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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Tomorrow's Leaders Break Ground for future site of Land Management Department

*"We're working toward the betterment of our land."*

By Doris A. Potts

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001**—This year, the Potawatomi Nation may not be commemorating this day as Pearl Harbor day—rather, a day of new beginning for the Land Management Department. In opening comments, Council Person Rey Kitchkumme said, "This project, having a home base for the Land Management Department, has been on the table for 2 years now." Today marks the groundbreaking day for construction of the new building that will house all programs geared toward land protection and regaining control of the Nation's land through purchase.

Commercial contractor, Nolte Construction, is building the Land Management Department building, **Ke Ko-wap-te-get**. It will be across from the Elder Center on 150<sup>th</sup> & K Road. Cost of this building is \$394,000 facility that is 100% funded by the PBP Nation. Weather permitting, the building is projected to be completed by mid-late April 2002. Ken Coover, Land Department Director, says that this building will allow their workers to complete a lot of their work that they've had to do from their trucks—such as repairs on their equipment, machinery, and trucks.

The Land Management Department currently has 9 employees and does an array of jobs for the Nation. Major work projects include: all farm-related work, elderly woodcutting, BIA projects, and Casino snow removal. Ken Coover handles right-of-way for the Road Projects and is in charge of overseeing all land purchases for the Nation. The PBP Nation is now at 40% land ownership of Reservation land (30,845.4 Total PBP Acres).

Vice Chairman Gary Mitchell talked about the importance of the land on economic development for the Nation. Continuing, Mitchell said, "Rey and the Land Department should be commended for helping get our

land back and taking care of our land. In the past we were taken advantage of and our land way taken away—now we're getting it back. We're working toward the betterment of our land."

Treasurer Jim Potter read from the Nation's Constitution, ARTICLE II - LAND. Following the reading, Jim said, "These may be just words to some but they are powerful words. We now live under government law, and we have to use these words to our benefit. In saying that, the land department has a big responsibility in the protection and caring of our land."

Potter cites the statement which many of us are all too familiar with, "Don't sell your land." Back during the Depression times, many were forced to sell lands to survive. It's taken over six decades to begin the process of recovery from that loss. In most instances, land losses occurred because many Nation members were taken advantage of due to not knowing the English language or anything about the White man's business world.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation recognizes that we are the natives of this land called United States of America. The Prairie Band were forced to this desolate land back in the 1800s, from the beautiful land of the Great Lakes area. We are still here and we continue to strive to make the most of what we were dealt.

A special historical section on these facts can be seen on-line under pbpindiantribe.com. (See years 1820 thru 1887). These facts should always be remembered. If we fail to remember these facts, we forget who we truly are—the native people of this land. Prophecies tell us that the native people have been charged to take care of Mother Earth.



(L-R) Wahp LeClere and Raeven Wishteyah breaking ground at the future site of the Land Management Department.

## Land Management Department

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nations' Land Management Department (LMD) is to protect and regain our tribal lands. To accomplish our mission, the LMD shall invoke the Prairie Band Potawatomi sovereignty and inherent right to our treaty lands. We will assert our paramount and superior claim to any grant or sale of tribal property to other entities—government or otherwise—and will regain our tribal properties through land acquisition.

The LMD is also responsible for the preservation of culturally significant sites; the conservation of the natural environment; the protection of land used for agriculture; and, the assistance in the social and economic development of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and our people.

(See LMD building sketch on p. 4.)



Tribal Council Person Rey Kitchkumme introducing the Land Management staff at the Ground Breaking Ceremony on December 7, 2001. (Photo submitted by PBP News Staff)

## Jim Potter Elected Area Vice-President at NCAI: and Other Priority Issue Updates and Election Results

By Mary Young

"Reflecting Our Traditional Ways In a Contemporary World" was the theme of the 58th Annual 2001 Session of the National Congress of American Indians held in Spokane, Washington, November 25-30, 2001.

Jim Potter, PBP Treasurer, was elected to the position of Area Vice-President on the NCAI Executive Committee for the Anadarko Area tribes with Leonard Tiger, Absentee Shawnee, as Alternate. There are twelve (12) Area Vice-Presidents and the term is for two (2) years.

According to the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Area Vice-Presidents shall: A. Be responsible for coordination of NCAI activities in their areas; B. Serve in a leadership role in fundraising and membership activities in their areas; C. Act as liaison between the tribal and individual members in their areas and the officers and other members of the Executive Council; and D. Carry out duties as directed by the Executive Council and/or the Executive Committee.

### NCAI officer election results:

Results of the NCAI election are as follows: President (Brian Wallace 9,444; Tex Hall 14,178), First Vice-President (Joe Garcia 12,884; W. Ron Allen 10,738), Recording Secretary, Colleen Cawston (one candidate declined), and Treasurer (Audrey Conan 11,251; Alma Ransom 12,361).

Tribal representation included 194 tribes, 25,690 votes or 12,846 (50% + 1). According to the Constitution and By-Laws, "A quorum of the Annual convention or the Mid-year Conference shall be 50% + 1 of the membership having met the requirements of credentials. A quorum of the Executive Council shall be thirty percent (30%) of member Tribes. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be 50% + 1 of the twelve (12) Area Vice-Presidents and the Executive Officers combined."



(L to R) Jim Potter, NCAI Anadarko Area Vice-President and Leonard Tiger, NCAI Area Alternate. (PBP Staff photo)

### Top issues are as follows:

Interior proposes new Trust Management Bureau, Consultation lacking; Interior memo on proposed Bureau of Indian Trust Assets Management; Land to Trust rule withdrawn, new rulemaking process begins; Tribal Sovereignty Protection Initiative—summary of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Tribal Leaders Forum; energy legislation and policy issues; GAO Study released on tribal recognition process; Welfare Reform Reauthorization update; Census 2000 update; funding and legislative provisions in the FY2002 Interior Appropriations Act; key funding and legislative provisions in FY2002 VA-HUD-EPA Appropriations Act; key funding and legislative provisions in FY2002 CJS Appropriations Act; key funding and legislative provisions in FY2002 Agriculture Appropriations Act; Status Report on FY2002 Appropriations for Indian Education- Dept. of Education and BIA Office of Indian Education Programs; Bush Administration vacancies of importance to Indian Country; and the NCAI Internship Program announcement.

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## PBP Head Start Selected as Project Site by National Organization

The Promising Practices Network provides selected Head Start grantees to focus on continuous improvement to enhance and expand comprehensive family literacy services.

### Process

Head Start Programs who are a part of the Promising Practices Network conduct in-depth planning, receive individualized technical assistance and develop linkages among Head Start family literacy programs to serve as a resource to each other. Promising strategies and approaches will be used to develop training and products for Head Start family literacy services nationwide.

### Site Selection Criteria

NCFL and the RMC Research Corporation reviewed sites nationwide having well-implemented services that comply with Head Start Performance Standards and a strong commitment to expand or enhance family literacy services. In addition, selected programs have the four areas of "family literacy services" in place as identified in the 1998 Head Start Act. Other criteria included 1) a variety of service delivery approaches, 2) diversity of families, and 3) Head Start/Early Head Start Programs.

### Unique and Special

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Head Start/Early Head Start Program was *one of six sites* selected from the USA. Our Program is the only Native American site participating in the Promising Practices Network this year.

Other first and second-year sites participating in the network are located in Hawaii, Michigan, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas, New York, Puerto Rico, and Washington DC.

### YEAR ONE GOALS:

- ◆ RMC staff will work with grantees selected to participate in a pilot effort.
- ◆ Head Start staff and site coordinators will document progress, develop action plans and create descriptive profiles of family literacy service delivery strategies.
- ◆ RMC and NCFL staff will work in conjunction with the Head Start Bureau and Regional Offices to refine approaches used during the pilot year.

### YEAR TWO GOALS:

- ◆ RMC will continue to support sites.
- ◆ Strategies used to help develop the network during the first year will be refined and enhanced.

### YEAR THREE TO FIVE GOALS:

- ◆ Programs participating in the network will be matched with a Certified Family Literacy Specialist from the Head Start Quality Improvement Center serving their region.
- ◆ The Certified Family Literacy Specialists will utilize sites as "demonstration locations" where participants attending family literacy training can observe a Head Start Family Literacy Program in action.
- ◆ Programs will have ongoing access to quality family literacy training designed to fit their needs.

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## Vote Laura Abeyta For Gaming Commissioner

### Greetings to the People of this Nation.

Election time is here again! If you will give me a moment of your time, I'd like to tell you why Laura Abeyta, (myself) would be a good candidate for this office.

A Gaming Commissioner is a regulator, required to keep up with all the laws that pertain to Indian Gaming. These include the Federal and State laws, as well as Tribal law. I have a working knowledge of Title 12, of the Potawatomi Law and Order Codes, (our gaming laws), as well as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) which is the Federal Law pertaining to gaming, and with the Tribal State Compacts. This knowledge is based on many hours of study, debate, and actual use.

The Commission is required to create working relationships with the various governments. I have served on the board of the Jackson County Development Corporation for approximately 5 years. I have worked as a contract lobbyist for the Tribe. When previously on the Commission, I lobbied because it was part of our duties. I have represented the Tribe as the NIGA Delegate for 4 years.

An Associates Degree in electronics, and 13 (thirteen) years with NCR, (National Cash Register company) have given me skills (Logic, troubleshooting, on-line communications) needed to understand the workings of the slots, which would be an asset for the Nations' Regulators, although it is not a requirement.



Tribal membership carries with it a certain responsibility. I have tried to meet that responsibility by attending all but 2 General Council meetings since 1993. I have participated in several voter registration drives, and I am serving on the Constitution Committee, appointed by General Council several years ago. I have a vested interest in the future of this Nation, and would like to contribute more of my time, energy, and any talents I may have to its continuing success!

**So, Please Vote. Vote for Laura (Harrison) Abeyta!**

I was then hired as an Inspector in April of 99.

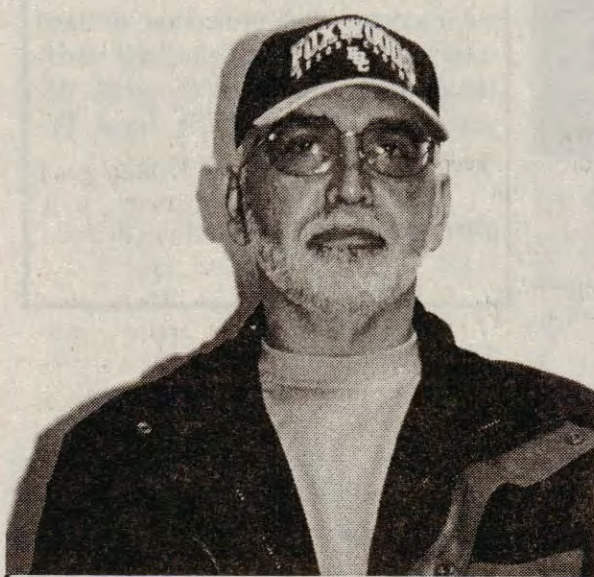
I believe my on-site experience would be a great asset if I were to be elected as a Commissioner. I have worked very close with the Slot Department and I believe my experience working with the Slot Department would also be a great asset as a Commissioner. I have attended several training sessions at our casino and at other sites. These sessions included: training on the regulatory aspect of a casino operation, cheats and scams, slots operations, table games operations, marketing and other avenues of a casino operation.

These past few months have shown our country to be in an economic decline with many industries and corporations laying off workers until the economy improves. These actions have included cutbacks in staffing by Harrah's at our casino. Our Gaming Commission can follow suit and cut back on some of its spending. I have some ideas to cut spending that will not impede or reduce the Commission's role as protectors and regulators of our gaming operations.

The first area that could be reduced in the budget is travel. Limit travel to training sessions only. Use of present staffing in a more efficient way is also an option that will save money in the long run.

I will make no "campaign" promises other than, I will be there every day, and more, if need be. I will be fair in decision making. I will work hard along with the other Commissioners to ensure the integrity of our gaming operations and to ensure that all rules and regulations set forth by the Federal and State of Kansas governments are being followed to the extreme.

I want to wish the other candidates good luck and thank all who have supported my decision to pursue this opportunity. I can be reached at (785) 966-2137 or e/mailed at djdegand@yahoo.com.



Dennis Degand

Hi everyone,

My name is Dennis J. Degand. I have lived here on our "rez" for the past 20 years or so. In that time, I have seen many changes take place, especially in the past few years. Road improvements, new buildings and more social services are just a few of the changes that have occurred. Most of the changes are a direct result of the revenue gained from our gaming operations. In order to keep our gaming operations functioning at a very profitable level, much hard work is required by Tribal Council, the Gaming Commission, and the employees.

I presently work for our Gaming Commission as a Tribal Gaming Inspector with almost all of my work time being spent on site at the Casino. By the time the election is here, I will have been working at the casino just a few days short of 4 years. The first year of my employment was with Harrah's as a Security Officer for 6 months, followed by 6 months in the Slot Department as a Slot Attendant.



Joyce Guerrero  
Gaming Commissioner Candidate

I'm Joyce Kitchkommie Guerrero and I am seeking the office of Gaming Commissioner. I am a life long resident of Topeka, Kansas with strong family ties to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation where my parents, Agnes Wabski and Joe Kitchkommie were raised, as were my grandparents, Joe Wabski & Ship-Shee-Qe-Mary Wabski and Dora Gokey & Francis Kitchkommie.

I attended Topeka public schools and during the years of 1975-1980, attended Washburn University as a

part-time student while raising my family.

Since 1994 I have been employed by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in the finance department. Prior to that I worked in various government agencies in Topeka, including the Shawnee County Sheriff's department and Municipal City Court.

Having served on the Tribal Council during the years of 1980-1982 and assisting in various capacities in local Indian organizations, I realize how important it is to look ahead to the consequences of today's decisions to ensure the continued well being of our Tribe

I am confident that I can serve in that position responsibly and with accountability. I am a reliable and trustworthy employee with excellent work habits and initiatives. When elected, I will bring a commitment to work with the current Gaming Commissioners and Tribal Council to accomplish and achieve all we can.

I am asking for your support in the upcoming election and vow to listen to your input and act responsible in making decisions that will affect the lives of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

## GAMING COMMISSION

The Potawatomi Tribal Gaming Commission is the nation's regulatory entity for all gaming enterprises. The commission issues gaming licenses and is responsible for ensuring all gaming employees undergo background investigations.

The purpose of regulation is to provide a statutory basis for the operation of gaming as a means of promoting economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong national governments. Furthermore, regulation is needed to shield the nation from organized crime and other corrupting influences.

These measures ensure that the nation is the primary beneficiary of the gaming operation and that gaming is conducted fairly and honestly by the operator and players.

The five-member Potawatomi Tribal Gaming Commission is elected by the nation's General Council to serve four-year terms. The Potawatomi Tribal Gaming Commission, initiated in 1994, is recognized as a political subdivision of the nation receiving funding from a small percentage of the casino's gross operating revenue. The commission regulates all gaming activities under Title 12 of the Potawatomi Law and Order Code.

## Vestina Nonken Candidate for Gaming Commissioner

My name is Vestina (Nioce) Walker Nonken and I have one son, Cecil Walker, Jr. My parents were the late Joseph and Alice Lasley Nioce. I was born on the Potawatomi Reservation and have spent my entire life in the Potawatomi Reservation area. I seek your support for my candidacy for a position on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission. My long work history with the Tribe is evidence of my dedication to my people.

- During my tenure as a Tribal Council member our Team accomplishments during two terms include:
- Providing additional programs to gain more employment for our tribal members and non-tribal members in our community.
- Obtaining Personal Property Tax exemption status and Kansas State Income Tax exemption.
- Opening of the PBP casino, which began in 1997.
- Managed the PBP Bingo Operation in 1992-94.
- A part of the team in expanding our:

- PBP Gift Shop
- PBP Nation Station
- Building a new Senior Elder Center
- Expanding the Child Care Center building
- Boys and Girls Youth Program
- New building for our Potawatomi Fire Department with paramedics and ambulance services.

In my tenure with the Tribal Council, the PBP Nation purchased several acres of land on the reservation to help build up our land base. I served as the liaison for I.H.S. Tribal contracts and Personnel Officer appointed by the Tribal Council.

Many of the above activities would not have been

possible without the Gaming revenues received by our tribe from the casino.

I am very much interested in serving as a Gaming Commissioner, as it is a very important part of our Tribal Gaming, being the "root" of developing our infrastructure and Economic Development of our Nation. My experience includes the negotiations of the opening of our casino as well as overseeing the management of the first three years of the Casino as a member of the Tribal Council.

I intend to be a strong supporter of the Regulations expected of the Gaming Commission. The Gaming Commission needs to work harmoniously with the PBP Tribal Council, in order that we may all accomplish our goals and support of our Gaming Enterprises.

I have always appreciated your support and hope that you will continue to support my candidacy bid for a position on the PBP Gaming Commission.

Organizations that I am actively involved in are: Holton Area Chamber of Commerce Board member, Board member of the Jackson County Economic Development Corp., and the Jackson County Economic Development Council; a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, VFW and American Legion. I am a member of Our Lady of Snows Church.



## GAMING COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE VESTINA NONKEN

# V O T E J o h n " S A M " P o t t s

Hok!! Ni Tteh Nah Ni Kon??

I am John "SAM" Potts. I am seeking your support in the upcoming Gaming Commission election this February.

A little about me...

My grandparents, Maynard and the late Coralene Potts, raised me on the reservation. My mother is Barbara (Potts) Tims. My wife, Rebekah, and I are the proud parents of two boys, Nom Ki Wash (2 ½ years) and Keesis (7 months). I have worked with PBP Land Department for the past three and a half years and my wife works for the Tribal Police Department. I enjoy hunting, dirt track racing, spending time with my family, learning to make regalia items, and visiting with my Misho about our history and traditional ways. Our family is active in Youth activities on the reservation through the Boys & Girls Club, I serve as Vice-Chairman of the Pow-Wow Committee and I am a friend of Bill W.

I decided to run for a position on the Gaming Commission after much encouragement from my family. It is time for the leaders of this Nation to begin making decisions that are in the best interest of the NATION and not just individuals. I would like to have a part in these decisions. I am well aware of the issues and threats presenting themselves to our Nation on a daily basis. I will work diligently to protect the interests of our Nation as a whole. I have the ability and the desire to do what is expected of our Gaming Commissioners. I would appreciate your support in electing me to Gaming Commissioner in February.

I will listen...

I will speak up...

I will represent our Nation with pride and respect...  
I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**Vote for  
Mat Weh Yosh**



## COMMISSIONER INCUMBENT

I am glad for the opportunity to introduce myself as the incumbent for the elected Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission position for the year 2002-2006.

My name is LaVeda Thomas Wahweotten. I am the daughter of Charles K. Thomas who had knowledge in several trades and was known to be a hard worker. I learned how to cook by following my mother, Lillian C. Shopteese Thomas, instructions. I never could pick up her uncanny gardening techniques. I have a strong will to keep things clean and orderly of which I owe to the training of my step mother Minnie Oliver Thomas. I enjoy playing bingo and sewing Indian regalia



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## AUTOMATED ELECTION PROCESS begins in FEBRUARY

By D. Potts

**December 20, 2001** - The Election Board traveled to Concho, OK to observe the Cheyenne & Arapaho election process that was being assisted by Automated Election Services. Very soon, the PBP Nation will be using the services of A.E.S., a division of INK Impressions, to assist in the election process - beginning with the February Gaming Commission Election.

A.E.S. has developed their own automated election system that does all of the counting for you. (Say goodbye to all-day marking on the chalk-board!) Their computer system is also designed to generate any type of report that the native nation requests. Terry Raney, President of INK and AES, along with Assistant Patricia Dunnagan come on-site to assist in the election process, using this specially-designed software program (machine cost \$50,000 - \$100,000).



Election Board members (left to right) Ruta Mendez, June Barber, and Vencie Mitchell burn the midnight oil to observe Cheyenne-Arapaho Automated Election Process. Official results were posted at 11:30 p.m.

The advantages of using this automated election system is the accuracy and the speed of producing the final results - not to mention all the reports a nation can request. This system has a 100% accountability system built in, meaning every ballot cast is included in some form in the election process - even if it is only an unacceptable or discarded ballot.

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribe, with an enrollment of close to 12,000 members, use a strictly "mail-in ballot system." Promptly starting the election process at 6:00 pm, the slowest part of their procedure was the signature verification. The eight-member Election Board actually sit and review each signature for validity.

Out of their 12,000 membership, they have a 2,000+ voting population. It takes AES approximately 2 hours (tops) to have an election officially completed, including certified results for posting.

With our election start time of 9:00 a.m., INK President Terry Raney said, "We'll have you out in time for lunch."

Cont. from cover story NCAI

### Pending in Congress:

Farm Bill Act - agriculture assistance for commodity and food stamps to be reauthorized and expanded; tribes want Congress to proceed with land into trust, committee waiting on statutory process; and legislation is needed to address rulings of the Supreme Court for the last 20 years of eroding tribal sovereignty.

### Important websites to checkout for more information concerning various issues:

National Congress of American Indians is located at <http://www.ncai.org> or search the web by National Congress of American Indians.

For the full report as the Welfare Reform Applies to Indian Country go to [http://udallcenter.arizona.edu/publications/welfare\\_reform/1.html](http://udallcenter.arizona.edu/publications/welfare_reform/1.html).

Native eDGE will offer information on Economic Development. This site "is a one-stop shop for federal and other grants, loans, loan guarantees and technical assistance. It is a publications clearinghouse and a technical assistance center staffed by economic development specialists. The website - <http://nativeedge.hud.gov> - houses a comprehensive inventory of federal programs available for economic development projects as well as links to multiple federal agencies. Databases of non-federal resources are also available via direct links from the Native eDGE page and electronic forms, publications and guidelines on economic development can be electronically downloaded from the site. The clearinghouse, established through HUD's customer service and distribution center. Native eDGE's technical assistance center is accessible via a toll-free telephone number (1-877-807-9013) and economic development specialists are available for detailed discussions with tribes, tribal entities, individuals and others interested in business opportunities in Indian Country."

A motion was carried to appoint four consultants to work with housing and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), telephone number 800 284-9165 and the website - <http://naihc.indian.com>. The key goal of President Bush and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Mel Martinez, is home ownership with affordable loan guarantees; "37% home ownership is not acceptable." HUD is going to try to do more work with GSE - Fannie Mae, more than saying, "they'll do loans" but to get them to produce:

### Future Conference Site:

Bids will be announced at the mid-year conference for the site of the 2003 NCAI conference; San Diego will be the site for 2002.

### Resolutions of Interest:

For in-depth or copies of Resolutions passed, contact NCAI directly. National Congress of Ameri-

can Indians, 1301 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington D.C. 20036. (202) 466-7767 (202) 466-7797 (fax)

The Human Religion Cultural Concerns Committee Subcommittee passed Resolution #SPO - 01 - 062, Title: State of Idaho American Indian Language Teacher Certification. This could act as leverage for other tribes to get their own certification and something for our Language Program to consider. Resolution #SPO - 01 - 130, Title: Cultural Resource Protection is another issue that was passed and something to keep an eye on for future developments.

The Tribal Gaming Subcommittee Report passed Resolution #SPO - 01 - 045, Title: To Oppose the State of Michigan's Continued Violation of the Sovereign and Statutory Rights of the Match-E-B-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan, a.k.a., the Gun Lake Tribe, and to urge the Governor and Leaders of the State of Michigan to Remedy Said Violations.

Resolutions from the Jurisdiction & Tribal Government Subcommittee Report included Resolution #SPO -01 - 086, Title: Support in Opposition of the Presidential Nomination of Mrs. Rebecca Watson as Assistant Interior Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Bureau of Land Management. Resolution #SPO - 01 - 041, Title: Support for a Legislative Process to Address Tribal Concerns Over Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions Involving Tribal Jurisdiction as Part of the National Sovereignty Protection Initiative was also passed. Resolution #SPO - 01 - 042, Title: Support for Supreme Court Project passed but an issue to be watched. Resolution #SPO - 01 - 145, Title: Opposing the Appointment of Ross O. Swimmer as Director of the Bureau of Indian Trust Assets Management was also passed.

### Comments:

#### Today's Leadership:

Outspoken and quite humorous Juanita Ahtone, Rules and Credentials Committee, commented that it was nice to have so many tribal leaders speak out and reflected how times have changed. Years ago the assembly room would be filled the first day and the next day not too many showed up for the meetings because everyone had gone to the nearest pub.

#### Indian Health Services:

Dr. Michael Trujillo pointed out that because of the Sept. 11 tragedy, monies will be tight and new programs may not be funded but current programs would be, and that funding will have to be spent carefully.

#### President Masten's Opening Address:

Susan Masten, former NCAI President, made several statements that are worth noting. She said that "in 1944, our elders supported treaty rights," third world conditions still exist for us, "lack of consultation regarding land trust," "don't make decisions about us without us," and "look closely at Interior's plan to create a new Bureau."

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Again, congratulations Jim!

## TRIBAL ELECTION NEWS

Submitted by Vencie Mitchell

**Gaming Commission Election Day is scheduled for February 25, 2002 at the Old Community Building,** next to the Government Center. We will begin opening the ballots at 10:00 a.m. The following tribal members are candidates for the one position of Gaming Commissioner: **Laura A. (Harrison) Abeyta, Dennis Degand, Joyce Kitchkommie Guerrero, Vestina M. Nonken, John "Sam" Potts, Joseph P. Rupnick "Zeke", and Laveda Thomas Wahweotten.** You will be voting for ONE position. More than one vote on your ballot will automatically disqualify your vote and it will not be counted. The candidates have been requested to submit articles to this tribal newspaper issue to give you some personal qualification and background information along with their interest in running for this position.

**There will be important changes in the upcoming election we would like to inform you of.** We are working on photo ballots, which will have the candidate's name accompanied by their picture. You will vote for only **one (1) candidate on your official secret ballot.** You will need to **CONNECT THE ARROW** next to the candidate of your choice. Example - John Doe- Complete like this **John Doe**

You will need to use a #2 Pencil, as we will be using a voting machine to tabulate the ballots, which works best with a #2 pencil. At this time, we are attempting to include this with your ballot package. We will no longer have tabulators standing at the chalkboards manually tallying ballots. Your voting certificate will now be on the back of your Official Ballot Envelope.

### LaVeda Wahweotten (cont.)

such as fancy shawls, jingle dresses, ribbon shirts and women's traditional. I knew it was a challenge when I made my first grass dance outfit but I was very pleased with the finished product. I dedicate a lot of my extra time to my grandchildren in their school, Powwow participation and sport activities. They are involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, modeling photography and softball pitching classes. The family usually can be found on any ball diamond in the county during the summer but I would not want it any other way.

I was fortunate to be nominated into the Gaming Commission Interim in 1993 and have served to the best of my ability to the present. My position as a Gaming Commissioner has been from "Grounds Up." This was in the beginning when the Interim Gaming Commission worked from the kitchen table and we took from the pockets of our spouses so that we could buy office supplies. I had the opportunity to be involved from the beginning in the adoption of the Technical Standards that were needed in order to receive gaming machines. These are the standards that not only allowed the Prairie Band Potawatomi but the other Tribal gaming Tribes in Kansas to meet the standards set by the State. The Law and Order Codes at that time had to be reviewed followed with a barrage of changes that was a very tedious chore.

The solicitation of the RFP's was an experience that paid off for the Tribe. It was a process that led to the negotiations and the final decision to select Harrah's to manage our Tribal Casino beginning with the opening of the Temporary Casino in the Bingo Hall. The on-sight training learned then allows the Commission to do required audits on the gaming machines today. The main concern is to make sure we are in compliance with regulation and the correct percentage payout to the customer. The Commission has developed a reliable system to run the Compliance Department that is staffed with loyal and experienced employees. The Gaming Commission has adopted and approved memorandum of Understandings with the three Tribally owned Casinos in Kansas, the State Gaming Agency, the Central Plains Indian Gaming Association that consists of 16 Tribes and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. One of my requirements as a Commissioner was to set up training for the gaming employees and the Gaming Inspectors. These training classes included Cheats and Scams, Title 31 and reporting big winners to the IRS, Drug and Meth Lab detection, Surveillance training, Investigating and training performed by gaming

(The Business Reply Envelope) Voters, you will no longer have to place a stamp on your Ballot. The Postal Service will keep track of this. If you have any questions about these changes, please call our office - we are here to answer your questions. Phone 785-966-3910, 3911, or 3912.

**On December 11, 2001** the Election Board met with the Tribal Council on amending the Election Ordinance to address some of the problem areas we have encountered in the past two years. Hopefully, we will have this completed by the end of December. We plan on having some copies available at our next General Council Meeting in January 2002 for tribal members. Also, the Tribal Council will be appointing a **new Election Board Member.** If you are interested please contact Rey Kitchkommie, Tribal Council/Election Board Liaison, as soon as possible. Rey can fill you in on all details regarding this matter. Rey's phone number 785-966-4019.

**Ballots will be mailed to all tribal registered voters on January 11, 2002.** There is still time to vote in this election, as long as you get your voter registration form in by January 4, 2002, by 4:00 p.m. Voter registration is then closed at this time for this particular election. You may still register after this date, but you will not be eligible to vote until the next election, which is the Tribal Council Election in July 2002. As of today, we have 2,109 registered voters. In the last two years over half of the registered voters did vote. Since we mailed out the Gaming Commission Election Notice we have received over sixty (60) tribal members who have registered. This leaves our non-registered at 1,324 who choose not to vote. It is good to see the increased number of voters.

vendors. One of the issues I thought was only seen in the movies is the mafia. The Tribes casino is frequented by the Mafia which our Surveillance Department and Gaming Inspectors must be aware so they can keep them under close scrutiny. I have been the delegate to serve as a voting member of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association since 1995 and have served as the alternate delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association for six years. The Potawatomi Gaming Commission not only adopts rules and regulations but adopts several of the Tribal Senior Citizens during the Christmas Holidays. I hope this information has helped to break the old stereotype impression that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission does not do anything. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission has grown from the Interim of 5 Commissioners to the present staff of 5 Commissioners, 7 Office staff, and 15 Gaming Agents better known as "The Gaming Inspectors." The Commission's Counsel has given me the title of "One who knew gaming before gaming." I may not have a College degree but come with years of Gaming experience and plenty of common sense.

I have collected a battalion of gaming contacts throughout the United States and abroad who have been of great assistance throughout my eight years as a Tribal Gaming Commissioner. Life has not always been good serving in the capacity as a Gaming Commission because of the requirement of Show Cause Hearings. This is where your developed suit of armor comes in handy because you will be required to suspend or revoke a gaming license that will end a career in gaming for an employee who may have broken the law. There may be cases where the revocation involves a friend, family or a tribal member and it will be your responsibility to sentence that individual. There is a lot of theft by the employee. One of my latest Commission assignments is to develop a procedure on levels of fines. This could range from a fine of \$5,00 to \$25,000.00 to anyone who violates any gaming regulation. I would be very grateful for your vote in the up-coming position for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission. If you have any questions you can call me at work at 1-785-966-4065 or at home 785-986-6720.

## PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NEWS

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## Charitable Contributions 2001

By Doris A. Potts

It's no big secret that the Charitable Contributions has been a sore subject so when I began searching for the story a month ago, I couldn't find anyone that knew what was going on with it. In October General Council Meeting, the recommended donations barely passed with a 43-40 vote.

The question was, "When is the media coverage on the donations going to happen? The general public has to know that we are meeting our legal obligations, sharing a specified amount of our revenue with the general public."

In attendance at the October meeting, I knew what had transpired and it wasn't very pretty. Nation members tried to push for answers about the selected donations, but it was rushed through in a hostile environment. Dollar amounts were high to certain organizations. During the search for answers, it was reported by some of the recipient organizations that they hadn't even asked for those amounts and some didn't even ask at all for a donation.

Those large dollar amounts could have went further, assisting more organizations. There is power in numbers. After all, it is community support that we seek in any business venture that we get involved. Down the road, we are going to need all the community support that we can muster up. It's been said over and over that we can't rely completely on the Casino to sustain us. If we develop other businesses, we want the community to support those businesses also - spend their dollars at our new businesses.

Giving a little history, the Charitable Contribution Committee formed due to the discontent members felt about how the donations were being handled by Tribal Council.

As it turns out, many members still didn't like the way the CCC was handling the distribution process.

It got to the point that the public event just had to happen as January General Council meeting is just days away. The PBP Nation had to honor the legal commitments of meeting National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and meeting the Charitable Contri-

bution requirement - all bickering aside. We constantly hear the term, "Move ahead."

### Moving Ahead

To make this event happen fast, phone calls and meetings had to happen NOW! This was amidst elderly funerals, etc. The following Press Release went out. The Charitable Contributions Committee called the recipients which included all of those on the October approved list. That was good because local television stations reported that the PBP Nation had donated over \$750,000 this year to local non-profit organizations—over quarter of a million short of actual figures.

### PRESS RELEASE

December 18, 2001

In a public ceremony, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will announce four Charitable Contributions, totaling \$250,000.00. The ceremony will be Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Potawatomi Bingo Hall, located at 162 & Q Road, Mayetta, KS.

In the July 2001 General Council Meeting, the PBP Nation formed a Charitable Contribution Committee to develop a disbursement system for charitable contributions from the net revenue of the Nation's gaming. The CCC established guidelines for qualifying for the contribution. Next, they made their recommendations to the general membership to vote on during the October 2001 General Council Quarterly Meeting.

Following is the list of recipients along with amounts to be presented:

Battered Women Task Force	\$50,000.00
Let's Help	\$100,000.00
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$50,000.00
U.S.D 501	\$50,000.00

Following this ceremony, at 6:00 p.m., the PBP Nation Boys & Girls Club will be hosting a Community Christmas Party. The PBP Nation welcomes everyone to participate in these very special events.

Thorpe, John Levi, or Billy Mills. We need this to bring them to Haskell. We have to be able to compete with the larger schools, we need to update our facilities. Seventy-five years ago this dream came true, made possible by donations from Indians who couldn't afford to give much and Indians who gained wealth from newly discovered gas and oil deposits. Today there is new wealth in the tribal casinos.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are the first to offer assistance. Hopefully others will follow. I graciously accept this donation on behalf of Haskell President Dr. Karen Gayton Swisher, and the Stadium Arch Committee. Thank you very much, Wah nee shee.

We give the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation a gift to show our appreciation. May the Prairie Band and Haskell Indian Nation University work together to lead Haskell into the 21st Century.

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### Speech given by

**Eli Jackson,**

*Chairman of the Haskell Arch Committee*

My name is Eli Jackson—I'm a proud member of the Delaware Nation.

Our stadium and arch was dedicated 75 years ago, to showcase our nationally-known football team.

Today she shows wear and tear due to neglect and the always-changing Kansas weather.

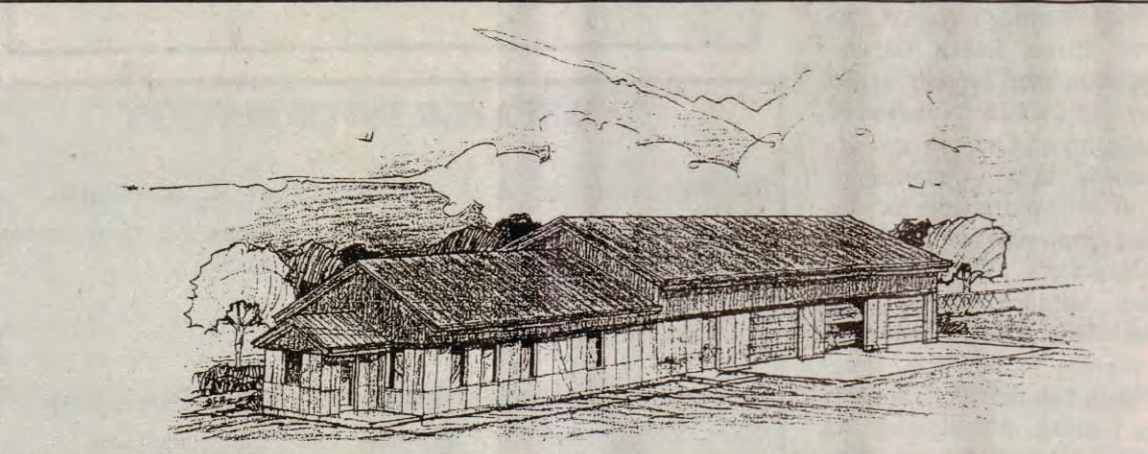
The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has come to her rescue. With their donation she will once again stand tall and proud. Thousands of visitors will pass thru her gate. She has served us well.

Now is the time to bring our most prominent landmark into the 21st century.

Somewhere in Indian Country there's another Jim



"Prairie Band Potawatomi are the first to donate—we hope others will follow." Shown in the above picture, Tribal Council Members are representing the Nation, receiving a rock plaque from Haskell Indian University in appreciation of the \$54,000 donation that will aid in repairing the famous "arch," the entrance to the football stadium.



### Ke Ko-wap-te-get

Land Management  
Department Building

K Road and 150th Road

Other major donations previously made in 2001 include:

- \$200,000 to Royal Valley Unified School District 337
- \$112,000 to Kickapoo Nation School
- \$100,000 to Red Cross for Victims of the New York Terrorist Attack
- \$50,000 to Red Cross for Disaster Relief to Tornado Victims in Hoisington, KS

Organizations not included in Press Release, BUT included in ceremony:

- Ø \$10,000 to Netawaka Fire Dept
- Ø \$1,000 to Topeka Youth Project
- Ø \$500 to Northern Cherokee Nation Pow Wow
- Ø \$6,730 to Topeka High
- Ø \$1,000 to Kansas Association for Native American Education
- Ø \$17,000 to Delia School
- Ø \$2,000 to Topeka Cemetery - Memorial for Charles Curtis
- Ø \$54,000 to Haskell Arch (previously handled by Tribal Council - See picture along with article.)
- Ø \$1,000 to Holton Area Chamber

That is a total of \$1,055,230 in Charitable Contributions for 2001.

### The Public Presentation Ceremony

Wednesday evening, December 18th, prior to the Community Christmas party that was being sponsored by the PBP Nation Boys & Girls Club, 13 checks were publicly presented to non-profit organizations.

Elderly tribal member, Reverend Jim McKinney presided over the event, noting that it is in our way to share what we have. History will tell you that we shared what little we had, back then (buffalo meat, corn, pumpkins, or simply a meal) - today we continue in the spirit in sharing.

Rev. McKinney, a children's language instructor at Royal Valley, said he teaches the children that it is the thing to do - to share what you have. When this happens, it creates the spirit of goodness because the

receiver feels good and wants to give something back.

Ig wien (pronounced e gwe in) is a word that explains this very concept. In a sense, you are saying thank you, but in a greater sense, you are saying "I appreciate what you are doing for me, and I will return the favor." That is how it has been explained to me from another elder, Maynard Potts. In that sense, that circle of goodness is constantly being reinforced.

Presentations of the checks were hand-delivered by children from the Boys & Girls Club. As noted in thank you note from JoAnne Grandstaff, "The ceremony that you conducted on December 19 at the Bingo Hall will remain in my mind and heart as an example of how we teach our children and grandchildren our traditional values. Your gift will go a long way in showing Topeka Native students that you support their efforts to attend school and to complete their education."

In closing, life is one life-long learning process. Enjoy 2002 in this spirit of goodness!

December 20, 2001

To the Prairie Band Potawatomi  
General Council

On behalf of the Native students and their parents in USD 501, Topeka Public Schools, thank you for the generous donation of \$50,000 to the Native American Education Program. The money will be used primarily for the cost and upkeep of a van to transport students to and from cultural and academic activities.

The ceremony that you conducted on December 19 at the Bingo Hall will remain in my mind and heart as an example of how we teach our children and grandchildren our traditional values. Your gift will go a long way in showing Topeka Native students that you support their efforts to attend school and to complete their education.

JoAnne Grandstaff,  
Community Liaison/Coordinator



JoAnne Grandstaff accepting PBP's charitable contribution of \$50,000. The youth from PBP Boys and Girls Club presented the check for the USD 501 Native students.

## Land Management Department

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nations' Land Management Department (LMD) is to protect and regain our tribal lands. To accomplish our mission, the LMD shall invoke the Prairie Band Potawatomi's sovereignty and inherent right to our treaty lands. We will assert our paramount and superior claim to any grant or sale of tribal property to other entities - government or otherwise- and will regain our tribal properties through land acquisition.

### PBPN Land Facts:

19,665 acres- Allotment Trust Land  
11,060.37 acres are Tribally Owned  
5,972.24 acres- Tribal Trust Land

**36,697.61 Total PBPN Acres**

## PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION GENERAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

### Working Session on Enrollment Issues January 18, 2002

#### Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introduction and Background - Venida Chenault
- Presentation on Tribal Enrollment Issues - Professor Robert B. Porter
  - History of American Control of Tribal Enrollment
  - Foundation Principles of Indigenous Nation Citizenship and Membership
  - Challenges to Changing the Existing Paradigm
- Presentation on Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Membership Provisions - Art. III
- Discussion of Alternatives to Existing PBPN Membership Provisions
- Adjourn

**Election Day: February 25, 2002**  
**Last day for ballots to be received.**  
**Respond early!**



Building honors Curtis

Last Modified:  
2:50 a.m. 12/11/2001

By Chris Grenz  
The Capital-Journal

A standing-room-only crowd erupted with applause and cheers on Tuesday when the state's newest public building finally got the name they were all hoping for.

From now on, the five-story building at S. W. 10th and Jackson streets will be known as the Charles Curtis State Office Building.

State employees moved into the \$52 million building more than five months ago. But the structure -- the first new state office building in downtown Topeka in 25 years -- has been known only as the Signature Office Building.

That changed on Tuesday afternoon, when the Topeka Public Building Commission, the body responsible for choosing a name, unanimously voted to honor Curtis, a native Topekan and former U.S. vice president.

"Finally! At last, he gets recognized somewhere," said an exuberant Ann Andrews after the meeting. Andrews built a Web site about Curtis -- www.vpcharlescurtis.net -- when she was a student at Washburn University. She has remained an ardent supporter of honoring him with the building's name.

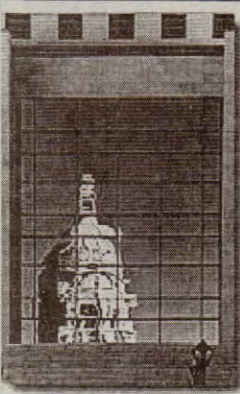
"In today's politics, it's dog-eat-dog, I'll scratch your back if you'll scratch mine," she said. "Curtis wasn't like that. He was very open. He was very honest."

The commission had been considering two nominations -- one in favor of Curtis and the other for the late Gov. Robert Bennett, who served from 1974 to 1978. Curtis served as vice president under Herbert Hoover from 1929 to 1933. He is the only native Kansan and the only American Indian to become vice presi-

dent.

His name was endorsed by the 2001 Legislature, the Capitol Area Plaza Authority and the Topeka City Council.

Rep. Lana Gordon, R-Topeka, was the primary sponsor of the resolution that found nearly unanimous support in the Legislature. Gordon has talked to people from across the state who supported naming the building for Curtis, many of whom came to Tuesday's meeting.



The dome of the Statehouse was reflected in the windows of the entrance to the recently named Charles Curtis State Office Building. EARL RICHARDSON/The Capital-Journal



Charles Curtis

"It's very exciting. I'm happy the decision was finally made," she said after the meeting. "There was such a wonderful amount of support for it."

Sen. David Adkins, R-Leawood, initially voted in support of the Curtis resolution. But at a hearing last month, Adkins spoke in support of his friend Bennett. He had a change of heart because he believed naming state buildings after Kansas governors was a tradition. But Adkins said he wasn't disappointed with Tuesday's decision.

"In my view, it was always a win-win scenario," he said. "Curtis is a great Kansan and a great choice. Governor Bennett would be pleased that he's a Republican, at least."

Topeka City Council member Duane Pomeroy supported the council's endorsement of Curtis. On Tuesday, he brought 29 students from his Topeka High School government class to the meeting. His class had been following the issue's progress. The building was to have been named last summer before occupants moved in.

"They think things move too slowly," he said of his class members. "I would agree that a lot of times, they do."

One student, Mariana Caballero, a 17-year-old senior, said she and her classmates didn't know much about Bennett or Curtis until they started following the naming process. Most, if not all, of the students backed Curtis, she said, and they were glad he got the nod.

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Head Start and Promising Practices  
Network Goals:  
Initial Site Visit

This was conducted on November 1, 2001. The visit by two RMC staff members (one was a site coordinator) provided an overview of family literacy services to Head Start staff and an opportunity for the RMC site coordinator to become familiar with the specific goals of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Head Start Program.

Networking Meeting  
Each site sent a team of two or more represen-

"We're really happy about it," she said.

Jeremy Sutton, a 19-year-old senior, said supporting Curtis was easy.

"Curtis did a substantial amount for the state and the country as a whole," said Sutton, a member of the school's JROTC program who, was dressed in fatigues Tuesday.

Joyce Glasscock, interim secretary of administration and a member of the commission, said a sign will be ordered soon, and a ceremony will be scheduled when it is ready.

"This is an excellent way to honor someone who has done so much for the state," she said.

There was little debate or discussion during Tuesday's meeting. But after the vote, Rep. Phil Kline, a Republican from Overland Park who also is a commission member, said he had known Bennett for decades.

"I miss him," Kline said of the late governor. "But I think what we've done today is the right thing to do."

Chris Grenz can be reached at (785) 295-1190 or cgrenz@cjonline.com.



All League/All County

Josie L. Pahmahmie, a junior at Royal Valley High School and a member of the Varsity Volleyball squad has just finished a fantastic season. Josie was selected to the All Tournament Volleyball Teams in the following tournaments: Pomona, Highland, and Valley Falls. As well as earning all tournament honors, Josie was selected by coaches in the Big Seven League as an All League Player. Josie also earned All County honors for Jackson County.

Josie is also a member of the Varsity Basketball and Softball teams at Royal Valley High School. She is also active in: KAYS (Programs Director); Native American Club (Secretary); Nutritional Advisory Council (Vice-President); and Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).

Josie is the daughter of Henry and Joan Pahmahmie. She has two brothers: Willie Potts and Andrew Pahmahmie, age 15, plus one sister, Erin Pahmahmie, age 10.

Josie is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

tatives to Washington DC for a whole group orientation. This was conducted on November 4-6, 2001. Cecily Wabaunsee, Director and Wendy James, Parent Representative attended. This orientation included an overview of Head Start Family Literacy efforts and provided participants an opportunity to work face to face with staff from other project sites.

On Site Technical Assistance

Site coordinators will conduct additional visits to each site during the program year to profile current practices in family literacy and provide training and technical assistance designed to meet the goals of their action plan.

Off Site Networking

Promising Practices sites will be connected through a list serve linked to the Head Start Family Literacy project web site (at the National Center for Family Literacy). This will provide an opportunity for programs to share and receive

Charles Curtis

Born: Jan. 25, 1860,  
North Topeka

Died: Feb. 8, 1936,  
Washington D.C.

• Served as vice president of the United States under President Herbert Hoover from 1929 to 1933.

• Only American Indian and only native Kansan to serve as vice president.

• First vice president from west of the Mississippi.

• Served in Congress a total of 38 years.

• First native Kansan to serve in U.S. Senate.

• First to serve as U.S. Republican Senate majority leader.

• First Republican floor leader for the Senate.

• Elected Shawnee County attorney at 24.

Reminder

General Council Meeting

When?  
January 19

Time?  
9:00 a.m.

Where?  
Bingo Hall

See you there!



Josie L. Pahmahmie.

(Photo submitted)

input across the network.

Examples of Strategies and Approaches to Enhance Family Literacy:

- Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) - Parents assist in selecting books for their children.
- Book Bags with Activities that enhance one-on-one time between Parent and Child.
- Memory Books about each child and their family created by Parents and Children during Family Activity Nights and while volunteering in the classroom.
- Linking parents to existing community resources to support family literacy goals. Increase on site training opportunities to strengthen parenting skills.

Submitted by Mary Belle Patterson, Holton OEH

December 13, 2001—LCDR Alan Brend, Service Unit Sanitarian for the Holton Indian Health Clinic is being transferred to the Santa Fe Indian Hospital, Santa Fe, N.M. He will assume his duties as the Industrial Hygiene and Safety Officer effective 12/30/01.

LCDR Brend reported to duty at Holton on 3/26/92 and ha performed other duties beside what his official title and duties dictated. He has performed as the Safety Officer and Computer Coordinator for the Holton Health clinic, and also performed as Project Officer for the OEH Field Station, Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction Branch, for the past 4 years. His dedication and professionalism in obtaining adequate services to the Indian people in the northeast area has been his main concern since his reporting for duty. His expertise and knowledge has made it possible for several tribes to obtain grants to enhance the services they provide for their tribal members.

LCDR Brend stated he wished to thank all the Indian people he has come in contact with for their courtesy and support shown him during his tour of duty. "I have felt right at home from the moment I arrived here. It is very hard to leave the many wonderful people and good friends I have made at Holton. I will miss you all greatly. Thank you again for making my assignment here such a wonderful and memorable experience."

LCDR Brend's total commitment to the Indian people has been greatly appreciated and he will be missed by all. We wish him success and fulfillment with his new position.

Election Calendar

ELECTION DATE:  
FEBRUARY 25, 2002

NOVEMBER 7, 2001

- Last day to File Declaration of Candidacy and Pay Non-Refundable Filing Fee

DECEMBER 7, 2001

- Last Day for Candidates to Withdraw from the election

JANUARY 4, 2002

- Last Day to Register to Vote - 4:00 P.M. If you are not registered

JANUARY 11, 2002

- Ballots Mailed to all Registered Voters

FEBRUARY 25, 2002

- ELECTION DAY
- Ballots Tabulated
- Results Reported

FEBRUARY 28, 2002

- Last day to File Protest of the Election

Please phone or write our office if you have recently moved.  
(785) 966-3910 or 3910



Alan Brend, Service Unit Sanitarian and Project Officer bids NE KS farewell after 9 years—sporting a Pendleton given to him by Potawatomi Nation.



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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

by Sharon McClane, Administrator

What a busy time of year for the Education Department! Information regarding the new education services available for our tribal members is as follows:

## Computer program for college students

We have distributed over 80 computers through the Nation's computer program for college students. For those who have not read our previous newspaper articles regarding this program, guidelines are: 1) must be an enrolled tribal member; 2) maintain a 2.0 grade point average; 3) second semester college freshmen, and sophomores, juniors and seniors; 4) all graduate and doctorate students; 5) part-time students who have completed 30 credit hours. Students must send their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood to this department. The University must send to this department the student's official transcript, and class enrollment verification. A contract will then be sent to the student to be completed and notarized, and returned to us. Upon receipt of the signed and notarized contract, the computer will be shipped.

## Student Services Plan (Part I)

In October, the General Council approved a new education program called the Student Services Plan.

One part of this program is a student loan payment grant for tribal members who have completed their bachelor's degree. This is one grant only per student and the maximum amount is \$10,000. This is a four-year program which allows us to pay 25 student loans in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Guidelines: 1) submit Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood to education department; 2) official transcript (which includes degree earned and date degree earned) must be sent by the university to the education department. Upon receipt of both, a Confirmation of Student Loan Balance form will be mailed to the student. The student will complete the top portion of the form, and then mail it to the lending institution. The lending institution will complete the bottom portion of the form and return it to our office. Payment will be made directly to the lending institution. The student will be responsible for taxes.

## Part II

Another part of the Student Services Plan program is assistance for tribal members in school, grades K through 12. At the General Council meeting in October when this plan was approved, it was voted to have these program services available by mid-March, 2002, if possible, and if not, then by August, 2002.

A coordinator will be hired to administer this phase of the program. We hope to have this person on staff shortly after the first of the year. Information on the application process and program guidelines will be mailed to every tribal member.

Maximum amount, per student each school year, is \$300. This program will provide assistance for school supplies, fees for textbooks, tutoring expenses, fees for ACT/SAT exams, class/lab fees, club fees, book orders, instrument rentals, graduation expenses, allowance for educational/sports camps and educational trips. In addition, high school seniors (upon graduation) will receive a \$200 award.

## Part III

One computer will be provided for each family with a Prairie Band Potawatomi student(s) in grades K-12. As noted above, after the Student Services Plan coordinator is on staff, the information on the application process and guidelines will be sent to each tribal member.

The education department respectfully requests your patience regarding Part II and Part III of the new program for K-12 students. This is an immense undertaking. Our goal is to make it happen by March, and not August.

NOTICES  
FELLOWSHIPS

The **Koch Summer Fellowship** program provides full-time, paid internships at a public policy organization in Washington, D.C., where students gain invaluable experience.

In addition to a full-time internship in Washington, D.C., the fellowship includes: 1) \$1500 stipend and furnished housing; 2) travel expenses; 3) seminars on public policy; 4) career development workshops.

For more information, or to get an application form, visit: <http://www.TheIHS.org/intern>.

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## Tribal Affairs Fellowships

The Heinz School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is offering new Tribal Affairs Fellowships for applicants to the Master of Science in Public Policy and management. Students wanting to pursue careers working on behalf of American Indians and/or tribal affairs may apply for the Tribal Affairs Fellowships. The fellowship covers full tuition (\$24,760 for two years) and a research assistantship at \$6000 a year (work 8-15 hours per week). Areas of concentration include: public policy, health care, education, environmental, information technology, management and criminal justice.

Deadline for applications is January 15, 2002. On-line applications are available at: <http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/msppm/fa/fellowships.html>. For more information call: Sandra Day, Assistant Director of Admissions, Minority and Foreign Student Coordinator, The Heinz School - Carnegie Mellon; phone number (800) 877-3498.

## Trophies Awarded at First Snooker Tournament

By Nona Wahweotten

As stated in the last issue of the Tribal newspaper the Elder Center was holding our first snooker tournament here, we did have the tournament and it was very successful and fun, being the first one we learned a lot to help us have better ones which we plan to have. There was even mention of having one for the women.

The winners of our first tournament were: Curtis Masquat Jr., PBP Rez, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Dale Dupis, Kickapoo Rez, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and James (Mas) Hale, PBP Rez, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Trophies were given to each winner.

We had breakfast and lunch and snacks available all day for anybody who wanted to eat. Thanks to Marilyn Brewer, TJ Kitchkummie, Rose (Teno) Masquat and Nona Wahweotten, the chefs for the day; our combined knowledge got the food out. Chup Johnson and Krystal Wahweotten were our concession girls for the day. Warren Wahweotten and Shirley Wakole assured a smooth running activity for the day.

I will go for now. Mary wants this now, other news and future plans will make the next issue, we have all been a little behind in a lot of things due to the deaths of several of our people lately. It has saddened us deeply. Here at the Elder Center, every time we lose someone it's like a member of our family.

## Tribal License Tags

Great gifts for all occasions

\$25.00 for tribal members  
\$50.00 for non-tribal members

Vocational  
Rehabilitation

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program has completed its first year of a five-year grant from the US Department of Education. The program staff continues to learn about this thing called vocational rehabilitation.

Vocational rehabilitation is an employment-based program that helps individuals with disabilities get or keep a job. If a person has a physical or mental impairment that prevents or limits their ability to work, then the individual may be eligible to receive services from the VR program. Those receiving Social Security disability benefits are presumed eligible for the program.

Services are provided either directly by the VR staff or indirectly by other service providers and funded through VR. Only those services necessary to obtain employment will be pro-

Reforestation: water  
Quality

By Mary Young

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Potawatomi Planning and Environmental Protection Department held an Open House and Guided Tour of four important water quality project sites that have been developed over the past three years. These water quality projects have been implemented and will serve as a model for the Nation.

The tour group visited Soldier Creek, Crow Creek, Andy Mitchell's and Molly Hefner's.

In each of the above areas, what was evident was the power of the water causing erosion of the land. Although the water level was very low, we were shown where the debris was dumped at high water.

Big Soldier Creek meanders 22 miles of the 11 square miles of the reservation. It takes the EPA staff five days to travel the 22 miles to do a beaver count.

The project is working well and will keep the land there and not flowing away.

## Diane Robb, PBPB Grant Writer



Prior to arriving at the Potawatomi Nation, Diane was the Grant Administrator for the City of Junction City. Her grant writing efforts concentrated on community development projects and housing rehabilitation, generating over \$8 million in grant funds in six years. Prior to Junction City, she worked for two years in the Community Development Department for the City of Manhattan assisting families with the 1993 Flood Disaster Recovery Program.

Diane is a graduate of Kansas State University with a B.S. in Sociology and a Master of Regional and Community Planning. She has two grown daughters and four grandsons.

## Road and Bridge

Submitted by Tim Ramirez and Angie Bell

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. The wood plank bridge on a dirt road just west of 182 and I closed, there was a hole in the deck and the beam failed and dropped into the stream. An 8 ft. large tube from N Road 2001 project will replace it. Shoulder rock placed at the fourth. Finished the ET beds; finished hauling black dirt from Q4 to top them off. Some of the crew is still filling in abandoned wells. A dozen were plugged to protect ground water coordinated with EPA. The process is to locate, shock with Clorox and fill up worth sand to about 2 feet below ground level. Dig away stone lining or cap, mix betonite and clay for a plug and top with black dirt. Year's back we lost a buffalo calf in the containment area in on of these old wells it fell in and died. Found by Randy while mushroom hunting.

Fence crew is working on putting up traffic signage and fences for the roads that just got paved. So please be patient and careful when you drive by them. The Buffalo are doing well. We are getting ready to harvest from the herd to re-stock the meat locker for tribal use. 2BR-2 has been laid down. 2 Bellys & KW 04 an d05 run out of quarried in Meridan and Onaga. The Big Greens did a lot of clay hauling, Lowboy and Little Blue with the trailer made our equipment highly mobile. Salt sand shed is full of 30%mix. The detour on PBP B#9 has been removed. Our Subcontractor moved in two cranes to BIA Bridge project 214 over Little Soldier, Crow Creek at Snow' next. It's been a banner year for the reservation infrastructure, 5 of the planned 7 miles are blacktopped and done. New phone, water and power lines are in operation. Our Right of Way widths 40 ft were given during the horse & buggy days. Another season of woodpeckers would have done some of the power poles in.

Fiber optic cables will connect the Govt. Center on Q Road to the K Road programs computers. It will end at PBP R&B and commodities; it will stay in the R/W of 158 Q&k. From what I've heard this will improve connecting to the Internet way faster than the Flinthills, Hotmail or Holton. Pay attention and be safe these holidays we need you.



Lysette Morris has successfully completed the Hospice Training Program of Jackson County Friends of Hospice on October 22, 2001.

If you are interested in volunteering and becoming certified, contact Holton Community Hospital. Two days of training is involved.

*"Death is not extinguishing the light, it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."*

Lysette has also been appointed a Notary Public with her term expiring November 26, 2005.

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE



**When:** Wednesday, January 16, 2002 - 8:30am til 4:30pm  
**Where:** Government Center Basement Training Room  
**Who:** This class will be limited to the first 25 valid drivers to sign up. Preference will be given to Tribal Employees.

This course is provided at no cost to the participant.

The Defensive Driving Course is designed to make you a better, more aware driver. This curriculum was designed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to help reduce the frequency and severity of wrecks on our roadways. After completing this course, participants will be eligible for a discount on their personal auto insurance.

For more information about this course or to sign up, call Herb Nance or Officer Terry Scott at the Tribal Police Department 966-3024





## Update - Joint Committee On State-Tribal Relations Meeting 12/18/01

By Rey Kitchkumme, Tribal Council Member

The Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations (JCSTR) was created through the enactment of 1999 HB 2065. The responsibilities of the Joint Committee are to establish and transmit to the Governor proposed guidelines reflecting the public policies and state interests that the Joint Committee will consider in reviewing proposed compacts; meet, discuss and hold hearings on issues concerning state and tribal relations; make recommendations on issues of state-tribal relations; and introduce such legislation as deemed necessary in performing its functions.

Six members of the committee constitute a quorum. However, actions of the Committee regarding approval of state-tribal gaming compacts require the affirmative vote of at least eight members – at least four senators and four representatives. The Committee could report a compact without recommendation on the affirmative vote of any five legislative members.

The meeting agenda began with Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Chairman – Badger Wahwasuck giving a brief introduction of the PBPN Tribal Council recently approved video called "Keepers of the Fire". At the conclusion (45 minutes) of the film screening Senator Lana Oleen complimented the documentary. A mass distribution will occur after the editing and copying process is complete.

In the course of the 2001 Legislative session, at least six bills introduced were relevant to state-tribal relations. The Kansas Legislative Research Department staff reviewed the following bills:

**SB 75** amends the law, which established the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations, with several procedural changes in the statutes now ascertaining the authority of the Joint Committee. These changes clarify the following issues.

- Provides that the Governor (or designee) and the Attorney General (or designee) shall be voting members, except for approval or disapproval of gaming compacts.
- Provides that the Governor (or designee) would serve as the temporary chairperson and call an organizational meeting of the Joint Committee at the start of each legislative session.
- Affords that the ranking minority member shall be of the same chamber as the chairperson, i.e., a Senate member in odd years and a House member in even years. An identical House Bill, 2112, remains in the House Federal and State Affairs Committee. On April 3, 2001, Senate Bill 75 was enacted and signed by the Governor.

During the 2001 session only two additional bills/resolution were enacted.

**SCR 1611** conveys the Kansas Legislature's opposition to proposed amendments to the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which would eliminate the Governor's right to concur in acquisitions of land for tribal gaming purposes within the State of Kansas. The resolution was approved by the Senate 31-9 and by the House 87-37.

The final adoption was for House Resolution 6005. **HR 6005** congratulates Dr. Karen Swisher, President of Haskell Indian Nations University, for her service to the University.

The following bills are still in committee and warrant your awareness of potential impact on our Nation.

**SB 74** would provide tribal law enforcement officers and agencies with the same powers, duties, and immunities held by state, county, or city law enforcement officers and agencies under certain circum-

stances. The statute would apply to those times when a tribal law enforcement officer or agency is requested by a state, county, city law enforcement officer or agency to assist that agency. SB 74 passed the Senate 38-2 and is now in the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs. A similar bill, HB 2111, is also in the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

Julie Miller from the Attorney Generals Office, Natalie Haag-Chief Counsel Governor's Office, and Representative Becky Hutchins continue to oppose this bill.

Hutchinson distributed a letter from Julene Miller that indicated that SB 74 was considered when the Bureau of Indian Affairs deliberated land-into-trust issues. Apparently this opinion prompted the House of Representatives to refuse to run SB 74 after passing through the House Federal and State Affairs. In turn the bill was re-referred to committee. Trista Beadles, legal counsel for the Governor, stated that 30% of land-in-trust applications are for off-reservation properties. Beadles indicated that she receives about five applications per month from local tribes.

Miller and Hutchinson felt that SB 74 was unnecessary because Jackson County already has the capability to negotiate with our tribe and all tribes should try to work out an agreement with the various county sheriffs. The PBPN has made many attempts to begin talks for an agreement but the results still remain to be seen.

**SB 76** would authorize the Governor to negotiate state-tribal agreements and compacts on topics other than gaming with the four resident tribes in Kansas. Any such agreements or compacts would be subject to approval following the same procedures that are currently in place for approval or state-tribal gaming compacts. The Senate Committee amended the bill to provide that such other compacts shall be related only to the taxing authority of tribes or the state; the law enforcement authority of the tribes or the state; or the water rights of the tribes or the state. Currently SB 76 remains in the Senate Judiciary Committee. An identical bill, HB 2113 remains in the House Federal and State Affairs Committee.

**HB 2224** would modify the procedure for approval of a tribal gaming compact by deleting the authority of the Legislative Coordinating Council and requiring the calling of a special session to consider approval or disapproval of a proposed compact. The existing statute (KSA 46-2302) authorizes the Legislature to approve any such gaming compact after the Governor and the tribe has negotiated it. HB 2224 passed the House 111-13, and remains in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2216**, which was requested by the State Gaming agency, would amend the Tribal Gaming Oversight Act in five areas.

1. The current law would be amended to clarify that State Gaming Agency (SGA) employees are not subject to the Pari-mutuel Racing Act prohibitions that apply to employees of the Kansas racing and Gaming Commission. Those prohibitions cover gambling at the regulated tracks by Commission employees.
2. The requirement in current law that the SGA use the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for background checks of potential enforcement officers would be repealed. The change would allow the Director to use either the KBI or existing agency staff to conduct these checks.
3. The SGA would be authorized to obtain individual and corporate taxpayer information from the Kansas Department of Revenue in the course of background investigations for tribal gaming license applicants.
4. The SGA would be able to share information it has obtained through the license application process with gaming regulatory agencies in other states.
5. The bill provides that any appropriation or transfer of moneys from the State General Fund to the SGA for expenses incurred for tribal-state gaming compact oversight would be reimbursed in accor-

dance with the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts.

The House Committee as a whole voted down the motion to recommend HB 2216 for passage. The bill remains on the House General Orders.

State Gaming Agency Director - Tracy Diel stated he met with three of the four tribes on November 15, 2001, to address their issue of gaming regulatory costs. Senator John Vratil articulated his opinion that the Tribes should decide amongst themselves any changes, and to not directly involve the state. This seemed to be the consensus of all present.

In addition, the Joint Committee and Tribal Representatives were abruptly informed during an update on Tribal Litigation by Brian Johnson - Assistant to the Attorney Generals Office, that he would be handling Tribal litigation for the AG's office and that there will be a second attorney representing the Department of Revenue. Mr. Johnson insisted that the state would now win the license tag and tax case. Chairman Oleen appeared to be agitated that the committee had not been previously informed that the AG's office was working on the Tribal tax case as well.

Oleen had previously asked for cost of litigation and subsequently received a report that did not include time for the AG's office.

In a document dated December 10, 2001 from the Kansas Legislative research Department a set of questions was posed to J. T. Petherick, Deputy Director – Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. His phone number is (405) 521-3828. The questions and answers are as follows:

Q – Is there an Oklahoma statute that authorizes tribes to issue their own tribal tags?  
A – By virtue of the decision on Oklahoma Tax Commission v. Sac & Fox nation, 113 S. Ct. 1985 (1993), state authority is not required for a federally recognized tribal government to issue motor vehicle license tags to its tribal members. Currently, the State of Oklahoma does not statutorily recognize tribal vehicle tags, however local law enforcement agencies have been instructed by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety that tribal vehicle tags are indeed valid.

Q – Do the tribal members pay property tax to the state, or to the tribe, on these vehicles?  
A – Federally recognized tribal governments issuing motor vehicle license tags to its members collect applicable property taxes.

Q – How many tribal license plates are currently in operation?  
A – Twenty-five (25) Oklahoma tribal governments currently issue vehicle tags to its members, with approximately 150,000 – 200,000 tags issued.

Q – Is the registration data on the motor vehicles carrying these plates entered into the state motor vehicle computer system?  
A – Not currently. A pilot project is currently being developed which would provide accessibility to tribal records through the state system. Each tribal government currently maintains a separate motor vehicle computer system.

Q – Do other states recognize these tribal tags as valid?  
A – Not explicitly. In the event a tribally licensed vehicle is stopped outside of Oklahoma the person is not cited so long as registration information is verified.

Q – Would Oklahoma be likely to recognize Kansas tribal plates, if such plates were permitted?  
A – It would depend on the manner in which such vehicle tags were issued.

Q – Does the state charge any registration fee for the tribal plates?  
A – No.

Lana Gordon Representative 52<sup>nd</sup> District, reported that the new Signature office building on 10<sup>th</sup> and Kansas Avenue had overwhelming support and passage to be named

"Charles Curtis State Office Building". All the hearings were packed with a wide range of supporters. Prior to the hearing, I spoke with Gordon and requested that she include our Nation in the ceremony, as Mr. Curtis was a Native American Indian who held office for 38 years, is the highest elected native American Indian descent, to hold the office of Vice-President of the United States.

Senator Oleen complimented Gordon for a job well done and stated this is the result of all parties and houses communicating and working together and agreed with name selection.

I was unable to attend the second day of hearings due to services for a tribal member. The agenda items for December 19, 2001 were: Update on State-Tribal Project on the National Conference of State Legislative/National Congress of American Indians; Discussion of Play, "Voices of the Wind People"; Review of 2000 Interim Report of Joint Committee; Review of 2001 Draft Report; and last agenda item was Committee Discussion and Direction to Staff.



The newspaper staff wants to say "mi gwech" to Rey Kitchkumme, Council Person, for providing us with this lengthy report. Reports such as these are very important to the well being of our Nation's future successes. It seems for one whole month, we have both been involved with losses of family members and friends. Good job, Rey!

## Federal Register – Current Proposed Rule

By Rey Kitchkumme, Tribal Council Member

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
(DOI)  
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)  
25 CFR Part 292

### Gaming on Trust Lands Acquired After October 17, 1988

This proposed rule establishes procedures that an Indian tribe must follow in seeking a Secretarial determination that a gaming establishment would be in the best interest of the Indian tribe and its members, and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community. The law requires Indian tribes to seek this determination if the gaming establishment will be located on land acquired in trust after October 17, 1988, unless the land is covered under another statutory exemption.

The rule is intended to (1) adopt the standards in the checklist for secretarial determinations that was issued by the BIA in 1997; (2) set forth a process for BIA Central Office review of a tribal application for a Secretarial determination; and (3) clarify the consultation process the Department must follow when making such determination. The proposed regulations would not deal with determinations of whether gaming on a specific parcel is exempt from the Section 20 prohibition of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) based on any of its exceptions. Every tribal request for such determinations shall continue to be processed by the BIA on a case-by-case basis.

The primary author of this document is George Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, BIA, and DOI. The proposed rulemaking was published in the CFR on September 14, 2000 with a comment period deadline of November 13, 2000.

On December 27, 2000, the BIA issued a notice to reopen the comment period on its proposed rule. During the deadline period the BIA received several comments that raised substantive issues that may result in modification of the proposed rule. The comment period is reopened to allow consideration of six specific comments received after the closing date and to allow added time for additional comments. Comments must now be received on or before March 27, 2002.



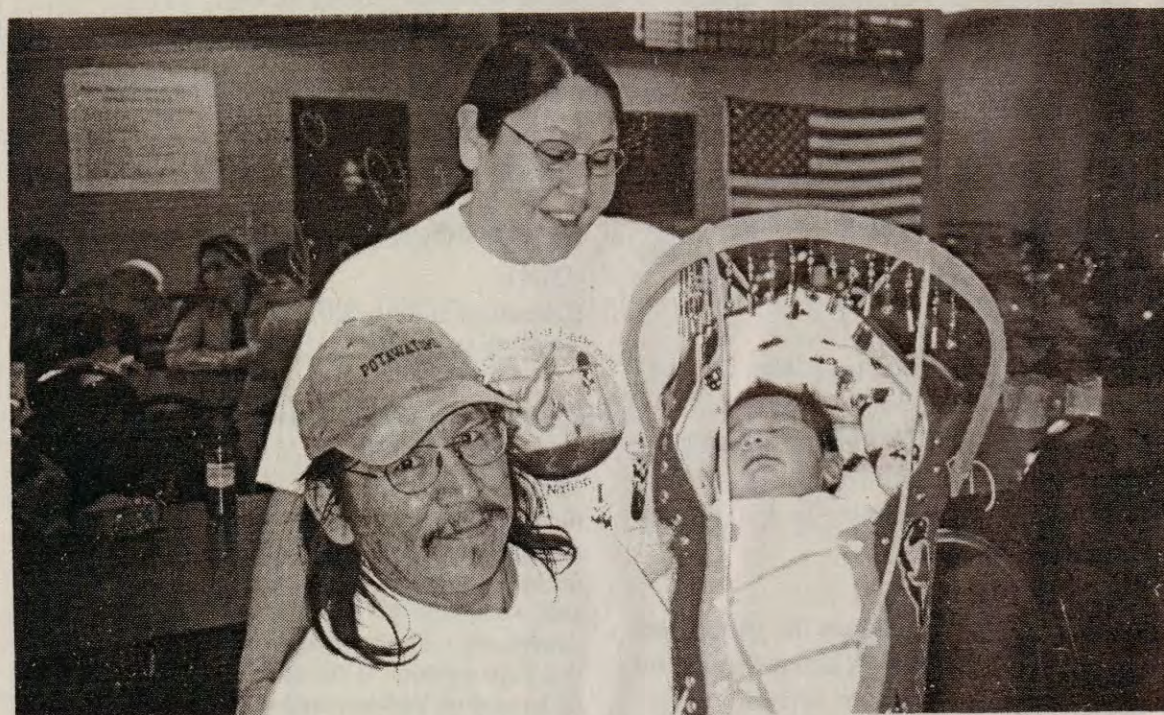


## HISTORIC EVENT

During the Law Symposium, Deputy Counsel Glen Griffith made the presentation to Chief Legal Counsel Anthony Kotich of the State Agency. Mr. Kotich is the first from a State Agency certified to practice law in the Potawatomi Court system.



Thanksgiving 2001 at the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam—parents and families were invited to join the kids for some mig'ty scrumptious fixings, minus the corn soup & fried bread! Smiling parent, Roy Spoonhunter, enjoying a little chatter with the babes



In a very rare photo, grandparents Don Don and Cindy LeClere proudly show off their newest family addition—grandson, Dane. Picture taken at the X-Mas Party sponsored by the Administrative Assistants which was honoring the reservation elderly.



Photo taken at the Community Christmas Party hosted by the PBP Boys & Girls Club—And, you can bet you will find Velma & Hubby Harjo dancing! Band for the night was "The Shake." If there is a dance anywhere, you will surely see this couple on the floor strutting their stuff/wagging their tails.

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**Waskeh Littleaxe, Prairie Band Potawatomi**

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Nov. 2001—Photo taken at the National Congress of American Indian Conference—PBP Reps. Chair Badger and Secretary Steve are on left side of Montie Deer, NIGA, along with John Thomas and Arlan Whitebird (Kickapoo leaders to the right).



Nov. 2001—Photo taken at the National Congress of American Indian Conference—(l. to r.) Lyzette Morris, Administrative Assistant; Mary Young, Newspaper; and Steve Ortiz, TC Secretary, styling in their newest t-shirt—compliments of NCAI.



Nov. 2001—Photo taken of an up-and-coming senior citizen duplex. Currently, there are 5 of these duplexes being built. These are going up "super fast" as reported by Mary Young.





### Activities Abound for Post 410 WE-TA-SE Color Guard

By Roy Hale

The American Legion, Post 410, WE-TA-SE, held their Annual Veterans Pow-Wow on November 17, 2001, at the Jackson County 4-H Building, Holton, Kansas. Attendance was great and contest dancers enjoyed performing in great style as usual. Later in the evening, everyone was served a delicious meal and back to the pow-wow till midnight. The evening meal was served and prepared by the Kitch-kumme sisters. We want to thank the cooks for the nice food, refreshments, and all their efforts!

### Veterans Honored

This year's Pow-Wow honored veterans Andy Mitchell, U.S. Army, (Korea), and Elmira McClure, U.S. Army. They both were presented with a Pendleton blanket and gifts from friends.

### Raffle Winners

Tickets for raffle drawing at the Vets Pow-Wow on the following prizes and the winners are:

- Grand Price, \$1,000.00 cash: Rey Kitch-kumme, Mayetta, KS
- \$25.00 Gift Certificate: Dennis Degand, Mayetta, KS

- Pendleton blanket: Jackie Jessepe, Mayetta, KS
- Pendleton blanket: Kay Kimble, Mid-West City, OK
- Pendleton blanket: Algernon "Bozo" Wamago, Mayetta, KS

WE-TA-SE, Post 410, wants to thank everyone that helped setting up equipment, benches, chairs, etc., and later cleaning up the premises.

### Holton Parade of Light

Post 410 entered Holton's Christmas Parade of Lights held on December 1, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. Emery Hale and Glen Levier decorated the Post 410 van for entry and did a wonderful job. At least they got their picture of the van in the Holton Recorder newspaper for their efforts. Good work troops. Francis Jensen and Bryon Darnall distributed candy to the children on the sidelines.

### GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

We-ta-se Post 410 Color Guard was present on the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Land Management Department Building on December 7, 2001, 10 am at the K Road and 150th Road. The new building name is Ke-Ko-Wap-Te-Get. This is a perfect spot for the new building to be erected in the middle of the reservation for their busy crew.

### Tara Mitchell 2001—2002 We-Ta-Se Princess

Our newly-crowned Princess Tara Mitchell for 2002 Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess will be busy this coming year traveling and attending pow wows, and other special events when called upon in her beautiful and attractive dress regalia. We all think they made a wonderful choice and wish her the best of luck in her busy schedule this coming year.



### American Legion National Vice Commander's Visit

Post 410, WE-TA-SE had the honors to host breakfast and the visiting American Legion meeting and special guest, National Vice Commander, Charles John, on Saturday, December 8, 2001, 8 to 9 a.m. in the private dining room at Harrah's Casino. Past National Vice Commander, James Gravenstein and Department Commander Egin Wahborg accompanied the National Vice Commander Charles John on his tour of the Sunflower State.

A Pendleton vest was presented to our National Vice Commander, Charles John and our Post 410 Commander, Tim Ramirez, presented each officer with a Potawatomi watch.

We also had visiting Legion Officers and members from Post 44, Holton, Kansas. The private dining room was full with about 40 members and guests attending this special occasion.

It was good to see James Gravenstein at this Legion meeting. Mr. Gravenstein, is from Topeka, Post 400, and a good friend to our Post. Mr. Gravenstein is the person that assisted and was instrumental in starting our own Native American Legion Post in 1990 when we received our Charter to organize the new post. It is always good to see and visit with Mr. Gravenstein.

Post 410, would like to thank "Chuck Yunder," Department Adjutant and his staff for their assistance in preparing this American Legion meeting in Mayetta, Kansas, USA.



### RVHS Native American Club Pow-Wow

Post 410, will be present at the Royal Valley High School Native American Club Pow-Wow on January 19-20, 2002, at Hoyt, Kansas. Invited drum will be the Meskwaki Nation from Tama, Iowa. Host drum will be the Little Soldier Singers from Mayetta, Kansas. Tara Mitchell will be present to appear the first time in 2002 as our Prairie Band Potawatomi princess. This pow-wow always draws a good crowd and the hospitality from the Royal Valley School Native American Club is always a pleasure to work with. See you at the coming pow-wow.

Above - Just another fun-filled fund-raiser activity for the We-ta-se group. One new face in the crowd is Curtis Dupuis (in back, next to Coke machine) from Washington state. Being a former veteran, he made himself at home while here at Fall Ceremonies and helped the group serve breakfast

### Seasons Greetings

Post 410, WE-TA-SE would like to extend our Seasons Greetings to all our readers.

*A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



### We-Te-Sa and tribal members break Tampa's record: First Native Americans to participate in parade

About 15 to 20 Prairie Band Potawatomi members and their families marched in the Veteran's Day Parade at Tampa, Florida on November 20, 2001. Byron Darrell (B.J.) carried the tribal flag and Benny Potts carried the American flag.

Byron and Benny, the only veterans from We-Te-Sa, did a fine job in the parade. Vince Labiosa, owner of Automotion Complete, sponsored the vehicle, which carried the tribal logo and his wife Ann, also a tribal member, invited We-Te-Sa to participate.





December 2001

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## Keeping you posted on Potawatomi 2002 Gathering

by Doris A. Potts

The Potawatomi 2002 Gathering is projected to be the biggest event of the year for the Prairie Bands - that is why it is being spearheaded by Laverne Hale, avid community go-getter! Meeting regularly is a must that is required for all of the planning going into this event.

The Gathering Committee is now at a point of planning when they are needing representatives from all of the several Potawatomi Bands to come to mutual agreements on several items. A tentative coordinating meeting date is scheduled for January 21, 2001 at our own Harrah's Prairie Band Casino conference room. Once this date is firmed up, it will be posted on our website.

Items requiring mutual agreement amongst the various Bands include: Princess Contest Guidelines, Giveaways, Requests for all Bands bring crafts for display, discuss activities that create/promote intermingling of all Bands, and request for pictures from all Bands of past Gatherings to create a PowerPoint presentation to show at Gathering - possibly a video to sell. Each Band will be requested to nominate an "Outstanding Potawatomi."

We will be gathering names of Potawatomi (hopefully professional status) to serve as

MCs for the Gathering and to mc the pow wow.

To date, Agenda items that are confirmed are:

### Confirmed Activities:

Comedian Craig Victor - Thursday evening  
Clandestine - Friday evening

It was made official that the Princess Contest will be Friday night; winner to be announced on Saturday, before the giveaways. Giveaways will begin Saturday at 3:00 pm.

Secretary Steve Ortiz announced that all Bands of Tribal Councils will meet on Thursday morning.

There will be a health walk in which participants will receive a t-shirt for their participation.

Please see interview of Logo Contest Winner, Sam Mitchell.

Jake Huyett will create a button for the Gathering on the pbpindian.com website very soon! Check on it periodically for updates!

Til next month....

## Local Talent, Sam Mitchell, Wins Gathering 2002 Logo Contest

By Doris A. Potts

The 2002 Gathering Committee is enthusiastically involving all Nation members in the planning activities for the upcoming June 2002 Potawatomi Gathering. In November, the Committee wrapped up the Logo Contest, announcing Sam Mitchell at the winner.

This is one person you must make a point of meeting at the 2002 Gathering. Sam Mitchell, a 23-year-old father of a beautiful 2-year old toddler is quite amazing. He can be described as full of zest when it comes to talking about his art talent. Upon arriving at his worksite, Early Head Start Center, I catch Sam taking a sack of trash to the dumpster. I ask him for some of his time to talk about the logo contest.

His face lights up and he runs away, saying that he has to go let them know what he will be doing. I hear him hollering down the hall, "They're interviewing me for the newspaper."

Sam immediately finds an empty room and rushes right into the conversation. You can tell that he loves his talent, crediting his great-grandfather for introducing him to carving. Oh yeah, besides drawing, Sam also does wood carvings and clay moldings. He entered his first art contest when he was 8 years old. This is only his second contest entry. He said, "I really like the recognition this winning will give me - it's more important than winning the money. The logo will be seen all over - I like that."

He loves to share his talent and does that almost daily on his current job. He said when he began this job 3 years ago, he figured he'd stay with it for a few months, then move on. He ended up really enjoying the job. He loves being around the kids and sketching artwork at the kid's requests.

Sam said he is talking with the Grant Writer right now to see if she can find money to build a large art room/center. Sam said he would like to really work with the kids on art projects.

Finally, I sway Sam back to the subject at hand. Tell me about your winning artwork. Once again and still full of spark, Sam says that he was really given only one criteria and that was "When you create the logo, do not separate the Bands. We want to show that we are one." After all, 2002 theme is Who We Are.



## Final Touch Ups Being Ironed Out on Nation's Video

By D. Potts

We have been announcing that the Nation's video "Keepers of the Fire" would soon be ready for viewing. Back to the drawing board— for the final edit of the Nation's video before approval for public viewing. Chairman Badger said that the video will be out and ready for distribution by the January 19th General Council Meeting. The only ones allowed a sneak preview has been the Tribal Council.

Local newspapers have said that the "even people in Topeka knew nothing about the Potawatomi Nation."

We have our own Nation members who reside in Kansas City come for their first ever visit to the Reservation. Considering that we have Nation members spread throughout the United States, it is anticipated that there will be a big demand from the members requesting their own copies of this video.

The video is a "dual-purpose" type of video in the sense that it is offering historical, educational, promotional, and in general a complete overview of what the Reservation life is all about. In a nutshell, you just have to see it.

The PB Potawatomi Nations leaders are anxiously awaiting the release of this exciting promotional video.

### Sub-Committees

**Registration/Hospitality Committee**— Rey Kitchkumme-1-877-715-6789

**Fashion Show Committee**—Joy Yoshida - 1-785-966-7713

**Give Away Committee**— Jackie Mitchell— 1-877-715-6789

**Meals Committee**— LaVerne Hale— 1-877-715-6789

**Veterans Committee**— Roy Hale— 1-785-966-2580

**Elder Committee**— LaVerne Hale— 1-877-715-6789

**Youth Committee**— Dumps Mitchell— 1-866-727-6242

**Pow-Wow Committee**— Chago Hale— 1-877-715-6789

**Vendor Committee Craft/Food**— Dale Delg— 1-877-715-6789

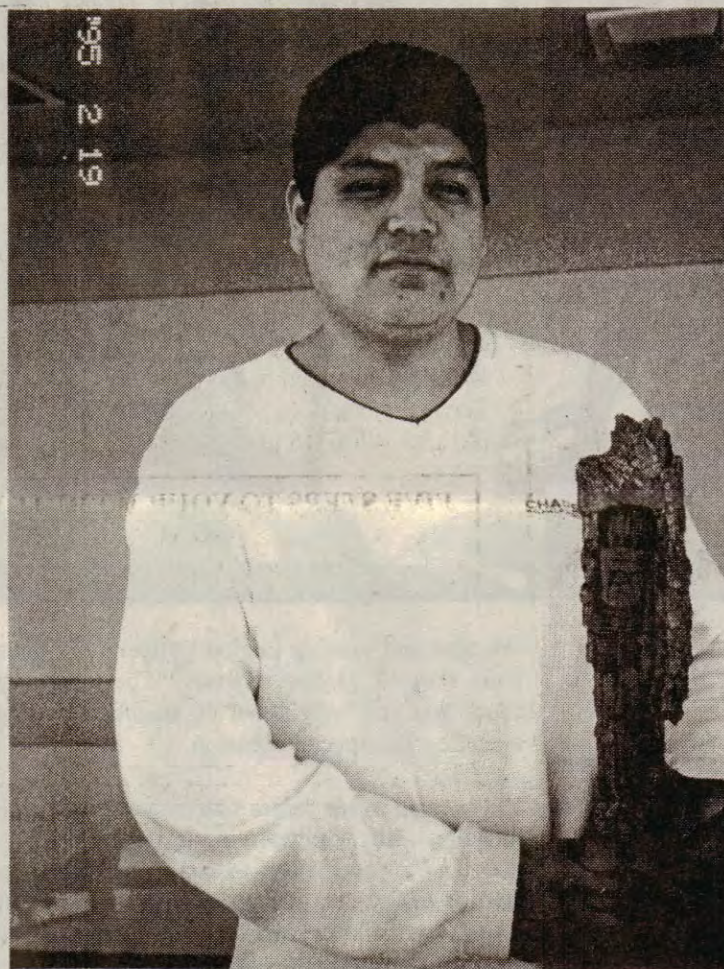
**Arts & Crafts Committee**— Sydney VanZile— 1-785-966-2138

**Entertainment Committee**— Badger Wahwasuck— 1-877-715-6789

**Public Relations/Media/Program Committee**— Doris Potts— 1-877-715-6789

**Princess Committee**— Chago Hale— 1-877-715-6789

The Committees listed above are open to suggestions and all these jobs will require help during the Gathering. If you have ideas, suggestions, questions please call us.



Pictured to the left is Sam Mitchell holding one of his beautiful birch bark carvings. Above is the logo contest drawing that he drew.

Continuing, he says that it was really easy to come up with a theme because we are the People of the Fire. We use the pipe in our prayers and we pray for the animals and plants that sustain us. We honor our elders and the eagle is given highest respect. Floral

art is also a part of who we are. Then you have the circle.

Sam said he put this art piece together in about 45 minutes. He found colored pencils in the last few minutes before submitting to meet the deadline and colored the picture. He said he

does this all the time the for kids at his job!

In closing, look for Sam at the 2002 Gathering as he will have a booth to share with you his many facets of the arts. His birch bark carvings are absolutely exquisite!

## Indian Health Service Employees Called in for duty at Ground Zero

Doris A. Potts

Oct.—Nov. 2001 Paula Foster, Nurse Practitioner, and Amy Osborn, Pharmacist, both employees at Holton PHS Indian Health Service were recently called to Ground Zero in New York City to fulfill their duty as part of the Commission Corp Readiness Force. This was all a result of the anthrax scare which was spreading the United States Postal Systems following the September 11th terrorist attack on the NYC Twin Towers.

The ladies reported that they have been part of this CCR Force for four years and that this was their first call of duty. As

members of this force, they are required to have their bags packed at all times in case they are called for a national emergency situation. In this case, they were called for duty and told to be at the airport in 2 hours.

They would be working at the Morgan Post office checking 7,500 postal employees for signs and symptoms of anthrax. They were part of a crew of 150 PHS employees called in for duty. The work situation was very tense as the postal workers feared taking anthrax home to their families. Paula and Amy worked 12-14 hour shifts in a huge basement that included 5 days on the first stint, 2 days back home, and then

back to New York for 7 days. The Fire Department crew that the ladies are posing with lost 15 members of their crew in the Ground Zero incident.

Amazing at life as life is, the ladies reported that while in New York City, the hotel they stayed in was buzzing with people, as secret service personnel occupied numerous floors. The New York City Marathon, Bill & Hillary Clinton was in the hotel, and the United Nations Conference was all events that went on in spite of the scare.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are proud of these ladies!



(left) Amy Osborn, Pharmacist & (right) Paula Foster, Nurse Practitioner—Indian Health Service

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## Native American Health Problems: Obesity and Diabetes

Submitted by Tim Oliver, EAP

The purpose of this article is to provide information to our readers on **Native American Health Problems: Obesity and Diabetes**. Obesity is a major risk factor in the development of diabetes. Some people may be genetically predisposed to having obesity. A person cannot choose his/her genes, but can choose what to eat and whether or not to exercise. Eating lower fat foods such as fruits and vegetables and exercise everyday may help prevent obesity.

A second health problem is diabetes. Traditional diet of Native Americans contains low fat, high starch foods such as wheat and beans. Daily activities involved walking, gardening, and farming. All of these contribute to a lower rate of a lower rate of unhealthy weight and diabetes. When groups adapt to the high fat diet and inactive lifestyle, weight gain, diabetes and its complications become health problems. Research shows that exercising and eating lower fat, fiber-rich foods can at least delay diabetes.

Here are some suggestions to reduce fat in the diet. Choose low-fat dairy products whenever possible. For example, try using skim milk to make beef gravy. Prepare foods by roasting, broiling, boiling, steaming, lightly stir-frying, or grilling. Do not fry! For example, try oven-baked bread instead of fried bread. Use lean meat or trim all visible fat from meats. For example, trying using sirloin or loin (lean meat) to replace shank (high in fat) in beef gravy. Buy reduced-fat versions of margarine, butter, mayonnaise, and cream cheese. Instead of using butter and oily sauces, flavor the vegetables with herbs and seasoning. Also try lemon juice, spicy mustard, salsa, and flavored vinegars. Eat less sugar and have small portions of everything, but not too much.

A totally "fat-free diet" is dangerous because fat is responsible for vital body functions. Eat low fat diet by limiting the intake of red meat, whole milk, fried foods, high-fat spreads, and oily sauces. Switch to low-fat milk, yogurts, and cheese, and use herbs, spices, and lemon juice for flavor.

Sources: National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, The Pima Indians Pathfinders for Health, 1996.

## LOOK FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN WELLNESS CONFERENCE

### Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

We are just now beginning to feel the brisk air of winter and observing the Canadian geese as they begin their journey south. The special season for whitetail antler less deer will begin Jan. 1-13 and all unfilled tags according to the Lawrence Journal-World, October 7, 2001 article. Check out the Kansas Hunting Seasons on the Internet for migratory birds and big game.

### Healthy Native American Recipes

Submitted by Tim Oliver, EAP

In the fall of 1999, I enrolled in three graduate courses at the University of Oklahoma, Health Sciences Center, College of Public Health, and one course in particular was "Health and The American Indian." One aspect of the course was "American Indian Diet and Culinary Practices." Our class prepared a meal that included: fry bread, meat gravy, corn soup, and grape dumplings. This served 50 people. We invited the graduate dietitians who documented the measurements of ingredients and provided a nutrient analysis one week later. According to the five student dietitians reported the meal was healthy.

Here are the recipes:

#### Fry Bread: 50 servings

5 lbs. Flour.  
2 cups sifted flour.  
10 cups water.  
1 cup dry milk.  
2 tsp. Salt.  
6 T. baking powder.  
28 cups vegetable oil.

Mix all ingredients together except for oil and sifted flour. Put the oil in a pot on high. Two cups sifted flour onto table. Ladle mixture onto table. Knead flour into mixture until firm. Repeat until out of mixture. Fry in the oil. Cool. Makes 50 servings. Oil left over is 25 cups.

#### Meat Gravy: 50 servings

5 lbs. 14.5 oz. Beef Roast.  
½ cup flour.

## Healthy Lifestyles

### Children and Obesity on the Rise

By Mary Young

Our country is experiencing a tremendous outbreak of obesity among children. According to an Associated Press Medical Writer, Lauran Neergaard, the Surgeon General, David Satcher, is warning people of obesity and states that obesity may soon outrank tobacco as a leading preventable cause of death.

Statistics are on the rise with adults at 60% and children at 13% who are either overweight or obese. Over 300,000 deaths occur caused by some form of illness due to obesity.

The following are recommendations that Surgeon General Satcher has made:

- Schools must provide daily physical education for every grade. P.E. has gradually been disappearing, particularly for older students.
- Schools must provide healthier food options, and better enforce federal rules restricting students' access to junk food in the vending machines present in most middle and high schools. Agriculture Department rules say school lunches should contain no more than 30 percent fat but the national average is 34 percent, and a recent survey found just 20 percent of high-school lunches provide proper vitamin levels.
- Communities must create safe playgrounds, sidewalks or walking trails, particularly in inner cities. Employers should provide time for workers to get physical activity on the job. After all, healthier workers mean employers' insurance and absenteeism costs will drop.
- Industry should promote healthier food choices, including "reasonable portion sizes."

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson supports the Surgeon General and has pledged to lose 15 pounds. He also stated that,

#### FIVE STEPS TO YOUR WEIGHT LOSS GOAL

- Set a very specific goal
- Work out a very specific strategy
- Identify small, measurable steps
- Create a healthy, realistic timeline
- Create meaningful monitoring and accountability

6 cups water.  
1.5 cups flour.

Trim visible fat. Cube roast. Combine first three ingredients. Simmer until meat is done, tender. Add additional flour and extra water as needed.

#### Corn Soup: 50 servings

1 lb. 9.5 oz. Sweet dried corn.  
5 lbs. 9.5 oz Pork Roast.  
8 cups of water.

Trim visible fat. Cube the roast. Combine all ingredients in a large pot and simmer until pork is done.

#### Grape Dumplings: 50 servings

64 oz + 12 oz Grape Juice unsweetened.  
3 cups of flour.  
1 ½ cups of sugar.  
1/8 tsp salt.  
½ stick margarine.  
¼ tsp baking soda.

Boil grape juice. Combine 2 cups flour, sugar, and salt. Spread remaining flour on tabletop. Add 1 ¼ cups boiling juice to combined ingredients. Knead flour and juice until thickened. Roll the dough and cut into small pieces. Add pieces to boiling grape juice. When dumplings are almost done add butter and baking powder to thicken sauce.

Thank you Tim for sharing these recipes. The serving portion will be great for the holidays or, during the Gathering! Experimenting for a small family will also be an experience.

Until next year, the *Recipe Corner* would like to take this time to wish everyone

**HAPPY Holiday's  
and a very HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!!**

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

"It's time to get children, ladies and gentlemen off of the couch and onto the playground. The drive must come from communities, from mothers, from fathers, from employers."

In another article, Our People's Health by Dr. Patrick Rock, the doctor offers the following tips:

1. Respect your child's appetite.
2. Your child does not need to finish every bottle or every meal.
3. Avoid pre-prepared and sugared foods whenever possible.
4. Limit the amount of high calorie foods you keep in your home.
5. Provide a healthy diet with 30% or fewer calories derived from fat.
6. Provide ample fiber in your child's diet.
7. Skim milk may safely replace whole milk at two years of age.
8. Don't use food for comfort or as a reward.
9. Do not offer sweets in exchange for finished meals.
10. Limit the amount of television watched.
11. Encourage active play.
12. Establish regular family activities such as walks, ballgames and other outdoor activities.

See Sugar Busters! For kids by Sam Andrew, M.d., et al. book review.

## Fried Bread Man

By Tim Oliver

The *Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation News* and Employee Assistance Program will be promoting "Fried Bread Man," to the Nation and its readers.

A brief background of "Fried Bread Man" originated from the PHS Indian Health Center, The Diabetes Project, located at Fort Totten, North Dakota, in the late 1980s. This health promotion began with the Health Educator, at that time, which created the character, according to Ms. Karen Frichich, Diabetes Project Supervisor. The Diabetes Project used this character in their prevention/education activity to reduce diabetes on the Spirit Lake Sioux Reservation. However, the character was short lived.

The Diabetes Project used Fried Bread Man in a coloring book that promoted healthy foods, meals, and snacks to the elementary school age children. The coloring book consisted of telling a story of the basic food groups that included native foods. Fried Bread Man is fictional character. The project used Fried Bread Man as a logo on T-shirts, and a volunteer wore the character suit to health fairs. According to Tim Oliver, EAP, "we hope to give the character new life, and give him a jump start."

The Potawatomi Nation will expand the cartoon character's positive deeds. We plan to develop coloring books, to promote healthy nutrient foods for mealtime and snacking. The fictional character comes to help the Potawatomi People, especially the young children; the children who are at-risk, at becoming obese which could continue if not treated, to diabetes.

*Look for Fried Bread Man in the next issue.*

## Healthy Tips

### Eating in 2002

By Mary Young

Another year, another pound or two (?)! This may not work for everyone but certain foods are hazardous to the waistline. Several of us have decided to watch what we eat and drink and "report back" to each other at various times during the year to see how we have been doing.

Some of the items that we are going to try and eliminate from our daily gorge are as follows: frybread, try and eat only once a month (ha), diet and regular soda – gone completely, cut down on the starches and carbohydrates and drink more water. Exercise is the key word and now we have to put some action into our regime.

We know we feel better when we watch what we eat. We know that our clothes fit much better when we eat less and exercise more.

## Supersized Kids: Diminishing Health

By Salynn Boyles  
Submitted by Tim Oliver, EAP

As a nation, we are getting fatter, and that is especially true of our children. A new study confirms that over the last decade, childhood obesity had reached epidemic proportions in the U. S., hitting boys, African Americans, Hispanics and kids living in Southern states the hardest.

The research, published in the December 12 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, represents the most comprehensive national picture of weight trends among children over the last two decades. From 1986 to 1998, the number of non-Hispanic children is over weight – a startling 120% increase during the 12-year old study period.

So what is to blame for the rapidly expanding waistlines of kids and teens? Take this quick multiple-choice test:

- A. It's the super-gigantic value meals served up at fast food restaurants.
- B. Most young people spend their free time parked in front of TVs, computers, and video consoles.
- C. There are soda machines found in just about every hallway of just about every school.
- D. All the above.

The experts say the right answer is D – all these things are to blame.

The co-author of the study Harold A. Pollock, Ph.D., of the University of Michigan tells WebMD. "The best explanation is that there are many factors pushing kids toward becoming overweight. Children are consuming a higher percentage of their calories in high-fat foods and sodas, and they are more inactive than ever."

Pollock and co-author Richard S. Strauss, MD, of the Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine, write that, like adolescent smoking teen pregnancy, and youth violence, childhood weight problems arise from deeply rooted behaviors and social practices.

Weight-control specialist Christopher Still, MD, says the three Ns – Nickelodeon, Netscape, and Nintendo – are playing a large role in the obesity epidemic among children. As kids spend more and more time watching television, playing video games, or surfing the net, they are getting less exercise than ever, he says.

The trend is affecting far more than the weight of America's children. It is affecting their health. There has been a 10-fold increase in the number of children with type 2 diabetes during the past five years. Once called adult-onset diabetes, type 2 diabetes is linked to obesity and sedentary lifestyle. "Until recently, type 2 diabetes was rare in kids," Still says. "Now it accounts for 40% to 50% of the diabetes among children." Still says that doctors are seeing more high blood pressure than have seen in the past – another weight-related problem.

There also are legislative efforts in a handful of states aimed at getting soft drinks and snack food vending machines out of schools. Such efforts are being challenged by school systems, which generate revenue from the machines.

Still says sodas and other sugary drinks, including fruit juices, have played a huge role in the fattening of the nation's kids. One of the easiest ways to eliminate calories from a diet is to cut out sugary drinks, he says. "People don't think about the calories they drink during a day, but the average kid may take in thousands of calories a week regular sodas and fruit juices. I tell people who are trying to lose weight to eat their calories, not drink them."

Experts say these tips can also help parents help their children maintain a healthy weight:

- Keep the fatty and sugary snacks to a minimum at home.
- Set limits on TV, computer, and video game time.
- Make fitness a family affair, with activities designed to get everyone moving.
- Incorporate more fruits and vegetables into family meals.
- Review your own health habits. Children model the behaviors they see at home.

Hopefully since we have begun a support system we will want to become accountable with our eating habits. The first two or three weeks are critical to our new year change of eating. Habits can be broken in three to four weeks. Since the holidays have passed, we might have a chance!



The following is a list of 2001 Tribal Resolutions up to the date of November 8, 2001. For further information regarding resolutions and minutes of either General Council Meetings or Tribal Council Meetings contact the Secretary's Office at 785/966-4014.

This list of Resolutions is intended only for Tribal Members use and not to be published on the Internet or any other publications without written consent from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council.

PBP-2001-079	Land Purchase/Johnson Property 80acres \$56,000.	06-19-01
PBP-2001-080	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-081	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-082	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-083	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-084	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-085	Guerrero Jr.	08-17-01
PBP-2001-086	Hinsa	08-17-01
PBP-2001-087	Silas	08-17-01
PBP-2001-088	Perry	08-17-01
PBP-2001-089	Moore	08-17-01
PBP-2001-090	Tecumseh	08-17-01
PBP-2001-091	Rae Fox	08-17-01
PBP-2001-092	J.J. Fox	08-17-01
PBP-2001-093	Onzawah	08-17-01
PBP-2001-094	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-095	Fourth Amendment to the Management Agreement	08-28-01
PBP-2001-096	Social Services Family Preservation Grant	09-04-01
PBP-2001-097	Social Services Community Action Grant	09-04-01
PBP-2001-098	MOU/Davies Oil Co. & PBP	09-04-01
PBP-2001-099	Land/fee to trust/Bausch	09-04-01
PBP-2001-100	Land/fee to trust/Harding	09-04-01
PBP-2001-101	Land/fee to trust/Jacobsen	09-04-01
PBP-2001-102	Land/fee to trust/Jungman	09-04-01
PBP-2001-103	Land/fee to trust/Klein	09-04-01
PBP-2001-104	Land/fee to trust/Reamer	09-04-01
PBP-2001-105	Land/fee to trust/Ramage	09-04-01
PBP-2001-106	Land/fee to trust/Slattery	09-04-01
PBP-2001-107	Land/purchase 56 acres/Leland Bailey	09-04-01
PBP-2001-108	Land/purchase 74 acres/Jacob Bausch	09-04-01
PBP-2001-109	Land/purchase 43 acres/Carl Nelson	09-05-01
PBP-2001-110	Land/lease tract PT-100/Jim & Jerry Rickel/640 A.	09-05-01
PBP-2001-111	Amending/Personnel Policy/add Transfer Policy	09-05-01
PBP-2001-112	Land to Trust/Nelson Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-113	Land to Trust/Zibell Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-114	NCAI Delegate-Jim Potter & Alternate-Badger W.	09-18-01
PBP-2001-115	Open Bank Account @ Commerce Bank	09-18-01
PBP-2001-116	Contract w/Ron Hein on Legislative Assessment	09-18-01
PBP-2001-117	Hein & Weir Indian Nations Contract	09-18-01
PBP-2001-118	Land Purchase/Brunner Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-119	Land to Trust/Brunner Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-120	Land Purchase/Bohannon Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-121	Land to Trust/Bohannon Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-122	Land Purchase/Ellison	09-18-01
PBP-2001-123	Land to Trust/Ellison Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-124	Land Purchase/Miller Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-125	Land to Trust/Miller Property	09-18-01
PBP-2001-126	Land Lease/P-472C/Hay ground	09-18-01
PBP-2001-127	Haying Permit/PT-16 & PT-29	09-18-01
PBP-2001-128	Purchase of Right-of-way for Paving Project	09-18-01
PBP-2001-129	Construction Contract/Sr. Duplex & Sewer Project	09-18-01
PBP-2001-130	Motor Fleet Operator Program	09-18-01
PBP-2001-131	Burial Trust Fund	09-18-01

PBP-2001-131	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	09-28-01
*PBP-2001-132	Housing Loan Program Contract/Denison Bank	09-18-01
*PBP-2001-132-A	Emerson Construction/142 <sup>nd</sup> Rd. Housing Phase II	09-28-01
PBP-2001-133	Contract/AHRS Construction/Sr.'s Duplex	09-28-01
PBP-2001-134	Purchase/Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. Stock	09-28-01
PBP-2001-135	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-136	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-137	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-138	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-139	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-140	Concurrence w/PBPTGC#2001-2 Attorney Contract	10-10-01
PBP-2001-141	Delia Native American Church	10-16-01
PBP-2001-142	Shanklin Property/80 acres	10-16-01
PBP-2001-143	BIA Noxious Weed Program	10-16-01
PBP-2001-126A	Amending PBP2001-126 with haying agreement	10-16-01
PBP-2001-144	Contract w/Nulty Construction, Inc.	11-06-01
PBP-2001-145	Land Leases	11-06-01
PBP-2001-146	Howard Crow Property	11-06-01
PBP-2001-147	Education draw down	11-08-01
PBP-2001-148	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-149	Alternate delegate for NCAI	11-08-01
PBP-2001-150	Sprint Fiber Optics	11-08-01
PBP-2001-151		
PBP-2001-152	Osage Fee to Trust	11-08-01

Resolutions 2002

It's time to get charged up for the new year, 2002! After all, didn't we just ring out the old—throwing bad, old habits to the wind?

We hit the streets and got on the phone to round up a list of 2002 Resolutions and came up with the following responses:

Frances Waubensee: Make use of government exercise equipment for the health of it!

Bud Danielson: Make better grades.

Nona Wahweotten: Get evaluations, purchase orders, news turned in on due date.

Vivian Gonzalez: Discipline. Keep the house straightened up and keep in contact with my kids.

Marilyn Brewer: Lose weight and keep going.

Sharon McClane: Didn't make one but there are several that I should make.

Aaron Hale: Quit eating at fast foods so much.

David Price (Fire Dept. Chief): On a personal level, get in shape.

Jon Boursaw: Lose weight for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in the row; it's my standard resolution.

Celeste Crites: Get caught up and stop smoking.

Nabi Waubaunsee: Don't have any.

Edie Wamego: I didn't think about it.

Rey Kitchkumme: Guide the Nation free from bias in judgment and breathe consistence and action into a comprehensive development plan for our government.

Not to ask for seconds and stay away from the BIG and TALL clothing departments!

Royal Valley High School  
Native American Club  
**POW WOW**  
January 19 & 20, 2002  
Royal Valley High School Gym  
Hoyt, Kansas

Public Welcome  
Admission to be charged

Grand Entry  
Sat. Jan 19—1 pm & 7 pm  
Sun. Jan 20—1 pm

Contest Dancing—Point System  
Register by 4 pm Sat.  
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OPINIONS AND EDITORIALS

Editor, Prairie Band Potawatomi News  
December 17, 2001  
Tribal Government Center  
16281 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509

Dear Editor:

This letter was hand carried to Chairman Badger Wahwasuck with hand carried copies to our elected members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council on December 10, 2001. To date, I have not received a response from any of our representatives. I want to share this information with the General Council to inform them of the obvious inattention to health concerns brought forth by members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to our elected representatives.

Arlene Wahwasuck  
Tribal Member and Chairperson, Health Committee

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December 10, 2001  
1106 Golden Eagle Road  
Horton, KS 66439

Mr. Badger Wahwasuck, Chairperson  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Tribal Government Center  
162 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509

Dear Chairperson Wahwasuck:

This letter is being provided to all Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Tribal Council to inform them of recent developments from the December 8, 2001 Citizens Committee meeting. As you are aware, this committee has been meeting for several months to address health issues facing the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. To date the concerns of this committee has received minimal attention from our elected officials, the PBP Tribal Council. Rey Kitchkumme has met with the committee two times and Steve Ortiz has met with the committee once. The Tribal Council did meet with the committee on August 14, 2001. Unfortunately, there has been a minimum of action taken by our elected representatives to the health concerns brought forth by this committee during these meetings.

To date the following actions have occurred. The committee met with representatives of the Indian Health Service (IHS) on October 29, 2001. Tribal Council members present at that meeting were Steve Ortiz, Gary Mitchell, and Jackie Mitchell. Letters of concern have been forwarded to Dr. Harris at the Holton IHS prior to the October 29 meeting. Fourteen members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation provided testimony and copies of their testimony to IHS representatives at this meeting.

To date there has been no response from the IHS at Holton or the Oklahoma Area Office to expressed concerns. Mr. Ortiz has informed the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Committee that the Tribal Council wants the Health Committee to cooperate with Dr. Harris. Is this the directive of the Tribal Council? If this is the directive, then the Citizens Committee respectfully inquires of our Tribal Council if this statement truly represents the voice of our Tribal Council, then we respectfully remind our elected officials whom they represent. The Prairie Band Potawatomi members of the Citizens Committee wish to cooperate, but the committee members also want a resolution to the health issues brought forth to IHS. They want quality health care by trusted, competent providers of IHS. They want medical bills paid promptly with information regarding the procedure for tribal members to cooperate to expedite that process. They want better access to health care for tribal members residing in Shawnee County. Some of our tribal members do not have transportation to seek health care at the IHS in Holton. They want the Prairie Band Potawatomi to fund a Health Administrator for the Holton IHS, not clerks. It is the opinion of the members of the Citizens Committee that this position will eventually fund itself with appropriate billing by IHS staff. It is the opinion of the committee that these and their goals are attainable with the cooperation of the Tribal Council and IHS. Goals of the Citizens Committee are attached.

Article V, Section I, the item (i) of the current constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi states that, "To enact laws or ordinances and to take other actions to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education or welfare of the Nation or its members or to serve any other appropriate governmental or tribal purpose." (bolding added by author) The Citizens Committee respectfully requests our representatives to adhere to this declaration in our consti-

tution.

The Citizens Committee also requests our PBP Tribal Council to call a Special meeting on January 12, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. to address health issues brought forth previously. We request the following staff and tribal representatives be invited to this meeting:

- Dr. Grimm, Oklahoma Area Director to inform General Council of action taken by IHS to address health concerns brought to his attention.
- Max Tashuda, Tribal Affairs, Oklahoma Area, to provide a presentation explaining Public Law 638, with advantages and disadvantages regarding the health care for tribal members.
- Sac and Fox and Iowa Tribal Officials since some of the issues affect their tribal members.
- Invite Ms. Debbie Whitebird, Director, Kickapoo Nation Health Center to inform tribal members of the implementation and progress of the Kickapoo 638 program.
- Forest Band Potawatomi Universal Health Insurance staff to explain the program.

In addition, the Citizens Committee requests our Tribal Council adhere to Article V, Section I, the item (a) "To negotiate, consult, and contract with Federal, State, local governments, tribal governments, private enterprises, individuals, or other organizations," regarding the Special Diabetes Funding for FY 2002. The committee requests the Tribal Council to reinstate the Special Diabetes Funding to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Representatives of the Sac and Fox are agreeable to reinstate this funding to their tribe. The Iowa has not been consulted to date. The grant will be due at the end of January 31, 2002. We request any grant information regarding the Special Diabetes Funding be forwarded to the Health Committee. This committee has members competent to submit the grant with input from the Sac and Fox, and Iowa Tribe.

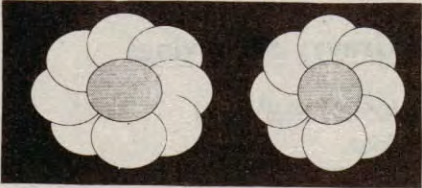
Thank you for your attention to these concerns. The next scheduled meeting of the Citizens Committee is December 10, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. at the WE-TA-SE Building. The Health Committee's

regularly scheduled meeting is December 19, 2001 at 11:30 A.M. at Harrah's. We hope to see more of our elected representatives at these meetings.

Respectfully,  
Arlene Wahwasuck  
Chairperson, Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Committee

2002 GOALS OF THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE

- Collaborate with Tribal Council to delegate authority to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Committee to negotiate with Indian Health Service without interference from the Tribal Council. The Health Committee would continue to have a liaison from the Tribal Council for input and feedback to the Tribal Council.
- Acquire twenty (20) % of funding allocated to Economic Development for health care of Prairie Band Potawatomi members throughout the United States.
- Obtain transportation for Shawnee County residents through the Community Health Representative (CHR) Transportation program.
- Obtain a stipend for caregivers or respite caregivers who provide home care for Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal members who are invalid or unable to care for themselves at home.
- Obtain Universal Health Insurance for Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members currently not insured through work, Medicare, Medicaid or not eligible for other health insurance.
- Include dental care in the Universal Health Insurance and other special health care needs (hearing aids, etc) in the health plan.



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## GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)



The following obituary was mistakenly left out in the last newspaper edition.

### Andrew (Andy) Wapskineh Jr.

Andrew Wapskineh Jr. (Prairie-band Potawatomi) died Monday, September 10, 2001, in Norman, OK at the age of 47.

He was born June 29, 1954, in Lawton to Andrew (Prairie-band Potawatomi) and Pauline (Seminole) Wapskineh Sr. He grew up in Stillwater, OK and graduated from Stillwater High School in 1973. He later attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

Andrew Wapskineh worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Vo-tech in Stillwater, OK for over 15 years and was currently working for the University of Oklahoma Printing Press in Norman, OK. He was currently residing in Shawnee, OK.

He attended Glorieta Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and belonged to the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church in Pawnee, OK.

He is survived by his mother, Pauline Wapskineh of Shawnee, OK; three daughters, Tonya and Lorie Wapskineh, both of Oklahoma City, and Annah Wapskineh of The Colony, TX; three brothers, Tommy Wapskineh of Hinton, OK, Kenny Wapskineh of McAlester, OK, and Ronny Wapskineh of Shawnee, OK; three sisters, Laquetta and Glenda Ellis of Shawnee, and Shirley Wapskineh of Oklahoma City, OK; one grandson Wazhoshza Wapskineh-Palmer; and many nieces and nephews.

A wake service was held at the First Indian Baptist Church of Shawnee, OK on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 and the funeral services were held at 2 pm on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at that same location. Rev. Bruce Pratt of Pawnee, OK and Larry Don Stafford of Stillwater, OK officiated the services. His burial service was held at Buck Cemetery in Wewoka, OK.

### Melvine Banks

Melvine "Pah-Mah-Ski-Qua" Banks, 76, Whiting, died Nov. 12, 2001 at Holton Community Hospital.

She was born April 19, 1925 on the Kickapoo Indian Reservation near Horton, the daughter of Dewey and Minnie Wahwassuck Jessepe. She graduated from Haskell Indian School in Lawrence and had lived in Whiting since 1965, moving there from Topeka.

She had worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka as a cook, and later at the Slimmer Dress Factory in Holton. She also worked at the Kickapoo Senior Center as a cook. She was a member of the Native American Church and the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians.

She married Leonard McKinney. They were divorced. She then married Narcissus R. Banks. He died in 1995. Survivors include five sons, Gerald McKinney, Topeka, Murray Banks, Wetmore, Michael McKinney, Narcissus Banks, and Jason Banks, all of Whiting; a daughter, Carol Yazzie, Topeka; a sister, Laura Ortiz, Holton; a brother, Louis Roelcloud Jessepe, Netawaka; 28 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four sons, Larry McKinney in 1995, Norris McKinney in 1978, Joseph McKinney in 1978, and Maurice McKinney in 1968.

Native American church services were held Nov. 15 at the Wayne Jessepe home west of Horton. Burial was in Mason Cemetery, also west of Horton.

### Alberta Wamego

"Sha no kwe" Alberta Marie Nagmo Wamego, 73, Mayetta, died Nov. 16, 2001 at Stormont-Vail Regional HealthCare Center in Topeka.

She was born Aug. 20, 1928 on the Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta, the daughter of John and Hattie Lasley Nagmo. She graduated from Haskell Indian School in Lawrence and was a lifelong Potawatomi reservation resident.

She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation and the Indian Drum Religion. She was one of the last fluent speakers of the Potawatomi language.

She married Algernon Wamego. He survives.

Other survivors include 11 sons, Darrell Wewenis and Larry Mitchell, both of Lawrence, Gary Mitchell, Eddie Joe Mitchell, Leo Mitchell, Randy Mitchell, Mike Wamego, Aaron Hale, Joel Charles and John LeClere, all of Mayetta, and Wakto Wewenis, Horton; nine daughters, Jackie Mitchell, Sandra Mitchell, Lisa Wamego and Edie Wamego, all of Mayetta, Shirlene Seymour, Topeka, Gweda Wewenis, Annie Wewenis, Kish Wewenis, and Kanney Wewenis, all of Horton; two sisters, Judy Wabaunsee, Mayetta, and Rose Pemamo, Topeka; a brother, Mas Hale, Mayetta; 53 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Mitchell, Jr., and by a grandson, Clint Wahquaboshkuk.

Drum services were held Nov. 17 at the Danceground on the Potawatomi Reservation southwest of Mayetta. Burial was Nov. 18 in Takahko Cemetery.

## MOM

Cos non saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be.  
So he put His arms around her  
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away.  
Although we loved her dearly  
We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands to rest,  
Cos non broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

### Coralene Potts

"Wah was mo Keh" Coralene Potts, 81, Mayetta, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

She was born June 23, 1920 on the Kickapoo reservation in Brown County, the daughter of Jesse Keesis, Sr. and Dora Williams Keesis.

She had lived on the Potawatomi reservation west of Mayetta since 1966. She worked at the Hiawatha Egg Plant and more recently at the Senior Meal Site on the Potawatomi reservation.

She was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation and the Indian Drum Religion.

She married Maynard Potts on Oct. 2, 1942. He survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Vencie Mitchell, Doris Potts, and Barbara Tims, all of Mayetta; four sons, Eddie Potts, Horton, Vernon Potts, and Norman Potts, both of Mayetta, and Lloyd Potts, Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sisters, Marjorie Pahmahmie, Horton, Mary LeClere, Mayetta and Adelaide Horn, Kansas City, Kan.; a brother, Jesse Keesis, Jr., Shenandoah, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Drum services will be Monday evening at the Dance Ground west of Mayetta. Burial will be Tuesday afternoon in the Mason Cemetery west of Horton. She will lie in state after 3 p.m. Monday at the Dance Ground.

Mercer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Philip Burns

WICHITA—Philip D. Burns, 76, Wichita, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at a Wichita hospital.

Mr. Burns was a civilian pricing officer for the Air Force. He was retired. He also was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born June 11, 1925, in Mayetta, the son of Raymond and Lucy Blandin Burns. He was a member of Potawatomi Prairie Band Indian Nation.

Mr. Burns was a member of the Church of the Magdalen in Wichita.

Survivors include his wife, Bernadette Burns, of the home; a son, Robert Burns, Wichita; two brothers, Edwin "Buzz" Burns, Manhattan, and Martin Burns, Holton; three sisters, Mary Carr and Julia Kennedy, both of Topeka, and Theresa McNary, Meriden; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church of the Magdalen in Wichita. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East Chapel in Wichita.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kapaun-Mount Carmel High School, 8506 E. Central, Wichita, 67206; or St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School, 1321 Stratford Lane, Wichita, 67206.

### Narcissus Banks

WHITING—Narcissus Vincil "Nit O Mak" "Doc" Banks, 41, Whiting, was killed in a two-vehicle accident near Netawaka Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001.

Mr. Banks was a retreader for Cross/Midwest Tire Co. in Topeka for more than 20 years.

He was born Nov. 11, 1960, in Horton, the son of Narcissus R. and Melvine Mjessepe. He graduated from the Kickapoo High School in 1978. He was a lifelong resident of the Whiting area.

Mr. Banks was a member of the Potawatomi Indian Nation and the Native American Church.

He married Eleanor Keo on May 7, 1982, on the Kickapoo Reservation near Horton. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Vincil James Banks, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Tyler Banks and Marlin "Sobi" Banks, both at home; a sister, Carol Yazzie, Topeka; and four brothers, Gerald McKinney, Topeka, Murray Banks, Wetmore, and Michael McKinney and Jason Banks, both of Whiting.

Native American Church services will be Saturday evening at the Wayne Jessepe residence west of Horton. Burial will be Sunday morning at the Mason Cemetery west of Horton. Mr. Banks will lie in state after noon today at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, where visitation will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Agnes Kitchkommie

Mayetta—Agnes "Wah-Tnes" Wabski Kitchkommie, 84, Mayetta, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, at a nursing home.

She was born July 30, 1917, on the Potawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta, to Joseph Wabski Wamego and Mary Ship-She-Quah Wamego. She attended Genoa Indian School in Nebraska and Blandin School on the Potawatomi Reservation. She spent many years in Topeka before she returned to the reservation in 1992. She was a quality inspector for American Bindery in Topeka many years before she retired in 1987.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe and had served on the board of directors of the Indian Center in Topeka, Inc. She was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka, Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church west of Mayetta and the Drum Religion.

She married Joseph A. Kitchkommie in August 1938. He died Dec. 12, 1993. A daughter, Mary Lou Kitchkommie; a son, Michael L. Kitchkommie; and a grandson, Justin Flowers, also died.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph P. Wabski, Topeka, and Richard Wamego, Arkansas City; five daughters, Marilyn M. Brewer, Laverne Hale and Theresa J. Kitchkommie, all in Mayetta, Joanne Littleaxe, Bartlesville, Okla., and Joyce Guerrero, Topeka; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Drum services will be Tuesday evening at the Dance Ground west of Mayetta. Burial will be Wednesday in Shipshewer Cemetery west of Mayetta. Mrs. Kitchkommie will lie in state until 3 p.m. Tuesday at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, where visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

### Erma Pequano

MAYETTA—Erma Rose Pequano, 88, Mayetta, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, at a Topeka hospice house.

Mrs. Pequano had worked for the Seymour Packing Co. in Topeka.

She was born Feb. 6, 1913, on the Potawatomi Reservation in Mayetta, the daughter of Joe Kegg and Wah-boxi-que Shob-ni. She attended Sunnybrook, Chilocco and Haskell schools.

Mrs. Pequano was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion.

She married Curtis Pequano. He died in 1965. Survivors include three grandsons; include Joel Charles, whom she raised; and one great-granddaughter.

Drum services will be Saturday evening at the Dance Ground west of Mayetta. Burial will be Sunday in Mitchell Cemetery. Mrs. Pequano will lie in state until 3 p.m. Saturday at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton.

### Roy Pahmahmie

MAYETTA—Roy D. Pahmahmie "Wap tti gweh," 44, Mayetta, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001, at a Holton hospital.

Mr. Pahmahmie worked for two years for the Indian Action Team and 14 years for the Potawatomi Road and Bridge Department.

He was born July 3, 1957, in Holton, the son of Richard "Dick" Pahmahmie Sr. and Josie Wamego Pahmahmie.

Mr. Pahmahmie was a member of Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation and the Indian Drum Religion.

Survivors include his wife, Joy Pahmahmie, Mayetta; three sisters, Phyllis Dunn, Matamoros, Pa., Anita Evans, and Dolly Richard, both of Mayetta; five brothers, Henry Pahmahmie, Boney Pahmahmie, Lawrence Pahmahmie and Richard Pahmahmie Jr., all of Mayetta, and Albert Pahmahmie, Topeka.

Drum services will be Friday evening at the Danceground west of Mayetta. Burial will be at Wa Wak sum Cemetery Saturday afternoon. Mr. Pahmahmie will lie in state today and until 2:30 p.m. Friday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Geraldine Hernandez**  
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### Norman Wishteyah

Norman Leroy Wishteyah St., 57, Topeka, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Wishteyah was a retired construction worker.

He was born Oct. 30, 1944, in Holton, the son of Francis Frank Wishteyah Sr. and Christine M. Mahkuk Wishteyah.

Mr. Wishteyah was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation.

He married Vivian Green in Miami, Okla., in 1970. They were divorced.

Survivors include two sons, Norman Leroy Wishteyah Jr., Yuma City, Calif., and Shawn Wishteyah, Corona, Calif.; three stepsons, Mark Green, Quinton Green and Merle Green, all of Horton; two brothers, Francis F. Wishteyah Jr. and Steve Wishteyah, both of Topeka; a sister, Dorothy M. Sheppard, Topeka; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home. Cremation will follow the services and inurnment will be at a later date. Mr. Wishteyah will lie in state after 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, where visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the close of day.

If my passing has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps, my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
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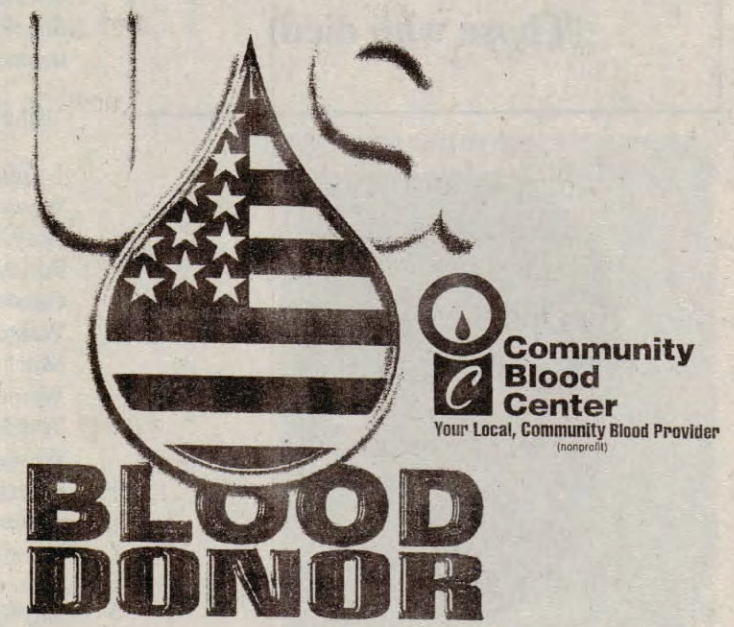
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