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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Nation fights Thunderhill zoning application: County tables matter

by: Suzanne Heck

Several PBPB members and staff showed up at the Jackson County Planning Commission meeting on December 9 to voice their opposition to a change of zoning application filed by Mike Henry who owns Thunderhill Speedway.

The racetrack sits on 142 Road which is located two miles west of Highway 75 on the reservation.

Henry wants to change the present zoning category from an A-1 Agriculture to an I-2 Heavy Industrial and the tribe is attempting to stop Henry's efforts. Since 1992 some residents and the tribe have been concerned about noise, dust, alcohol and damage to the environment but now because of the potential for rezoning to heavy industrial use the tribe is doubly concerned about the long term impact that the zoning change might have on the reservation.

At the meeting, several members of the Nation's government spoke before the Planning Commission. Latane Donelin, PBPB's Director of the Department & Environmental Protection, Tribal attorney, David Prager, and Council members Steve Ortiz and Jim Potter all spoke in opposition.

Donelin spoke about the negative impact on the reservation's environment while Ortiz and Potter both said cultural practices that have been going on for many years are disrupted by the noise.

In his presentation, Prager distributed a large binder of materials to Commission members. In it was over 130 opposition statements that he and other tribal staff had gathered from the Nation's community prior to the meeting. To the 60 plus in attendance, he distributed a handout before the meeting which detailed the legal argument of "invalid spot zoning" that he suggested could be applied in this case and the binder also included some affidavits from area residents and

other information.

In the handout he wrote that "invalid spot zoning" was applicable to Thunderhill because its intense land use as a racetrack was located on a small parcel of land and was incompatible with the prevailing uses of the surrounding area of the reservation which is primarily agricultural.



Benny Potts is seen above speaking before the Jackson County Planning Commission in opposition to the Thunderhill zoning change request.

Mike Henry was also allowed to argue his position for wanting to change to the I-2 use before the Commission. He also had some back-up with a petition that had been signed by 60 business owners in the area who said that the racetrack was good for their businesses. He said that he could get more signatures in the future with more time.

Later in the meeting the Commission opened the floor to hear from citizens in the audience. Several tribal members came forth to voice

their concerns. Many people reemphasized how the noise from the racetrack was disruptive to traditional Indian ceremonies and others cited the public nuisance argument.

Another point of view came from Joan Rebar, who lives close to the racetrack on 142 road, who said she was worried about what might

disruptions of noise and, in addition, a letter signed by many of her family members was also included in Prager's binder.

There were also several comments made on behalf of the racetrack. Some race car enthusiasts argued that the noise and pollution issues were not merited and that alcohol was legal. Others said that Henry took good care of the racetrack and ran a clean operation.

After hearing all of the comments the commission decided to table the issue until their February meeting so that they can examine the issue and materials offered at the meeting in depth.



A member of the Jackson County Planning Commission takes notes during the meeting.

### Government Offices Closed

December 24  
and  
December 31

## Tribal elections

Four members were vying for a seat on the Tribal Council in a special election that was scheduled to occur during press time on December 21 in the stone community building.

Peggy Houston, Tom Tuckwin, James Wabunsee, and Tony Wahweotten were all running for the open position on the Tribal Council.

Full coverage of the election will be in the January issue of the News.

Another tribal election will be held on February 23 when two gaming commissioners will be elected.

Eleven individuals have declared their can-

didacy and all of their photos appear on page 3. Providing that all candidates submit a profile to the News by January 15, profiles will accompany the photographs in the January issue.

Gaming Commission ballots will be mailed out by the Election Board on January 14 to all registered voters.

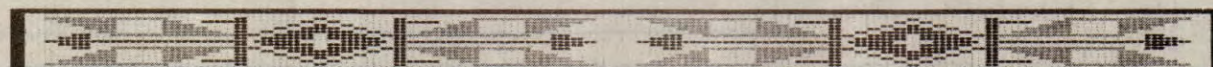
Those who have not registered to vote have until January 3 and must be 18 years of age by that date.

For more information on the gaming commission election see pages 2 and 3 in this issue.

Look for special election coverage in the January issue of the Potawatomi News



Residents on the reservation often celebrate the holiday season by decorating their homes with Christmas lights. Tim Mendez, who lives on 198 Rd with his family, decorated his home this year with blue lights. Each year Tim enjoys decorating with a different theme or in a different color. Past decorations have included those that are patriotic or in the colors of his favorite sports-teams.



## CRAssociates to manage PBP/Sac and Fox Health Clinic

Meet the new administrator



John Holtz has been appointed as Administrator of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Health Center and will begin his new responsibilities on January 3.

Holtz has 30 years of health care leadership experience. He served as Vice President of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City for 18 years. He was also the Administrator of Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, Florida and Executive Vice President of University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He is a graduate of Rockhurst University in Kansas City and has an MBA with a Health Care Concentration from Rockhurst.

Holtz is a Kansas City native. He and his wife, Linda raised their two sons, Jason and Justin, in Overland Park, Kansas.

CRAssociates (CRA) will operate and manage the PBP/Sac and Fox Health and Wellness Clinic beginning in January.

Headquartered in Newington, Virginia, CRA designs, develops, implements, and manages several health care systems throughout the United States. On their website they list as past and current clients the US Army, Bethlehem Steel, and the US Department of Veterans Affairs, to name a few.

During the second week of December, CRA brought a large group of their staff to the Nation to visit the Clinic and to hire several of the present clinic staff. While here they also visited with many departmental staff in the Nation's Government Center. Two of their top executives and the new clinic admin-



Left to right is Thomas W. Burden and Michael Starr who are executives with CRAssociates. They visited the Nation the second week of December.

istrator were introduced at the December 8 director's meeting.

Michael Starr, CRA's chief operating officer and Executive Vice President, said he was blown away by all of the positive things that the Prairie Band Potawatomi are doing on the reservation and for their people.

CRA was founded in 1997 by Charles H. Robbins, a former CEO of PHP Healthcare Corporation. Its management team is comprised of former executives of major health care delivery systems.

The Clinic has been under the direction of Bill Read who has acted as interim health director since Josephine Bellonger left. He will resume his regular duties as Chief Medical Technologist with the Clinic in January.

For more information  
visit CRA's website  
[CRASSOC.COM](http://CRASSOC.COM)

# Government /Gaming Commission Candidates

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## 2005 Notice of Election for Gaming Commission

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that an Election will be held on February 23, 2005 for the purpose of electing (2) members of the Gaming Commission. The term of office for each position is four (4) years. This election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Ordinance of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, New Mexico will assist the Election Board with this Election.

Qualified Candidate	Qualified Voters	Election Results	Ballot Distribution
<p>A qualified candidate must:</p> <p>A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.</p> <p>B) Be 25 years of age or older as of the date of this election.</p> <p>C) Agree to criminal background investigation conducted by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation/US investigations for record clearance.</p> <p>D) <b>NOT</b> have been convicted of a felony within the five years prior to the date of the election.</p> <p>E) Agree to the Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to drug testing.</p> <p>F) Submit a Declaration of Candidacy Form to the Election Board Office no later than November 22, 2004 by 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>G) Submit the \$150.00 nonrefundable filing fee and photo for ballot to the Election Board Office no later than November 22, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. The filing fee must accompany the Declaration of Candidacy Form and must be paid by cashier's check or money order:</p> <p><b>make payable to:</b> <b>Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation</b></p> <p>Cash or personal checks will not be accepted.</p>	<p>To cast a ballot in this election you must:</p> <p>A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.</p> <p>B) Be 18 years of age or older by January 3, 2005.</p> <p>C) Have a voter registration form on file with the Election Board <u>no later than January 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.</u> if you have never registered to vote. <b>Note:</b> Registered voters <u>will not</u> receive a voter registration form.</p>	<p>Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for Tribal Members conducted by the Election Board beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Election day at the old stone community building. Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots have been tabulated and the results of that tabulation have been recorded.</p> <p>The Election Board shall issue the preliminary election results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation. Protests of the election results may be filed up until 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2005.</p> <p>Certified election results will be posted at the appropriate Tribal offices, as well as, being released to all appropriate media at the conclusion of the election.</p>	<p>Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than January 14, 2005. All ballot distribution packages will contain a preaddressed return envelope for mailing ballots back to the Election Board.</p> <p>All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Mayetta, Kansas no later than 9:00 a.m. on the date of the election, February 23, 2005.</p>

### Gaming Commission Election Calendar

**November 22, 2004- 4:00 p.m.**  
Last day to file declaration of candidacy and pay non-refundable filing fee and turn in photograph for ballot.

**December 3, 2004- 4:00 p.m.**  
Last day for candidates to withdraw from election

**January 3, 2005- 4:00 p.m.**  
Last day to register to vote  
**If you are not registered**

**January 14, 2005**  
Ballots mailed to all registered voters

**February 23, 2005- 9:00 a.m.**  
Election Day  
Ballots tabulated and results reported

**February 28, 2005- 4:00 p.m.**  
Last day to file protest of the election

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Election Board  
P.O. Box 213  
Mayetta, Kansas  
66509**



**Nation Station hours**  
Sunday-Thursday  
6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
  
Friday-Saturday  
6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.



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**Prairie Village Gift Shop**  
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Open from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. daily

**Warmest wishes for peace, health,  
and  
a happy holiday season**



**From the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Tribal Council and staff**

# WE'RE LOOKING

FOR SOMEONE AS UNIQUE AS YOU.



**We are now accepting applications.**

#### Management Positions

- At least 3 years of supervisory/managerial experience
- A Bachelor's degree or other post-secondary education
- A passion for the casino industry

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

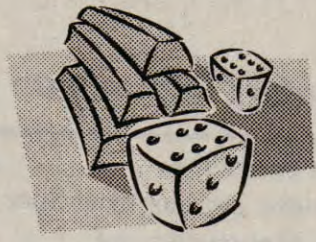
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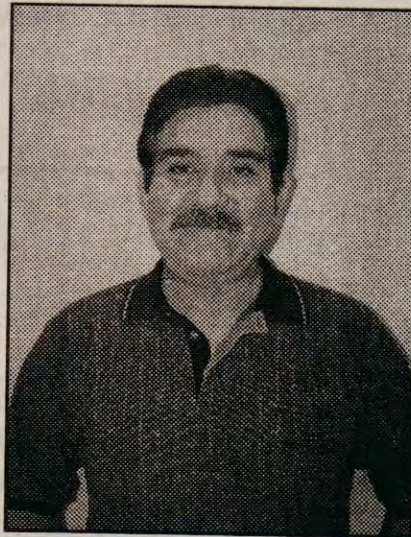
## Gaming Commission Election Candidates Vote for two (2)



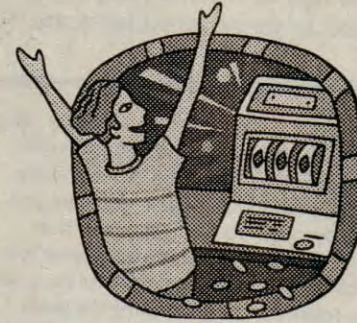
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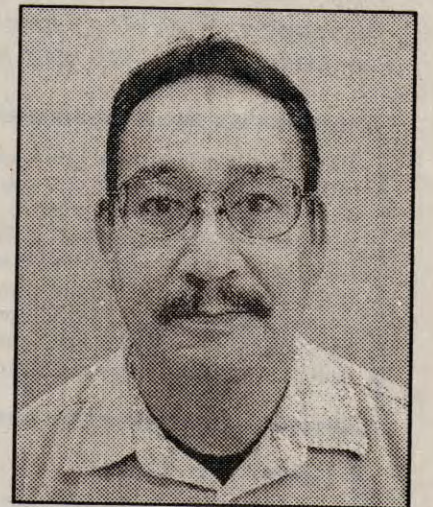
Ballots will be mailed to  
registered voters on  
January 14, 2005



James Jackson



Election will be held on  
February 23, 2005  
9 a.m. at  
stone community building



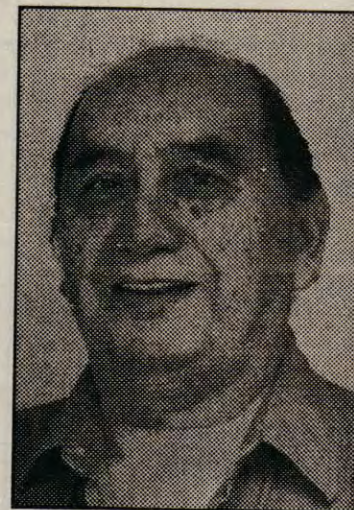
Frank LaClair  
"Patisse"



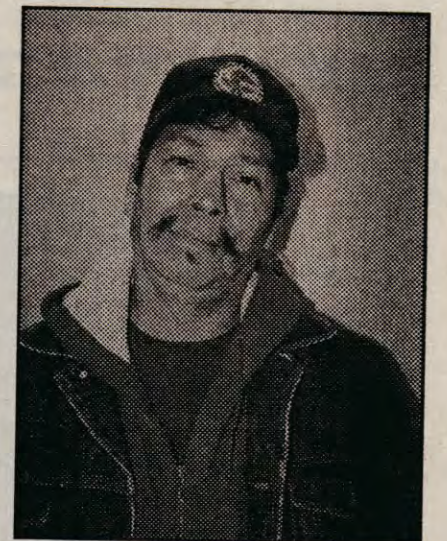
Cindy LeClere



Joyce Guerrero



Jay Mattwaoshshe



Eddie Joe Mitchell

Look for written profiles provided by the candidates  
in the January issue of the News



Gary Mitchell



Steve Ortiz



Carrie O' Toole



Charles Wahweotten  
"Naw ne me mukshuk"



Don't forget that on election day only  
tribal members and invited guests are  
allowed in the election area at the  
Stone Community Building.



## Corey Mhickteno: a tribal mentor at Harrah's Casino

By: Kim Schimmel, Harrah's Human Resources

Corey Mhickteno began his professional career at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino in July 2000 as a Slot Attendant. This was the first time he was ever employed fulltime. Corey quickly learned his job and progressed through the different levels of being a slot attendant and within the first nine months of employment he got promoted to a Slot Supervisor.

In addition, he was selected to become a Department Trainer, which requires extra time and energy. Department Trainers assist with educating and presenting new information to the different departments of the casino. As a Department Trainer he was instrumental when the company introduced slot brand training in June 2002 and he was involved when the casino delivered the improved MTL system by learning the new computer system plus, introduced in July 2003. Further, he assisted in the introduction of the new Total Rewards-2 program that took place the month before. Corey has not hesitated to take advantage of the learning opportunities at Harrah's.

He said, "I encourage all young ambitious tribal members to get their education and come to work for the casino."

In 2003 he participated in the ACE (Accelerated Career Enhancement) Track II Program. This program requires specific qualifications to be met in order to be allowed into the program. Once selected an employee gets to cross train in several different departments and go through a series of training classes that teach career topics such as Introduction to Management, Leadership skills, Project Management, Finance &

Budgeting, and computer courses to enhance job performances. This generally takes place once a year with the goal of providing the employee with the necessary learning tools to succeed as a member of the management team. Corey successfully completed this program in June 2003. Then, the following November he was selected as one of the few employees asked to participate in the MPP (Manager Preparation Program).

Corey has taken advantage of the many learning opportunities to help build his career at the casino. He has also held the position of Slot Performance Supervisor prior to being promoted to Assistant Slot Shift Manager, a position he took in June. Over the last four years Corey has worked in many of the projects involving the Slot Department including the new carpet installation, game storage and coordinating the technical teams and working with the vendors.

Through it all Corey has been recognized as a tribal mentor by some of his staff and co-workers.

One might think that work is the only thing Corey has time for with his busy schedule but he is also attending Washburn University full time pursuing a dual Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Economics. He has career aspirations to continue his career in the casino business and to become a director of a department.

Corey is an enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation member. He is the son of Steve Mhickteno and grandson of Larue Mhickteno. He also has a 4-year-old daughter.



Corey Mhickteno

## Excerpts from the Economic Development Department's Prairie Winds Newsletter, October, 2004

"Working to promote the Nation's economic development"

News editors' note: The information below and on the next page was taken from the Prairie Wind's Newsletter and has been edited and reformatted to fit in the newspaper. Not all of the newsletter's content has been reprinted due to space considerations. For a copy of the actual newsletter, please contact the Economic Development staff.

This is the first edition of the PBPB Economic Development Department Newsletter. This newsletter will be distributed on a quarterly basis. The Economic Development Department's inception began September 26, 2003. During 2002, the Tribal and General Councils foresaw the need to establish an Economic Development Department within its governing body. One might ask, what is economic development? To many persons, these terms may have different meaning, however, in its truest sense, economic development is a means to promote jobs and provide for a secure livelihood of its community members. We, the Economic Development staff, want to fulfill the requirements of reaching the goals through comprehensive planning and utilizing various management models.

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### A Letter From the Economic Development Department

The Economic Development's most recent accomplishment is the newly implemented Small Business Development Program. Aside from administering this program, we have been working on administering the 2004 Economic Department Goals. Additionally, we are working on assignments given by the Tribal Council that addresses diversification of the Nation's investments and Economical Development besides gaming.

The Economic Development Department staff is not able to share openly what we are currently working on until the Tribal Council has approved the business proposals. After the Tribal Council has given approval of the business proposal, it will be communicated to the General Council. If any member has a certain question about Economic Development, they are welcome to call for an appointment and we will be available for comment.

Thank you,

John Schilling, Tribal Business, CEO telephone 785-966-3924  
Helen Sumner, Economic Development Specialist telephone 785-966-3948



Pictured Left to Right: John Schilling, Tribal Business CEO, Dawn LeClere Small Business Development Assistant, Helen Sumner, Economic Development Specialist

### Economic Development Short Term, Mid Range, and Long Term Comprehensive Planning Goals

Short Term Goals (1-2 years)	Mid- Range Goals (2-5 -10 years)	Long Term (10-20-30 years)	On into the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century (40- 50-60 years)
Small Business Development Program	Small Business Development Program	Small Business Development Program	Small Business Development Program
Support Ongoing Nation Businesses	Support Ongoing Nation Businesses	Support Ongoing Nation Businesses	Support Ongoing Nation Businesses
Explore Nation Partnering with Other Potawatomi Bands	Explore Nation Partnering with Other Potawatomi Bands	Explore Nation Partnering with Other Potawatomi Bands	Explore Nation Partnering with Other Potawatomi Bands
Land Development for Retail and Human Services for example, east of 150 <sup>th</sup> Road - Gateway to the PBPB	Land Development for Retail and Human Services for example, 150 <sup>th</sup> Road -Gateway to the PBPB	Land Development for Retail and Human Services for example, 150 <sup>th</sup> Road - Gateway to the PBPB	Land Development for Retail and Human Services for example, 150 <sup>th</sup> Road- Gateway to the PBPB
Utility Research - Feasibility Studies (water, electrical, wind and propane)	Utility Research - Feasibility Studies (water, electrical, wind and propane)	Utility Research and Feasibility Studies (water, electrical, wind and propane)	Utility Research and Feasibility Studies (water, electrical, wind and propane)
Technology Development Plan for Technology Driven Entities	Technology Development Plan for Technology Driven Entities	Technology Development Plan for Technology Driven Entities	Technology Development Plan for Technology Driven Entities
Acquisition of Section 8A Business and Commercial Real Estate	Acquisition of Section 8 A Business and Commercial Real Estate	Acquisition of Section 8A Business and Commercial Real Estate	Acquisition of Section 8 A Business and Commercial Real Estate
Financial Institution Feasibility	Financial Institution Feasibility	Financial Institution Feasibility	Financial Institution Feasibility

### Small Business Grant is being offered to eligible tribal members

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Economic Development Department previously announced the availability of the small business grant. The small business grant is available through the federal Housing Urban Development /Indian Community Development Block Grant Program. The small business grant will be available for all of the Nation's *eligible and selected members* on or near the reservation and for those living out of state.

The purpose of the small business grant is to provide financial assistance to Nation members that are at various levels of establishing a small business such as the following:

- For those that are starting a small business and have limited education and education background
- Individuals who are starting a new small business written at the upper high school level and for individuals having some business education and experience
- For those person that are already in small business and may have annual sales of approximately \$100,000 or more and are looking to grow the business to the next level.

The federal HUD and PBPB Nation small business grant applicants' requirements are as follows:

- Comply with each of the applicant state's low and median federal income guidelines
- Complete the application process by the prescribed timelines
- Design a small business and marketing plan by a specified timeline.

Again, at the time of successful completion of the above, the small business grant will be awarded to eligible and selected Nation members. The small business grant money is only available for small business purposes. Also, the grant money is *not* to be used to pay personal income or personal and household expenses.

Ms. Cindy Orcutt will teach the small business education classes and will follow up by doing job counseling. Ms. Orcutt is Native American and is a member of the Choctaw Tribe. She has a bachelors and masters degree in education. She has taught for 30 years in the Kansas City, Missouri school system. Ms. Orcutt is a small business owner and is successfully operating a flower and gift shop in the North Kansas City, Missouri area.

Ms. Dawn LeClere, PBPB member, is the small business grant administrative assistant. Ms. LeClere has attended Haskell All Indian Nations University and has several years of successful administrative experience.

The small business grant program was announced in the last issue of the Tribal newspaper. Ms. Dawn LeClere is the Small Business Development Program administrator and her office is at the PBPB government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509, telephone 785-966-4047 fax 785-966-3915 email dleclere@pbpnation.org

The Small Business Development Program instruction may include the following:

- Introduction to the First Step Fast Track
- Getting Ready to Write the Feasibility Plan
- Gathering Information for Feasibility
- Products and Services
- Market Analysis: Industry and Competition
- Market Analysis: Market Segments and Strategies
- Price and Profitability: Pricing and Products/Service Costs
- Price and Profitability: Profits
- Price and Profitability: Cash Flow
- Plan for Future Action: Resources for Success
- Plan for Further Action: Next Steps
- Graduation and Feasibility Plan Presentations



Cindy Orcutt  
Small Business Development  
Education Consultant

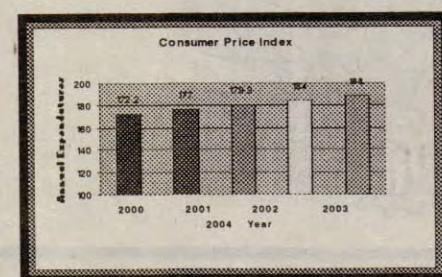
### Do you know about the "Rule 72?"

Take the number 72 and divide the interest rate into 72 and it will show how quickly or slowly our money will double. This is an interesting concept to learn. For example, if your investments are earning 12% a year or more, your money will double every six years!

On the negative side of this, the "Rule 72" also works for your creditors. For example, if a credit card charges 24% interest, every three years the debt will double. Another example, is that if a credit card is charging 20% interest per year, every three and one-half years debt will double if the debt is not reduced.

### National Economic Indicators

The Consumer Price Index is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban customers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. The CPI is used for the following: an economic indicator, as a deflator of other economic series and as a means of adjusting dollar values. The CPI chart displayed indicates active national consumer spending over the years from 2000 through 2004.



The CPI is published monthly and is considered the most important measure of inflation. It compares current prices for a fixed-list of goods and services to the base period which equals 100. Currently, the base period is the average prices in the 1982-1984 time period. The basket of goods and services measured includes such items as housing, food, transportation, medical care, apparel and entertainment. The CPI is also commonly referred to as the cost-of-living index.

Key Economic Indicators	Value
Consumer Price Index (corresponds to inflation)	189.5 (increasing)
Inflation	2.65% (increasing)
Gross Domestic Product	2.76% (increased productivity)
Unemployment	5.40% (steady)
Gold	\$412.9 (price per ounce increased)
Oil	\$49.47 (per barrel - increased)
Prime Lending Rate	4.75% (decreased)

#### Trends of Prime Lending Rates for the Past Three Years

YEAR	RATES
2002	5.70%
2003	6.00%
2004	5.40%

2004 Economic Development Strategic Planning Goals

Even though this is the end of the third quarter, we are continuing to review the established departmental 2004 goals and are realizing that most of these goals have been implemented and/or are being addressed.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Economic Development Department 2004 Strategic Planning Goals  
Update to the Third Quarter  
Fourth Quarterly Update will be Prior to January 15, 2005

Economic Development Mission Statement: “The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will plan, develop and execute economic development which will enhance the overall quality of life for members of the Tribe--by improving the economic and business opportunities and by helping to generate financial stability for future generations.”

Topic	Action	Outcome Evaluation
1) Finalize over all plan for Economic Development for approval by Tribal and General Council.	The Economic Development Department 2004 goals were established in part by securing information from various sources such as Nation and Council members and Councils.	The Tribal and General Council gave approval during the fourth quarter of 2003. These goals were put into effect during the first quarter of 2004.
2) Hire Economic Development Specialist.	The Tribal Business, CEO and the Human Resources Department completed the hiring process prior to the end of the third quarter of 2003.	Helen Sumner, a Nation member came on duty March 1, 2004, during the first quarter.
3) Implement an effective communication program that provides the General Council, Tribal Council, employees and other pertinent parties with updates regarding Economic Development activities.	Economic Development Department's latest occurrences are provided to the Tribal and General Councils as the opportunity arises.	An update of the Bingo Business was provided to the Tribal and General Council during the June, 2004 meeting. Other updates were provided at the Tribal Council at least on a monthly basis and will continue.
4) Set and maintain the highest professional standards possible for all Tribal businesses and new economic development activities. This includes relations with customers, employees, vendors and future business partners.	The PBPB Personnel and Gaming Commission policy and procedures and other professional standards were applied.	Plans are being made to introduce a management problem-solving model to the Tribal businesses. This model is to be completely implemented during the beginning of 2005. This goal was introduced during the second quarter.

See goal number 5 through 11 top right



Topic	Discussion	Outcome
12) Serve as a resource to Tribal members who are interested in starting or expanding their own business opportunities.	Individual consultation was provided on a very frequent basis. It has been determined that there are many Tribal members interested in small business/entrepreneurship.	The PBPB has been successful in securing the Indian Community Block grant during the first quarter.
13) Provide opportunities to support individual members with their own businesses.	Implementation of the Economic Development Department Small Business Development Program was put into place.	This goal was carried out during the first, second and third quarters and will be ongoing until the grant program is completed.
14) Create large revenue generators.	The goal of creating large revenue generators was addressed by contacting various companies from the Fortune 500 list of businesses.	The letters received from these businesses are being reviewed for potential business opportunities with the PBPB. This goal was initiated during the second quarter and will be ongoing until completed.
15) Provide better salary opportunities for Tribal members.	This goal was addressed.	This was done during all quarters up to this date.
16) Diversify PBPB's business interests.	Various issues of this goal were considered throughout this year and presented to Tribal Council.	This goal will continue.
17) New business development costs should be recaptured within five years from startup	This goal has yet to be accomplished.	This goal will be ongoing when a new business has been started.

See goal number 18 through 23 to the right of the above section



Topic	Discussion	Outcome
5) Evaluate as many relevant development opportunities as possible and provide recommendations to the Council (s) on each opportunity.	Some development opportunities were sought out and shared with the Tribal Council.	This goal will be ongoing.
6) Support the expansion of the Casino/Hotel with any appropriate amenity businesses that can create new customers, enhance the stay of existing patrons and provide positive cash flows.	Assessment of the land near the casino was reviewed.	A feasibility of the land across from the Casino was completed by THK Associates and presented to the Tribal Council during the third quarter.
7) Finalize and implement a business plan for the Gift Shop.	Marketing and business issues were considered prior to the completion of the business plan.	The Gift Shop business and marketing plan was designed by the Business Plan Pro software. This goal was completed during the second quarter.
8) Employ appropriate business tactics and strategies to improve the “bottom line performance of the current Tribal businesses”.	Internal audits were completed and recommendations were addressed.	Some of the Tribal businesses internal audit recommendations were put into place, such as the performance indicators or problems and offered solutions to the identified problems, budget review and implemented goal setting processes were reviewed. This goal was completed during the second quarter.
10) Provide assistance in evaluating program opportunities to any of the Nation's Department and organizations.	Consultation was provided upon request. For example, the Land Department is to proceed with grain futures marketing strategy.	This was carried out during all quarters up to this date.  This goal will be ongoing.
11) Provide business assistance to the Alternative Energy Committee regarding its evaluation of energy development of the reservation.	The AEC meetings were attended and consultation regarding economic development was provided.	Consultation to the AEC meeting was provided during all quarters up to this date. This goal will continue on a regular basis throughout 2004.

Topic	Discussion	Outcome
18) Development such as retail centers, business parks, and light industrial centers can be built with outside partners who meet the PBPB values, ethics, codes and building standards.	a) To address this goal, a community tour was done with elders that are familiar with the reservation. In regard to further development, various ideas were collected as to how this goal can be achieved.  b) To further address parts of this goal, discussions were held with the KSU landscape design student as to how the Nation's property east of Hwy 75 at the 150 <sup>th</sup> road intersection can be developed.	This goal was accomplished during all quarters and up to this date.
19) Selection of contractors, suppliers and vendors we use will be weighted more in favor of those that provide employment opportunities of Tribal members.	The Tribal Employment Right Opportunity (TERO) will be exercised when the opportunity arises.	This goal will be on going.
20) Preferences will also be given to businesses that provide apprentice/training opportunities to Tribal members.	Once more, the TERO policy and procedures will be utilized.	This goal will be continued.
21) Establish financial resources on the Reservation such as a Bank and Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI).	Implemented a feasibility study so as to secure the Nation's own financial institution.	This goal will be continued.
22) Utilize all means available to establish economic growth for the Nation including qualifying as Section 8A Company to take government contracts.	Sought after Section 8A company.	Ongoing until completed.
23) Each economic development opportunity will be thoroughly reviewed to meet the Nation's profitability standards, values and mission statement.	This goal will be addressed.	This goal will continue to be addressed.

Economic Development staff training

John Schilling completed the following training during the past three quarters:

- During January, 2004, John traveled to the Ho Chunk Nation in Nebraska to understand their tribe's economic development course of action.
- PBPB Methamphetamine Awareness training, April, 2004
- Kansas City Native American Alliance for the promotion of their Small Businesses August 30, 2004.

Helen Sumner completed the following training during the past three quarters:

- Small Business Grant Administration training, Southern Plains Office, Oklahoma City, OK April, 2004.
- Grassroots Community Development – sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Salina, KS, May 24-27, 2004.
- Community Wind Energy - A National Conference for New Models of Wind Energy Development, Minneapolis, MN, June 23 and 24, 2004.
- National Conference for Tribal Planners and Economic Development, Mille Lacs, Minnesota, August 23 and 24, 2004.
- Kansas City Native American Alliance for the promotion of their Small Businesses, August 30, 2004.

Tribal business employees tentative training schedule 2004-2005

During the past summer months, thirty-five of the Nation's employees completed the American Heart Association CPR and First Aid classes. The Nation's Emergency Medical Service employees taught these classes. There will be an additional CPR and First Aid classes scheduled during the fourth quarter. After the completion of this class, all of the Nation's business employees will have received CPR and First Aid training.

During the fourth quarter, an educational needs assessment will be distributed to all Economic Development and tribal business employees. After the results are compiled from this assessment, a more permanent training agenda will be established.

To Be Announced

CPR and First Aid  
Safety Issues –

November, 2004

Date and Time to be Announced—Methamphetamine and other Illegal Drug Awareness Training

November, 2004

Date and Time to be Announced—Methamphetamine and other Illegal Drug Awareness Training

December, 2004

Date and Time of Training to be Announced

\*Tribal business employees will be given the first opportunity to attend the above training. Provided there is ample space, any other Tribal employees will be able to attend.

## Ben-no-tteh Early Childhood Education Center happenings

### "He hit me first..."

#### Love and Logic classes at Childhood Center teach parenting skills

Submitted by Tina Haefke, LMSW

If you have been a parent for very long and have more than one child, then you probably have heard the words above before.

"Parenting can't be that hard can it? I mean they are just little kids." Right? Well, it can be!

So many families today are two parent families both working outside of the home, or a single parent who has the responsibility of working full time AND taking care of the children full time. The little energy that we have left at the end of the day is all that we have left to give our children. As a parent when we get tired and stressed we all too often find ourselves getting frustrated easily - yelling, threatening, and spanking.

Spending time with our kids does not

have to be something that we dread. Living in such a hectic world, wouldn't it be nice that the time that we have with our family be relaxing; where we show and feel love, care and concern for each other. Our common goal as parents is to raise our children so that they will be responsible and prepared for the "real world" of adulthood. We have only 18 short years to teach them all that they will need to know to be successful in their life as an adult.

So, how can we make that valuable time we have with our children a positive, supportive, and loving time?

PBP Early Childhood Educational Center is providing parents and caregivers in the community easy and fun parenting techniques to use. **Parenting with Love and Logic**, developed by Foster Cline, M.D. and Jim Fay, is a great way

to discover what to say and do in the middle of all the chaos. It will help you handle some of the most frustrating things that your kids will throw your way. The course is designed to give parents practical skills that can be used immediately.

Edie Wamego, a PBP parent said, "After hearing this information, it makes that light bulb go on. It makes you think, 'I can try that...'. It gives examples of what to do during specific situations that every parent goes through."

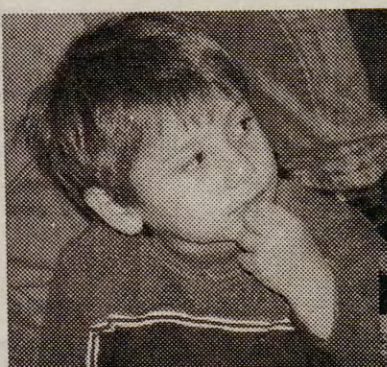
Classes are offered at PBP Early Childhood Education Center on Thursdays throughout January. Another set of classes will be offered this summer.

If you would like more information about Love and Logic, contact Tina Haefke or Robyn Wright at 966-2707.

### Prince of Peace Puppetiers delight children with performance for Christmas



Handing out gifts to the children are members of the Prince of Peace Puppet group, a multi-denominational church group from the Mayetta area, who gave a puppet show at the Child Care Center on December 12. The group performs for various organizations around the region and is directed by area residents Barb Dillner and Jan Staerkel.



## Around the rez

The RV Park on Hwy 75 is scheduled to close at the end of the year.

The EMS/Fire Department has recently acquired a new ambulance for the Nation.

PBP EPA Department reports that the fall aerial spraying is just about complete on the reservation.

Approximately 75-80 abandoned vehicles have been picked up and hauled off by the EPA Department as part of a clean up program they implemented earlier this year.

We-Ta-Se Post 410 veterans were recently recognized in the Kansas Department of American Legion newspaper, *The Sunflower Legionnaire* for the tribe's charitable contributions to the Great Overland Station's All Veterans Memorial to be erected in Topeka.

We-Ta-Se also participated in a Pow Wow at K-State on December 4.

Jim Darnall, Post 410 liaison, has been organizing the veteran archives and displaying them in glass cases throughout the We-Ta-Se Building.

Delores Abrams has become a member of the Charitable Contributions Committee.

The Fire Keepers Elder Center held a dance on December 14 at the Elder Center. They also had their annual Christmas dinner on December 16.

Construction is continuing on the new **Prairie Garden Apartments** that will be located near the Fire Keepers Elder Center in Prairie Village.

Tribal Council tentatively planned to give a holiday Christmas party for employees on December 23 at the Bingo Hall.

Plans are in the works for renovating the **Bingo Hall** beginning the latter part of January.

The **Potawatomi News** staff wishes to thank all of the employees and members who helped with the mailouts for the November and December issues.

The **Boys and Girls Club** were hosting family nights on December 20 and 21. They are also urging all youth to have a permission slip from parents or guardians to attend any activities outside the club.

**Bowling 4-Kids** was held on December 4 at the Holton Bowling alley to raise money for the Youth Action Coalition (YAC). YAC is an organization designed to provide events that discourage youth from underage drinking. The program is sponsored by the Social Services and Alcohol and Drug Departments.

### A letter from Tribal Council Member Jim Potter

Greetings P.B.P.N. Members,

First of all and a little late in coming I express my heart felt thanks and gratitude for everyone who supported me in this last Special Election. It has been almost two months since I returned to office and it has been a whirlwind tour to keep up with all the business the Nation has going on. Reestablishing an office in our Nation's Government Center as a Council Member and trying to keep up with all our business affairs has been a task in itself. There are still boxes to unpack and places to be found for the items unpacked. Although this may be the case, I welcome the opportunity to continue my work in representing the Members of our great Nation and invite any and all Members to contact me with problems, concerns or to just "say hi" and get acquainted.

Serving the Nation as a Tribal Council Member rather than my previous position as the Treasurer is an exciting opportunity I look forward to and find a new and promising challenge. It is an opportunity to be more project specific and provides a chance to be more focused on the challenges our Nation is confronted with as a Nation and in our current and future business affairs and endeavors. These matters can't be determined nor developed without the opinions and concerns of the Members being expressed and represented. In order for these opinions and concerns to be addressed they must be communicated to our Nation's leadership. This being said, I encourage you the Members to contact me or any of our Tribal Council in expressing your ideas and opinions, no matter who or how you might be most comfortable with in doing so. Only in this manner may our govern-

mental and business affairs of our Nation be developed and executed in the best and fairest manner possible for the interest of our people.

In addition, I encourage all members of voting age to participate in the upcoming Special Tribal Council Election and in our Gaming Commission Election. The election process is the most effective method you as the individual member have in determining the destiny of our Nation and the future of our people. Again, I thank everyone who supported me in this last election and even to those who didn't because you chose to support our Nation's electoral process.

Respectfully yours,

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## Three Rivers Independent Living Resource Center branch office opens on rez making those with disabilities more independent

by: Suzanne Heck

A branch office of the Three Rivers Independent Living Resource Center has opened in the basement of the old community building.

Three Rivers provides information and referral services for disabled people who need assistance with living needs. The office also provides peer counseling, advocacy assistance for getting through large health care systems like Social Security, for example, and help with learning how to live independently by providing training programs.

The driving force behind getting the Independent Living office open on the reservation is Robert Shuckahosee, a tribal member, who's recently moved back to the reservation. He has made a career out of advocating for the needs of those with disabilities ever since he began working as an Independent Living Specialist at the Topeka Independent Living Resource Center several years ago.

Raised in Mayetta, Robert lived with his grandmother and went to Royal Valley schools and shortly after graduating was hired in Topeka. He then moved on to the University of Montana where he worked as a program assistant in the Native Americans with Disabilities/ American Indian Disability Legislation Project. Following that position, he was hired as the Technical Assistant Disability Director for the American Indian Disability Technical Assistance Center (AIDTAC) and when that project ended last year he moved back to the reservation. Looking for work he contacted the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services which are located in the Nation's Social Services Department and the VR staff decided that they could put his knowledge and skills to use by having him work directly for them.

After Robert came on board, Morris Taylor, VR's assistant director, got Robert together with Audrey Schremmer Philip, Executive Director of Three Rivers Independent Living Resource Center



Left to right are tribal members Mary Shopteese and Robert Shuckahosee at their Three Rivers branch office located in the old stone building.

out of Wamego, Kan. Together the three of them found a federal grant that would fund a part-time branch office of Three Rivers on the reservation. They set up shop in the basement of the old stone community building around October 1 and opened the office part time.

"This is a service that's really been needed for some time on the reservation," Robert said.

The high number of inquiries made to date suggests that he was right. So far there have been approximately 70 contacts from the PBPB community alone and many more from other tribal groups are projected for in the future.

To help Robert with the load is Mary Shopteese who was hired to be his assistant. She is going through the VR work programs and has an office alongside Robert in the branch office of the stone building.

Morris said that he thought Robert and Mary were great additions to the program and that the Independent Living program was a service that he hoped the community would have for a long time.

Audrey Philip also praised the program and said, "Robert has a good working knowledge and a lot of talent in this field. We knew there was a big need in the reservation communities in Kansas so this is working out well for all of us," she said.

The future of the program looks bright. The staff has applied for another grant that will possibly fund the office full time and would supplement another full-time staff member. The present grant is scheduled to run for five years.

Three Rivers Independent Living Resource Center serves a nine-county area in north central Kansas and has a main office located in Wamego, Kan. The center was founded by a grassroots group of disabled individuals in 1986 and is primarily funded by the state.

### Employee wage and salary study being conducted



Left to right is Cynthia Olavarria Kaufman and Shirley Lind of FBD Consulting who spoke at an all-employee meeting on November 30. FBD is conducting a wage and salary analysis of the Nation's employees.

### Tribal Police Department News



Tribal police hosted the M Squad annual Christmas dinner at Harrah's on Dec. 9. Left to right is Chief Terry Scott with M Squad President, Rick Geist, of the Ottawa Police Department. The M Squad is a group of representatives from law enforcement agencies in Northeast Kansas that meets monthly to share information.



Micki Martinez shows all the presents for PBPB foster children that were donated during this year's annual gift drive sponsored by tribal police. There were 36 kids who will receive gifts due to the Nation's generosity.

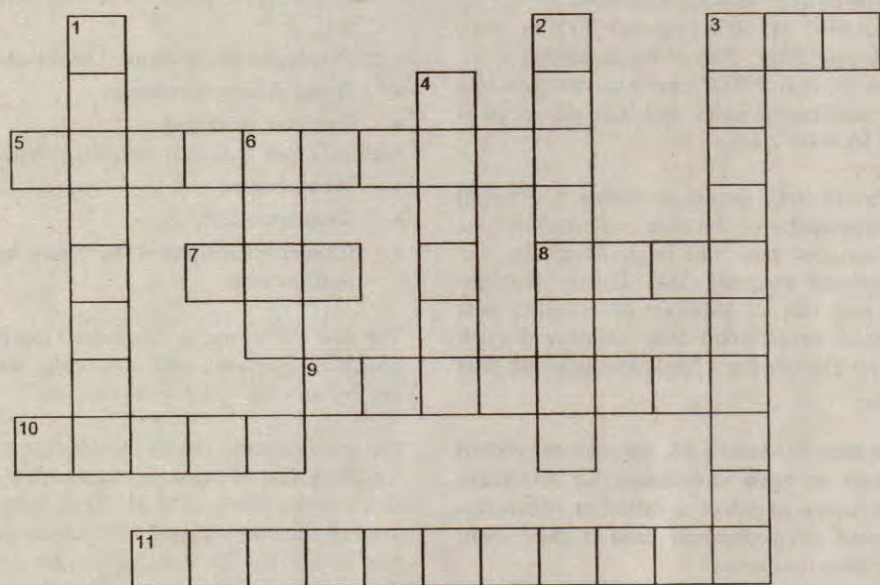
### TTiwenmo Epok mine TTiwenmo Gishëk Happy Winter and Happy (New) Year

Lately in the department we have been busy teaching at the Royal Valley Elementary school in grades K-4. We do this in support of the Title VII Indian Education Program. This year the focus was on weather. Maybe some of your children are singing a new song at home and perhaps letting you know what the weather is like. We are also teaching at Delia Charter School K-8 and covering a variety of subjects.

We have a lot of fun at both schools and the children respond very well to the teaching of the language. It is amazing how the children pick up the sounds of the language before they really grasp the comprehension of the word. Within two days of teaching the weather song the students learned it and could sing it to us when requested. Adults on the other hand grasp the meaning of the word before they are able to produce sounds. It is one fact that we have to keep in mind in our teaching that production at one level does not mean comprehension while on the other level silence does not mean a total lack of learning.

Our department held a fingerweaving class on December 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a lot of fun and some of the students were able to finish their project by the end of class. Now onto a larger project like a belt? For those of you who do not know, fingerweaving is the art of making the yarn sashes that men and women wear. You usually notice them on the men since they are in plain sight while the women wear theirs under or tucked under other garments. Joy Yoshida was our instructor and the students kept her busy with questions and helping them find their way in the weaving. Good food was also provided by our wonderful cook Rosemary from the Nation Station.

Here is a puzzle for you to try during the holidays. The clues have to do with the holiday season. Remember that the marked letters are not used in the answers of the puzzle. The answers are found somewhere in the paper. Enjoy and have a happy and safe holiday season.



#### ACROSS

- 3 turkey
- 5 cranberries
- 7 snow
- 8 tree
- 9 happy
- 10 deer
- 11 everyone sing

#### DOWN

- 1 sled
- 2 its snowing
- 3 popcorn
- 4 angel
- 6 winter

## Finger weaving class held on December 11, 2004 at the Language Department

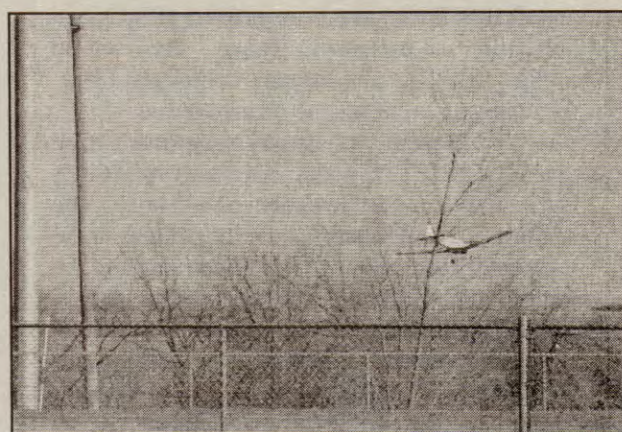
The Language Department sponsored a finger weaving class taught by Joy Yoshida. Beginners and advanced weavers attended the class.



Above photo: (L-r): Roberta Guerrero, Joy Yoshida and Sydney Van Zile. Photo at right: (L-r): Robin and nephew Robert.



### AERIAL SPRAYING on the reservation



A small aircraft was spotted flying low on the reservation today (Dec. 16, 2004), the question arose—what was going on? McElwain Spraying, contracted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was spraying pesticides on various tribal tracts.

PBPB, Regional EPA, and the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of continued cooperation in implementing federal pesticide rules and regulations within the boundaries of the PBPB reservation last month (see Nov. issue).

### Certified massage therapist offers services



#### Laura A. Abeyta, C.M.T.

7472—142nd Road, Delia, KS 66418  
(Directions: 7 miles west of Hwy 75 on 142nd Road. [ Thunderhill Race[track] just past K Road.

For appointments, please call:  
(785) 771-2373

#### Price List:

- Chair massage \$10—10 min.
- Foot reflexology \$20—1/2 hr.
- Swedish massage \$50—1 hr.



## Prairie Band Potawatomi Sac & Fox Health & Wellness Center Managed Care Services



Managed Care Services (MCS) has limited funding by Congressional appropriation, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Sac & Fox Managed Care Service tries to ensure the most effective use of its MCS dollars.

### What Is Managed Care Services?

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Sac & Fox Health & Wellness Center is dedicated to ensuring that the Native American population of NE Kansas and other non-Indigenous tribes are provided with the availability and the accessibility of comprehensive medical care. However the facility cannot always provide a full range of health care. Some of the health care needs may require that you be treated at a hospital and/or by other outside physicians.

The care, when authorized is paid through the MCS Program. MCS is one of the most important elements of the health care delivery systems for Native Americans. If an eligible person requires care that is not available at our facility or in an IHS/Tribal facility, a referral is issued by the medical staff to a non-Indian hospital and/or outside physician.

### Eligibility Criteria for Managed Care Services

1. You must reside within the Managed Care Services Delivery Area (See Map) and show proof of this with a Kansas Identification or Kansas Driver's License and one of the following: voters registration, vehicle registration, utility bill and/or property tax bill. The address on these must be the same as your Kansas Driver's License or Kansas Identification.
2. You must use all resources to pay for your referred care. Resources include Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration, Workers Compensation, Healthwave, automobile/home owner's insurance and/or group health insurance. The PBP/S&FWHC is a Payer of Last Resort. Failure to use your primary resource for payment of your referred health care will result in denial of payment by Managed Care Services.

3. All persons without other resources to pay for health care who are referred by MCS to pay medical expenses will be required to apply for Medicaid and/or Healthwave. Non compliance with the application process will serve as a basis for denial of payment by Managed Care Services.

4. High school students must participate in school insurance programs to be eligible.

5. Missed appointments will not be paid by Managed Care Services. This will be the responsibility of the individual.

### Medical Priorities

Medical Priorities are established in accordance with federal regulation and community medical standards. In general, we try to pay for the most life-threatening cases. Due to limited funding, there are times we cannot pay for all services.

### Referral Procedure

A Physician's Referral Does Not Constitute Commitment For Payment

The three factors that we use to determine payment for medical services are severity of illness or injury, eligibility criteria, and the availability of funds.

A physician's referral does not constitute a guarantee of payment for any services. If additional procedures, tests, follow-up exams, hospitalization, etc. are required, patients should obtain another physician referral.

When emergency care is required at another facility and you are not able to get to an IHS/Tribal facility, the patient or someone acting on his behalf must pre-certify with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Managed Care Service within 72 hours after the beginning of treatment.

Authorization for payment will be determined on the basis of medical priorities and the availability of funds. Calling in does not guarantee services will be paid for by MCS. Minor injuries or illnesses treated in a non-Indian hospital emergency room, seldom meet our guidelines for medical priority.

### Delivery Area for Managed Care Services:

- Jackson County
- Richardson County in NE

Prairie Band Potawatomi Sac & Fox Health & Wellness Center  
100 W. 6th Street, Holton, KS

Contact by mail:  
P. O. Box 190  
Holton, KS 66436

Managed Care Coordinator  
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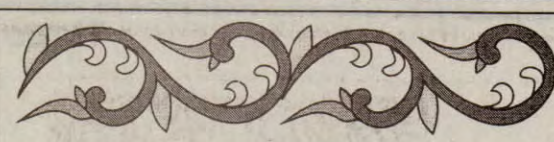


### Clinic—main numbers

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FAX:  
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Pharmacy  
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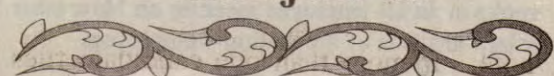
## You're Invited!



to a  
retirement lunch  
For  
Judy Wabaunsee, RN  
Tuesday, December 28th  
Noon, Bingo Hall



Please join us



## New location: KAAP moves

The Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals (KAAP) moved to a new location on December 3, 2004. They are now located at 225 SW 12th Street, the same address of the YWCA of Topeka. Parking is available.

KAAP can be reached at (785) 235-2400 or P O Box 1732, Topeka, KS 66601.

## PARR HOLIDAY DANCE

Submitted by Helen Slattery

The Parr House Reintegration Program held a Holiday dance and Indian Taco food sale on Saturday, December 11 at the Rock Building.

Clients decorated the hall with all the seasonal lights and glimmer and prepared the food along with the help of Marsha (W) Ferrari who made the "perfect" fry bread.

The seven  
"Just for To-  
Hiawatha  
songs from  
70's, 80's  
and the latest hits.  
building



piece band  
day" from  
played  
the 50's,  
90's and  
The whole  
rocked!!!!

Door prize donations from donations from Sac & Fox Casino and Nation Station contributed to the success of the dance. Other drawings took place that kept the crowd present.

The building was packed with clean and sober people who truly know how to have fun during the holidays without the use of alcohol and other drugs.

With the profits of the fund raiser, the clients decide how to spend it for a good cause that will benefit the future clients coming to Parr or to benefit some one in need.

We all want to thank the alumni of Parr who supported the event and the people from the surrounding communities who also were present.

## Ask the Dentist

By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS



Dear Dr. Jessica,

My mom and dad say "no gum chewing." But, my dentist says it's okay, if I chew a certain type of gum. What do you think?  
Taeler, 14 years old.

Dear Taeler,

There are many gums available in the USA; various flavors, types, textures, colors, shapes and packaging. Of course, dentists discourage chewing gum with sugar in it. Sucrose causes tooth decay and contributes to gum disease.

But, sugarless gum can actually help decrease cavities and gum disease. The acid in your mouth after a meal is harmful to teeth and gums. Chewing a piece of sugarless gum after meals neutralizes the acid in your mouth. Gum chewing increases the flow of saliva quite a lot, and this buffers the acid present, so, food can be "washed away" from the gumline by the increased saliva and muscles movements. Gums which contain the sweeteners XYLITOL and SORBITOL have been proven effective in combating the bacteria in plaque. The bacteria in your mouth cannot ferment xylitol and therefore the amount of plaque formed is reduced.

Smokers who are trying to quit, often use NICORRETTE gum. This does sometimes cause problems for the patient and dentist. The sugar is harmful, and the nicotine present in the mouth for long periods of time can damage the gums and soft tissues. There have been reports of fillings coming loose with extended Nicorette gum chewing. It is important that patients stop smoking, and if Nicorette gum is the only alternative, then continue it. As I tell my patients, we can see the damage Nicorette gum might do in your mouth. The damage cigarettes do to the throat, airways, lungs and heart is hidden. Problems in the mouth are more easily treated than the harm nicotine does to the entire body from cigarettes. Dentists would like to encourage use of Nicorette gum for two or three weeks, then switch to a sugar free gum with Xylitol or Sorbitol.

Gum chewing is a pleasurable habit, and it can also be beneficial. Be considerate of others around you and always throw gum into a waste basket. Don't use gum in formal settings such as church, concerts, etc. Then, Taeler, your parents may not object. And, remember to share.



## Making Medicare Make Sense

Answers To Some of the Most Commonly Asked Medicare Questions



CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

Q: What is the recent mailing some Medicare beneficiaries received within the last couple of weeks that had a Medicare-approved drug discount card and instructions on how to activate \$1200 in credit towards prescription drug purchases?

A: These mailings were sent only to those Medicare beneficiaries who receive state help to help them pay for their Medicare premiums in what are known as Medicare Savings Programs. Those seniors, or people with a disability who receive this help meet the income tests to make them eligible for the \$1200 in credit towards their prescription drug purchases once they are enrolled in a Medicare-approved prescription drug discount card. Medicare is mailing the cards to get much needed help as early as December 1 to the people who need it the most: Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet enrolled in a Medicare-approved discount card and who qualify for \$600 in credit for 2004 and again for 2005. The mailing will include instructions on how to activate the \$1200 credit by calling the card sponsor (the phone number is in the letter). Beneficiaries need to sign up by December 31, 2004 to get the \$600 in credit for the year 2004. Any of the credit that is not used at the end of 2004 can be carried over into 2005, and beneficiaries still will get an additional \$600 for 2005.

If a beneficiary does decide to choose a different Medicare-approved drug discount card, then the one randomly assigned they will be automatically disenrolled from the assigned card. Finally, it is important to note that all Medicare beneficiaries who do not receive prescription drug coverage through Medicaid are eligible for a Medicare-approved drug discount card.

Q: I hear that November 15, through the end of the year is open enrollment for Medicare beneficiaries to select a different Medicare-approved drug discount card if they wish. What does that mean?

A: If a Medicare beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare-approved drug discount card in 2004, beginning November 15, 2004 they can apply to enroll in a different Medicare-approved drug discount card, if they choose. The open enrollment period ends December 31. Beneficiaries will be able to use their new discount card beginning on January 1, 2005. After choosing a new card or deciding to stay with the same card the only reasons beneficiaries can apply for a new discount card may be because of:

- A move to another state in which the discount card they have is not offered;

- They join or leave a Medicare Advantage or preferred provider plan that has a discount card;
- They enter or leave a long-term care facility (like a nursing home); or
- The private company stops offering the discount card.

If a Medicare beneficiary decides to stay enrolled in the same Medicare-approved drug discount card they were using in 2004, for use in 2005, they do not have to take any new action.

The Medicare-approved drug discount card program will end when the Medicare prescription drug benefit becomes available in January 2006.

Q: What are the new preventive benefits that will be available to Medicare beneficiaries beginning January 2005?

- A: Medicare's new comprehensive set of preventive benefits begin in January 2005 as a result of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) signed into law by President George W. Bush in December 2003. The new benefits include the:
- "Welcome to Medicare" physical exam
  - Heart disease screening
  - Diabetes screening
- Medicare Part B already covered screenings for:
- Weak bones,
  - Glaucoma and
  - Cancer screenings of the colon, breast, cervix and prostate

The new "Welcome to Medicare" exam is aimed at providing education and counseling about the preventive services that may be needed.

Medicare recently mailed the Medicare & You 2005 handbook that emphasizes Medicare's new prevention-oriented focus. The handbook informs beneficiaries of what they should do to take advantage of the new preventive services dedicated to early detection and treatment of disease.

This comprehensive set of preventive benefits will go a long way to protect the health of Medicare beneficiaries and help them to live a fuller life.

Too many seniors do not use services that will find and treat illnesses before they lead to more serious health problems. CMS is providing greater access to more prevention focused benefits through Medicare than ever before.

For more information call 1-800-MEDICARE which is 1-800-633-4227.



## Holiday break closing reminders

**Royal Valley School District Christmas break  
Dec. 23-Jan. 4, 2005**

**PBPN Boys and Girls Club  
closed Dec. 24 - 26 &  
Dec. 31-Jan. 3, 2005**

## Attention: Royal Valley announces Board of Education Election

Candidates have until noon, January 25, 2005 to declare their candidacy for one of the three positions available. The primary election will be held March 1, 2005 and the general election will be held on April 5, 2005. Registered voters within the school district are eligible to file. The term is for four years and will begin on July 1 following the election. The filing fee is five dollars.

The following are the boundaries for the Board of Education positions:

- City of Mayetta and west of Hwy 75, south to 118th Road.
- City of Hoyt, north to 118th Road, east to U Road and west to district boundary.
- Eastern 1/3 of the district.

If you have any questions, please call the School District Office at (785) 966-2246.

Please note: If more than one candidate files for a position, the election will be held on March 1 during the primary. At this time, voters select candidates in their section only.

During the general election, all positions are voted upon.



## Don't miss the Royal Valley Native American Club Pow wow coming up January 15-16, 2005 Royal Valley High School Gym Hoyt, KS

**Public welcome  
Grand Entry Sat., 1 & 7 p.m. & Sun., 1 p.m.  
admission charge & concessions**

**Invited Drum: Meskwaki Nation  
Host Drum: Little Soldier**

**Contest Dancing-Point system to be used**

**Tiny Tots( 6 & under)-Day money  
regalia required**

**Dancers must register in person by  
4 p.m. Saturday**

**Drums-1st 10 registered (5 singers min)  
Vending space limited**

**For more information call (785) 986-6251  
or (785) 966-2602 evening**



## December

The month of December is Mko Kisès in Potawatomi. December is also known as Bear Moon.



## TIPLINE

**(785) 966-2959 or email  
TIPS@PBPNATION.ORG  
Potawatomi Tribal Police Department  
16344 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509**

**TELEPHONE:** The TIPLINE is a dedicated telephone line connected to an answering machine at the Tribal Police Department without caller ID or any other means of identifying where the call was made from or who made the call. Callers are encouraged to leave information about drug activity, thefts, assaults, family violence or any other public safety concern. Callers should provide as many details as possible such as: names, addresses, vehicle descriptions including tag numbers and type and frequency of activity. Callers may, *but are not required to*, leave their personal information such as their name, address and phone number.

**E-MAIL—**The e-mail option is a little less anonymous in that when the email is sent, the senders e-mail address will be included as part of the e-mail as a feature of the e-mail server. Individuals providing information through e-mail **WILL NOT** be contacted unless they indicate their desire to be contacted in the context of the e-mail.

**ALL TIPS ARE CONFIDENTIAL** and all tips will be reviewed and investigated by an officer accordingly.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
Each of us are personally responsible for making our community a safer place to live, learn, grow up, raise our children, work and retire to. You can help make our community a safer place. Tell the drug dealers, thieves and abusers: **"NOT IN MY COMMUNITY!!!!"**

If you are reporting a crime in progress or require immediate attention to your tip, call the tribal police at **966-3024**.



## Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Recipe Corner welcomes your favorite recipes and menu planning, especially during the holiday seasons. This month we will feature a non-traditional Christmas menu to go along with the usual recipes. The following recipes are the courtesy of *Better Homes and Gardens*. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Hot Wassil Tea Michele

1 6-oz. Can frozen orange juice  
1 6-oz. Can frozen lemonade  
1 qt. Apple juice  
1-1/2 tsp. whole cloves  
1 tsp. ground ginger  
3 cups strong tea  
1 cup sugar  
2 sticks cinnamon  
5 cups hot water

Mix fruit juices together; place over low heat while adding sugar and spices. Add boiling water at this time, then add tea. Heat well but never boil. Yield: 20-25 servings.

### Honeyed Sweet Potatoes

3 lbs. Sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced about 1/2 in. thick  
1/4 c packed brown sugar  
1/4 c honey  
1/4 c margarine or butter, cut up  
1/4 tsp. ground ginger

Place sweet potatoes in a Dutch oven or large saucepan with enough lightly salted water to cover. Bring to boiling. Reduce heat, cover and simmer about 15 minutes or until sweet potatoes are nearly tender when pierced with a fork. Drain. Transfer potatoes to a greased 2-qt. square baking dish.

Mix brown sugar, honey, margarine or butter, and ginger in a heavy small saucepan. Bring to boiling, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Boil gently for 3 minutes. Pour over potatoes. Bake, uncovered, in a 350° oven about 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender,

basting occasionally with sauce. Serve immediately.

### Cranberry-Raspberry Salad

1 3-oz. pkg. raspberry-flavor gelatin  
1 3-oz. pkg. lemon-flavor gelatin  
1 cup boiling water  
1 8-oz. carton dairy sour cream  
2 c raspberry sherbet  
1 c cranberry-orange relish  
Lettuce leaves  
Sugared cranberries (optional)

Dissolve both gelatins in boiling water. Beat in sour cream with a wire whisk or rotary beater until smooth. Stir in sherbet until smooth. If necessary, chill until partially set. Add cranberry-orange relish. Turn into a 5-cup mold.

Cover and chill 4 to 6 hours or until firm. Unmold onto lettuce-lined platter. Garnish with sugared cranberries, if desired.

### Holiday Waldorf Salad

1/2 of a fresh pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut up (2 cups) or two 15-1/4-oz. cans pineapple chunks (juice pack), drained  
1 medium pear, cored and coarsely chopped  
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery  
1/2 cup halved seedless red grapes  
1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces  
2 kiwifruit, peeled, halved lengthwise, and sliced  
1/2 cup reduced-calorie mayonnaise or salad dressing  
1/3 cup lemon-flavor yogurt  
1 tablespoon honey  
Lettuce leaves (optional)

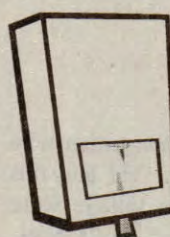
Toss together pineapple, pear, celery, grapes, walnuts, and kiwifruit slices in a large bowl. Stir together the mayonnaise or salad dressing, yogurt, and honey in a small bowl; fold gently into fruit mixture.

Cover and chill for 2 to 24 hours. Serve on lettuce leaves, if desired.

Until next issue, Recipe Corner would like to say *wis-ne-men* and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*Fried Bread Man would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.....  
Look for the continuation of Fried Bread Man in 2005.*



### ENERGY TIPS

- Lower the thermostat a few degrees before guests arrive; you'll not only save energy but also avoid overheating your guests.
- For energy-efficient holiday lighting, use twinkling bulbs instead of constant-on bulbs.
- Install an automatic timer on holiday lights for safety and efficiency.



### ENERGY TIPS



## Area Churches

By Mary Young

### Baptist

**Prairie Band Baptist Church**  
128 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS

Sunday: 10 am - Sunday School  
11 am - Worship Service  
Pastor Terry Paine

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

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

## Native American Mass at Assumption Church

204 West 8th, Topeka, KS

### Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist  
On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.

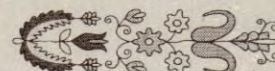
Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

Sunday: 9:45 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Worship Service

### Pentecostal

**Potawatomi Pentecostal Church**  
4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134

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





**Congratulations  
to  
Dr. Venida Chanault  
on  
completing a  
Doctorate in Social Welfare  
from  
the  
University of Kansas**

## Genealogy Office Update

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Genealogy Office is located in the Land Office Building and we can be contacted through the following addresses, web page and telephone number: **Email:** [pbpnealogy@pbpnation.org](mailto:pbpnealogy@pbpnation.org). **Postal Mail:** PBP Genealogy Office, C/O Land Office Building, 15185 "K" Rd, Mayetta, Ks 66509. Our **Telephone number** is (785) 966-0037.

Our **Web Page** address is [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com) and click on the "History" Icon. Genealogy Office is the fifth item listed under History. We hope



you will take a look at this web page and see how you can help. For individuals who do not have a computer, our main mission is to gather and preserve a collection of historical and genealogical material which will serve as an aid to the PBP nation people in search of their family history. This material will be organized and safe-guarded for a future tribal museum or cultural center. Material such as old obituaries, newspaper articles, photos, tribal rolls, historical documents, anything you may have inherited or collected which would help preserve family and tribal history are needed. Material

which has been donated is also listed.

Our second goal is to assist tribal members in searching for documentation for their family history by building a database of names and research sources. We also hope to recruit volunteers both on and off the reservation who can help in various tasks such as data entry, computer research, cataloging and filing donated material.

U. S. Census Research. We have one volunteer who will search U.S. Census Records on the internet. If you are interested in this service, please contact our office and let us know the family names that may be listed in census taken before 1930. Any



**Left to right are: Vivian (Kitchumme) Gonzales and Delores (Nioce) Abrams who are the PBP Genealogy Office Coordinators.**

dates known about the individuals, and locations where they lived are needed also. U.S. Census records have only been made public through 1930. We will have our volunteer contact you if they need additional information, so please let us know your email address or state how to get in touch with you. If you have further questions, please contact us.

## Amber Tecumseh key player on Haskell Women's Basketball team

by: Suzanne Heck

Amber Tecumseh is a starting point guard for the Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) women's basketball team this year where she is also a sophomore honor student.

She learned the sport through her father, Ralph, who played the sport for many years, and through playing against her three brothers at the family home in Mayetta.

Amber honed her skills playing basketball at Royal Valley High School where she was also active in the Native American Club and the PBP Boys and Girls Club. As a means of giving back to her home community, she recently helped coordinate a basketball clinic taught by several of the Haskell Lady Indians at the Boys and Girls Club on December 12.

A versatile athlete, Amber also plays softball during the summer seasons in various

leagues and she played on Royal Valley's High School Softball team that was coached by PBP's Anita Evans.

All of the Tecumseh family are sports enthusiasts. Amber's youngest brother Nelson is presently on the varsity basketball squad at Royal Valley and her two other brothers were also active in sports for Royal Valley when they were in school. Father Ralph was spotted participating in the Boys and Girls Club golf fundraiser held last fall and Linda touts herself as an avid sports spectator.

Ralph and Linda said they try to attend their children's games when they can. Linda works in the Nation's Finance Department and Ralph works at Harrah's Casino.

HINU competes at the NAIA level for intercollegiate athletics. Over 152 Native American tribes are represented at HINU which now offers baccalaureate degrees in four areas.

### Amber is giving back to the community that helped her reach her dreams



#### Upcoming Women's Basketball Home Games Schedule

January		
8	Hillsdale College	5:00 p.m.
21	Central College	5:30 p.m.
22	Newman Univ.	3:00 p.m.
28	College of St. Mary	5:30 p.m.
29	York College	3:00 p.m.
February		
8	Peru State College	5:30 p.m.
11	Oklahoma Wesleyan	5:30 p.m.
12	College of the Ozarks	3:00 p.m.

All games are played in Coffin Sports complex on the HINU campus in Lawrence, Kansas



**This year's Haskell's Women's Basketball team. Amber is number 11 on the far right.**

photos courtesy of Haskell

## Fried Bread Man

In this December issue of the Prairie Band Potawatomi News, Fried Bread Man asked about plans for the upcoming Christmas and New Years Holiday to Linda Sitting Arrow, Joe Fast Elk, and Mary Swift bird. It's evening, we find the three young people sitting on logs around a blazing crackling fire. They are inside a comfy bark house. There is a fresh blanket of newly fallen snow. The snow seems to sparkle under the full moon and starlit sky. The three children are talking about the Christmas holiday, while they are away from school for a two-week break. A warm fog appears that engulfs the three children, and then Fried Bread Man walks out of the cloud. He warmly smiles and walks to the three kids and shakes their hand of greeting and then proceeds to sit down on a log.

Fried Bread Man clears his throat followed by a pause and speaks to the children. "It's good to see the three of you. We haven't talked since Thanksgiving. What are your plans for Christmas and the New Year's holidays?"

"Let me see, Fried Bread Man," Joe spoke looking at both Mary and Linda. "The three of us, and five other classmates have decided to give gift baskets to 20 elders, who live alone. Two months ago, we contacted the Village Grocery Store and the Tribal Casino for donations. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Ms. Red Horse, helped us write letters seeking donations for our We Care Holiday Project."

"And you know what Fried Bread Man?" said Linda.

"What?" said Fried Bread Man smiling.

"Four parents have agreed to help drive us to make the deliveries on Christmas Eve," said Mary.

"That's great news", said Fried Bread Man. "I am so proud of you three and your five classmates in seeking donations for gift baskets for the elders," said Fried Bread Man. "The holidays are a time for giving of ourselves to the less fortunate. I would like to share a teaching with you three this evening," said Fried Bread Man.

"In a very short time, the first day of winter will be upon us. We need to be very respectful of this season. This season has been very hard on our people especially the very young and the elderly. We should offer Indian tobacco and ask that this season will be not so hard on our people. We have many Indian people who for some reason or another have no homes to go to in the large cities. We call them the "Homeless."

Many homeless Indian people could be our brothers and sisters. They may have experienced a difficult time in their life, either alcohol/drug abuse or mental health problems."

"Want to hear a story?" said Fried Bread Man. "Tell us one," said the three children.

This is a story of a lone hunter.

The story begins:

A long time ago, there lived a young man who was quite the exceptional hunter. He had this natural gift. Many people in the village were amazed when he returned from a day's hunt. He was able to provide for his family and many relatives. It was the time of year to hunt the one's with the antlers. He set out in early evening to get a head start on the next day's hunt. He found a good camping spot near a small creek where he soon fell asleep.

A spirit awakened the hunter from his deep slumber. "What do you want spirit," said the hunter. "I came to bless you," said the spirit. The hunter said, "No you came to bother me!" This exchange went back and forth until it was nearing dawn. The sun was waking up to the east. The hunter wrestled the spirit and held it down on the ground. "Please let me go, I won't hurt you but here to bless you," said the spirit. The hunter wouldn't reason. The sun was slowly rising up over the horizon. The spirit began to cry, and said, "Please let me go I wish you no harm!"

The spirit slowly began to disappear from under the hunter, and soon vanished. The spirit never visited the hunter again. The hunter became an average hunter, and never received the blessing of greatness.

This concludes this month's article on Fried Bread Man Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

## NEED HELP FILING YOUR TAXES?

**Who:** Bill Morrissey, Accountant

**What:** Help with getting taxes done

**Dates:** Feb. 7—April 14, 2005

**Where:** Fire Keepers Elder Center (a temporary office will be set up next to Nona's).

Walk-in or appointment scheduled by the half hour on Mondays 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and on Thursdays, noon to 5 p.m.



#### TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

**Government Center**  
1-877-715-6789

**Alcohol & Drug**  
1-866-966-2411

**Boys & Girls Club**  
1-866-727-6242

**Social Services**  
1-888-966-2932

**Tribal Court**  
1-866-966-2242

**Transit**  
1-877-727-6743

## January Potawatomi Fire Keepers Elder Center "2005"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Rice Cass Louisiana G Beans Tossed Salad Biscuit	Hamburgers Baked Fries Creamed Peas Tossed Salad	Baked Chicken Grilled Red Potato Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll	Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuit	Baked Fish Potato & Gravy Spinach Dinner Roll
Ham & Beans Sliced Carrots Corn Bread Chefs Salad	Beef & Spaghetti Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Chicken Salad Noodle Soup Zucchini & Tomato Crackers	Birthday Dinner Indian Tacos	Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich Vegetable Soup Fruit Salad
Closed Martin Luther King Day *****	Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Tomato Salad	Brot & Sauerkraut Baked Yams Vegetable rice casser. Chefs Salad	Roast Beef Potato & Gravy Carrots Dinner Roll	Tuna Casserole Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad Biscuit
Breakfast Sausage, Bacon Eggs, Hashbrowns Biscuits & Gravy	Pork Chops Potato & Gravy Succotash Dinner Roll	Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	Beef & Barley Soup Beef Sandwich Fruit Salad Crackers	Liver & Onions Potato & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll
Chicken Pitais Broccoli Soup Macaroni Salad Crackers	Native Seniors 50+ Free Adults \$3.50 Children \$2.00		Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30 Menu Subject to Change	

## Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)



Ganiṭṭèk (those who are born)  
**Welcome**  
**Gary Wayne Buskirk, Jr**

**Born: December 1, 2004**  
**Weight: 8 lbs, 13 oz**  
**Height: 22 in**

**parents: Gary and Jenny Buskirk**  
**Mayetta, KS**



**Celebrating**  
**Angelica Lisette Rodriguez**  
**1st birthday!**

**December 9**

**parents: David & Suheid Rodriguez and brother: Joe**  
**grandparents: Renae Soto & David Rodriguez**  
**and Maria & Marciano Salas**



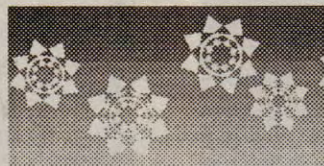
**Born: December 9, 2003**  
**Wt: 7 lbs, 8 oz.**  
**Ht: 20 in**



**Just cute!**  
**Morning Star Pelcher**  
**and**  
**Nelson Tecumseh**  
**turned 18 years old**  
**on December 10**

**Happy Birthday!**  
**Love you both!**

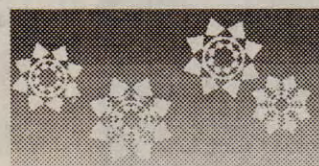
*From your family & friends*



**Happy Birthday**  
**Arlene**  
**"Grammy"**  
**Wahwasuck**

**December 19**

**From the**  
**Wahwasuck/Jessepe clan**



**Manuel (Meny)**  
**Villalba-Wahquahboshkuk**  
**2 yrs old, November 23**



**Adrian Villalba-Wahquahboshkuk**  
**6 yrs old, December 15**

Answers: Across--3. pne, 5. pokménasén, 7. pon, 8. mték, 9. ttiwenmo, 10. sèksi, 11. ttayek gèmok. Down--1. shoskswe, 2. ponimgèt, 3. pashksosék, 4. ašheni, 6. epok.



### Rita Judith Watson

Rita Judith Watson, 62, passed away at her home in Vian, Oklahoma on November 25, 2004. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 14, 1942. She is survived by her four children; James B. Forsyth, Melinda Norwood, Patricia West, and Robert Hall Forsyth Jr.; two sisters, Sue Bird and Alvey Johnson; and one brother, Matt Daubon. She was buried at Bethlehem Cemetery in Clarksville, Arkansas on December 1, 2004. We love you shining star girl. May you walk among the angels in your moccasins.

### Rose Marjorie Walker Masquat

#### "Teno kwa"

Rose Marjorie Walker Masquat, "Teno kwa," 71, Mayetta, died Nov. 27, 2004, at a Topeka hospital. She was born May 17, 1933, in Mayetta, the daughter of Charles Walker and Minnie Potts LeClere. She graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma. She lived most of her life on the Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta. Mrs. Masquat served in the United States Marines during the Korean conflict. She worked at the Marine Headquarters while in the service. She also worked for Menninger's in Topeka, the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Horton, and most recently as a PBX Operator for Harrah's. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and American Legion Post 410 "We-ta-se" in Mayetta. She was also a member of the USMC League. She married GySgt. Eugene Masquat (USMC, ret.) on March 14, 1964, in Mayetta. He survives. Other survivors include two sons, Robert Masquat and James Masquat, both of Mayetta; three daughters, Susan Torres, Gayle Masquat and Rachel Masquat, all of Mayetta; two sisters, Mary LeClere and Donita LeClere, both of Mayetta; three brothers, John LeDon LeClere and Hardy Eteyan, both of Mayetta, and Troy Littleaxe, Bartlesville, Okla.; and 12 grandchildren. Her parents and two brothers, Thomas and Harvey Walker, preceded her in death. Traditional Indian Drum Services will be held Dec. 1 at the Danceground Building west of Mayetta. Burial will be Dec. 2 at Potts Cemetery near 142nd and O Road. She will lie in state until 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

*(courtesy of Holton Recorder)*

## Kamboṭṭèk

(those who died)

### S. Anita Hale

S. Anita Hale, 62, Horton, died Nov. 24, 2004, at her home. She was born June 18, 1942, in Horton, the daughter of L.E. Hale Sr. and Pearl Herrick. Ms. Hale had worked for Harrah's Prairie Band Casino near Mayetta and most recently for Golden Eagle Casino west of Horton. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Survivors include three sisters, Joraine Tuckwin and Linda Hale, both of Horton, and Julie Deener, McHenry, Ill.; and two brothers, L.E. Hale Jr., Mayetta, and Alan Hale, Rossville. A sister, Cecelia J. Hale, preceded her in death. Traditional Indian Drum services were held Nov. 26 at the Danceground building west of Mayetta on 150th Road between K and L roads. Burial was held Nov. 27 at the Danceground Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton was in charge of arrangements.

*(courtesy of Holton Recorder)*

### Marilyn Blasier "Nee-Bodoh"

Nee Bodoh, age 70. Peacefully while surrounded by her family Nov. 15, 2004. Loving wife of 48 years to Jesse. Dear mother of Steven (Michelle), Wendy (Sal) Frausto, Kathy, Tim. Proudly known as "Grandma Tea" to Erica, Megan, Justin and "Nanny" to Sal Jr., Andres and Marie. Fond sister of Clarice (Forest) Barnes and Pauline Oehler. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation at the funeral home Fri., Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Funeral service at 1 p.m.

*(courtesy of Hartson Funeral Home)*

Funeral Director Note: Marilyn and her husband, Jesse lived in Door County (Sturgeon Bay) for a number of years. Marilyn was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

## 2004 highlights

Submitted by Jackie Mitchell  
Tribal Council Member

Happy Holidays to all of our tribal members, it is a wonderful time of the year to remember those that are most special to us and remember those that have left us. We have had an exciting year for the Potawatomi Nation. Reviewing the past year showed a year of great growth and much excitement. There were also some very difficult times for our nation.

January started off with a visit with Governor Sebelius. All four tribes of the state met with the governor and she expressed hope that all of our governments would work together in a positive manner. We also took over the operation of the Indian Health Service Clinic. In February, the four tribes met together and had a meeting with Secretary of State. The expansion of the casino was moving ahead full speed.

In March and April, Tribal Attorney, David Prager presented the motor fuel case before the federal court in Denver, which was decided in August, and the nation won the case. It is now on appeal. Many families were able to move into the apartments and duplexes at 158<sup>th</sup> and L Road and work began on the senior garden apartments. Per Capita was voted on to increase the percentage to 30% and will be made quarterly.

May was a busy month for the casino expansion with many changes made daily. Tribal members watched as many improvements were completed. The annual June pow wow was a highly successful event with tribal members attending from all corners of the country. In July, preliminary plans were beginning for the new Clinic design after many months of planning. The election department has been busy this year electing 2 gaming commissioners and conducting three council elections.

In August, tribal members were excited about the expansion at the casino and many events were planned and attended by the membership including the Flying Elvi. There have been many firsts on the reservation including parachuting Elvis impersonators. The expansion at the Boy's and Girl's Club was completed and the children and families of the reservation celebrated a grand opening. In September, many members were able to attend the historical opening of the museum in D.C. A successful golf tournament fundraiser for the Boy's and Girl's club was held in October. Tribal Council members traveled to Wisconsin and visited with members from that area in October. In November, veterans' names were added to the memorial at Prairie Peoples Park and the local community was witness to a great tribute to the brave men and women that have served in the armed forces.

These are just a few of the highlights of our nation that occurred in the past 12 months, there are many more too numerous to mention. It has been an exciting year and we can look forward to much in 2005. Have a wonderful holiday season and a good new year.

It is an honor to serve as a tribal council member and if you have any questions about any tribal business please call me at 877-715-6789 or 785-966-4016 or email me at jackiem@pbpnation.org.

## Year-end review of the NEWS

**January:** the PBPB and Sac and Fox Health and Wellness Center opens.

**February:** Senate Bill 9 back in Kansas legislature.

**March:** Jona Potts-Rupnicki and Calvin Evans win gaming commission seats and both per capita ordinances pass.

**April:** Senate Bill 9, Tribal Enforcement Legislation passes: Gov. Sebelius signs bill on April 16. 20 members vie for Tribal Council positions.

**May:** Randy Conroy leaves casino management team.

**June:** Zoning agreement between PBPB and Jackson County still undecided.

**July:** Tribal Council election held on July 21, the winners are... Rey Kitchkumme, Vice Chair, Ryan Dyer, Treasurer, Jackie Mitchell, Council Member, and Juanita Jessepe, Council Member. Tribal police become Kansas law enforcement officers on July 1.

**August:** 2004 Special Election Tribal Candidates, term of office to run until July, 2006. 10th Circuit invalidates state motor fuel tax. Commodores a hit at Harrah's new Convention Center.

**September:** Flame lighting ceremony commemorates grand opening of Harrah's.

**October:** Jim Potter wins special Tribal Council election. PBPB Tribal Court conducts jury trial for first time in Nation's history.

**November:** Thunderhill Racetrack zoning issue tabled until December.

**December:** Thunderhill tabled until January.

## Community celebrates Christmas

### Childcare/Headstart



### Fire Keepers Elder Center

