Ten candidates vie for chair in upcoming special Tribal Council election
-per capita increase referendum question also on the ballot

The candidates



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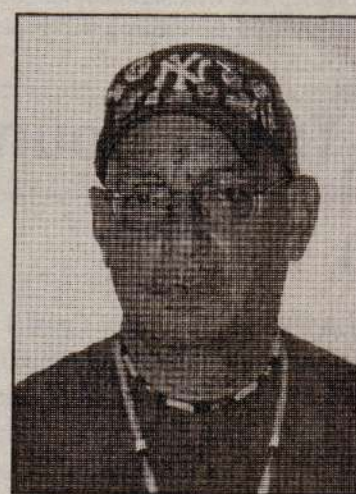
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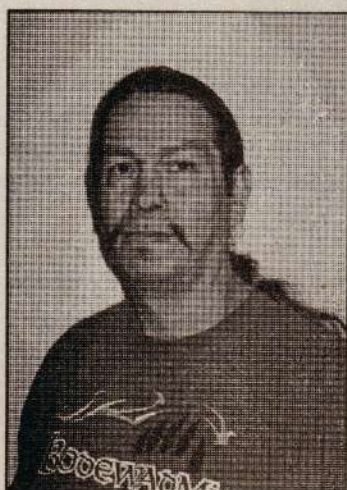
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Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)



Mamie (Wahwasuck)
Rupnicki



Sonny J. Shoptese



Tony Wahweotten



Voters!

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information about per
capita question and
opinions from tribal
members from our
News poll

and

profiles submitted by
tribal chair candidates
and other election
highlights on pages 2-4.

Read it in the News
-your trusted source
of information.

Meet the Tribal Council chair candidates

at the
Tribal Council Candidate Forum

Saturday, September 8, 2007

PBPN Bingo Hall

16277 Q Road, Mayetta, KS, 66509

9 a.m. to noon

Question boxes available at the Firekeepers Center, Government Center and the Election Office. Please submit questions by noon September 5, 2007. For details call the Elections Office at 785.966.3910, 3911, or 3912.

Shabonna Update

A news report from the July 27, 2007 *Daily Chronicle* said that the resignation of Tracy Stanhoff from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation recently would not impact negotiations with DeKalb County to build an electronic bingo hall.

The information was stated according to County Administrator Ray Bockman who said that the negotiations have technically been between the county and the tribal council anyway and that the seven-member body speaks for the Nation.



Potawatomi
Gathering
2007
in
Forest County,
Potawatomi
Territory
-a time
to be one

Upcoming Calendar of Events

September 3	Government offices closed Labor Day
September 7	Election ballots mailed out
September 8	Tribal Council Candidate Forum
September 28	Government offices closed American Indian Day
October 10	Tribal Election Day



Famous child care experts

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and Dr. Joshua Sparrow speak
at Pathways to our Future Conference

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, founder of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center, and his colleague Dr. Joshua Sparrow, a noted child and adolescent psychiatrist, were keynote speakers at the Ben-noteh Wigwam Early Childhood Education Center's 3rd annual Pathways to our Future Conference held August 13 and 14 at the Casino.



Dr. Joshua Sparrow

Touchpoints is a widely used child development program that supports families through predictable phases of children's lives. Dr. Brazelton's "Brazelton Way" series, *Touchpoints 0-3* has reached nearly a million families and is in a revised 15th year anniversary edition. The Touchpoints concept has been used and taught for years at the Early Childhood Education Center.

Approximately 125 child care workers attended the conference that included workshops on childcare issues, a book signing with Brazelton and Sparrow, a Native American fashion show, and a second keynote address by music therapist, Bongo Barry Bernstein.

Brazelton is currently a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics Emeritus at Harvard Medical School and Professor of Psychiatry and Human

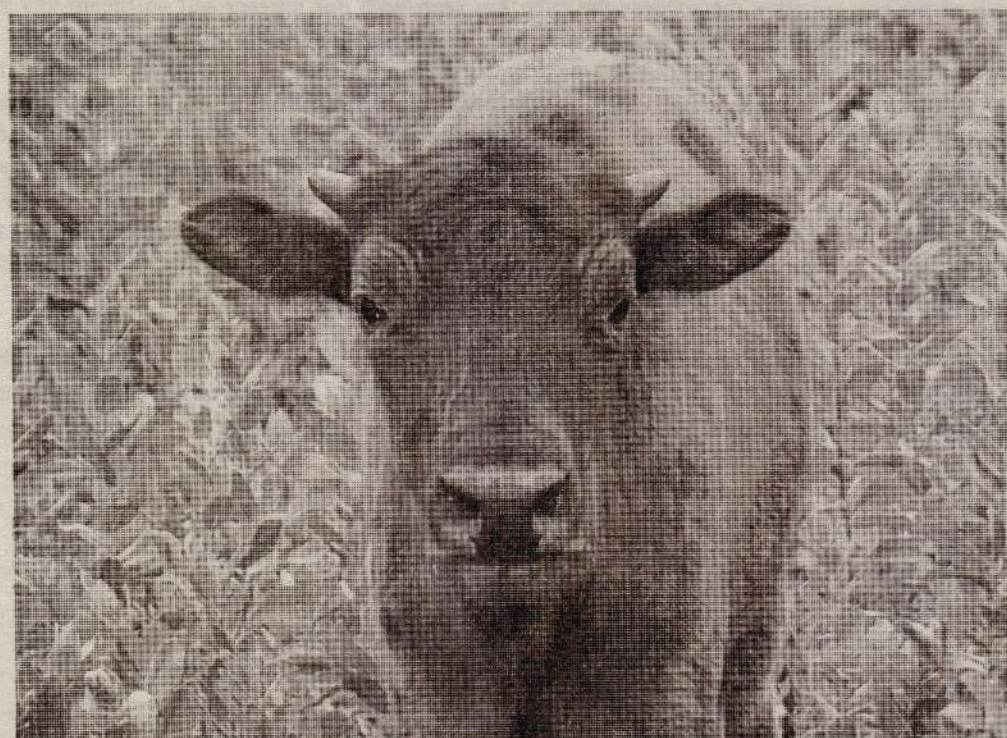
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Dr.
Brazelton
with
Natalie
McClane
who
works at
the Early
Childhood
Education
Center



Development at Brown University. He has written 40 books on pediatrics and child development and has co-authored eight books with Dr. Sparrow who is Director of Special Initiatives at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Harvard Medical School.



PBPB fashion show participants.



Members of the Road & Bridge crew who care for the Tribe's bison herd reported that seventeen new babies were born this spring to the herd that now numbers over 100. The News snapped this curious young bison one morning during the herd's daily feeding which made for a nice photograph.



Special Election Tribal Council Highlights and Candidate Profiles

Election Highlights

- August 24, 4 p.m. Last day for members 18 years of age or older to register to receive a ballot for this election, if not already registered and for candidates to withdraw from election.
- September 7 Ballots mailed to registered voters only
- September 8, 9 a.m. Tribal Council candidate forum
- October 10, 9 a.m. Ballots tabulated and election results reported

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for Tribal Members by Election Board at old stone community building on reservation

Editor's Note: Below are the profiles of Tribal Council candidates who are running in the Tribal Council election to be held on October 10, 2007. One (1) member of the Tribal Council which is the Chairperson will be elected. The term of office for this position will fill the duration of term to July 2010. Each candidate listed provided their own profile to the *News* or through the Election Office that will run concurrently in the September issue. The first submission will be the only one used and no changes will be accepted after publication. In the interest of fairness to all candidates and because the *News* does not have paid advertising, no political advertising will be accepted. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order and in the same format as the others.

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

Blake Garrison

Greetings! I am Blake Garrison; I am a candidate for the Tribal Council Chairperson. Son of Carole Masquat Garrison and the late Edward Garrison. Currently residing in Hoyt, Kan. with my wife Audria and our five children. We moved here from East Hartford, Conn. in 1999, shortly after graduating from Data Institute for Computer Electronics. We have lived on and around our Reservation ever since. I have been employed with our casino for the past eight years, starting in the Information Technology department where I became familiar with the casino systems, such as, SDS, LMS and CMS. After a year and a half I transferred to the Slot Performance department as a Slot Technician to expand my knowledge. I then acquired many new skills that consisted of troubleshooting, networking and setting up slot machines. During our vigorous transition I also assisted in the completion of changing over the new Advantage systems. I have taken part in many conversions, expansion and most recently our transition.

"What Matters!" When a person asks me what matters I respond with many issues. What matters to me is-

- Building a Promising Future
- To Tell the Truth
- Thinking Outside the Box
- Talking/ Communicating
- Accountability and Consistency

The business of our Nation must move forward! These are all priceless assets when moving forward.

"When moving forward let's have..." Successful Change- We need effective communication from our leaders in order to gain full and active support from our Nation. We need member

for our future, with consistency when dealing with these issues. Most of all a widespread need for positive change!

Positive Leadership- We need to establish a clear and concise vision that will lead our Nation to success. We need to recognize the issues facing the Nation, be honest and trustworthy with members of our Nation. We need to solicit feedback from our membership and value their input. Most importantly we need structure amongst our leadership!

Values- We need the value of support, the value of trust, the value of compassion, the value of service, the values of integrity and the values of competence! These are qualities needed for effective leaders.

I believe one of the best attributes one can have is the ability to lead. One of the most important traits to have is to put your reputation on your convictions. For one, it shows strength of character. Secondly, it shows you are willing to take your ideas or the accepted ideas of others and run with them. The biggest skill is the ability to listen. Without this skill nothing else you do would really matter.

We must have the ability as a Nation to think outside the box. We need a leadership that can make wise decisions that will meet our challenges head on! Without the right nurturing we could plunge. I believe I am that leader that can meet all of these challenges as your Tribal Chairman. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming Prairie Band Chairperson Election.

Thank you,

Chago Hale

Hello everyone!

Recently I was asked, "WHO AM I?"

My name is Chago Hale.

I am a proud husband and father, and older brother to some really great younger brothers and a son to my wonderful mother, Laverne Hale and respected father, Joe Hale. I come from a caring family from both my mother and father's families. My family has taught me the traditional ways that we have been blessed to have as Potawatomi people. I truly believe in our traditional ways. These beliefs have life long lessons that show us how to live and how to take care of our people.

I have grown up here on the reservation most of my life. I have had the blessing to learn from many elders and others that are not related to me, but seem like they are because I have grown up here so close to many people. Through this, I have learned that things can't be done alone; we need EACH OTHER as a whole for things to work in a positive manner.

My education is from Haskell University and I have also been educated with the wonderful trade of massage therapy. This trade has taught me how to help people in a positive way. Also this trade has

taught me the structure of business and how trial and error make an excellent way to learn how the business world works.

I have a very strong belief, that we, as a Nation, can work together and make things good for all of our people, from our babies to our elders. Not just here on our reservation, but for all Potawatomi people all over this country. I have had many good people to listen to and learn from their teachings that we need to listen to each other and help each other. This is how I live my life and I am here for our people even if not elected, I am here to help in any way I can. We are not all related, but as a Nation, we are one big family and I will always believe that way.

Together we can make the businesses we have even better! We have the ability to grow strong in the business world. We have so many knowledgeable tribal members who have the skills to help our Nation. These are the people we need to be in charge of our businesses," OUR OWN PEOPLE!" I truly believe that we can make this happen.

I would appreciate your vote for TRIBAL CHAIRMAN in October. I would like to wish every one the best and thank you for your time.

Chago Hale

Tamara (Tami) McClammy

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

Hello,
My name is Tamara (Wah-sesh-mo-quah) Lewis McClammy. I am the daughter of Charles A. (Magnauck) Lewis and the late Christine Lewis. My grandparents are the late Joseph Lewis and Constance (Jessepe) Lewis. I am married to Will McClammy and we are the proud parents of three beautiful girls Ashley, Courtney and Stephanie. I am asking for your support in the upcoming Chairperson election.

My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Washburn University, and a master's degree in Business Management, Baker University. I am currently employed with the PBP Gaming Commission. My reason for filing my candidacy is simple; I have a vested interest in the tribe's success in all of its endeavors and want to be an active component in that facet. I pride myself on being an objective, fair minded individual. I have never been swayed by the popular contention. Instead, I rely on my own morals and convictions to guide me in my decisions. I have always taken a systematic approach when making a decision. I weigh all options and look at "what" the problem is

and not "who" it is.

I believe we can continue the success the tribe has seen with our current self sufficient attainment of our casino. I continue to support Indian Preference in upper management. I believe that tribal employees are a key ingredient in the continued success of our gaming interests and should be given the proper tools to develop. I am an advocate for full disclosure on all issues in regard to current business ventures, future acquisitions, and financial holdings. I encourage economic development for Indian-owned businesses on the reservation as a way to provide a stable economy for the surrounding area. I also support franchising with outside businesses to assure that we are not solely relying on the current trend in gaming to continue. I assure that the expenditures will be administered with the utmost discretion. I believe that the annual tribal operating budgets should reflect anticipated revenues and expenditures for the FY and made available to general council.

In conclusion, accountability will be a priority, I firmly believe in a "full day's work" to earn a "full day's dollar", and if elected I will be at the disposal of all tribal member concerns at any time asked. Thank you and please exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election.

Jay Herman Mattwaoshshe

No profile submitted.

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Julia Barber	785.966.3910
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Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Election Board
P.O. Box 128
Mayetta, Kansas 66509



Joseph A. (LeClere) Mendez

We the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation now have the opportunity to take back the government of the people and its people and it's Constitution, which we have so long allowed to let go of ourselves into the hands of a few of seven. The "Magnificent Seven" will and should now be the General Council.

I, Joseph A. (LeClere) Mendez, member of this Nation am just as much at fault for allowing my internal sovereignty to a group of seven. Therefore, I appeal by declaring my candidacy for the position of chairman of this Nation. I ask, you the citizen, for the opportunity to represent you in returning open representation and knowledgeable government back to its people, for which you all voted, deserved and expect...take back...YOUR CONSTITUTION!

Working since 1999 for the Nation, I have witnessed the government interactions and lack of actions and have remained independent of one's judgments, considerations, loyalties, and operations, why? – because, not once was I asked.

Serving as chair, one remains an employee, a servant of the people and its Nation. My scruples do not serve or cater to individuals, groups, agendas, or councils, but rather will be responsible to the representative body – the membership, the citizens of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Eddie Joe Mitchell

My name is Edward J. Mitchell, I am known as Eddie Joe. I have lived on the Potawatomi reservation most of my life. I traveled around but this has always been my home. I am married to Mary Wabnum Mitchell. We have four children, Hattie, Joe, William and Mishan. All of them are in college. Family is very important to me. My home has been opened to many. I am alcohol and drug free.

I have an associate of art's degree in liberal arts from Haskell. My major was journalism. I attended Washburn University and am three hours short of my bachelor's degree. I majored in Communication Arts and English. My studies have given me strong communication skills.

I decided to run for chairman because of the old saying that if you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem. I was told that if I cared for our people, do something. I care enough to help whenever I can. I have helped many people, and will continue to do so.

I have demonstrated my leadership skills in our traditional ways. I have been active in them for the past 30 years. I have attained many positions of leadership because of my dependability and knowledge. I have become educated in both of the worlds that we live in. I possess knowledge of our history, language, genealogy and culture. I believe I can serve the Prairie Band because of my leadership skills

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)

Over the next 18 to 36 months the PBPB will be facing daunting challenges beginning with an increase in competition within the Kansas gaming arena. Currently the four tribes in Kansas compete against the 10,000+ slot machines in the Kansas City, Mo. area. However with the passage of expanded Kansas gaming the PBPB will face another 6,000 to 8,000 slot machines attached to resort style casinos ranging in cost from 200 million to \$260 million each to build. There is also the possibility of another Indian casino in Kansas City, Kan. adding potentially another 1,000 slots and expansion of an Indian casino north of PBP Casino with 200 to 300 more slots. Our environment will be changing and we, as the PBPB, need to be ready to meet this competitive environment. We need to continue to develop the PBP Casino into a world class casino drawing players willing to play to maximum amounts and offering them amenities they desire in order to get them to return. Also, we need to develop markets other than the Kansas City area to grow our business. Some look to Shabeynay as an ace in the hole and it is but with a price tag initially starting out at \$25 million to build a Class II facility and progressing to a \$250 to \$300 million project as presented to General Council awhile back. How will we finance this huge sum of money? At this point the PBPB has not been able to develop a partnership with any venture capital group to put forth the capital to fund Shabeynay without an excessive loan charge. Venture groups are hesitant to commit even with the letter from the Department of Interior on the land claim. Shabeynay was designed to be a self-sustaining project able to pay for all costs plus contribute to the PBPB in Kansas by itself. The PBPB current investment of \$63,000+/acre makes this a project to be dealt with. Impact of what I have just mentioned will impact all PBPB members both on and off the reservation and all of the PBPB programs. We need to begin a discussion in General Council as to how best for Tribal Council to meet this challenge and set priorities to provide services to the PBPB membership and succeed in the end. The preamble of our Constitution can be the guiding tool to set our priorities. At last count the PBPB maintains 101 budgets and another impact to the funding of these budgets lies with the mail out vote to increase per capita to 48%. My opinion on this matter is it is up to the PBPB membership to say what they want through this vote and the Tribal Council's role is to manage the outcome and plan budgets accordingly providing as many services as reasonable with the income available. Lastly, after having sat along side five chair's (MR,GM,BW,ZP,TS), I have come to learn what will reasonably work and will not work and understand cooperation, communication and Tribal Council approval is the key for Tribal Council members to move forward in the same direction. I will have no other job than that as the chair during my term if elected.

What I have to offer is Experience, Knowledge and Cooperation.

I can be contacted at steveo131@juno.com

Personal:

Age 55, Married (34 years), 2 adult Children, Wolf Clan,
Grandchild of Dewy M'Jessepe (Ga-kee-kaw-bah) "Bad Boy" and
Minnie M'Jessepe (Sho-wak-e-yah) Eagle Clan and son of Laura
M'Jessepe-Ortiz (Pshuck-to-quah) Thunder Clan.

Experience:

Bachelor's of Business Administration, Washburn University, Topeka, Kan.
Honorable Discharges from United States Marine Corps and United States Army Reserves. Life member of We-Ta-Se and served on Color and Honor Guard services
22 years management experience in the corporate world's of IBM, Kansas Power & Light, and Hallmark Cards, Inc.
Experience of understanding constitutional issues and the constitutional role of the chair.
8 years experience (1998-2006) as Secretary for the PBPB, prepared Tribal Council meeting minutes and General Council summary for approval
Served as past president of the Three tribes (PBPB, Sac & Fox, Iowa's) Health Board
Served as Secretary of the PBPB Health Board
Served as a member of the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board
Served as Secretary of the PBPB Housing Board
Served as Secretary of the PBPB Utility Corporation
Served as a member of the National Indian Gaming Commission Task Force on Health & Safety in Indian Casinos
Served as PBPB Alternate Delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association
Served as PBPB Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians
Worked with and communicated with the PBPB Gaming Commission on fulfilling their mission to protect the integrity of our games, protect the assets and keep the criminal element out of our gaming operation.

Mamie (Wahwasuck) Rupnicki

No profile submitted

I call upon you as a Nation through out this Nation, not just Mayetta, Jackson County, or Kansas, but all its citizens to take back what is YOURS – GOVERNMENT which YOU STAND TO PROTECT! Help yourselves to employ good and clean government by being involved; speak, act, write, rejuvenate yourselves as Generals so that we return as the COUNCIL . . . the policy makers; the BUSINESS CEO's – No being of the controller of its citizens as we are now.

Win or lose I continue to be a loyal employee by performing the duties as entrusted as Procurement Officer of the Nation to which your dollars we approve are worthy of their expenditure. I will continue, if elected, as an employee of Council to be responsible, without attitude, isolation in shutting off its citizens – making sure through all possible media that they are aware of the good, social, and general welfare as the Constitution dictates in promoting harmony.

Finally, we, the citizens of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, are the governing body of the Constitution as it states, therefore, we should assume the responsibility as allowed . . . direct exercise of power! KNOW that GENERAL COUNCIL SHALL have DIRECT EXERCISE of non-delegated powers and shall legislate....as a whole Nation...not by one – three, or seven!!

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at Mendez@giantcomm.net.

and my dependability.

One complaint is the lack of information. I hope to open lines of communication. We should have an updated tribal website. Information can be disseminated instantly. I will be available to talk and listen to tribal members at the government center as well as out in the community, if elected. Leaders have the ability to listen to people. Input from our people is necessary to grow. We should know what is happening in our tribe.

The management of the tribe is already in place. We have employees that have the expertise to run the tribe. They will be a great help to whoever is elected. Our programs should be kept running smoothly. No one can please everyone but there should be fairness in how services are administrated. More people should benefit from our assets. I believe in fairness. All of our programs should be accountable to the people. They exist for our benefit.

I would appreciate your vote and support. I feel the strongest leader we have is all of our people acting together. The chairman is but one person, it takes all of us to make a tribe.

Worked with banking and financial institutions doing business with the PBPB. Also attended financial planning sessions offered by these institutions.

Worked with both Skyline and Liberty Alliances on the Shabeynay project

Worked with tribal lobbyist at the State level and Washington D.C level

Developing a working relationship with the Regional Federal director appointed by the president on sharing grant information to Tribes through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which Indian Health Services and childcare services area part of.

Knowledge: Over the past eight years developed a working knowledge of the following agreements and relationships

Knowledgeable of PBPB agreement with Liberty Alliances concerning the Shabeynay project.

Understanding of the line of credit the PBPB has with banking institution and its ramifications to the Nation.

Understanding of the Self-Governance Agreement the PBPB has with Indian Health Service concerning healthcare and dental.

Understanding of the Older Americans Act, USDA Commodities Program, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services concerning Early Head Start, Head Start and Childcare Development Fund Grant.

Understanding of National Indian Gaming Commission rules on Class II and Class III gaming. Also and understanding of Johnson Act as it relates to gaming machines being transported and the issues that may arise. An understanding of the on-going issues of the N.I.G.C. issues concerning class II gaming machines which could impact Shabeynay.

Understanding of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, HUD programs and Raymond James Home funding program used by the PBPB. Also experience with tribal national programs for under and over income members needing a home loan or improvement grant.

Experience of working with Harrah's Entertainment on casino operational costs management, casino hold percent and profitability, marketing programs, cost/benefit return analysis of marketing programs and cost / return analysis for reaching out to new customers, customer satisfaction analysis, Customer amenities issues, employee issues and potential union organizing issues.

Cooperation:

Eight years of understanding how cooperation is important between the chair and Tribal Council to fulfill the requests of the General Council that pass by majority vote.

Work to cooperate with tribal program directors and employees to bring costs under control. Over the past nine years the Tribal Councils focused on infrastructure development and now we need to focus on maintenance of the infrastructure that was built.

Cooperate in determining at what levels tribal programs will be funded at with income available.

Cooperation will be needed to develop a program to employ more tribal members and train them.

Cooperation between the chair and Tribal Council to ensure our heritages of religions, language and customs are preserved per the Constitution.

Cooperation to ensure our healthcare is adequate to provide emergency services, routine health and dental care, and adequate law enforcement. Perhaps casino management should provide security for the gaming operation and use tribal police on an as needed basis in the casino operation.

Cooperation with the PBPB Gaming Commission, PBP Casino Board, and Tribal Council so as not interrupt the operation of the casino and keep the casino in compliance with National Indian Gaming Commission rules for Class III gaming and Kansas Gaming Compact. Also cooperation with PBPB Gaming Commission, PBP Casino Board, and Tribal Council to operate Class II gaming in Illinois.

Short Term Goals to work with Tribal Council on:

Increase the PBPB tribal government cash reserves and increase the casino cash reserves that were depleted by transition costs and purchase of Shabeynay land.

Revisit the salary pay range for tribal government pay grades 1 thru 6.

Maintain a working and positive relationship with the DeKalb County Commissioners.

Increasing capacity at the Childcare Center to handle another 70 to 90 children that are on the waiting list.

Completion of paving the road to the Snows Church which was on the original road plan approved by Tribal Council but not completed as of yet.

Work to seek investors for funding the Shabeynay gaming project so the PBPB does not have to take on additional debt.

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)

Don't forget to mail in your vote for Tribal Council!



Sonny J. Shoptese

Bo'Sho Ni' Kon,

My name is Sonny Joseph Shoptese, I am 45 years old and an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I'm also Sac & Fox and Crow Creek Sioux. My parents are Peter Joseph Shoptese, Jr. (deceased), of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and my mother is Kathleen Mae (Ross) Pamoni of the Crow Creek Sioux Nation. My grandmother is Eunice Teresa (Green) Shoptese (deceased) and my grandfather is Peter Joseph Shoptese Sr. (deceased) who were both enrolled members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. My great-grandmother was Mary Jessepe-Green and my great grandfather was Tom Greene.

I have been happily married to Nancy Lue-Shoptese for the past 10 years and we live in Topeka, Kan. I have three children, Traci, Teresa, and Camoran from a previous marriage and three step-children, Nathan, Joey and Angel Tevebaugh. I have four grandchildren, Emilyynn, Haven, Royce and Preston and two step-grandchildren, Jerica and Braylen.

Some of my professional experiences include managerial skills as well as leadership skills which are used mainly within my military career today. I have been placed in numerous leadership positions and have worked well with others in figuring out how to resolve issues pertaining to decision making matters. I have also been an instructor in most of these management and leadership areas and taught the basic leadership skills to younger military personnel in order to prepare them for leadership roles. I have been a part of helping bring effective relations between the Iraqi national government and coalition forces in several locations of Iraq which helped me develop diplomacy and negotiating skills. In short, everything that I have been a part of in civilian and military life deals with the development and expansion of my leadership and management abilities.

I attended Royal Valley High School in Hoyt, Kan. and Seaman High School in Topeka, Kan. I attended Washburn University in the fall of 2001 with the support of my wife and in 2003 received my Associate of Art's degree. I graduated from Washburn University in August, 2005 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. I also have received certificates of completion in military schools and received training for leadership and managerial skills which I continue to use today.

My enlistment into the military began in 1980 with the Kansas National Guard in Holton, Kan. until 1993 when I decided to extend into active service. During my active duty status, I was stationed

with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. Upon leaving active duty, I had a six-year break in service and re-enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard with Alpha Company 2/137th Infantry Battalion in Lawrence, Kan. In September, 2005, I received my mobilization orders for active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom receiving training in Fort Sill, Okla., the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. and additional training in Richmond Va. before departing for Kuwait and then on into Iraq for a one-year deployment. During my tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom and throughout my military career I have received 16 separate and distinct commendations and/or awards which involved leadership ability and the ability to teach and train others in these same abilities. I have also been fortunate enough to be named as an honorary police officer in one of the Iraqi cities along with other members of our team.

I am currently serving the end of my 18th year as a sergeant with the 35th Infantry Division Headquarters/Operations Center. I am a life member of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 and the local V.F.W. post located in Lawrence, Kan.

As your tribal chairperson, I will do everything within my ability to work with other tribal council and tribal members on issues that really matter in our government system. I will also address the issues that we, as a sovereign nation, need to address so that we can continue pursuing our path of independence and self sufficiency. I will listen to those who bring up important issues that affect the tribe as a whole and, to the best of my ability, set forth to address those important issues. I will not make promises that can't be kept on issues but I will represent the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation with dignity, pride and keep the utmost respect for our people in a fair and uniform manner. Leadership is what the tribe is looking for in our next chairperson and I will do my best to perform the duties as your leader. As a candidate for chairperson, your vote would be greatly appreciated in our upcoming special election to fill this vacancy. Thank you and I hope to see a good voter turnout, so please get out there and cast your vote. May the Creator bless and care for you and your families.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonny J. Shoptese (Wah-Sah-Toe)

Tony Wahweotten

To members of the Nation,

I began to work when I was young, mowing yards, shoveling snow and helping my dad paint on weekends. Starting to work at an early age helped me to create a strong work ethic. I graduated from Royal Valley in 1984. At that time, I went to work for the U.S.D.A. as a Field Office Engineering Technician for six years where I learned survey and design techniques. My father and I created 1st Nation Painting which was founded in 1996. This is a successful sub-contracting business which operates in approximately a 100-mile radius of the reservation. In addition, I have been taught great respect for all of our resources through hunting, fishing and gathering from our lands. I have over 15 years of experience sitting on committees and working for our tribe. My business knowledge and life experience makes me a very capable chairperson for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

In addition, I have served on our tribal zoning committee for the past twelve years. I was nominated and voted to serve as chairman for the last two terms on the tribal zoning committee. I was asked to participate and soon after was elected as a board member to the land management committee where I have served for the last four years, at times as acting Chair.

I have lived both on the reservation and off the reservation in the surrounding areas of Mayetta, Hoyt and Topeka all of my life. Raised by a strong family, I acquired the knowledge needed to function well in both our traditional and contemporary worlds. I am invested and active in both. I am a healthy, non-smoking full-blooded Prairie Band Potawatomi.

My father is Ronald Wahweotten, son of Ray Wahweotten and Elsie Wahwahsuck-Wahweotten. My mother is LaVeda Wahweotten, daughter of Charles Thomas and Lillian Shoptese-Thomas. I'm married to Angela Greemore-Wahweotten and we share two beautiful children, Brennah and Zach. I also have a wonderful daughter, Chaumin. We have been in our current residence in Mayetta for 14 years.

Since 1996, 1st Nation Painting, Inc. has completed contracts on the Elder Center, the BPPN Childcare and Head Start, the Government Center, the Fire Station, the Tribal Court, the Bingo Hall, the Community building, and the Casino (existing and the new expansion) just to name a few of our projects with the Nation in the last eight years. My business management skills, time management abilities, and self-sufficiency have been developed through many years of hard work. Once elected into the office of chairperson on our Tribal Council, my wife, Angela, and staff will continue to run our business. I will surrender the duties I currently perform in my company.

My interest in running for Tribal Council has come from being involved with the Nation in various business endeavors, meetings, committee work, my own personal experience and my belief that Indian Country is in a time of change that will affect our future well-being. I have earned a reputation for being fair, honest, having solid ethical standards and being able to make sound decisions quickly.

We need a strong communicator, a person with proven people skills and values based in honor, ethics and morals. I fit those criteria.

With your support, I will do my best in representing our Nation. My e-mail address is rawahoo@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tony Wahweotten

Something to quack about: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation make largest donation ever to Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race

Volunteer leaders of the 12th annual Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race held a press conference on July 25 at the Law Office of Dan Hejmanek in Topeka to announce a \$15,000 donation made by the BPPN for the event.

The Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 near the Swimming Beach at Lake Shawnee.

The donation, which is a part of the Tribe's 2nd quarter charitable contributions, is the largest single monetary donation ever received by Sertoma in their long history of fundraising in the Topeka community.

The purpose of the Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race is to raise money for local non-profits by encouraging people to adopt rubber ducks for a chance to win a number of different prizes. This year one prize will include a chance to win \$1 million sponsored by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a 1983 Ford Mustang convertible donated by Laird Noller Ford.

Ducks are now available for adoption and can be made by visiting www.TopekaDuckRace.org or call 23-DUCKS.



Left: Prairie Band Potawatomi Charitable Contributions Committee and Tribal Council members attended a press conference in Topeka that announced a \$15,000 charitable contribution donation to the Sertoma Duck Race. From left to right representing the BPPN are Delores Abrams, Mary Carr, James Wabaunsee, Wanda Treinen, Jackie Mitchell, LaVera Bell, Ryan Dyer, Rey Kitchumme (with check). Sertoma Club representatives included the Duck mascot, Laura Graham and Julie Hejmanek.

2nd Quarter Charitable Contributions

•Topeka Sertoma Club	15,000.00
•First Nations Students Association	1,000.00
•St Marys Food Pantry	3,000.00
•Our Lady of Snows Shipshew Cementary	15,000.00
•Topeka Active 20/30 Club	5,000.00
•Friends of KCSDV Inc	5,000.00
•Kansas State Fair	210.00
•Shawnee County Allied Tribes	4,000.00
•Seven Dolores Catholic Church	2,000.00
•Flandreau Indian School	1,000.00
•Holton/Jackson Co Chamber of Commerce	1,000.00
•Mayetta Pioneer Day Assoc	1,500.00
•Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta Mexicana	10,000.00
•Bible Church of God	2,000.00
•Rayal Family Kids Camp	2,000.00
•Northeast Area Agency on Aging	2,000.00
•Potawatomi Language Restoration Project	1,000.00

Total \$70,710.00

Drunk Driving: Over the Limit. Under Arrest Tribal police participating in saturation checkpoints near the reservation with other law enforcement groups

The Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Tribal Police Department has announced that it is conducting saturation patrol and sobriety check lanes until September 3 or Labor Day weekend.

PBP police officers are working in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the

Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs to enforce cracking down on alcohol-impaired drivers.

The mobilization effort is allowing the tribal police department an opportunity to enhance its efforts in decreasing motor vehicle accidents and to increase traffic safety within the Nation.

Message to the Nation from Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member



It has been a very busy and interesting month. We have just returned from the Gathering which was very exciting and a fun filled time.

Everyone enjoyed the trip and we had some good sharing time with each other and the other bands. As council, we met with the other bands. Some very interesting and promising discussions were held concerning mutual projects that could be jointly entered into between the different bands.

The annual fundraising golf tournament for the Boys and Girls Club was a huge success. This was the sixth annual and has raised money for the club. It is also a time for the companies that we do business with to give back to our community. Thanks to all the staff of Boys and Girls Club, the Board of Directors, LaVerne Hale, Paula Hopkins, Gary Mitchell, Francis Shoptese and all who helped make this fundraiser a success.

I am very excited about the ten individuals who have put their name in the hat for the chair position. Last month in my article, I stated that I was concerned about anyone wanting to run for the job with the negative environment experienced lately within our tribe. By the fact of these ten stepping up and wanting to work for our tribe says a lot about our dedication to serving our Nation. Now is the time to select the right individual for the position and then we, as a Nation,

need to support this chair and the present leadership. Vote for the person that you think is right for the job and then support that person or whoever is elected.

The per cap issue is another important decision that we have to make as a Nation. I am going to vote no to the increase to 48%. Not because I wouldn't enjoy having additional per cap, I would, but because we need to take care of our Nation. The purpose of Indian gaming was to insure that Indian Nations would be able to provide for the needs of their people. I think that leaving the per cap at 30% will allow us to continue to provide employment, housing, education, burial and the other services that are presently enjoyed by all tribal members. If we increase to 48% all of these benefits would have to be adjusted to meet the shortfall of funding for these programs. If in the future, we have additional revenue from an Illinois casino or other revenue or state wide gaming doesn't impact our revenue, then that may be the time to increase our per cap allocation. **Vote No to the per cap increase.**

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@bpbpnation.org. I will try to get back to you as soon as possible with answers to your questions.



Boys & Girls Club Golf Fundraiser held



The 6th annual Boys & Girls Club Golf Fundraiser was held on August 17 at Shawnee Country Club in Topeka. Above are some of the employees who played in the tournament in order to help a good cause. From left to right are Gary Mitchell, Tug Wamego, Tom Tuckwin, John Forrester and Ralph Tecumseh.

Tom Polek, a captain with the Nez Perce Police Department, gave a presentation about crisis intervention sponsored by the PBP Tribal Police Department on August 16 & 17 at the Government Center. Representatives from the PBP Tribal Court, Social Services and Fire Department and others attended the training.

Crisis training held



PBPN directors learn about budgeting and finance

Directors and department representatives attended a three-day training designed to teach the basics of finance and budgeting skills on July 31, August 1 and 2 at the Bingo Hall.

The training was taught by Claudia A. James of National Seminars Group that included a power point presentation, in-class exercises, and workbooks that were given to each participant.

The seminar was sponsored by the PBP Human Resource Department and General Managers Office.

Ryan Dyer, Tribal Council treasurer, kicked off the training session by discussing the importance of the subject matter in helping directors prepare their 2008 budgets.

who worked in accounts payable for the PBP Finance Department for eight years, was feted with a going-away reception in tribal council chambers on August 3. She is seen, right, with a pendleton blanket that the Tribe gave her for her many years of service.



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New faces



Vivian Olson
Tribal Attorney



James B. Wadley
Tribal Court Judge



Kent Miller
Court Services Officer

Vivian Olson began working as a PBP tribal attorney on June 4. She holds a J.D. from Washburn Law School and a B.A. in English from Kansas State University. Previously she worked for the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority as a staff attorney and inspector general. Her office is located in the Government Center.

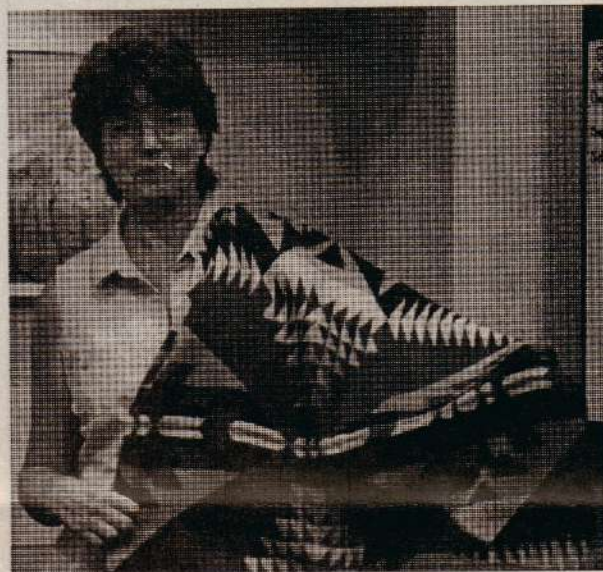
James B. Wadley is the new PBP Tribal Court judge and replaces Montie Deer who left the court last month. Wadley is a professor of law at Washburn University and holds a J.D. from Tulane University, and a M.S. and B.S. from Utah State University. He has also worked internationally in the legal field.

Kent Miller, Ioway Tribe, began his duties as a Court Services Officer (CSO) for the Tribal Court on June 18. He has 15 years of prior experience in working with Shawnee County corrections and holds the honor of being the Tribe's first CSO. His office is located in the Tribal Court building located on K Road.

Mary Richardson retires from Finance Department

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We-Ta-Se News

Call for veterans to be added to memorial wall

The We-Ta-Se office is calling for names to be added to the veterans memorial wall in Prairie Peoples Park. If you know of a tribal member who served in the armed forces and has discharge papers that can be provided call 785.966.2580 by September 28.

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 410 membership drive

Native American women are invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary which meets monthly on the second Monday at 6 p.m. in the We-Ta-Se building. Call Micki Martinez at 785.267.5594 or Judy at 785.966.2710 for details.

Bank's eye view: Setting financial goals—ready, aim, save

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank



If you don't know where you are going, you will probably end up someplace else. Getting in the car and taking a Sunday drive used to be a fun activity for many people when gas prices weren't so high. However, that activity would have entailed more planning if the driver was required to live wherever the car ran out of gas. But that is pretty close to how many people plan for retirement. They work without planning for retirement and then when the time runs out, that is where they are. Or, to put it another way, most people don't plan to fail; they fail to plan. For that reason, this article will discuss setting financial goals.

FOUR STEPS TO SETTING FINANCIAL GOALS

Step 1: Identify your financial goals. Your goals will be different than your parents' goals, your neighbors' goals, or your friends' goals. They may include saving to send your kids to college, buying a new car, saving for a down payment on a house, paying off debt, or planning for retirement.

Write down your goals. This is very important. Writing them down commits you to the goal. However, a lot of people struggle to write goals. Here are some pointers to help write effective goals.

Set positive goals. It is easier to accomplish a goal (run two miles a day) than to accomplish not doing something (don't get out of shape).

Be specific. Put in dates, amounts, and measurable outcomes. Are you saving to buy a minivan or a Corvette in two years? Are

you planning to retire on the family farm or on Martha's Vineyard?

Set performance goals. Not outcome goals. Setting a goal of saving 5% of your paycheck is better than setting a goal of saving \$200 a week. That way you will save more as you make more, but you can also meet your goal if you are forced to take a job with a pay cut.

Set realistic goals. Failure to meet a goal can lead to disappointment that makes you feel like a goal is impossible. But failure to stretch yourself will probably keep you from accomplishing anything great. Only you know how well you take failure. Does it motivate you or dispirit you? A failure can help you with other goals. It can help you see what you needed to do to accomplish the goal but didn't. Or it may show you that your plans don't coordinate with your lifestyle. Some people save money each week, some save that third paycheck those two months a year, others save their tax refunds. Sometimes your goal was good, but your method to achieve needs work.

Now take your goals and prioritize them. Is your child's college fund more important than a new car? Should you increase your retirement savings at the expense of your vacation fund?

Step 2: Break each financial goal into short-term (less than one year), mid-term (one to three years) and long-term (five years or more) goals. Saving for retirement is hopefully a long term goal. If you want to have \$500,000 in savings when you retire in 25 years, you can't save that amount in the next three years. However, you can save \$2,000 this year, or \$75 every two weeks. Saving \$500,000 is a mind boggling figure that can overwhelm you while

\$75 every two weeks is very manageable. It is very important that your short-term goals help you reach your long-term goals and that you see the relationship. Checking off these short-term goals can give you a real sense of accomplishment. I personally feel that sense of accomplishment when the thousands number on my home loan changes.

Step 3: Educate yourself! Read newspaper articles (especially ones in the *Prairie Band Potawatomi Newspaper*), or a book about investing, or surf the Internet's investing web sites. Make sure your money works as hard as you work. If you are saving to buy a car in two years, don't keep the money you have already saved in a savings account earning 1.35%, but open up a 2-year CD that pays 4.45%.

Step 4: Evaluate your progress. Review your progress at any interval you are comfortable with, but at least annually, to determine how you are doing. If you're not making the progress you want on a particular goal, re-evaluate your plan and make necessary changes. Celebrate the goals you accomplished (paying off your student loan), change the goals that no longer fit your life (replace that Corvette with a minivan if you find out you are expecting twins) and put new goals on as they come up (college fund for those twins).

By setting a roadmap, breaking your drive into small routes, and checking to make sure you are on track, your Sunday drive will take you to your goals instead of taking you someplace else. I always look forward to your questions or comments about this or any other subject. I can be reached at rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com or 1-800-633-2423.

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Sprains, strains, and tears

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

School is back in session and fall athletic season is underway. School athletics are a fun and healthy way for students to exercise and develop social skills. Unfortunately some athletes will suffer sports related injuries. The most common of these injuries are strains, sprains, and tears.

To better understand these injuries I will review the body parts involved. Joints are the surfaces of bones that allow the bones to move or articulate against each other. Most joints are lined with a smooth rubber like layer of cartilage. Joints are supported by elastic rope like fibers called ligaments. Ligaments always connect bone to bone. Muscles are made of fibers that can contract and relax to move bones and joints. Muscles are connected to bones with strong fibrous tissue called tendons. Tendons can be long and rope like connecting muscle to bones several inches away or very short connecting muscle directly to bone. Cartilage, ligaments, muscles, and tendons are referred to collectively as soft tissue.

Soft tissue sports injuries involve trauma. Sometimes the injuries are caused by the body itself. Excessively forceful contraction of muscles can cause injury to the muscles or tendons attached to the muscle. Repetitive forceful movement can lead to damage to tendons and joints. Impact with the ground is another leading cause of injury. Impacts with other athletes are one of the more dramatic causes of injury.

Sprains are injuries to ligaments caused by forcing a joint to move beyond its normal range of motion. The affected ligaments are stretched beyond their normal length and may be partially torn. Ankles, knees, wrists, and fingers are frequently sprained joints. Sprains can vary in severity depending on the amount of tearing versus stretching the affected ligament has sustained. Many sprains will heal in just a few days if the ligament has only been stretched while others may require weeks to months if there has been extensive tearing.

Strains are caused by either the forceful contraction of a muscle or the forced extension of contracted muscle. These injuries cause damage to the muscle fibers, tendon fibers, or the connection of the tendon to the bone. Muscles in the neck back, shoulders, hamstrings, and calves are frequently strained areas. Strains also vary in severity and can require days to months to heal.



Terry Harter, MD

Tears are caused by the same types of forces involved in sprains and strains but are much more serious injuries. Knees and shoulders are the most common sites of tears. When a complete tear occurs to cartilage, ligament, muscle, or tendon occurs our body frequently cannot heal properly. Untreated tears usually result in permanent loss of function of the injured site. Surgery can repair some types of tears however the repair may not restore complete function of the affected site. Tears have ended the athletic careers of many amateur and professional athletes.

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All sports injuries deserve to be treated seriously. Injured athletes should be removed from participation until their injury has healed. Treatment of sprains and strains often only requires rest of the injury. Splints to support the injured area and exercises designed to strengthen the surrounding muscles may also assist the healing process and help prevent further injury. Pain relievers like ibuprofen and acetaminophen can also be helpful.

If you have a sports related injury come by the health center and we can help you get back in the game.



Stop smoking? PBP hosts smoking cessation classes

Submitted by: Mina L Neuburger, RN CHN
Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center

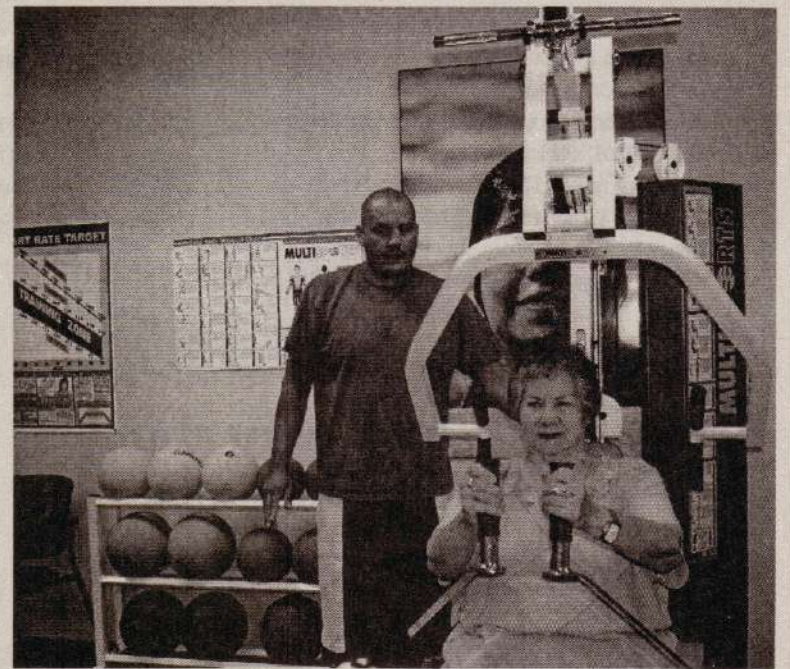
Cigarette smoking and Native people:

- Native people have the highest smoking rates of all ethnic groups in the U.S. at 41%.
- Cigarette smoking is the number one cause of preventable death among Native people.
- Death rates from tobacco-related diseases among Native people are double that of other ethnic groups.
- Native women are the only group of people in the U.S. who smoke more cigarettes now than they did 20 years ago.
- Cigarette smoking is a major contributor to the top two causes of death among Native people, heart disease and cancer, especially lung cancer.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center will be hosting "All Nations Breath of Life," a smoking cessation program for Native people. This program is funded by the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, and the University Of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc. These classes will be provided at no charge.

For more information on attending these classes please contact: Dr. Stevenson, 966-8226 and Mina Neuburger, CHN, 966-8233. There is a questionnaire that will need to be completed to see if those involved in the class are truly ready to quit.

How many pounds did you say I was lifting?



Left: The PBP Health Center offers the opportunity to obtain and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Roy Spoonhunter, left, is the lifestyle coach for the Diabetes Prevention Program; after taking a few assessment tests Roy can work with you or you can work out alone. Call Roy at 966-8270 to set up an appointment.

The Health Center just set up the universal cable machine and gave Mary Young, right, a demonstration.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

Save the date!

2nd Annual Working Together for Balance Conference

November 17, 2007
PBP Casino & Resort



A Cooperative effort of

Citizen Potawatomi Tribe
Haskell Health Center
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Sac and Fox Tribe in Missouri,
Kansas and Nebraska

More information to follow

Professional Treatment Services

Alcohol and Drug Information School
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Second and fourth Saturdays of each month

3205 Clinton Parkway Court
Lawrence, KS 66047

Phone: 785-843-5483 or 785-249-8477 or
E-mail: duane.olberding
@professional treatmentservices.com

Visit the website at
www.professionaltreatmentservices.com

Participants should bring their own lunch. There will be a 30-minute break for lunch. There is a refrigerator and a microwave for your food. We provide bottled water. Cost of the Alcohol and Drug Information School is \$80 when you begin. Please schedule participation at least three days prior to the next class to ensure availability.

Rules include: wear proper casual attire-no shirts or hats that depict alcohol or drug language; be on time; confidentiality; and a Release of Information to be signed.

2007 4th Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference

October 10-12, 2007
Hyatt Regency
Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri

Visit www.nationaldec.org for more information or visit
www.ksmethpreventionproject.org

Registration: \$200. Deadline to register is September 28. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Hotel: A limited number of rooms have been reserved for conference attendees. To secure your accommodations, please contact directly at (816) 421-1234 and mention "NADEC." Room rate until September 9.

Hotel parking: On-site parking fee.



Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Temperatures have begun to soar in the three-digit zone here in the Midwest. Now is the time to enjoy a salad or prepare recipes that require less time in a hot kitchen.

Recipe Corner would like to encourage you to sample these recipes. The following recipes are the courtesy of the Adult Day Programs at the Midland Hospice Care, *From Our Kitchen to Yours: Recipes to Warm Your Heart*

Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad

1 small bunch broccoli, cut into flowerets
1/2 head cauliflower, cut into flowerets
1 small bunch green onion, finely chopped
1/2 to 1 c. bacon bits
dressing

Wash and chop vegetables. Add bacon bits. Cover with creamy bacon, Ranch or other creamy dressing of choice.

Grandma's Breakfast Fruit

3 large cooking apples, peeled and thickly sliced
1/2 c. pitted prunes
3/4 c. raisins
1 orange, peeled and sectioned
3 c. plus 3 tbsp. water, divided
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 tbsp. cornstarch

In a saucepan, combine apples, prunes, raisins, orange and three cups of water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in sugar and cinnamon. Combine cornstarch and remaining water; stir into saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook for two minutes. Chill.

Wilted Lettuce

2 qt. fresh torn leaf lettuce
2 tbsp. sliced green onion
5 slices bacon
1/4 c. vinegar
1 tsp. dry mustard
1-1/2 tsp. sugar

1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/8 tsp. garlic salt

Place lettuce and onions in a salad bowl; set aside. In a skillet, fry bacon until crisp. Remove bacon; set aside. In the drippings, combine all remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Stirring constantly. Immediately pour over salad; toss well. Serve immediately.

Vegetable Salad

1 (16 or 20 oz.) pkg. frozen mixed vegetables
1 can kidney beans
1 c. celery, chopped
1/2 c. chopped onion

Dressing:

1/2 c. vinegar
3 tbsp. prepared mustard
1/2 c. sugar or 11 packets NutraSweet
1 tsp. cornstarch

Cook frozen vegetables crisp-tender. Drain and chill. Add chopped celery, onion and drained and rinsed kidney beans. Mix ingredients for dressing together. Cook to boiling (until thick). Cool and mix with vegetables. Keeps well in refrigerator. If using NutraSweet instead of sugar, mix in immediately after cooking. If too tart, use three ounces vinegar and one ounce water instead of four ounces vinegar.

Chicken Pecan Salad

6 c. chopped, cooked chicken
1 c. chopped celery
1 c. mayonnaise
1 c. sour cream
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 c. crumbled, cooked bacon
1 c. pecan halves, toasted
lettuce leaves
tomato wedges

In a mixing bowl, combine chicken and celery. In another bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, lemon juice and salt. Pour dressing over chicken; toss well to coat. Refrigerate. Just before serving, toss bacon and pecans. Serve on lettuce with tomato garnish.



Special supplement to the Potawatomi News The Per Capita question

Introduction

This four-page supplement is being provided so that tribal members can become more informed about the per capita referendum question that will be voted on in the upcoming Special Election. It is being referred in accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

What follows is the question as it will appear on the ballot, an article from Rick Rooth, PBPN General Manager, about how the increase in per capita will affect the Prairie Band Potawatomi government, and results from an informal poll that was conducted by the *News* from August 14-24. We asked tribal members to write in their views about whether they are in favor of the increase in per capita proposed or are against it, and why. Responses were collected by canvassing the community and through email and telephone in an attempt to include tribal members who reside outside the reservation as well. In total there were 85 respondents who answered the survey and the results are published on pages 8 through 10. It should be pointed out that this was not a scientific survey and was conducted for informational purposes only.

The referendum question as it will appear on the ballot

Exhibit A

In accordance with Article IX, Section 2,
of the Constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation,
Referendum.

QUESTION:

Should per capita distributions to tribal members be increased from
30% to 48% of net gaming revenue?

YES
NO

A YES VOTE would require amendment of the Tribal Per Capita Ordinance to increase the per capita distributions by 18% from 30% to 48% of net gaming revenue. A yes vote would also require the reduction by 18% of the other revenue allocation categories (tribal government operations and programs, economic development, charitable contributions and tribal general welfare). A NO VOTE would not require amendment of the Per Capita Ordinance, and the allocation percentage would remain 30% for per capita distributions.

From the desk of Richard Rooth, General Manager

Information about government budget impacts if the increase of per capita goes from 30% to 48%

Next month all Tribal Members who are registered voters will receive their ballots for the Special Tribal Council Election. On the ballot there will be a Referendum question to be resolved. The question will be the following: Should per capita distributions to Tribal Members increase from 30% to 48% of net gaming revenue? Tribal Council asked me to provide information on the impacts which would occur should Per Capita distributions be raised from 30% to 48%.

Before I begin to discuss the impacts resulting from an increase in per capita from 30% to 48%, I need to tell you the several assumptions I have made. Firstly, the 2007 government budget was based on the forecasted net gaming revenue of \$46,500,000. This amount is proving to be reasonably accurate, and I am using \$46,500,000 as the basis for preparing the 2008 budget, with a 30% per capita. Secondly, while the budget is prepared based on forecasted net revenue, the per capita distributions are based on actual net revenue. My comments regarding per capita distributions will be based on the assumption that the forecasted net revenue is the actual revenue distributed evenly four times a year. Thirdly, I am assuming the current enrollment of 4,856 Tribal members remains the same.

I see three significant impacts to raising the Per Capita distributions from 30% to 48% of net gaming revenue, and I will briefly describe each one in the order in which the impact will occur.

1. **Approval of a New Revenue Allocation Plan.** In accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Nation provides per capita payments to tribal members from the net gaming revenues under an approved Nation revenue allocation plan. This year the forecasted amount of net gaming revenue was \$46,500,000, and the current revenue allocation plan is as follows:

Per Capita	30%	\$13,950,000
Tribal Operations	30%	\$13,950,000
Economic Development	37%	\$17,205,000
General Welfare	2%	\$930,000
Charitable Contributions	1%	\$465,000
	100%	\$46,500,000

If the voting Tribal membership opts to increase the per capita distribution from 30% to 48%, the Nation will have to prepare a new revenue allocation plan and submit it to a designated official within the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval. Once the new revenue allocation plan is approved, the Nation must distribute funds in accordance with the plan.

2. **Planning the Reorganization of Tribal Government Programs.** While I do not know what the actual revenue allocation plan with a 48% per capita distribution will look like at this time, I do know that all of the Government programs are currently represented in four of the revenue allocation plan categories—Tribal Operations, Economic Development, General Welfare, and Charitable Contributions. Therefore, I have combined four categories into one and labeled it Government Programs. The revenue allocation plans for a 30% per capita and 48% per capita are the following:

Per Capita	30%	\$13,950,000
Government Programs	70%	\$32,550,000
	100%	\$46,500,000
Per Capita	48%	\$22,320,000
Government Programs	52%	\$24,180,000
	100%	\$46,500,000

With an increase in per capita distributions from 30% to 48%, funding for Government Programs will decrease from \$32,550,000 to \$24,180,000, or \$8,370,000. This represents a 25.7% decrease in available funding. Tribal Council and this office will have to coordinate a significant planning effort to downsize and reorganize 32 programs to function within the \$24,180,000. Tribal Council will also have to approve a transition plan to effect the organizational changes to meet the approval date of the new revenue allocation plan. A major hurdle will be determining which programs and functions are inherently governmental and should be funded. I can tell you what the impacts will be if the 25.7% reduction was applied evenly across all the Government Programs. In fact, applying an even reduction across programs is often the first tool used by planners to determine if additional studies are necessary.

Government Programs can be broken down into three main categories. These categories are: Employee costs, Infrastructure Costs, and Tribal Member Support costs. Employee costs represent salaries and benefits. Infrastructure costs represent building and grounds maintenance, vehicles, utilities, equipment upkeep, program support, etc... Tribal Member Support costs represent benefits such as education scholarships; clinic support; CSP medical, dental, and utility payments; housing assistance for down payments and renovation; Tribal heritage programs, etc... The following table provides the percentage of each category to the total government budget, and the amount each category will be impacted by the raising the per capita distribution from 30% to 48%.

Employee Costs	53%	\$4,436,100
Infrastructure Costs	29%	\$2,427,300
Tribal Member Support Costs	18%	\$1,506,600
	100%	\$8,370,000

As you can see from the above table, Government employees will feel the greatest impact from a 25.7% reduction in the budget. The following represent just a few of the impacts from the decrease of \$8,370,000 in Government Program funding:

The Tribal government currently has 318 employees. The impact of a \$4,436,100 decrease in salaries and benefits would mean that approximately 35% of the present workforce would be adversely affected.

Reducing the Infrastructure of the Government by \$2,427,300 will be problematic. The areas which will be most affected are road and bridge maintenance, building maintenance, rental home maintenance, land purchases within the Reservation boundaries, program supplies, travel, and vehicles.

Tribal Member Support programs will be reduced by \$1,506,600. An even reduction across all programs would mean that less money would be available for CSP medical and dental assistance, educational scholarships and assistance, emergency assistance, burial fund payments, home renovations and repair, and home down payment assistance.

3. **Increased Per Capita Distributions to Tribal Members.** With an increase of Per Capita from 30% to 48%, the amount of monies distributed to Tribal members will increase from \$13,950,000 to \$22,320,000 per year when the new revenue allocation plan is approved. With a 30% per capita distribution, Tribal member's quarterly check is approximately \$718. With a 48% per capita distribution, the quarterly check will be approximately \$1,149.

I hope this information is useful to you as you determine your response to the referendum question on the Per Capita distribution.

Respectfully,

Richard Rooth



Per Capita Special Edition

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

The PBP News asked the following question:

Do you favor the 48% per capita increase and why? Yes or No.

Age was requested for our demographics to ensure we were getting a cross section of the membership and to maintain accuracy.

The following are the responses the News office received; some names have been withheld by request and most answers are as is except for a few with changes.

Tim Ramirez
from the Nozachum bunch
INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE PBP RESERVATION *VOTE NO TO 48%*****

NO. It is time for you the Tribal Members to VOTE on a very important issue, raising the per-capita to 48%. As the Director of the Road & Bridge Program I would caution the voters to be careful what you wish for. The heading of this article is Infrastructure, the Federal recognized Reservation of the PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI is 121 square miles, 77,400 acres our heaven on earth.

I would venture to say you think someone else is going to take care of us, well hear me now and believe me later, they are not. Emergency Services such as Ambulance and Police, Fire Protection, Road Maintenance (four seasons a year), Education, Housing, Boys & Girls Club, Building Maintenance, Senior citizens, Social Services, and Economic Development will all be drastically down sized to bare bones.

The intent of Class III gaming was to provide jobs for Reservations and to improve the overall quality of life for Tribal Members. It has truly accomplished that. Many good things have been accomplished, by our people for our people.

Everyone who lives on or has visited the Reservation can agree with this. Many job positions will be no longer there to be productive for the Reservation. The worst case will be the non-Indians will keep their jobs because of their higher education, and your close relations will be unemployed. The Reservation Housing is set up that the wages earned by Reservation Jobs pays the rent.

Let me tell you some stories to explain that no one is going to take care of us but ourselves. In my 25 years as Roads Director these are real statements I clearly remember. A County Commissioner, "We can't help those Indians no more," a State Senator, "Can't we build the new four lane U. S. 75 highway around the Reservation," a County Sheriff Deputy, "Why don't they build a fence around the Reservation so they can all kill each other." I have seen FEE land owners (non-Indian) foam at the

mouth in anger because it was an Indian they were talking to. A lot of the true r***** have passed away; a few of this way of thinking did pass to today's generation.

If you look at any Road atlas at the State of Kansas, our Reservation is there, any Federal Lands Map, its there. There are 23 cemeteries on the Reservation, within these resting in peace are your people, your life blood, your ancestors. Within the Boundaries there are 18,000 plus acres of USA BIA Trust Allotments owned by Tribal members.

A lot of people will sit back and see how this plays out, I for one had to say my thoughts, 10 persons signed up for the vacant Tribal Chair Position, if they knew this would pass they would withdraw their name from the hat.

The Nation has many advisories, be it those we know, ourselves, the unknown, and Mother Nature. The trend has been Tribal members moving back to PBP Nation. There are projects not built yet for this Nation. This will be a step back from the strides taken.

Ask not what your Nation can do for you, but what you can do for your Nation. Regardless where you live your blood that flows through your veins has a HOME.

Nancy Krogmann
YES. It is hard to make ends meet. We gave thousands to Boy Scouts and other organizations. Let us help our own people first. Many of the tribal members have died and the amounts have not increased to reflect the lower role members.

Ramona Yazzie Cole
YES. I do favor the 48% per capita increase. I believe that if the funds are available, the tribal members should benefit from them. By available I mean those funds remaining after funding the programs necessary for continued future earnings.

Fred Pidgeon
YES. Without any background information about the pros and cons and the consequences to the tribe's financial position I need to qualify



Cecil Walker

NO. I do not favor the increase at this time because of the following:

1) A business strategic plan for all Tribal business and Tribal Programs are required before any of this should come to a vote. Staffing and budgets must be realistically established and the business strategic plan used as a monitor for comparison and should be revised monthly to meet the needs for each Tribal business and Program. Are any of the Tribal businesses self sufficient at this time?

2) What programs will the Tribal Council fully fund? How did the Tribal Council require the establishment of the funding dollars for each program, by guess or based on actual past dollars requirements and projected futures? The Tribal Council has already cut staffing in a few programs due to lack of funding. Why were the program funds short?

3) Harrah's is gone and that is great. I am assuming their total cut of our gross income on the casino was 20%-40% which included all of their costs, expenses and profit. Now it is show and tell time for our own casino operations to make the same amount of money each month and continue to grow the operations by at least 10% a year. This has not been proven, therefore we do not know what our casino can gross per month/per year. Therefore, do we have extra money to give out? My personal opinion; it is too early to tell. We need one to three years on self management before any decision is made. If in fact there is extra profit/money left from the casino, what business strategy has the Tribal Council developed to use this money?

Granted, the Tribal programs predominately fund those living on or near the reservation and very few programs are available to us located in other states. As to extra money, all of us could use extra money. The bottom line is, will there be extra money? It is my opinion our Tribe must first complete the development of our Tribal Business, Tribal Business infrastructure and Tribal Programs before we can make a decision to increase our per capita.

There are too many questions to be answered for me to vote any other way but **No** at this time.

Darlene Young

YES. I favor the per capita increase, because I have been able to use the money in the past for family and household needs, and it helps me do a better job of keeping up with the economy.

Sandra Bodah

YES. The Per Capita should be increased due to the fact that the majority of tribal members are located outside of the reservation and do not have access to the benefits that the reservation offers to residential members or tribal members located within the local vicinity. Other Tribal members are of lower income levels or struggling with medical bills or schools funds or housing needs. Raising the Per Capita would offer financial gain in these hardships and give hope every other month in some form of relief. If we had or could generate a honest, reliant, competent, experienced tribal council and gaming officials, then the casino would be able to manage itself in a productive, responsible, efficient, and professional manner, and be productive and expand and explore other possibilities in the future. The future of the tribe is not based on Per Capita alone, but the generations of these funds can be the gateway for a people who have struggled for so long, and a key to having our people strong once more.

Marilyn Hale-Wakolee, Num
(I'm in my second childhood)

YES. This increase to 48%, hopefully, will help ease deductions from Social Security payments to Medicare and Prescription Drug Plan which is approximately \$100+.

We anticipate an annual increase for Social Security but count on Medicare and Prescription Drug Plan to increase too; so, there is really NO increase at all.

These deductions are automatically taken out before we see the actual amount we receive.

We have senior citizens who do not earn as much as others and I am sure this 48% increase will be a great benefit.

If I were to move off the reservation, I will pay for drugs, hospitalization, doctors' office visits, and other medical bills no matter where I move. Also, maintaining comfortable housing and pay taxes.

my response with the assumptions I am making in the absence of hard facts. These assumptions are....1.) as evidenced by all the new construction and development on the reservation, the tribe has ample money to continue to cover its obligations to maintaining and caring for current programs and completions of work still in process. 2.) That transitioning to controlling the Prairie Band Casino will result in better money management and greater available funds to pay percaps from. 3.) That the tribe will not make the mistakes of other tribes and engage in the foolish practice of borrowing money to pay percaps. Under these conditions I would vote YES. The vote should be put in front of all Prairie Band members, not just the minority that live "on" the reservation.

Jim Darnall

NO. It will mean a loss to government jobs.

Frank Shopteese

NO. Because we do not know the impact of assuming the responsibility and management arrangement of the casino and how it affects our overall income from the casino. If 18% increase to the per cap passes it will definitely impact every tribal program we have on the reservation.

Roy Ogden

YES. All the peoples ARE the tribe so all the peoples should benefit from the casino.

Name withheld

YES.

Kimberly Simon

YES. I think we should get what we can now, we're not gonna live forever and its not gonna last forever, so why not have it now while we're here.

Thomas Hernandez

YES. Mo money, mo money, can always use it.

Bernard Daubon

YES. It seems to me that the tribe is more into helping those on the rez more than the rest of the tribal members. We started out by getting \$1,000 once, before per cap even started. And

I believe this 48% increase will improve stability somewhat; I don't expect to get rich. I can then apply for life insurance. PBP burial money, \$5,000, is not much.

Recently at the Forest County Gathering, we had a tour guide who was an employee and non-Indian. Question was asked about per cap. \$2,000 every other week plus \$500 monthly for senior citizens.

Thank you for asking.

Frank Dahlsten

YES. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE 48% INCREASE. THE REASONS WHY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INCREASE IS BECAUSE OF VARIOUS REASONS. IT WOULD HELP ME OUT. BECAUSE I AM ON DISABILITY AND HAVING A HARD TIME WITH WHAT I GET ON DISABILITY. I FEEL THE INCREASE IS LONG OVER DUE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INCREASE SO THAT MAYBE SOMEDAY THINGS COULD/ WOULD GET BETTER FOR ME AND MY FAMILY, AND THAT I/ WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO THINGS, AND GO PLACES, SUCH AS COMING DOWN THERE TO MEETING, POW WOW'S AND ETC.

I ALSO HAVE A DISABLED SON WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM IT. I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT THE REASONS WHY I AM FOR THE 48% BUT THESE ARE THE BASIC REASONS. ALSO IF THEY ARE TO GIVE US THE 48% THEY NEED TO BE HONEST ABOUT IT. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THINGS, THE PERCAP WAS TO HAVE BEEN HIGHER THAN WHAT IT IS NOW. (WAS TO BE RAISED ALONG TIME AGO)

Name withheld

NO. I feel an increase in per cap will have profound negative effects we don't see yet. It's a double-edged sword. An increase will result in at least one job loss and that one person will need more per cap, etc. Also, I think we'll see an increase in drug use, alcoholism, and domestic violence because addicts will have more disposable income and the programs we have to treat these social issues will be receiving less monies. I don't think the social/culture/group benefit outweighs the individual benefit ever. We are a community and should act as such.

now the tribe has made \$55 million in the past year and we barely got \$700 out of that. It keeps going down. The more they make, the less we get. Something is wrong with that picture.

Wilma Whitaker

YES. I do favor the 48% per capita increase. I thought I would not favor a 48% per capita increase but I have changed my mind.

1. I see a lot of waste on the Rez. in many forms but after all the money we spent on facilities they are not being used to their full potential i.e. the senior complex, closing early.
2. Jobs being done without satisfactory completion (done *%#%).
3. More people hired to do a menial job than needs to be.
4. Off Rez. members do not benefit from amenities offered to on Rez members, extra money in their pocket would help many families.
5. Too much money given to outside programs that could go to our own people, why did we give the Osage tribe \$5,000 to support one of their programs when they have six casinos?
6. Why did we give to 9/11 and Katrina when our tribal collages are struggling to stay open? Both of these disasters ended in a mess of wasted money.
7. Why do we need a state of the art fire truck, how many fires do they put out that a regular truck would suffice?
8. And On and On.

Virginia LeClerc

NO. I don't favor the per capita increase. I don't believe that pacifying our people with welfare payments is the best way to ensure the LONG-TERM success, identity, and unity of a Nation. I believe the investment of those dollars in education, protection of our lands and natural resources, cultural preservation, youth development, elder care, and economic diversity is necessary to ensure that future generations will even have a place to call "home". This sacrificial investment should be the unselfish, collective act of a family unit.



I think this increase will encourage more and more of the "me-me-me" mentality that has evolved this past decade. I would hate to see us in 20 years with no assisting programs, rampant drug use, and members having 80% of casino profits.

I just feel this is a step in the wrong direction. This increase will not fix any community problems.

Name withheld

NO!!! Within the time we started receiving per capita everyone became greedy. It's not always all about money. It is about us as a Nation. We need to stay focused on what our Nation has to offer to our people. For instance just to name a few the Fire department with high tech emergency medical response, the Boys & Girls Club that provide a positive place for our youth giving them opportunities they may not get elsewhere and teaching our youth our Potawatomi language, the Language department that encourages all to come out and preserve our language, our history, before it is lost, and the Education department that contributes to all ages that offers a wide range of school supply assistance to the exceptional higher education grants.

If we increase the per capita payments, funds will be taken away from the valuable programs that our Nation has set in place to help our people, and the programs will deteriorate. Once they deteriorate it will be a long and hard process to rebuild what we lost.

It is essential as a Nation that we preserve our language and traditions before they vanish and we can never get them back.

Nathan Hale

NO. I am against the per cap in general, I would rather see the money go into an organized health care system and possibly get to where at least our elders and youth (if not our entire membership) could have complete health care without the worry of not being able afford it and having the constant stress of bill collectors.

Ralph Tecumseh

NO. More personal taxes. Less money for economic development.



Jennifer Bonilla

NO. A per cap increase is the question of the day, huh? I don't believe we should get an increase to fulfill the current needs of our tribesman. It seems to me that the more the tribal cousin increases the amount of the per capita, the less we will have down the line. Knowing that the majority of our enrollment lives on the reservation, their amenities are expendable, they have more than they can count.

Being 24 and living in Chicago, isn't the easiest thing to do, especially raising a four year old. What the people on the reservation don't understand is that they are blemished with what is offered there on the reservation. People who don't live on the reservation often times look forward to per cap as an 'I can get ahead for a little while', hoping that we will be as enrolled members lifted of some of our burdens from everyday life. What we as tribal member need to look into is more investments, like dental and health insurance, mutual funds that are profiting. As enrolled members, I believe that we need to scrutinize more often than none where our money is going.

In short, **NO**, I don't believe that we need a per capita increase. If there is any type of increase it will only satisfy the greediness for now. In my opinion, I believe that the people on the reservation need to get up and do things for themselves; they are too taken care of. When our assets become shortened in the years to come, what will we do then? That's my question! Our people that don't live on the reservation are the ones that need the assistance.

Tracy Rogers PBBN Reservation Resident

NO. The greed of this Nation is appalling. People are never going to be satisfied. They will always want more, more, more, as evidenced *now*. I would like to see an increase in per cap but not at the cost of program deterioration or a reduction of the services we currently enjoy (i.e. CSP, VSP, Student Services, etc.) A reduction in services would mean a reduction in manpower. Many people stand to lose their jobs, most likely Tribal Members. Not to mention the hardship an increase would cause our Elders who receive SSI. Should we just screw up their eligibility and force them to rely on per capita payments? That's a decision we all have to make.

Charles Seymour

NO. These greedy people make me sick. I feel ashamed of them.

Warren A. Young

YES. Hello, I live in California. I believe since the takeover of the casino there will be less royalties and payroll payouts. Therefore it seems that there will be more money available for members. So my answer is - "**Yes**".

Who would say, "No", to more money? Yet I say so with reserve. I would enjoy having a per capita increase as long as it does not hinder ongoing projects that the tribe may need in the future.

The percentage amount I hope is calculated so that none of the benefits available to members is reduced, and will be available to all that are needful of them allowing for cost of living percentage increases yearly. There are many ways for the tribe to increase wealth and depending on the Casino alone may not be best for the future of us all.

Maybe the money could be used for other financial projects that will counter any decline from Casino revenues.

Please take care in this decision.
Thank you

Jerry W. Briscoe

YES. I am somewhat torn between this issue. From the standpoint this per capita increase would surely provide many individuals the extra income that may very well be needed, specifically, and especially, for those that rely on our quarterly per caps. To some, this is an only source of income, or an additional income that is much needed. Particularly, our senior citizens living on a fixed income, to increase the per caps would surely provide some added financial security for those individuals. I am all in favor of providing security for our residents living on the reservation who are on a fixed income, which increasing the per caps would ultimately provide. For those that have a steady income, the increased per caps provide some added "disposable income". In this day and age, many of our people need this income. My concern though, are we providing resources and information, financially, so that our people can make the best of our per caps in a manner that will produce some independence financially, where we are not relying solely on the per caps. Are we producing, or perpetuating a dependent "frame of mind" for our people, with the increased per caps? Will we be able to continue to provide a financially secure infrastructure for our community (i.e., houses, education, youth programs, etc.) in the event our gaming revenues decrease? Are we teaching, or offering incentives such as savings ac-

counts, how our local residents may invest their per caps within their community to sustain themselves if our per caps were to cease? These are concerns I have with the increasing of per caps, yet I am strongly in favor of providing for our residents who rely on these per caps, and are on a fixed income.

Venida Chenault

NO. I do not favor an increase in the per capita. Per capita distribution has become one of the most divisive issues in our Nation, with individuals using it as a bargaining chip for getting into and remaining in office. "Vote for me and I'll increase per caps" is the new campaign slogan. It demonstrates a lack of integrity on the part of those in office and those running for office when they act as if the Nation's resources are their slush funds. I'm also personally embarrassed by those members who stand up in General Council who demand more in per caps....it's as if we believe the tribe owes us for being a member. Excuse me but I think it's the other way around.

Casino revenue and per caps have introduced us to the politics of greed at a level we've never witnessed and threaten the survival of who we are as Prairie Band Potawatomi. We can't get along anymore because we're fighting over money instead of fighting to remain self-sufficient and who we are as Potawatomi. In no other community would you expect a business to give out checks to people who belonged to that community for simply being a member of the community and expect the business to make a profit while doing so.

Revenues generated from the casino should continue to be used to support government operations and the various programs benefiting all tribal members. If there is waste in the programs, eliminate the waste and not the program. Our people are depending on what's been built up over the years and I would remind the members that the bulk of these programs were passed in General Council meetings by the people.

Revenues should also be used to develop new economic enterprises that generate income for the Nation to operate as a government. We've been talking about this since we started gaming and there is yet to be a business operating that employs tribal members, produces a product/service that can be sold and makes a profit for the Nation.

The decision of the State of Kansas to open up statewide gaming will have a significant impact on the ability of the Nation to support all the

programs and services developed over the years, whether it is the housing programs (both on and off reservation), health clinic/services (medical assistance for on and off reservation), higher education scholarships (on and off reservation), the Boy's and Girl's Club and all the other programs operated by the tribe.

In several Tribal Councils, we've heard the reports that we do not have the revenue to cover our expenses, we're already spending more than we're taking in. What do people think is going to happen when we lose 50 - 70% of our revenue because of statewide gaming?

Instead, we demand more per capita because we put the interests of individual gain before the survival of the Nation.

Elaine Mzhickteno Barr

I live on the reservation and work for the Tribe.
NO. I do not favor the per capita increase at this time. We just took over management of our Casino and I think we need to stabilize the process. We are looking at the impact of state gaming on our revenues. And thirdly, we are on the cusp of developing a Gaming enterprise in Illinois, that will cost money to get up and running. Once these financial and management issues have been dealt with, and we know what our net income will look like, hopefully in the next year or two, then we should consider an increase in our per capita pay outs, based on a stable and predictable income. This thinking is good business sense. At this time, a per capita increase will put our tribal programs at risk of cut backs.

Name withheld

YES. Per cap has gone down.

Don Wabskie

YES. It has gone down lately, quite a bit. I'm sure with the cost of living going up all the time, it would be a big help.

Name withheld

NO. Loss of jobs, cuts to programs too great.

Monica Miranda

YES. Cost of living has gone up. Helps pay utility bills and medication. I live out of town, so I don't receive the benefits of the clinic since I don't live near.

Robert Miranda

YES. I favor the increase as it would help supplement my income. Help with rent, utilities, gasoline for transportation to and from work, eye glasses, etc.

Bernadette Osage

YES. Propane, food for kitty cat, gas, and food.

Rosalie Whayne

YES. Cost of living, gas, and food.

Robin Guerrero

YES. The people off the Rez don't get the help folks on the Rez do and they are already cutting jobs so yes, we need the increase. And the pay for working with the tribe is not up to what other jobs pay.

Roberta Guerrero

NO. More per cap would cut your disability.

Bernadette Lewis

YES. Too much government waste of funds. Economic department should be creating government jobs.

Withhold name

YES. I think about the young families.

Cecelia Marie (LeClere) Worlton Brookings, Oregon

YES. I am in favor of the increase. I feel more members will feel like they are a part of the 'profits' of the reservation if they are personally included in an occasional increase.

Gwen Shunatona

NO. I haven't heard what research is the foundation for this proposal. It is always nice to think about having a little more cash but when you compare the amount of cash that the 48% would bring with the value of the services provided by the tribe, in the long run, you gain much more from the services than from some instant cash.

Thersa Reichstine

YES. I do believe there should be an increase because it could benefit people that do not live on the reservation.

Elizabeth A. Young Grandmother/Mother/ Legal Guardian from Phoenix, Ariz.

YES. Because the extra income in raising my

two granddaughters would be a benefit for us. It is hard when you live check to check and not ready for the extra dependents. In today's world, there are many grandparents raising grandchildren. The extra income would help out where needed when you receive it.

Mary Wilson Instructor of Mathematics

NO. I emphatically do NOT favor increasing the per capita payments to 48% of our revenue allocation plan. Such an increase threatens to cripple the infrastructure of our Nation. The additional per capita funds would necessarily be moved away from the budgets of other government programs. Do the math. All the slices of our revenue allocation pie chart have to add up to 100%, so an increase in one slice requires decreases in others. It doesn't take a mathematician to figure that out. This proposed increase would most likely result in severely scaling back the budgets of our most essential programs, complete elimination of others, and probably widespread employee lay-offs. Our Nation's programs have already experienced a succession of painful budget cut-backs and employee lay-offs over the past few years with the size of the per capita slice of the revenue allocation pie as it currently is now, simply because we have continued to demand increased services from our programs and our revenues have not increased at the same rate as the demands we have placed upon them.

Thomas M. Wabnum Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Retired

A Yes or No to a per capita increase is unfair for me to decide because there is not enough financial information to make this decision.

Before our Casino, the BIA did not take care of all tribal members. Tribal members took care of the Tribe and its leaders. Now that we have the Casino many tribal members feel the Nation should be taking total care of them. Untrue, but an elected official will lose public favor if they didn't service everyone equally. If most tribal members had a non-tribal job then look at the program services savings for other critical projects.

Is the Casino making less money or is the Nation spending more money? And our enrollment increases maybe the reasons for less per capita than we have been receiving. So why ignore this condition before controlling the other failing variables and ruin our only business generating needed income.

Reform of the Nations programs is an administrative duty. The Nation needs to hire only what they can afford and what needs to be done. Policies must be fair and equal but not for total care of person or persons desiring not to work. Family care is a personal responsibility and not the Nations responsibility. Utilizing outside resources must be attempted first before totally relying on tribal resources. We are incurring a growing debt and disabling the family nucleus that should be creating a stronger community.

The Shabbona land purchase was a rushed, political project with no income assurance and was extremely expensive. The Supreme Court Gas tax exemption loss was extremely harmful to our sovereignty and economic future. How many other big projects are using tribal money that provides a community service but no financial return? Most tribal programs are paying money out with no plans for return income. There are no short or long term strategic plans.

Voters are for candidates that will give them the most per capita. Is this what we want? Tribal priorities must be the land, people, language and tradition, without these we would cease to be a sovereign Nation.

Since it appears the Nation is using our money first for federal projects that is their responsibility. Again, we are incurring long-term debt. Apparently, there was perception of unfair and unequal tribal services that called for the per capita increase. If the Casino generated increased income, perhaps the original percentage would have sufficed most. But some want that and more tribal services that also deem unfairness.

There must be a sound, cost effective tribal plan for services. Can there ever be fair or equal services depends on that plan. Where

will the funds be taken from if the 48% is approved? We can develop that plan first and then consider a per capita increase. But to approve an increase first and then try to undo it would be political suicide.

We often hear stories how a larger per capita can create more problems than it helps. Without knowing how the increase will affect tribal services and what is the lesser evil here burdens me on an irrational decision.

Emery Hale

NO. I'm against it.

Roy Hale

YES. I have to get what I can get at my age and while I'm still alive and what I have coming to me.

Marietta Hughes

YES and NO. I think of all of the people. It would be nice and some could use the extra money. If they can afford it, yes, but if they're going to cut the benefits, then no.

Delores Abrams

NO. I do not favor the increase in per capita because we are in a critical stage of the casino transition. We need to be sure the casino is on a solid financial foundation first -- then perhaps later a per cap increase would be appropriate.

Charles Nez

NO. I don't favor such a dramatic increase. If we were gonna increase it should be more gradual over years, so the tribe has time to adjust. I suggest something like 8 or 16% in two years, then again 8 or 16% two more years. Something like that.

Aaron Hale

NO. Takes too much money from the programs and departments.

Name withheld

NO. I believe tribal members who do not reside on the reservation should not have a decision on the funds that are allocated for our tribal programs. They have no concerns because they do not have to live with the outcome of these votes.



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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Leatrice Noriega A senior citizen

YES. It's time all tribal members receive a decent share of casino profits. Some of us can't receive approval for housing and renovation grants so we should at least receive an increase in per capita payments. Although we probably won't—it hasn't even been sent out for vote as was voted from the floor of quarterly meeting six months ago.

Mary Shopteese

NO. I'm still waiting on my lump sum from when Harrah's was paid off...

Donica Nanez

NO. Our tribe is struggling to keep our footing in the gaming industry, and with new Kansas legislature that allows other gaming facilities within the state, puts our nation at a crossroad. We as a nation must make decisions together for the betterment of Nation today and the future, not take an increase in our Per Capita. This is taking a step backwards not forwards.

Not only do we have gaming to worry about, we also have to think about how many people we have had to layoff due to our economic situation on the reservation. The financial constraints that we are under has not, been a result of any mishandling on anyone's part in Tribal Council, it has been a direct result of the country's economic state and the negative effects it has had on our businesses.

If we take an additional increase in our Per Capita, we will have to lay off more people that count on these jobs to survive. We will cut back on community services that are provided to non-res Indians such as me and over approximately 3,000 others. The majority of our tribal members live OFF the reservation and we count on the limited amount of funds that are available to us. Tribal members on the reservation have housing, medical and other programs available to them that we have not.

We also count on our per capita payments, but I am not willing to take a few extra dollars at the expense of one of OUR members' jobs or cutting back on our limited services we non-res members receive.

Everyone must understand that an extra 20 bucks or so will take away more jobs, services and hurt the overall economic position of our

tribe. Remember when not 10 years ago we were glad to get a couple hundred dollars and no extra services. Let us make wise decisions today, now and for the future of our nation and our children.

Name withheld

NO. The cuts that will occur as a result will impact a number of tribal employees as well as programs that assist our tribal members.

Name withheld

NO. Need to support government programs.

Name withheld

YES. Some families could benefit from the extra income.

NO. Decrease in tribal programs and services that benefit the membership.

Monique (Jessepe-Belair) Cox

NO. I feel its too soon after the transition. People don't realize more per capita would mean the money would have to come from somewhere else in the pie. I don't want anyone to loose their job at the government center to make up for the increase. If programs are cut, then CSP will be overwhelmed with more request for assistance. They already don't have enough money to help with requests they have currently. I feel this increase is too soon, and would have drastic effects on other programs that we need to fund. I think we should operate our casino at least a year on our own before we increase our per capita. Thanks for listening.

Jamie Johnson

NO. I am not in favor of the increase, yes everyone would always like more money. But that money has to come from somewhere; education, healthcare, employment for individuals on the reservation, etc. And I honestly don't believe that the few dollars more we will receive per check is worth that to me. I think it will end up costing us more in the end that we ever will from increasing it.

Thank you for looking at my response to the question.

Barb Hale

YES. I'm a tribal member that lives off reservation and I do not get the benefits of health care, housing, and other benefits that are offered to those who live on the reservation.

Lou Aitkens

YES. I support the increase. I don't believe the governing body of the PBP does a very good job of managing the finances of the nation. Also we have an 8-year-old and I feel an increase would be beneficial to her.

Levi A. Rickert - Grand Rapids, Michigan

YES. I favor an increase of per capita payments paid directly to tribal members. American Indians still lag behind non-Indians in terms of earning power in the United States. According to the U.S. Census, American Indian household income levels are \$31,799 vs. \$41,789. These numbers do not lie, nor are they figments of our imaginations.

Overall tribal members need any extra income to assist them meet basic needs in life, especially when you consider under George W. Bush, the middle class has shrunk significantly.

The rich have gotten richer, and poor, poorer. To be honest, I don't know many rich Indians.

Christina Barth

YES. I feel that it is great for our people to receive a higher amount in per capita. I know from my own use, and talking with other tribal members, per capita money has been very beneficial to members. It has helped members get into a home, buy a car, open up savings accounts for members and their children, help with college funds, support families, and as many will testify....it's extremely helpful over the holiday's.

Delores A. Porter

YES. I would like to see a 48% increase in the per cap because I'm on a fixed income and I can use it to pay much. We should have had it a long time ago. The Tribal Council gets so much and also gets their insurance paid for, so why shouldn't all tribal get the 48% increase.

Norwood F. Nocktonick

YES. The tribal monies are getting away from the native people. I want to get my monies as I am getting older every day. I could benefit.

Name withheld

YES.

Claricie Jensen

YES.

Pat Keesis

YES. Pay for hearing aids.

George LaClair

YES. It would be nice to get an increase. But would be get it?

Name withheld

YES. Very much so. Most other tribes are receiving much, much more. Each time this issue arises, Finance or other, are always prepared to make presentations against it. They usually have statistics on how many folks will lose their jobs, etc. I see a lot of positions that should be cut. People, not everyone, seem unaccountable in their jobs. Supervision and overseers are lax in their jobs, in some instances. It seems like a scare tactic from the Council when an increase is mentioned. I've never heard anything positive from the Council about it. Both sides, negative and positive should be presented. There is no need for seven Council members. Five would be sufficient. A lot of revenue could have been saved had the new clinic been rented back to IHS instead of the route taken. We were never informed we would have financial responsibility in running it or so it was mentioned at one time. IHS would then have responsibility for paying for docs, equipment and all that goes with it. An increase is long overdue.

LaVera Bell

NO. I'm a senior citizen, PBP. I've worked all my life where ever there was a job, raised eight children without per cap—anybody can do it. It's not easy but God gave me good health to use. We have a lot of able body people who can work and earn their way. We must not depend on per cap—big or small.

Name withheld

NO.

Name withheld

YES. Short of money at this time!

Name withheld

NO. Be patient. The money will come soon enough.

Adrian "Gubba" Hale

YES. At first I was against it but my mind has changed. Basically I just like the idea of more money in my pocket. It may sound selfish but it is nice to have when you have kids and a family to think about. Now my wife may go back to being a homemaker.

Name withheld

YES.

Name withheld

NO. It affects the community services ability to provide quality and continuity of care.

Name withheld

NO. It's stupid if places like the childcare have to cut back budgets and supplies. Where is this "extra" money coming from? And if it's based on how well the casino is doing, may be we should wait and see how the casino does!

Name withheld

NO. Maybe in a years time we can look at this again. With the change over of the casino to PBP Nation we need to get a good view of where we stand financially. I would very much like to have a larger number per capita check, but I don't want to take away from my account until I feel we're at a good sustainable business standing.

Leslie Morgan

YES. Yes, I do favor the per capita increase because when the casino revenues were first coming in the thought of the Tribal leaders then was that the money would never stop. So the Tribal Government has grown without proper planning...We would be better off getting our share of the casino profits first and let them handle whatever is left over...The reality is that we will lose jobs and services with the per capita increase, because we cannot maintain the costs with the loss of revenue, its simple mathematics....

J. Schlickman From Michigan

YES. I am a tribal member that lives off the reservation and favors the increase. I do not live on the reservation because I live in Michigan, where the majority of my family lives. The increase in the per capita would help with living expenses for me and my children.

Name withheld

YES.

Name withheld

NO. I do not favor the per capita increase for reasons listed below:

Services that are currently provided to all tribal members like the Community Services Program, will be discontinued. This program may be of little to no use to some tribal members, but in large part is of use to everyone that I know. As a young parent, I depend on this program for help when and if needed. Help is limited of course, but some help is better than no help at all.

Employees will lose their jobs! This is the most concerning consequence of all because it's not just the non-native that will lose their jobs; it will be some of our own people that have families to support. How are we protecting the general interests of our people if we are laying them off to put more money in our own pockets? Sure, this sounds like scare tactics but it's the **truth**. We can't continue to provide good jobs to numerous peoples if we are decreasing our budget by appropriating more funds to per capita.

I think we should give OUR casino a chance to succeed before increasing per capita. We're in a rickety stage right now, business could splurge or business could plummet, let's see how we will fair out for at least the next year or so.

With our general membership topping over at least 4,000 we cannot expect to bring in thousands of dollars off of per capita payments. As previously stated, there are programs in place to help EVERY TRIBAL MEMBER. Whether or not they choose to use it is a different story.

I would like to see our tribe succeed as a whole entity before we (the general membership) start making demands on disbursements. Demanding more money will only put more hardship on the already difficult duties we have ELECTED our Tribal Officials to ensue.



Non-Prairie Band Potawatomi: employee responses: (These were not included in statistics)

Laverne Haag

NO. I am sorry to say that I am not an enrolled tribal member. Although, if I was, I would not favor the increase because of the cutbacks that result for employees.

As a result of the cutbacks the Nation will begin to see less quality services. I know Haskell Health Center cannot even compete for the better doctors, social workers, psychologist, psychiatrists, and any other helping professionals because this Nation provides the greatest benefits for those employees. I pay what it takes to drive 600+ miles per week (from Lawrence) just to be employed here and be of some type of service to our people.

Robyn Edwards

NO. I am not a tribal member, but instead I am a tribal employee. I would like to let you know my opinion on the increased per capita.

NO VOTE

I know that with the increase in the per capita, it will cause a decrease in services that tribal members will be able to access. The increase will cause a financial hardship on a lot of tribal programs that people are used to being able to access and receive help. Last year when they started talking about this, they made programs make drastic budget cuts. Even though the increase did not happen last year, there were still

budget cuts made, and employees lost their jobs. When the higher powers where asked, they said it was due to this process. If this increase is done this year they are already telling every program to plan on a 10% cut to budgets again. This is going to cause more hardship on those programs that already had major cuts last year and lost employees. I know that this vote goes out to all tribal members, and that includes those that don't live where they can access some of those services that those that live close by can utilize. It is your choice of where you live, whether it is on the Reservation or else where, but it also your choices to make sure that your elders are receiving the best help that they deserve. Everyone needs to stop and think about the entire outlook, not just the extra money in their pocket today. Yes I am sure that the extra money would be nice, but what about those elders and families that need the services to help them maintain what life they are living. If a vote yes is received those that are already just getting by, will have even more problems. This means that people that utilize programs like Social Services, Community Health Reps, Tribal Fire/EMS, and other programs, may or may not be there to help them if they need help, and that they may not be able to help like they could prior to this vote. Please think hard on this vote before you would vote yes, and it might not be the best option long term.

Poll survey shows the following:

Respondents by age:

20-29: 8
30-39: 4
40-49: 11
50-59: 14
60-69: 13
70-79: 5
80-89: 1
Age withheld: 29

Total: 85

Total respondents:

In favor: 46
Not in favor: 36
Undecided: 3

Percentages:

YES: 54%
NO: 42%
UNDECIDED: 4%
100%



Retracing his past: Andy Mitchell revisits Genoa Indian Boarding School in Nebraska

By Kathy Slimmer

This summer Andy Mitchell made a historical trek back to Genoa, Neb. to attend the 2007 18th annual Reunion/Celebration of the Genoa U.S. Indian School in Nebraska.

Andy attended the school in 1934, the last year it was open, and said he thought he was the only class member at the reunion even though there were descendants of those who had attended the school at the reunion.

The reunion/celebration included several activities including tours of the U.S. Indian School building, booths and demonstrations of trades that were taught at the Manual Training Building, and the showing of a film called *In the Days of the Thundering Herd* about descendants of a family that had attended the Genoa Indian School. The highlight of the reunion was to celebrate the founding of the Manual Training Building that turned 100 years old this year. It is now a museum and holds several artifacts from the U.S. Indian vocational schooling and trades era.

The school at Genoa began as a vocational school in 1866 and was called the Pawnee Agency School. The school's focus changed in the mid-1870s when the Pawnee were moved to Oklahoma Territory and another Indian boarding school was established. The U.S. Indian Industrial School opened in February 1884 with an enrollment of 74 students and operated for fifty years. It became one of the largest federal boarding schools that housed up to nearly 600 students a couple of years before it closed and Andy was one of those students.

Andy said that he was glad he made the trip and had always wondered what ever happened to the school. He also stated that he knew of a couple of other PBPB tribal members on the reservation who had attended Genoa and that he wanted to encourage them to take in future reunions.

In reminiscing with some other folks that attended the Genoa Indian School, Andy said they mentioned how they sometimes felt hungry and that it was especially true for the older children at the school. The school housed Indian children who were anywhere from 4 years old to 20 years old that came from over twenty different tribes.

In the mid-1930s before attending Genoa, Andy attended Sequoyah Indian Boarding School in Tahlequah, Okla. Last January Andy made a trip back to Oklahoma to visit a man he hadn't seen for over seventy years, but had befriended at Sequoyah (see February 2007 issue of the *News*).

For more information about Genoa U.S. Indian School museum call 402-993-6636 or 402-993-6055.

The Genoa Indian School and the Genoa Historical Museum has a website at

www.megavision.net/genoamuseum.

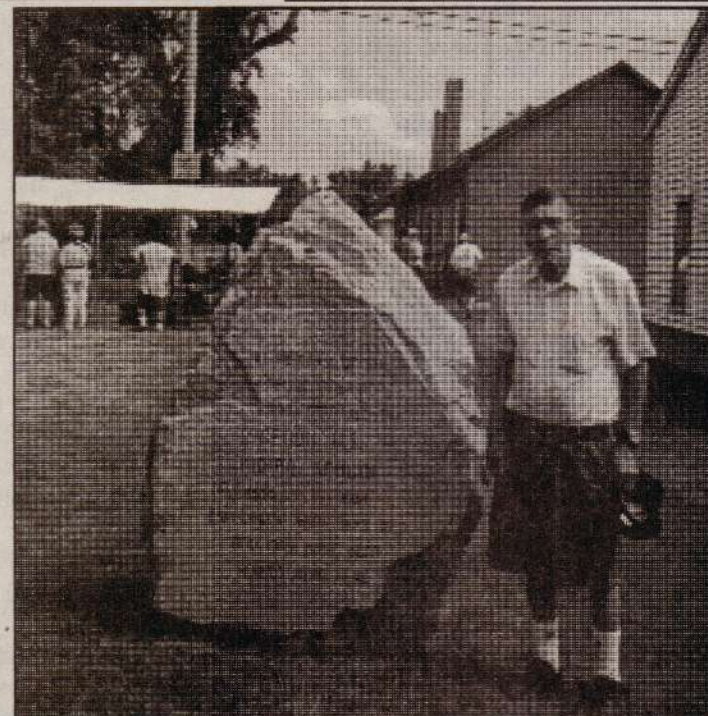
According to the website the museum is open Fridays and weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day or by appointment.



At right is Andy Mitchell standing next to a monument on the Genoa U.S. Indian School grounds in Genoa, Neb. It says "In memory of the Native Americans who attended the Genoa U.S. Indian School 1884-1934 especially those who died and may have been buried near here."

Andy attended school in Genoa the last year it was in operation in 1934 and said that at the reunion he thought he was the only person who had actually attended the school.

This past year Andy has traveled to Oklahoma and to Nebraska to revisit the old schools he attended as a youth.



Another elder recalls memory of old times

Marguerite Bell Sheppard Wells is 100 years old and recalls her family's early life on the Potawatomi reservation

Submitted by Janice Ownby

Marguerite Bell Sheppard Wells turned 100 years old on July 13. Her family had the first allotment on the reservation that was located east of U.S. Highway 75 on 198 Road (where Jarboes Nursery was located at one time and the Wig Wam School).

Marguerite recalls that as a child her father had her break in the ponies because they "took to her being a female". She also remembers her father making a pond so that in the winter they would have ice for making ice cream.

Her grandfather was Charles A. Sheppard who was Chief of Tribal Police on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in 1870 and she said that he fought to keep the bootleggers out.

In 1920 at the age of 12, she and her parents, Frank Russell

Sheppard and Alma Barnes, and four brothers Frank, Eldon, Melvin and Keith left the reservation by train so her father could find work. They moved from place to place including Portland and San Francisco and finally landed in Idaho where they stayed.

Marguerite said her father was an excellent spear fisherman and carpenter. Many of the toys the children received for Christmas were carved by him.

Marguerite married Ira LaGrand on October 15, 1924 and they had three children, Iris Ilene Wells Achenbach Burr, Neil, and Dale Wells. She has five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great grandchildren.

Presently Marguerite lives in Twin Falls, Idaho next door to her daughter. She has taught her granddaughter to sew and make crafts and enjoys reading books. She also uses natural medicines to treat her family.



Marguerite Bell Sheppard Wells, left, with her niece, Janice Ownby. Janice works for the PBPB Social Services Department.

School daze: looking back



Students of Sunny Brook School—1962

Left: front row (l-r): (standing) Sharon Walder, (seated) James Jackson, Tony Wahwassuck, Martin Jim, and Aaron Hale. Middle row (l-r): Lucy Jackson, Badger Wahwassuck, James Ross, Evelyn Jackson, and Janis Jackson. Back row (l-r): Merriell "Meatball" Wahwassuck, Russell Ross, Charlie Magnuck, Donis Twin, Rose Hale and Goldie B. (teacher).

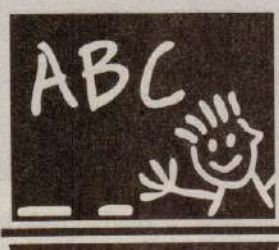
(Photo submitted by Sharon Walder)



Students of Grand Prairie School

(no year listed on photo)

Photo submitted by
Alvina LaClair



Above: The *News* printed the photo without complete identification for historical purposes. If you can identify the people in the photo, please contact the *News*. Marguerite, Josephine, Rozella, Osie, John P., Josie, Melvin, Rose, Bev, Sonny, Raphael, Marvin, Adelaide, ?, ?, Betty, Wayne, Vernon, ?, Bozo, Phillip.

A bit of nostalgia

Editor's note: The following article was given to the *PBPB News* as a nostalgic item. The original periodical source is unknown.

"Everyone who's ever tried it swears by it and they always want the recipe," says Terry.

"My Mother obtained this concoction from a co-worker whose father was a full-blood Indian. Mom has made up a batch of this every fall for as long as I can remember.

"The original recipe called for 15 cents worth of menthol crystals and 20 cents worth of rock candy. Mom has updated this with the help of a local druggist. I have put down the original amounts along with the updated amounts."

Indian Cough Syrup

4 ounces glycerin
15 cents worth menthol crystals - about 1/2 oz. to 3/4 oz. nowadays
1/2 pint corn whiskey
2 lb. or 32.-oz. jar of honey
Lemon juice optional

Dissolve rock candy and menthol crystals in whiskey. Then add honey and glycerin. Lemon juice can be added at this point, if so desired. Add to one's own taste. It is used to cut the taste of the corn whiskey.

"Mom uses old salad dressing jars to mix this up; then puts it in smaller glass bottles for distribution to the whole family. Don't use plastic bottles; it tends to disintegrate. To find the ingredients for this, including the glass bottles, you will need to find an understanding druggist. The rock candy can be found at a candy store."

Dosage: One teaspoonful as needed; let it trickle down your throat. Try it, and you'll swear by it too!





Gathering

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A perspective of the 2007 Potawatomi Gathering

Submitted by LaVerne Hale

The Prairie Band Potawatomi elders that went to the Potawatomi Gathering are safely home once again. This was the first time in three years that I attended and traveled with the group. I was very impressed and from what I saw everyone had a great time. Those that were able took part in many of the activities the Forest County group offered.

The best thing I saw, helpfulness, made me feel very proud of our group. Everyone laughed and joked with each other. I saw hundreds of smiles during those seven days. We had designated helpers; Paula Hopkins, Joy Yoshida, Shirley Trull, Frank Parker, Ron Jessepe and Jay Mattwaohshe. Also, Alan Boney Pahmahmie, Billy Jim, and Elliott Masquat hauled up the buffalo meat we donated and all of the chairs and canopy for shade. They arrived before we did and the area was set up. It was very much appreciated. Boney and his crew were with us the whole time and helped us as needed. All the helpers were wonderful. If they saw one of our elders walking or carrying something heavy they offered their assistance. It was a good feeling to see acts of kindness.

Our Emergency Medical Team (EMT) that traveled with us was Joe Sam Ross, and Curt Bigge. We have always been fortunate to have our own EMT's with us. These two men had never been to a Potawatomi Gathering before. They may not have known what to expect but they knew their jobs. They stayed close to the group at all times. When we dined they were with us. They also checked on some of the elders, making sure they were feeling fine. These two were wonderful and I want to publicly thank them for their kind services.

We had many winners during the Gathering. We had golf winners, horseshoe winners, raffle winners, door prize winners, Bingo winners and some slot machine winners. It was all fun. I will tell you the ones I know of who won and if I left others out, please let me know and we will put it in the next paper. Winners included Don Don LeClere's golf team who tied with Frances Shopteese's golf team for 3rd place; Frances also won longest drive and Jr. Wahweotten and Jim Darnell won the skins game in the golf tournament. Paula Hopkins and partner Boney Pahmahmie won first place in horseshoes. Anita Torrez (daughter of Babe Bell) and her partner took second in horseshoes. Lavonne Belair and Jaro Jackson won a door prize. There were also some volleyball winners but I don't know who.

Let us know.

Those were just some of the activities that our people participated in. They also made baskets and listened to the teachings of tanning hides. We also heard a couple sing many different songs in the Odawa language. She sang country and a little rock music and they were good. The woman singer sang Patsy Cline and I couldn't sit still anymore and asked Frances Jensen to dance with me. So we got out there and danced. I told him please just don't dip me. It was fun.

In addition, there was a craft tent set up and many made beaded necklaces, tobacco pouches, dream catchers, and other items. It was also nice to see our own Language Department there and providing a language game for everyone to play. It consisted of listening to something being said in our language and then matching a picture to it. Then you received a prize. It was good. Thank you, Language Department. It was good to see that being offered.

Many of us saw old friends and made new ones. Our group had a "make a friend day". We gave away our little tribal logo pin to a new friend. A lot of participants reconnected with family they hadn't seen in a long time.

At the pow-wow we were happy to have our singers at the Gathering. Joe Hale and his Little Soldier singers were invited by the Forest County. I was especially glad since they are my family and my grandchildren. They sounded good and their drumming made people dance. Also, Badger Wahwasuck and his group Big Soldier Creek came up and sang. All our singers made us feel proud. Thank you. We also had many dancers dress in their traditional outfits for the pow-wow. One comment was made that you couldn't tell any of them were elders. They sure didn't dance like they were. There was a lot of good singing and good dancing.

I was also proud of our two princesses, Sydney Jessepe, Potawatomi Princess, and Kek Mitchell, Wetase Princess. These two young ladies represented the Prairie Band and did a wonderful job. Any Prairie Band would have been very proud. Thank you and your families for doing a wonderful job of representing us.

We had some minor upsets but nothing that wasn't fixed. I want to say thank you to this group for some fine representation at this 13th annual Potawatomi Gathering. I was very proud and pleased with our group. All that came on the bus and all that drove. I'm pretty

sure everyone had a good time and learned something new. I'm thankful that I was able to attend and I personally had a good time.

I was told that next year the Potawatomi Gathering will be held in Walpole Island in Canada. I will examine the passport situation and try to keep you updated through the newspaper. A lot of our people have gone to many Gatherings and when we host ours in two years, it will be in its fifteenth year. Be watching for news about helping to host our Gathering and let me know if you have any ideas.

Please be on the alert for some missing luggage which belongs to Jublu -Geneva Upton. She had her name and address on her luggage which is a large black suitcase and a blue bag. If you know its whereabouts please call me at 966-4014 or Joy Yoshida at 966-0040. We will pick them up.

A good time was had by all and we should be thankful we could make the journey. We have some strong elders who can just go and go and that is nice to see.



Above: Rick Rector giving his momma a big hug as she left for the Gathering.



Above (l-r): Andy Mitchell visited and posed with his son, Larry. Photos submitted by LaVerne Hale

The adventure begins



Above: Elliott Masquat "Wa" from Road and Bridge loading the van for the Gathering at the We-Ta-Se building before they left. Photo by Suzanne Heck



Left: The "gathering" began at the Bingo Hall where the elder bus and passenger bus loaded luggage and passengers.

Photo by Mary Young



Above: Wilma Whitaker posed before she boarded the bus that would take her to the Gathering in Wisconsin. Photo by Mary Young



Above: Known as the "magnificent seven" on the elder bus: back row, l-r: Rose and Ron Jessepe, and Frank Parker. Front row, l-r: Julia Lewis, Ramona Cole, Bernadette Lewis, and Larry Cole.

Photo submitted by Bernadette Lewis



Above: Francis Jensen and an unidentified lady enjoyed a dance.

Photo by Wilma Whitaker



Above: A lady is making a beaded pouch. Photo by Wilma Whitaker

Right: A young man shaved and prepared the wood to make baskets. Photo by Wilma Whitaker



Welcome
to a
glimpse of the
2007 Gathering



Another view of the 2007 Potawatomi Gathering

By Gary Mitchell

Historical circumstances of the Indian Removal in the 1880s tore apart many Potawatomi families - some forcefully removed to central United States and some fleeing to Canada. But every year since the early 1990s, strong familial and cultural commitments reunite the Potawatomi Bands for what has become known as the Annual Potawatomi Gathering. This year, the Potawatomi Gathering took place at Forest County Potawatomi territory located at Cranston, Wisconsin.

At least for one weekend, August 8-12, 2007, the many bands became one again. By one person's account, there were 1,500-2000 people attending.

The Potawatomi Bands came together to enjoy daily sunrise ceremonies, workshops, tours of the Forest County Potawatomi facilities, evening pow wows and a concert.

The workshops included deer hide tanning, basket weaving from Black Ash, and many members made dream catchers, necklaces and tobacco pouches. Those classes will teach necessary skills or reinforce old forgotten skills to carry on the Potawatomi tradition and culture. It is without a doubt that all future work will border on the artistic.

Other workshops included getting in touch with the Potawatomi language and later Helen Roy, an Odawa woman who teaches language at Michigan State, held a concert where she sang country and other songs in her language - a most impressive two-person concert. Since the Odawa, Ojibwa and the Potawatomi were once brothers, many of the songs were recognized by the people in the audience. Ms. Roy is welcome with open arms in the future to visit the PBPB Reservation to share her expertise.

One of the meetings involved the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and what to do with Potawatomi human remains stored in museums. Many years ago the whites killed many Indians, sometimes cutting off their heads for future study. I guess they thought an Indian was different inside, but it was, and still is, deplorable conduct dis-

played during those times.

Kevin Dougherty of the Pokagon Band volunteered to take care of a female Potawatomi remains stored in a Chicago museum. Most of the Bands have hesitated on getting involved, so it was a consensus of the people to allow the Pokagon Band to repatriate the remains and to take care of it in their ceremonial ways. It was also stated that since all the Potawatomi originated in the Great Lakes, despite the various Band names today, that it was only right to be buried in that area.

Further, there was discussion on repatriating medicine bundles. Again, the people hesitated about getting involved with this; they will let their Tribal Councils know of this concern.

For the athletically-inclined there were opportunities for horse shoes, volleyball and the old game of basketball. A softball tournament didn't happen because of a lack of participation. Incidentally, on the way to the Gathering, Barry Bonds broke Henry Aaron's home run record, but I don't think most people cared.

On Friday and Saturday night, a pow wow took place. Joe Hale and his boys, minus Gubba, took their drum and shared their singing voices with the rest of the Potawatomi Nations. They, as usual, did a great job and stayed until the very end on Sunday morning helping with the closing ceremonies.

On the youth side, Sydney Jeseppe, 2007 Potawatomi Pow wow Princess and Kek Mitchell, 2007 We Te Se Princess, represented the Prairie Band well with their dancing and personalities. Our We Te Se Post 410 Color Guard also did their usual excellent job.

Forest County Potawatomi, host Band, had a large giveaway on Saturday afternoon, which may serve as a blueprint for future Gatherings. In the past years, the individual Band giveaways took away from the pow wow due to the time it took. There was very little time to enjoy the pow wow portion of the Gatherings. This giveaway was one big giveaway and lasted only a couple of hours. It worked well and moved right along.

An "open mike" was also provided for group spokesmen to give thanks that were expressed to Forest County for being great hosts with splendid hospitality, for the great food, and providing the opportunity to reunite old friendships. Chairman Gus Frank thanked the other Bands for participating. This was also our elders opportunity to give a large framed picture made by them to the Forest County Band senior citizens.

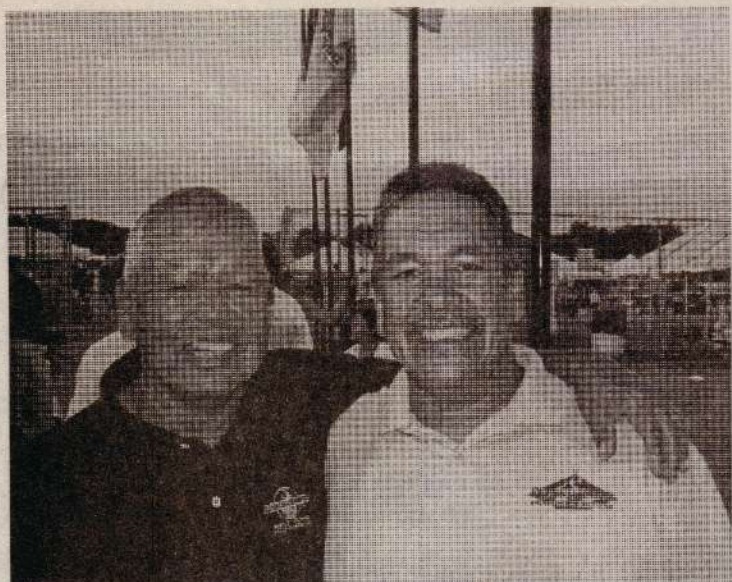
The Road and Bridge crew of Timmy Ramirez donated a large mounted buffalo head to the Forest County government offices. The meat from this same buffalo was served at Saturday's night traditional meal which was enjoyed "for the first time" by many Potawatomi. Road and Bridge also provided a large truck to carry our member's tents, chairs and other gear.

Prairie Band Potawatomi members randomly handed out gifts they had brought to other Band members. This gesture saved time and didn't interfere with the program. Plus, our older women dressed up in the Potawatomi style of dress and danced the night away at the pow wow.

The Forest County Potawatomi have many material possessions as a result of gaming that came by an accident of sorts. Back in the 1980s, J.R. Holmes, a Gaming Commissioner, said they had the opportunity to buy a parcel of land in Milwaukee. Five other tribes turned down the opportunity - *the rest is history!* The casino is one of the top revenue makers in Indian Country.

The have a strong chairman, Gus Frank, who doesn't allow politics to get involved in the gaming business and it's paid off well for the Forest County Potawatomi.

All in all, it was a great time for everyone and now the 2008 Gathering moves to Walpole Island, Canada in 2008 for its debut there. Start your passport process now, as there is currently a backlog in processing due to the law change - or hope somebody makes some satisfactory arrangements to cross the border!



Forest County Chair Gus Frank and Jr. Wahweotten
Photo by Junior Wahweotten



Round house at Gathering

Photo by Larry Cole



Ryan Dyer
Photo by
Eddie Joe Mitchell



Dancing ballerinas

Photo by Eddie J. Mitchell



Dolly and grandchild
Photo by Eddie Joe Mitchell



Eddie Joe Mitchell tanning hide
Submitted by Eddie Joe Mitchell



Prairie Band Princesses
Photo by Larry Cole



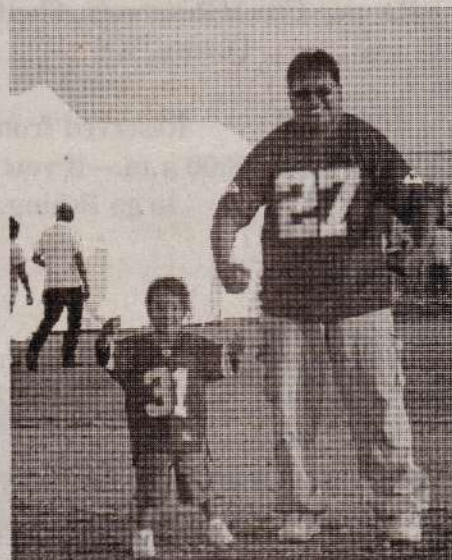
Leatrice Noriega boarding
the bus before leaving
Photo by Mary Young



Goffy
Photo
by
Eddie Joe
Mitchell



Meeks Jackson
Photo by Eddie Joe Mitchell



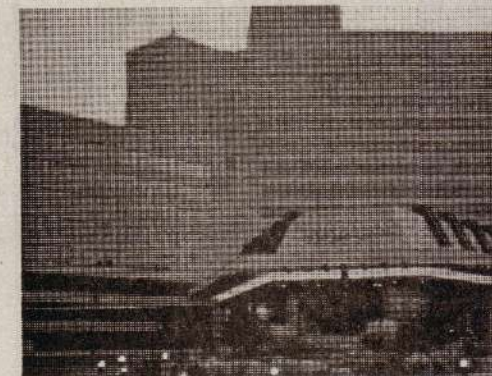
Chago and Mshewe Hale hamming it
up at Gathering
Photo by Junior Wahweotten



Loading the bus to leave in front of the Bingo Hall
Photo by Mary Young



Huron Band Lady Dancer
Photo by Larry Cole



Mystic Lake Casino
Photo by Larry Cole





Potawatomi MVPS



William Evans, left, and Tony Grier were selected as Defensive and Offensive Most Valuable Players in the Native All Star football game held July 21 at Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU). William recently graduated from Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla. and Tony is a high school graduate of Sherman Indian School in Riverside, Calif. William plans to attend HINU and play football and is the son of Mando and Anita Evans. Tony is the son of Joey Grier and Tina Dominquez.

Submitted by Anita Evans

Growing their own: Casino intern program focuses on developing managers



Justin Pahmahmie

School: University of Kansas (senior)
Major: Accounting
Shadowed: Accounting & Finance
Also works year round part time for casino



William Mitchell

School: University of Kansas & HINU (junior)
Major: Business
Shadowed: Finance, Income Control & Accounting



Joe Mitchell

School: HINU (junior)
Major: Business
Shadowed: Slots, Casino Marketing, Hotel



Noah Wahquaboshkuk

School: HINU (senior)
Major: Business & Tribal Management
Shadowed: Human Resources, Casino Marketing & Slots

By Suzanne Heck

This summer four Prairie Band Potawatomi college students were interns for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBCR).

Justin Pahmahmie, Noah Wahquaboshkuk, Joe Mitchell, and William Mitchell all worked in a variety of departments to gain knowledge and experience about the casino industry.

This year's intern program has been expanded to include the teaching of more management skills than in the past which is giving more professional training to the internship experience.

Mark Adame, PBCR Employee Relations Manager, along with Ruth Vega and Tami McClammy, who all went through the casino internship themselves, saw a need to redesign the internship program to make it more managerially focused.

"Even though we thought the internship program was very good when we went through it," Adame said, "we thought it needed more emphasis on management than just learning on the casino floor could give."

Interns now have to create a business project, write a report, and present it to upper-level managers at the end of their internship experience.

"We want to make the internship experi-

ence as realistic as we can," Adame said. "Creating projects and presenting them to casino supervisors and managers is what we do in real life in addition to our daily work and we think interns need to know that to make them more marketable."

Another unique aspect of the internship experience is that a mentor is assigned to each intern who comes to work at the casino. For example, Bert Vega, Slot Performance Manager, was a mentor to Justin Pahmahmie this summer who worked on a business project about slots. Other mentors for the interns also included Mike Jackson, Roman Harjo and Chuck Wahweotten who are all tribal members and work in supervisory or management positions.

One of the interns, William Mitchell said, "The intern experience is an informative way to see all the jobs that are available at the casino which gives me an idea of what I may want to do in the future."

The intern program is administered through the PBCR Human Resources Department and is offered to upper-level college students. Interns are paid by the hour and first preference is given to Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members.

For more information about the intern program call the casino at 785.966.7777 and ask for Mark Adame.

News briefs

Charissa "Se Be" Jessepe took 3rd place in the Topeka City Junior Golf Tournament and also claimed "Player of the Year" in the 15-17 year old division. The tournament was held on July 26-27.

Support our youth!

Are you 65 years and over? You are eligible for a complimentary pass to all Royal Valley School District (RVSD) home games and activities (excluding post-season games or tournaments). To acquire lifetime pass stop by RVSD 101 W. Main Mayetta, KS 66509 For more information about RVSD log on to www.RV337.com

Keith Jones won an honorable mention in the 2007 Office of Indian Education National Native American Student Art Competition. He placed in the Grades 11 through 12 category and his artwork is now on display at the U.S. Department of Education headquarters in Washington, D.C. and will later be shown at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. There were 1,379 entries overall.

The Education Department announces that Microsoft courses will be taught at the Government Center in conjunction with Kaw Area Technical School and that Haskell Indian Nations University is still taking applications for Distance Education classes. Call Melinda at 785.966.3041 for details.

The PBP Early Childhood Education Center on September 21 will hold free early childhood developmental screenings for children up to 5 years of age. Screening for possible delays in developmental areas will be held which is sponsored by the Holton Special Education Cooperative.

Community notices

CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK

WAHWEOTTEN/WAHWASSUCK GET TOGETHER

Barbeque/Potluck

September 22
11:00 a.m.-????

(Until last man/woman standing)
Banner Creek Reservoir, Shelter #3
Holton, KS



Reserved from
8:00 a.m.—if you want
to go fishing.

Bring your favorite food, friend, spouse and have a good time before the snow flies.



Caregiver Support Group

Topic: To be announced

September 17
at 2:00 p.m.

Firekeepers Elder Center
15372 K Rd.
Mayetta, KS 66509

Diabetes Prevention Program
Men and Women
Fall Softball League

Men: Wednesdays-August 22
Women: Fridays-August 24

For more information: Roy Spoonhunter at 785-608-6588
Come out and support the teams!

Shawnee County

Allied Tribes

17th annual traditional
Inter-tribal pow-wow

August 31
September 1-2

Lake Shawnee
Topeka, KS

Concessionaires contact:
Mike Ballard 785-272-5489
Email: cmballard@aol.com

Sobriety Pow-wow

September 20

6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Bicentennial Center Arena
800 the Midway
Salina, KS 67402-1727

For more information contact:
Newman W. Hunter Health
316-262-0517

August
Nibén Kisés
Ripening Moon

Mayetta Pioneer Day

October 6

7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community-wide celebration
Games, contests, food concessions, live entertainment

Agenda:

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Biscuit & sausage gravy at Mayetta Methodist Church
9:00 a.m.: Sign up for all events in front of City Hall
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Flea market & concessions open
9:00 a.m.: Raffle items on display in gazebo & raffle ticket donations taken
10:00 a.m.: Pumpkin dessert contest-adults (all entries in City Hall by 10:00 a.m.)
10:00 a.m.: Snakes & ladders for children
10:15 a.m.: Dart game for children
10:30 a.m.: Pumpkin dessert winners announced
10:30 a.m.: Pancake race for adults
11:00 a.m.: Pumpkin desserts auction
11:30 a.m.: Twinkie eating contest (various age groups)
12:00 noon: B.J. Forgy & Red River Special Machine
12:00 noon: Face painting by Laura Wilson
2:00 p.m.: Parade-Grand Marshals: Jim & Pat Potter; Senior Grand Marshals: Bud & Shirley Stauffer; Senior Queen: Mary Lundin; PBP Elder Queen: Vestina Nonken; We-Ta-Se Post 410 Color Guard
3:00 p.m.: Pedal tractor pull by David Schmalsteig
4:30 p.m.: Raffle winners announced (please be present)

Sponsored by: Mayetta Pioneer Day Association, Inc. and Prairie Band Potawatomi.
For information: Judy Darnell: 785-966-2710; Michelle Ensley: 785-966-2587; and Gladys Schlotter: 785-966-2592. Parade: Deb Cormier: 785-986-6672.

P.A.R.R. Sobriety Dance

September 22

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (eating)
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (dance)

PBP Bingo Hall

Mayetta, KS

\$5.00 single and \$7.00 couple
12 and under free

Gary Cooper & the Blue Feather

Speakers, raffles, 50-50
Come join the fun!

BAZAAR, DINNER & RAFFLE

Our Lady of Snows Church
Sunday, September 9, 2007

Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Chicken Dinner at 1:00 p.m.

Dinner \$6; \$3-Age 3-10 yrs.

Bazaar follows immediately.

Raffle Prizes: Cash prizes: (4) \$50; (8) \$25; (10) \$20; (2) \$25 Wal-mart gift cards, afghan; decorative basket; PBP bolo; DVD player w/2 movies; (2) kids fishing sets; PBP lapel pin; (2) restaurant certificates

Donation: 1 ticket/\$1.00 or book of 5 tickets/\$4.00. For raffle tickets contact any church member or email: pbpsnowsrez@yahoo.com

"Winners need not be present" - Everyone invited !!

NOTE: OLS members who would like to receive the monthly bulletin by email, please send your email address to pbpsnowsrez@yahoo.com

Men's Fastpitch Tournament

Sponsored by: Ní sh na be Fastpitch

Labor Day weekend

September 1 and 2

Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation

K Rd. and 150 Rd. ball fields
Mayetta, Kan.

1st-3rd Place Trophy Awards

Additional awards:

Robert "Wahp" Hale All-Star Pitcher Award
Tournament MVP

Team Sportsmanship

ASA Rules will apply

For more information: Roy Spoonhunter 785-608-6588
Don Don LeClere 785-966-2335



Ttiwenmo eginigyēn (Happy day you were born)

Happy Birthday
Mina Neuburger
August 1

This is for a very special person who helped me believe in myself and gave me faith to not give in when I was feeling my worst.
Brenda LaClair

Happy Birthday
Jocie Shopteese
August 16

We love you Sissy!
Love, dad (Namen),
mom (Tonya), and big
brother (Ty)

Wishing Arizona
"Kwis-No-Que" Clement-
Thomas
Happy 13th Birthday
August 16

from
Grandma Rainey and Misho

Happy Birthday
Brenda LaClair

Here's a special birthday wish for a niece so very wonderful!

May you enjoy your day to the fullest.
Love,
Cha-Ga-Be and Sara

Happy Belated Birthday
to my "sissy girl"
Nicole S. Roberts
August 4

Happy 21st Birthday
to my baby sisters
Renee and Sharon Rockman
September 2

Happy Birthday
to my "brother Bill"
Billy J. Roberts
September 6

Love,
Michelle and Nsowahkwit

Happy Birthday
Smokey LaClair
August 26

Jill and Brenda LaClair
and grandchildren
Denae, Brandon, Chris and Joey

Happy Birthday
Ron Jessepe
August 27

from
your loving wife, sisters,
daughters, and
grandchildren

Enibowat (Weddings)

Alisha Nikki Darnall
was united
in marriage to
Tony Kennedy
on
July 28

Nikki is the daughter of Jim Darnall, a resident of the Potawatomi reservation, and her mother is Nina Thompson of Aurora, Mo.

Mnopmatsēn (Get well)

Get well soon
and a quick recovery

Roy Hale

Leroy Mzhickteno

Get Well, Larry

The PBPB is pulling for you and hoping that you heal soon.

Mailing address:
Lawrence Hernandez—SICU
University Hospitals & Clinics
One Hospital Drive
Columbia, MO 65212

Kanibwēftek (the one's that stood up together)



Sadie Bosse

25th Wedding Anniversary

Sadie and Sophie Bosse at
Grandma Judy and Grandpa
Eldon Darnell's 25th wedding
anniversary party on July 4.



Sophie Bosse

Frank and Portia Shopteese
Cousins
Happy Wedding Anniversary
And many, many more
Our love,
The LaClair family

To my wife Sara
Happy 26th Wedding Anniversary
on
September 12
Love ya,
Cha-Ga-Be

Ganiftēk
(Those who are born)

Eliana Rose Stumblingbear
born May 8

To Monica Boutwell and Christopher Stumblingbear of Carpentersville, Ill. She joins sisters Cynthia, Angelina, and Alyssa. Grandparents, Suzanne and the late Lawrence Boutwell. Great-grandparents, the late Ramona (Kitchkume) and Robert Blackdeer. Great-great-grandparents, Thomas and Minnie (Eagle) Kitchkume. She is also a descendant of Chief Wabaunsee of the Potawatomi Nation.

Summer Kanae Gunter
July 30
Weight: 8 lb. 7 oz.
Height: 21 in.

Parents:
Rica Jessepe and Wylie Gunter

Grandparents:
The late Mary Jo Jessepe and Rico Moore

Great-grandparents:
Mary Jo and Wesley Jessepe

Thank you

Honest Injuns
Thanks to Leslie and Charlie Jessepe
for finding and returning my son's
billfold last month. Thank you!
Hedy Noland



Jayda Michelle Jessepe
Born: July 26
Weight: 8 lbs.
Height: 21 in.

Parents:
Benjamin Jessepe
Cassandra Brown

Grandparents:
Carol Jessepe-Nanaeto
Randall Nanaeto Sr.

Great-grandparents:
Mary Jo and Wesley Jessepe

Area
Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

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

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

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

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish
5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta, KS

Mass: 8:30 a.m. on 1st, 3rd, and
4th Sundays
2 p.m. on 2nd Sundays

For additional information go to tribal website

home page and click on Our Lady of Snows.

Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist
On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.
Mayetta, KS Rev. Howard Sudduth

Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship service

Pentecostal

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

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

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church
4-1/2 mi. west on 134 Rd. from
U.S. 75, Mayetta, KS

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service
7:00 p.m. Evening worship

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As I wrote in my last letter to the Nation in my role as tribal chair, this is a very historic time in our Nation's existence and I have left a "road map for success" that I was hopeful Tribal Council could continue upon.

First off, what I wanted to bring up on the agenda at the last General Council meeting was not to punish my fellow Tribal Council people, but to help all of us with a Tribal Council Accountability and Performance Improvement plan. We, as the tribal people, need to know that the folks we elect are at work and doing their job. We also need to define exactly what the job does. I think this organizational approach would help Tribal Council work better and be accountable to each other and to the Tribe.

Nevertheless, under my leadership we completed an earlier than planned casino transition to self-management saving all of us millions of dollars in fees and lost revenue. Now I am extremely concerned with what I perceive is a lack of understanding on many parties as to what their roles are in the new casino relationship.

I read in the *Topeka Capital Journal* articles and polls with comments that are extremely negative towards the Tribe and our gaming enterprise. From what I have been told by those who work at the casino, our revenue is down everywhere. Harrah's started us on the downward path with their lack of care or work during the first six months of this year.

Yet, we have our new Casino General Manager who one month into his new job took a vacation. Where is our motivation to do better than where Harrah's left us? Where is the inspiration to work tirelessly and to put in the long hours to overcome the loss of the Harrah's brand name and players club marketing to maintain our status as the number one resort casino in the Midwest?

Just a day after the July 1st opening ceremony, the rest of Tribal Council was, in my opinion, involving themselves too much in the enterprise, changing months of work/structure of the business with the re-assignment of a tribal member and key transition employee who was instrumental in getting the job done.

What happened to our plan of success for our tribal member employees and what happened to our 18 months of strategic planning? Why did some casino enterprise employees constantly pressure select Tribal Council members over, in my opinion, "nonsense?" None of these complaining casino enterprise employees lost their jobs or were threatened to lose their jobs - but this pettiness resulted in this other tribal member key employee being re-assigned by Tribal Council at a time when they are really needed to return the motivation to do better than where Harrah's left us. Remember, revenues are

down - Harrah's left us that way and we are continuing on the downward trend.

On the other hand, Tribal Council has the responsibility in our Constitution of the Enumerated Powers. That means the "buck stops with Tribal Council." That is a tremendous responsibility and I truly believe everyone who is in Tribal Council wants to do their best.

With the enumerated powers, Tribal Council then has the responsibility to make sure the best resources are in the best places to do the best for the TRIBE. However, with their early July and other Tribal Council actions, my opinion is that TRIBAL POLITICS HAVE INVADDED OUR BUSINESS. There was never any hope that tribal politics would not be a factor - believe me I tried to keep things separate.

So when we are electing our next tribal chair, we need to ask ourselves, knowing that tribal politics will be present in our business operation, who do we really want running the meetings of Tribal Council? Someone whose children are in key management positions at the Casino? Someone who worked at the Casino? Someone who has neither the experience or ties to the Casino? Which person will be able to best manage their own needs or family ambition versus the needs of the TRIBE?

Additionally, with the change in per cap coming upon us - I am voting for the increase - the Casino and any other economic development operation the Tribe can produce will become even overwhelmingly more important.

Hopefully, Tribal Council and our Washington D.C. legal team can finalize the Shab-ch-nay Reservation re-jurisdiction project by signing the final Intergovernmental Agreements with DeKalb County and the County Sheriff. We need that new gaming facility up there. It should not be too terribly hard, I left a good relationship there and the County and the Sheriff were ready to finalize negotiations and sign.

Hopefully, Tribal Council will also finalize the development of the 75 highway/150th Road interchange. More business there could bring in some cash. The tribal government has an unbelievable thirst for money - and I, for one, do not want to see any of our tribal government employees terminated.

Oh, and let's not forget the actual "operation" of our 8(a) firm and the fight of state-gaming here in Kansas. These items could mean more cash or less cash.

Hmmmm, maybe a successful businessperson as Tribal Chair was the right fit? Too bad some think that the Tribal Council operates with seven Tribal Chairs and no leaders - operation by consensus is one thing - allowing true leadership is another.

Tracy Stanhoff

Introducing Pastor
Leo Strathman

Greetings Everyone,

My name is Leo Strathman, I live south of Goff in Nemaha County. I am a retired dairy farmer who God told 30 years ago, that HE would use me in the end-times.

I am the pastor of the Church of the Coming KING in Seneca, Kan. To give you a little history, our church grew out of Bible study in our home. Little did I know that one day I would pastor the very church that I helped start. We are still small, but God through one of his prophets has prophesied that we would one day be the largest church in the area. We are not bound by traditions or religion, we allow the Holy Spirit to move as He wills, when He wills, and how He wills. We also move in the gifts of the Spirit, according to 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; words of wisdom, words of knowledge, faith, gift of healing, workings of

miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers tongues, and interpretation of tongues, as He wills.

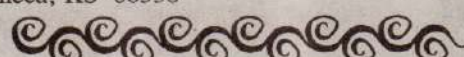
We believe that God's Word is Jesus, and Jesus is the Word. John 1:1-2 & 14. They cannot be separated. We believe the whole Bible is the inspired word of God.

Vision for the church; if you want to be born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and delivered, COME. The Bible is our guide.

In the next letter I will share with you what I know is coming upon this country.

You may reach me on web www.thechurchofthecomingking.com or by email at leostrathman@carsoncomm.com.

Until then may God richly bless you,
Pastor Leo Strathman
1308 Roanoke Street
Seneca, KS 66538





In the good old summer time!

Keep the rez beautiful

Submitted by Virginia LeClere

Litter and litterbugs are a big problem on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Bottles, cans, paper, plastic and food packaging is scattered along every reservation roadside and amongst all our favorite public places. Littering is not only harmful to the environment, but it also promotes a dangerous lack of pride and responsibility. If we continue to accept littering activity, we may convey to our children and visitors to the Reservation that we don't care about our land.

Many individuals make great efforts to clean up litter. Those efforts are so often accomplished in vain. Personal responsibility and behavior change is what is really needed to combat the litter problem.

Reason Why People Litter (stoplitter.org)

- People litter where they feel no sense of ownership
- People litter where litter has already accumulated
- People litter where they perceive others will pick up

Things You Can Do to Stop Littering

- Hold onto litter until it can be placed in a trash container
- Keep a trash bag in your car
- Secure your truck bed with a tarp or tie materials down
- Encourage enforcement officials to enforce the laws
- Apply peer pressure to others to follow the law

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has adopted Tribal Law & Order Codes addressing littering.

The code reads:
It shall be unlawful to throw, dump, place or deposit upon the lands of another or any tribal or public property, or highway, street, road, or other area not the person's own, without the consent of the owner or other lawful permission, any garbage, debris, junk, carcasses, trash, refuse or other substances of any nature whatsoever which could mar the appearance or detract from the cleanliness of the area; or to store, keep, or allow to accumulate an unreasonable number of any wrecked, junked, or unserviceable vehicles, appliances, or implements, unless one has a permit from the Nation to maintain a junk yard.

Littering shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,500 or by a term of imprisonment in the tribal jail not to exceed three months, or both.



Boys & Girls Club kids doing their part to keep the rez beautiful.

2004 News file photo

Think green!



Recycle and don't pollute!

Meteorological Monitoring tower placed on reservation to measure air quality

By Steve Duryea

The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 recognized that many areas across the United States were in violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). One of the first activities for developing an air quality strategy for these areas is to prepare an emissions inventory. The next is the development of an air monitoring program.

Through an EPA air quality grant, the department has purchased a Met One meteorological station. Recording meteorological conditions is the first step in monitoring NAAQS and for criteria pollutants. The MET station will allow for modeling of pollutant levels to project where the pollutant has come from and where it is going.

The MET station came "on-line" August 16, 2007 and is located at the Nation's Integrated Solid Waste Management Center on 142nd Road. The station measures:

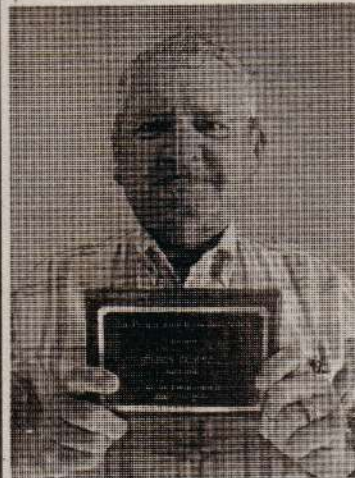
- wind speed and direction @ 10 meters,
- temperature and humidity @ 3 meters,
- solar radiation,
- barometric pressure, and
- precipitation (rain or snow).

Assistance with the installation of the MET station has been provided by the Road & Bridge Department (creation of the elevated pad), the Maintenance Department (concrete and electrical work), and Leland Grooms, Environmental Scientist with EPA Region VII in Kansas City (installation and calibration of the equipment).

In addition to using the data for pollutant monitoring, the department is also looking into posting these readings in some form on the Nation's pbpnation.org network, but that is still in the works.

For more information on the Nation's air quality program, feel free to contact the department at 966-2946.

Environmental Hero helps keep the reservation clean



Eldon Darnell was selected as our Environmental Hero for the second quarter, April through June 2007. Eldon's efforts to preserve and protect our reservation are done recycling aluminum cans and newspaper. Eldon is involved in the PBPB Solid Waste Advisory Committee and serves as Vice Chairperson. Eldon continues to monitor dumpster sites on the reservation and reports any illegal dumping. Environmental heroes like Eldon set an inspiring example for others to follow on the reservation.

The Environmental Hero Award is given in conjunction with our Earth Day celebration.

Join the PBPB Solid Waste Advisory Committee by calling Merle at 785.966.2946 today



Left: Standing in the photo holding the new tower is Steve Duryea, EPA specialist for the Tribe, with Leland Grooms who is an environmental scientist with Region VII EPA in Kansas City. The tower is located on 142nd Road and will test air quality.



A talent show is being planned for those 35 and up. Sing, lip sync, dance, play an instrument, Give it a try! Look for time and place to be announced in future issues of the News



Above are Boys & Girls Club (BGC) members seen helping Sharon Bosse, PBPN Department of Planning and EPA, conduct water sampling at Crow Creek on the reservation August 3. There were 26 BGC members who participated that day as part of the Department of Planning & EPA's outreach program.

Photo submitted by Sharon Bosse



Above is Julia Lewis and Carol Kerns at this year's Gathering in Wisconsin.

Photo submitted by Julia Lewis



In the photo above is Alvina LaClair who brought in this picture of her with some of the large zucchini that she grew in her garden earlier this summer.

Walking trail being constructed on the reservation



A walking trail that will connect some of the places like Prairie Peoples Park with various housing units is under construction. Above and left are members of Road & Bridge working on the trail along 158 Road.

Exercise your right to vote in the special tribal election



Potawatomi Fire Keepers Elder Center September 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
***** Closed Labor Day *****	Liver & Onions Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Oranges - Dinner Roll	Sweet & Sour Chicken With Broccoli Stir-Fry Brown Rice Cabbage Roll - Bread	Beef Vegetable Stew Buttered Egg Noodle Tossed Garden Salad Fruit Salad - Biscuit	Tuna Salad Sandwich Potato & Ham Soup Cheese & Crackers Spinach Salad
Hamburgers Baked Cheese Fries Green Bean Casserole Mixed Fresh Fruit	Barbeque Chicken Potato Salad Baked Beans Watermelon - Biscuit	Beef Lasagna Steamed Spinach Tossed Garden Salad Fruit - Garlic Bread	Fried Pork Chop Scalloped Potato Corn Succotash Pea Salad - Roll	Ham & Bean Soup Brown Rice Chefs Ham Salad Corn Bread
Bologna Sandwich Macaroni Salad Cheese & Crackers Fruit Cocktail	Chicken Cacciatore Baked Potato Broccoli Normandy Tossed Salad - Roll	Glazed Ham Sweet Potato Au Gratin Steamed Zucchini Fruit - Wheat Roll	Birthday & Potluck Roast Beef Mashed Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetable	Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Creamed Peas Cole Slaw - Texas Toast
Sloppy Joes Macaroni Salad Green Beans Oranges - Chips	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potato & Gravy Squash Medley Spinach Salad - Cantaloupe	Beef Noodle Goulash Mixed Vegetables Tossed Garden Salad Fruit Salad - Garlic Bread	Beef & Hominy Soup Fried Bread Deli Wrap Sandwich Watermelon	**** Closed **** Native American Indian Day *****

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

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Child \$2.50