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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

February 2003 EDITION

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

PBP Nation's Boys & Girls Club Declares Justin Pahmahmie Youth of the Year



(l to r) Amber Tecumseh, Justin Pahmahmie, and Trish Daniels were all finalists in the Youth of the Year contest, representing the PBP Boys & Girls Club.

February 22, 2003 - Royal Valley senior, Justin Pahmahmie, was selected as Youth of the Year for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys & Girls Club. The other two finalists were Amber Tecumseh (sr.) and Trish Daniels (jr.).

Justin is the son of Richard and Pamela Pahmahmie, and brother to Chairman Zach Pahmahmie. Proud grandma, Num weh, recently reported Justin's impressive 4.0 grade point average to the newspaper!

A judge of panelists who interviewed each candidate selected Justin. The judges were Roger Aeschliman, Former Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Resources; Chris Howell, Kansas Arts Commission; and Marie Brockway, Assistant Di-

rector, Kansas State Historical Society.

Justin will advance to the state competition to represent the PBP B&GC at the State Youth of the Year contest that will be held in Wichita, KS during the March 14th weekend. Anyone making it past the state round will advance to the National competition.

A critical part of this selection was the candidate's essay competition, which we now share with you. The candidate was asked to address the following question, "What the Club means to me?"

Justin Pahmahmie's Essay

To me the club is a place to go and avoid trouble. I figure that if I'm at the club, then I'm doing a

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February 2003 Potawatomi Gathering Update

Last month, the availability of seats on chartered buses that will take Nation members to the 2003 Potawatomi Gathering in Hannahville, MI was announced.

All seats are now reserved! However, we will accept names on a stand-by basis in case anyone decides not to attend. We encourage everyone to continue to get on the stand-by list.

Call (877) 751-6789, ext. 4107 and leave a phone number where we can reach you! We also encourage everyone to participate in the fund-raising activities that will continue throughout the next few months! Thanks!!!



Tribal Member Meets Castro At Agricultural Trade Mission

Mike Jensen, tribal member, recently went to Cuba in regards to an agriculture trade mission where he and other Kansas delegates met with President Fidel Castro to increase exports from Kansas. Mike is the president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Pork Association and the son of Francis and Pauline of Holton.

According to the Cuba Policy Foundation "New Report," Monday, Jan. 28, 2002:

"The U.S. economy is losing up to \$1.24 billion annually in agricultural exports because of the embargo against Cuba - and up to \$3.6 billion more annually in related economic output. That's the finding of a new report by two of America's top agricultural economists...Based on the report, two former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture, the Reagan Administration's John Block and the Clinton Administration's Dan Glickman, today wrote to President Bush: "Current U.S. policy has not given relief to the Cuban people. And now it's just as clear: Our policy is also harming American farmers during these tough economic times. Mr. President, the sooner we lift this failed embargo, the better. The report ranks the top 20 states whose agriculture sectors are most affected by the embargo, Kansas ranks 11."

According to a *Miami Herald* article (Aug. 24, 2002, "U.S. firms seek sales in Cuba with food fair,") the food fair and agribusiness exhibition was "organized specifically for U.S. companies that hope to get a piece of the expanding Cuban market...This event meets the definition of 'significant' because it is the first such event to happen in Cuba

specifically for U.S. companies," said John Kavulich, president of the U.S. Cuba Trade and Economic Council, a New York based group that tracks the island's economy."

The article continued, "U.S. sales amounting to \$4.5 million last year boosted Cuba's ranking to 144 out of 228 agricultural product export markets, according to federal statistics on the export products purchased from U.S. companies. Today, Cuba ranks 41st with a total market value of agricultural products and branded food products already purchased or under contract estimated at \$105 million. Cuba is expected to purchase another \$165 million worth of food products by the end of the year."

In the January 13, 2003 *Holton Recorder*, "Restrictions on agricultural exports to Cuba have been relaxed for about a year." In the same article, the officials of Cuba declared that the government would increase their agricultural product purchases.

Since Mike Jensen returned from his trip to Cuba, he has been brushing up on Castro and Cuban history. Mike did describe Castro as being well-read and had a complete understanding of agriculture.

Although an interpreter was utilized, he learned that Cuba has a 95% literacy rate. The people of Cuba's standard of living is \$1,700 per year, U.S. equivalent but, our lifestyle is different from Cuba. The Cuban government pays for health, education, retirement, utilities including electric and telephone, with rent at 10 percent of what they earn.

Homelessness, graffiti, honking of horns, or sirens of any kind were not witnessed by Mike in the populated city of Havana. He did say there was one exception and that occurred after they had lunch with Castro and were running late for their flight. With the sound of the military escort siren provided by Castro, the delegates drove their rented mini-van to the airport.

Indian Health Service Official & Nation Member, Captain Gloria J. Keesis Holder,

Insulted by Four Tribes Health Advisory Board Officials- Similar treatment continues into the following day

Doris A. Potts

February 24, 2003 - The Four Tribes Health Advisory Board, under the Chairmanship of Nation's Secretary Steve Ortiz, called on Captain Holder, Director for Contract Health Services - Oklahoma City Area I.H.S., to attend the February Monthly Meeting. Upon arrival, at the meeting time, Capt. Holder was informed that the meeting had been cancelled.

Paula Foster, Acting Administrator, and Barbara Tims, Contract Health Specialist, from the Holton Clinic facility were also present to attend this meeting and were not notified of the cancellation. Foster immediately got on the phone soon as she arrived to find out about the meeting cancellation.

Louis DeRoin, Iowa Tribal Chairman and Vice Chair of 4-Tribes Health Advisory Board, responded that it was cancelled. Foster then phoned Arlene Wahwasuck, 4-Tribes Health Advisory Board Secretary, requesting her attendance at a meeting as Holder was requested to sit down and talk about Contract Health Services. Arlene's response was that she couldn't come down; she would see if another Board Member could come. No one from the Board showed up.

Capt. Holder met with the group, giving them an overview of the Contract Health Service Program. At the end there was a question and answer session. It was requested that Capt. Holder stay on the next

day for the Nation's Health Board Meeting to talk with them about the status of our contract health program, as this has been the area of much controversy - unpaid bills at Indian Health Service.

Council Person Rey Kitchkummie phoned other Tribal Council Members, requesting their support in getting permission for Holder to stay on the extra day plus getting the permission of Holder's supervisor.

The following day Capt. Holder attended the Nation's Health Board Meeting only to get similar treatment. Arlene Wahwasuck chaired this meeting.

No apologies or explanations were given for previous day's cancellation. It was as though it didn't even happen! At one point during the meeting, Holder was rudely interrupted while she was giving her requested presentation on CHS accomplishments so that a Board Member could ask someone else present a totally irrelevant question.

Arlene Wahwasuck clarified and specifically asked that this piece be included in the newspaper, "There were no catastrophic funds collected during the 2002 fiscal year." There were five potential catastrophic cases but they were put on Kansas Medicaid with the assistance of the contract health specialist. (Refer to article, "Contract Health Service Begins to Show Major Improvements.") See page 3.

Special General Council Meeting April 19, 2000, 9 AM
At the Bingo Hall, Mayetta, KS

Casino News

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Interview of Patrick Browne, General Manager of Harrah's Prairie Band Casino



What were the three most significant accomplishments of Year 2002 at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino?

- ii Harrah's recorded significant financial achievements for the Nation - five years of record profitability. The operating results clearly demonstrate that our growth strategy continues to perform well in a challenging market.
- ii The extension of the Management Agreement that acknowledges a solid partnership with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation supporting a long-term relationship for both the Nation and Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.
- ii The Tribe and the Manager announcing a \$55 million-dollar Expansion that will double the hotel room capacity, add a steakhouse and convention center. The expansion will help position the business to better compete with potentially new competitors entering the market.

tors entering the market. Additionally, the new hotel rooms will move the business one step closer to its vision of being an overnight destination resort.

What factors led to the rise in gaming revenues and tribal distributions?

The success of Harrah's Prairie Band Casino is directly correlated to the very core competency of Harrah's corporate strategy, which consists of our Customer Relationship Principles, Brand Promotions and Technology. Customer Relationship Management (CRM) is predicated upon customer intimacy and the relationship that Harrah's develops with its customers, which is based upon our knowledge of their demographics, behavior and transactional profile. Harrah's is a marketing-driven company with a focus on our target customers and building their loyalty to our brand.

The two keys to executing CRM are the Total Rewards program and our Database Marketing efforts that incorporate our decision science models. The Total Rewards program motivates customers to consolidate their play, and the data collected through the program allows us to execute direct marketing strategies that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our marketing dollars.

Each Harrah's casino is also able to leverage the strength of our brand by capitalizing on large-scale promotions that give away multi-million dollar prizes. Normally, a casino independently would not be able to give away one million dollars as Harrah's did in the "Game of Life" promotion, but our national brand allows us the strength to do so. Each year, Harrah's has several brand promotions that give away elaborate prizes that create the excitement among our customers giving them even more reasons to come play at our casino.

The final element of Harrah's strength is our technology, which allows us to utilize Total Rewards and our Database Marketing capabilities. These capabilities are further expanded when technology applications allows the casino to maximize hotel revenue based upon customer data and the forecasted occupancy of the day and month. Coupled with Total Rewards and our decision science models, Harrah's has leading capabilities that are considered best-demonstrated practices in the entertainment and gaming industry.

At Harrah's Prairie Band Casino, we utilize each of these keys to increasing our intimacy with our customers thereby raising our revenues. Further, each of our promotions and other marketing activities captures information that we review and make improvements accordingly to continually increase our effectiveness. The more we understand our customers, the farther ahead we are of our competitor's efforts, which in return delivers the maximum profitability to the Nation.

What is your assessment of tribal employment at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino in 2002?

The total number of Tribal Employees at the end of 2002 was 161. Of 161, 74 are enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members, with 31 employed in a supervisory or management position (20 of them are enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi). In 2002 we increased Tribal recruitment to 58 new hires compared to 43 in 2001. However, the terminations increased in 2002 to 42 compared to 34 in 2001. This denotes why the total recruitment selection remains flat year-to-year.

Regarding tribal employment opportunities, the year 2002 has proven to be a highly successful year for Tribal employment and management development initiatives. We recruited a total of six Native American interns, with two of them being placed in permanent supervisory positions. Of the six positions, one secured an external position with the intention of returning into a management position in the finance area after acquiring his CPA, another is cross training in an extended financial analysis position, and two other members began their process mid-year and will complete their training development by the 2nd quarter of 2003.

HPBC recruits on an ongoing basis from the Haskell Indian Nations University and NIEA (National Indian Gaming Association). This past year we added NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association), Great Plains NIGA and Cherokee Nation Job Corp. Additionally, we secured a partnership with Haskell Indian Nations University by developing and implementing the first Casino Management Course offered in Kansas. My executive team taught the Gaming class and has volunteered their own time to support the endeavor. We had 44 Native Americans enroll with 39 successfully completing the fall three credit-hour course. Our ACE

(Accelerated Career Enhancement) initiatives continued with the completion of two in Track III and six in Track II. Through surveys collected, we are beginning to see an increase in the desire to achieve upward mobility among Native Americans as they continue to see their peers moving upward and assuming management positions.

What is your team focusing on for the Year 2003?

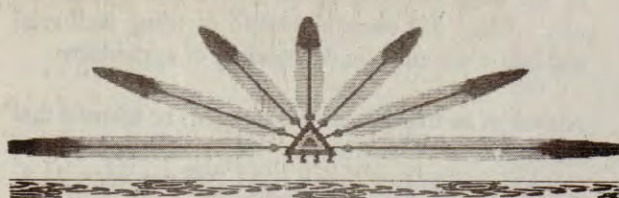
We need to maintain competitive superiority and achieve 50% A's from customers who visit the property through awesome guest service employee interactions. Also, we are using effective marketing programs to bring new and existing customers to the Casino via fun promotions & special events. We continue to look at cost saving opportunities to help draw significant improvement in the operating margins of the property. Prairie Band Casino's customer database will be maximized to send direct mail offers to promote increased customer traffic.

We need to continue to reduce turnover margins by a concerted effort to attract the best people for the jobs from a diverse labor pool and give all employees a fair chance at promotions and transfers. The attitude of the casino is to encourage tribal advancement with a commitment to having diversity become a core part of our culture and working environment.

We need to continue to expand upon the Casino marketing programs that manage Diamond/VIP player business with an aggressive special event mailer and events calendar to bring VIPs to the property. Also, this year an Asian Host has been hired to promote play from the 25,000+ Vietnamese population in Wichita, Tulsa and surrounding areas.

You have been GM for over 3 years at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino. What have you learned about working in Indian Country?

In 2002 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Harrah's Kansas Casino Corporation entered into a management agreement extension through 2008 wherein both parties achieved a number of goals. (cont. on bottom left)



(INTERVIEW of Browne cont.)

ber of goals. The Nation receive the extensive marketing power and business leadership experience that only Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. can provide with a focus of one day helping the Nation become self-sufficient. Additionally, the Harrah's brand name, that is known nationally, has allowed the corporation to enter the Kansas Gaming Market and also benefit financially.

What I have learned over the past three years is that it takes patience and time in understanding each other. I am proud to learn the history and culture of the Nation and enjoy stories about the reservation. The Tribe is learning Casino Management to include competitive marketing, strategic thinking and Harrah's aggressive style of management. As the Manager, my focus is to run a highly successful business and maximize the cash flow of the business to the Tribe. Tribal politics is new to me and I have learned that I'm a good operator and not a politician, so I'm going to keep busy entertaining my customers and work hard on building an outstanding Phase II property Expansion.

What recent changes have occurred at Harrah's and how will those changes impact the Nation's Casino?

The primary personnel corporate changes have been in top Management. Gary Loveman, who as chief operating officer implemented a strategy that has generated 16 straight quarters of same-store sales growth, has assumed the title of chief executive officer and will continue directing the company's growth strategy. Tim Wilmott, who was president of the company's Eastern Division, has become chief operating officer with responsibility for all the revenue-generating operations of Harrah's. We expect Harrah's Prairie Band Casino to continue to benefit from the technological and marketing capabilities developed at corporate headquarters that have been instrumental in achieving the growth record of the past four years.

These technological and marketing advancements we are making are the most important changes. For example, the enhancements being made to Total Rewards should drive increased customer loyalty and consolidation of play at our casinos - our "share of wallet" has increased from 36% in 1998 to 43% in 2002 and we expect further gains on this measure. The enhancements to the program will not only in-

crease play among our core AEP customer segment, but will also increase the program's value proposition to new, attractive customer segments. Harrah's Fast Cash initiative is new technology where slot players can receive redeemable token credit slips in lieu of actual coin. These slips in turn can be either redeemed at the Casino Cage or used at another slot machine through insertion into the bill validator. This new technology's primary benefit is guest service through less need for hopper fills for jackpots and eliminates the need to carry coin to the Casino Cage. It will be very popular with our players pending regulatory approval, and we should see this new customer satisfaction change in the 4th Quarter of 2003.

CASINO HOTEL AND EVENT CENTER EXPANSION UPDATE

Ms. Bhavna Mistry, Expansion Project Manager, was recently interviewed regarding the progress of the expansion:

Where are we at in the construction process?

WE HAVE COMPLETED THE "DESIGN DEVELOPMENT" PHASE OF THE OVERALL DESIGN PHASE. WE ARE ALSO PRESENTING FOR APPROVAL FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR DESIGN DEVELOPMENT. PEER REVIEW OF THE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE IS CURRENTLY ALSO IN PROCESS. DESIGN DEVELOPMENT LEVEL CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES ARE BEING COMPLETED.

Is the project on time and within the budget originally approved/Is the project progressing to your satisfaction?

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT LEVEL ESTIMATES ARE BEING COMPLETED TO ENSURE WE REMAIN WITHIN BUDGET. THE PROJECT IS PROGRESSING TO MY SATISFACTION. THE ENTIRE PROJECT TEAM IS

PARTICIPATING IN THIS JOB WITH A GREAT SENSE OF CARE. IN THE END, I THINK WE WILL HAVE A PRODUCT THE NATION CAN BE PROUD OF FOR YEARS TO COME.

What will happen over the next three months?

THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PHASE WILL BE COMPLETED. THE JOB WILL BE BID AND AWARDED TO A QUALIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

What are examples of some of the "tribal finishes" that will distinguish this project?

THE DESIGNERS HAVE CHOSEN TO USE OF MANY NATURAL MATERIALS SUCH AS EXPOSED WOOD AND VARIOUS STONES THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT. THIS WILL IMPART A SENSE OF COMMUNION WITH AND RESPECT OF NATURE AS WELL CREATING WARM INVITING SPACES. RICH VIBRANT



The Prairie Band Gift Shop

Come in for a really great gift.

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

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Owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



COLORS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO REFLECT WHAT IS FOUND IN NATURE AND TO WORK WITH THE NATURAL FINISHES. TRIBAL INSPIRED ARTWORK WILL ALSO BE USED IN THE PUBLIC AREAS.

How many tribal affiliated contractors will be used in construction?

WE WILL USE AS MANY QUALIFIED TRIBAL AFFILIATED CONTRACTORS AS IS FEASIBLE AND AVAILABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING INFORMATION AND CREATING A DATABASE OF CONTRACTORS INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT.

Got the winter hum drums? Count your coins & green backs and go to the Casino!

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES at Holton I.H.S. Clinic BEGINS TO SHOW MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

Doris A. Potts

In August 2001, Barb Tims, Contract Health Services (CHS) Specialist, came on board at the Holton IHS Clinic faced with a stack of approximately 1,000 unpaid health care bills. Along with those unpaid bills were angry patients and impatient providers/vendors. Patients were being threatened by collection agencies and lawsuits; providers wanted nothing to do with IHS due to those unpaid bills that dated back to 1997.

Barb said when she started she would get about 100 phone calls per day from irate patients. Now, most calls are from patients needing referrals. She came into a situation where there was a lot of confusion about what contract health services was. Patients thought she was bringing in her own policies.

The CHS policies have been around for as long as the Indian Health Service has been around. The policies weren't being exercised, as they should have at the clinic. As with all programs, there must be some type of budget constraints in place. Some patients will try to go beyond those constraints - that's a common challenge that any manager faces with budget crunches said Tims.

Continuing, Tims said patients had to be educated about contract health services. There is category that is defined as "not within medical priority" status. Examples of uncovered expenses are: braces, physical therapy, occupational therapy, skilled nursing, chiropractor, and home health care. These services are not covered under contract health services.

In the year 2002, Holton contract health care dollars for all three tribes was \$488,161.00, meaning CHS has \$122,040 per quarter to expend on contract health care for three tribes. It was estimated that approximately 500-700 tribal members share in this \$488,161 of contract health dollar per year. This is roughly \$800 per patient per year.

This year Ms. Tims was able to get five patients on Medicaid, which created a \$220,000 savings for the contract health service program. These five patients would have used 45% of the entire year's budget if these patients weren't assisted in getting on Medicaid.

Ms. Tims went beyond the call of duty to get these

patients on Medicaid, soliciting the Social Security for the client's eligibility. In some instances, Tims personally transported patients to the Social Security office. These 5 cases were potential catastrophic health emergency funding (CHEF) cases.

CHEF provides funding to cover CHS costs in excess of an established threshold (\$21,700) in FY 2002. Simply stated, this means that if there is a high cost case, CHEF will pay the amount over \$21,700; IHS must pay the first \$21,700 x 5 potential cases = \$108,500. IHS would still have been responsible for this \$108,500 even if these cases were covered under CHEF.

But, by getting these clients Medicaid eligible, Medicaid paid the entire bill of these high cost cases.

Holton was the only Service Unit in the OKC Area with no CHEF cases in fiscal year 2002. Ms. Tims identified alternate resources for payment in all 5 cases, saving the CHS program \$108,500, the amount IHS would have to pay to CHEF for these high cost cases.

CHEF is not entirely 100% full coverage for high cost cases.

In addition, the Holton Service Unit identified 1 high cost case from the Kickapoo Health Program with a total of well over \$150,000 saving for their CHS monies.

This is noteworthy, as many Tribal and IHS programs in the OKC Area received no funding for their CHEF cases because the funds were exhausted or cases were not submitted for consideration.

Barb said many times the patient will just give up at first attempt when Social Security office tells them they are not eligible. Part of Barb's contract health service training has been in dealing with these types of situations. Barb said that David Cornelius was also involved with the patient care management that really helped improve the contract health services department.

Ms. Tims elaborated that Gloria Holder, Oklahoma City Area CHS Director, negotiated a \$46,000 savings for one patient alone. This patient's bill would normally have cost \$68,000, but she went in and negotiated the cost down to \$22,000. This one pa-

tient would have used 14% of the entire year's budget if this negotiation did not occur.

Barb said the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation should be credited too for their help. In March 2002, the PBP Nation funded two temporary contract positions. With those two people, the record department has improved. Her assistant created a completely new filing system while she was in her department.

Barb said she recently went through a program review of her department. After two years of grinding away, she is finally getting to the point where the contract health services department is functioning as it was designed to. St. Francis Hospital, who didn't even want to deal with CHS only a year ago, is once again ready to do business with Indian Health Service.

In providing contract health care services or any type of health service, there is never be enough money. But, spending wisely and searching for all other optional funding sources sure does help!

Doris A. Potts

Captain Gloria J. Holder, Contract Health Service Director, Office of Field Operations & Managed Care, received an Excellence Award from the American Cancer Society.

The Contract Health Service team spearheaded a screening program in 1990. To date, there have been 28,750 screenings of American Indians. Statistics tell us that early detection is now the way to go, as you will find five cancers per 1,000. In subsequent years, you will find two per 1,000.

Through the efforts of local cancer screening programs, 6.75 per 1,000 American Indians have been detected.

While receiving this award, Ms. Holder acknowledged the cooperation of Dr. Robert Harry and Mr. Dale Keel, as she presented them with the idea of exploring a new and untried concept. Fortunately, many things fell into place and the program continues today.

Ms. Holder also mentioned Jean Grant, Health Systems Specialist, for her involvement in the total process, seeing to the daily technical support of the program.

Gloria is a person who many of us know, as she is a native resident of the little local town of Horton, KS. Gloria was born and raised in Horton by her grandparents, Dora and Jesse Keesis, Sr.

Gloria is just completing twenty-six years with Indian Health Service. She spent the first six years in the Tribal Development department and was later

Tribes Tax Credit Program. This would take the State of Kansas out of the process of applying for tax credits.

Others visited included Patricia M. Zell, Majority Staff Director/Chief Counsel for Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs; Senator Pat Robert's Legislative Assistant, Ashleigh de la Torre; Paul Moorehead, Minority Staff Director/Chief Counsel to Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell; and Marie Howard, Democratic Legislative Staff for Native American Affairs.

It was a very informational meeting and tribal leadership is very aware of our duty to tell the story of the Prairie Band Potawatomi to these policymakers and friends of Indian people.

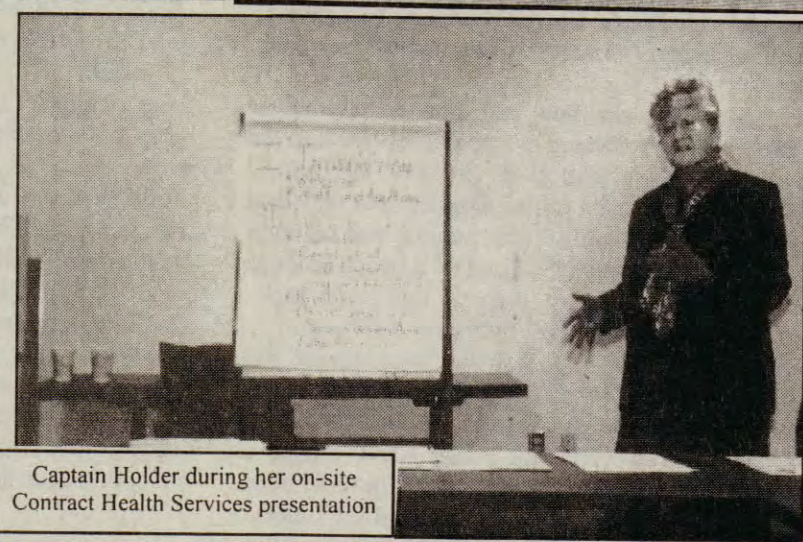
Pow Wow Calendar



Proud grandma, Jackie Mitchell was one of the first to get to Photo Shoot with beautiful grandbaby, Kishno. A familiar face on the Rez is Jake Huyett assisting with Photo Shoot—his professional photographer did the shots.

On Feb. 19, the Pow Wow Committee hosted an opportunity for a Photo Shoot for the fundraiser calendar for the Annual June 2003 Pow Wow. Many community members were able to pose for the calendar and it was a fun evening. The calendar will be a precious keepsake for years to come.

CAPTAIN HOLDER RECEIVES EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



Captain Holder during her on-site Contract Health Services presentation

asked to head the Contract Health Service department as Director. She has been in that position for the past twenty years and is a Commissioned Corp Officer.

Gloria's family has always had great pride in her accomplishments and would like to briefly share her successes. Gloria was a 1963 Haskell Institute academically honored graduate, went on to graduate from Central State University with a B.A. degree in Pre Law and Science, finishing with a Master's degree in Public Health Planning and Administration.

Gloria has two offspring, John Marshall and Gloria Jr. (Princess) and six grandchildren.

Sharing a touching thought, Gloria was once heard saying, "I wish my Mom (Dora) was still alive so that I could buy her whatever she wanted. Now that I can do that, she is no longer here. It makes me very sad when I think about that." Dora Keesis (Tago wah) will long be remembered as one of the strongest native women on the Kickapoo and Potawatomi Reservation, raising many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Look for the calendar as Pow Wow Committee members begin selling it to help raise funds for our wonderful pow wow.

Tax Liability

In 2002, fifty-five families received housing assistance upon which they were responsible for the taxes. These fifty-five "over-income" tribal members received a 1099 that included the amount of their housing assistance.

When the original Housing Plan for 2002 was submitted to General Council in October 2001, the plan was for tribal members that met 100% of the median poverty income guidelines, meaning that all members that received assistance met the guidelines.

A motion was made and approved at the October 2002 General Council Meeting that set aside \$300,000 for "over-income" tribal members to assist with housing.

At that meeting, the members were told that any assistance that was received by over-income members would be taxable. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires membership to pay taxes on all per capitas. Housing Assistance monies would be classified under per capita monies if the member did not meet the low-income eligibility guidelines.

The IRS has very strict guidelines about revenue from gaming casino. If priorities and low-income guidelines are followed and met, members will not be taxed for their housing benefit. Members were informed of this tax liability in their award letter with the following statement: "In addition, please be aware that you may be required to pay income taxes on this benefit. You will receive a 1099 from the Tribe's finance office after December 31, 2002."

If members receive an over-income grant, the IRS will view this as a disguised per capita. By following all of the rules and regulations of not only our government, but also the IRS, tribal members will

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Council Person Jackie Mitchell Reports—

Tax Credit Program

At the January General Council Meeting, the tax credit component of the 2003 Housing Plan did not get approved. The rest of the housing plan passed, including: 1) Renovation, 2) Down Payment Assistance, 3) Transitional Housing, 4) Relocation and 5) Housing on the Reservation.

- The Tax Credit Program will assist in obtaining low-income senior citizen housing that is affordable and safe.
- The Tax Credit Program will provide up to fifteen apartments connected with a garden courtyard.
- The Tax Credit Program would pay for approximately 75% of the cost of this senior citizen living unit.

In 2002, 10 senior citizen duplexes were completed and twenty seniors citizens moved into the units. At the present time, sixteen senior citizens are on the waiting list for senior citizen units.

In the April 2003 Special General Council Meeting, the Tax Credit Program will be explained. A favorable motion is required before the Tax Credit Program can be continued within the 2003 Housing Plan. Upon approval, an application for tax credits will be submitted to the State of Kansas.

In an article in the February 14, 2003 Chicago Tribune, writer John McCarren reported that the Tax Credit Program was first enacted by Congress in 1986. It has become the most popular system practiced by private developers and not-for-profit housing groups, raising money to build affordable rental apartments for low-wage families.

The Tax Credit Program has proven so efficient, and the housing it finances so durable, that most other federal housing subsidies have fallen away.

On February 20, Tribal Council met with a potential investor, a representative from the Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, Inc., who will enter a limited partnership agreement with the PBP Nation.

This will benefit both the Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, Inc. and the PBP Nation. Raymond James will pay the tax credits for this project. This will assist the Raymond James Firm in meeting their tax liability.

The PBP Nation will receive approximately \$2 million to assist with the 2002 Tax Credit Housing Program.

The investor will annually check to insure that the credits are used for the low-income housing and the houses are maintained to last the entire time of the partnership.

The representative was very impressed with the entire PBP Nation and the growth of the community, indicating clearly the capability of the PBP Nation to effectively administer the Housing Plan.

Washington D.C.

On February 2-4, Chairman Zach Pahmahmie, Treasurer Jim Potter, and Jackie Mitchell traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with various senators, legislative aides and other government officials to discuss the issues that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are dealing with.

Many topics were discussed including the impact of gaming upon the PBP Nation, Reauthorization of the Indian Transportation Bill, taxation, law enforcement and many other issues that our Nation faces. Information presented and shared included progress on the reservation, including: infrastructure development, housing, and services provided to the membership. All were impressed with all the development that has occurred for all Nation members as a result of our gaming operation.

Senator Brownback was especially interested in the history of the Potawatomi Tribe and will have his staff plan time for a visit to the PBP Nation Reservation in the next few months.

Kimberly K. Teehee, Executive Director of the Congressional Native American Caucus reported that there will be a push for a set aside for Indian

STATUS REPORT ON SHAB-EH-NAY LAND CLAIM

From January 2003 General Council Meeting

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The Nature of the Claim.

On July 29, 1829, through the Treaty of Prairie du Chien, between the United States and the United Nations of Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomi, the United States reserved two sections of land in northern Illinois for the Illinois River Potawatomi Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band. Although the subsequent 1832 Treaty of Chicago moving Potawatomi of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin west did not affect the Shab-eh-nay Band's reservation, in late 1826 the Band was ordered to remove, eventually relocating to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where the Band merged, politically and culturally, with the other Potawatomi bands which had removed west and soon became known as the Prairie Band Potawatomi. Through that merger, the Prairie Band Potawatomi became the sole successor in interest to the Shab-eh-nay Band.

This coalition, including the Shab-eh-nay Band proper, relocated to a new reservation in Kansas after the Treaty of 1846. In 1849, the United States General Land Office illegally sold the Shab-eh-nay Reservation. Because the sale was not then and has never been authorized by a treaty or an Act of Congress, the treaty-reserved title to the Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation has never been extinguished. When the Shab-eh-nay Band merged with the Prairie Band Potawatomi, all tribal rights to the Reservation which the Shab-eh-nay Band held at the time were conveyed to the Prairie Band. Therefore, the Prairie Band is the rightful and sole beneficiary of the lands originally reserved for Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band under the Treaty of Prairie du Chien of 1829. No other Potawatomi Band and no Potawatomi tribal members of any Band hold the tribal rights under the Treaty of Prairie du Chien.

The Individuals or Companies Involved in Supporting the Nations' Claim.

1. Financial support for the establishment of the Nation's claim was first provided by Skyline Group, Inc., a Minnesota corporation owned by Bob Sheets and Mary West. The Nation signed an agreement with Skyline on April 13, 1998. Skyline agreed to pay up to \$ 2 million dollars for the establishment of Nation's claim, and in addition to transfer to the Nation an option it held on the 128 acres within the boundaries of the 1280

acre Shab-eh-nay reservation and then to pay for the 128 acres, as well as to develop adjacent off-reservation land on which it held options in a manner compatible with any tribal reservation development. The Skyline funding was not a loan, but under the agreement, Skyline was to receive %15 of the net profit from any commercial operations on the Illinois reservation for seven years once substantial operations began. The agreement specifically provided that the Nation had no obligation to commercially develop the reservation land. Skyline ran out of money. On April 13, 2000, Skyline and the Nation signed an agreement assigning the rights and responsibilities to a newly formed company, Liberty Alliances, LLC, then a Delaware, now a New Jersey, corporation. At the time of signing the agreement, the members of Liberty included Robert H. Book of MB Asia Capital Corporation and Richard I. Solomon, through Double R Capital Partners, LLC, and Advent Communications and Entertainment Company. The \$ 2 million dollar cap on investment funding was removed in that agreement. In a February 11, 2000, agreement, Liberty agreed to issue to Skyline 10 % of the outstanding interests in Liberty as of the date of their agreement. Liberty has advised the Nation that it has sold membership interests to other individuals in the amount of \$ 2 million dollars.

In exchange for its 15% interest, Liberty's funding obligation under the agreement includes paying for legal, lobbying and consultant services, such as these number in 2-4 below.

2. Shesky and Froelich is a Chicago law firm which has been retained to represent the Nation and Liberty in the state of Illinois to assist politically with the establishment of the Nation's land claim and any commercial development the Nation may decide to pursue.

3. Ayer & Hughes is a D.C. law firm comprised of M. Frances Ayer & Jennifer P. Hughes. Ms. Ayer has directed the legal work to establish the claim and has performed overall management of the legal, historical and political aspects of the claim. Ayer & Hughes has affiliated with Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, a D.C. - based law firm, with the intent of merging with that firm for the long term. Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker has approximately 30 attorneys and practices Indian law, celebrating their 20th anniversary in December.

4. Experts used to assist Ms. Ayer in her work have been Dr. James Clifton, the most renowned Potawatomi expert and author of *The Prairie People*, Dr. James McClurken, expert witness in the Voight case in which the Supreme Court affirmed the off-reservation treaty hunting and fishing rights of Minnesota tribes, and a Potawatomi and Ottawa expert anthropologist and ethnohistorian, Mr. James Dowd, author of *Built Like a Bear*, and Dr. James Edmonds, Potawatomi expert and currently a professor of American History at the University of Texas at Dallas. Dr. Clifton, Dr. McClurken and Dr. Edmonds are authors of innumerable publications on Ottawa, Chippewa and Potawatomi Indians. Presently, only Dr. McClurken and Dr. Edmonds are alive and still able to assist with the Nation's claim; however, valuable affidavits have already been received from all of the experts.

Steps Taken To Date to prove the Claim.

In early 1997, Ms. Ayer was requested to do legal research and analysis on the Nation's claim. She undertook and directed historical and genealogical research and analysis, using documents collected by the Tribe, her firm and the experts discussed above.

That work included research and analysis of the following: historical and title status of the reservation land; the political and genealogical ties of the historic Shab-eh-nay Band to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; the legal status of the reservation as an existing treaty reservation to which the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is the only successor in interest. Affidavits from elderly tribal members were also obtained.

In January 1998, the Tribe's claim and supporting documentation were presented to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Tribe's submission contained five large volumes of material. In March of 1998, Assistant Secretary Kevin Gover concluded that the claim appeared to have merit and should be reviewed by the Department. In May of 1998, the Office of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior concluded that the claim seemed to have merit and should be reviewed by the Solicitor's office in Washington, D.C.

In June of 2000, two lengthy internal opinions were prepared by the Solicitor's office, which concluded that the Shab-eh-nay Reservation exists and that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is the successor in interest to the treaty claims under the 1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien. Both opinions are scholarly, but have not been released to the public. The Solicitor of the Department of the Interior on January 18, 2001, sent a letter opinion to the Governor of Illinois and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives advising them of the claim and that it had merit.

That opinion noted that the Indian Nonintercourse Act, 25 U.S.C. section 177, makes void any conveyance of Indian title without the consent of Congress and that the Solicitor's research did not reveal any subsequent treaty or Act of Congress which authorized the conveyance of the treaty lands. The opinion stated, "Our research has also led us to the conclusion that the Prairie Band is the lawful successor in interest to Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band. . . . [W]e believe the U.S. continues to bear a trust responsibility to the Prairie Band for these lands."

This Congress, bills were introduced in the House and the Senate to extinguish any claims of the Prairie Band, the Ottawa Band of Oklahoma and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lands in Illinois. The bill was generated by the Miami suit against landowners in Illinois for millions of acres. Much work was done for a hearing on the House bill, which was held in May. Vice Chairman Mitchell testified on behalf of the Nation. The Miami Tribe filed a motion to dismiss its suit without prejudice, and it is probable that the bill will die when this Congress adjourns at the end of the lame-duck session following the national elections.

Communication with the state of Illinois and its attorneys and with Speaker Hastert's office took place during 2000 -2001. The state of Illinois took the Nation's claim seriously, but communication waned following the presidential election that year, the heating up of the Miami Tribe's suit and the introduction of the bill to extinguish the land claims in Illinois. Speaker Hastert has been cordial to the Nation, has commended the Nation on its conduct in the pursuit of its claim and on the quality of the preparation of its claim. Efforts to renew that communication in an effective manner are underway.

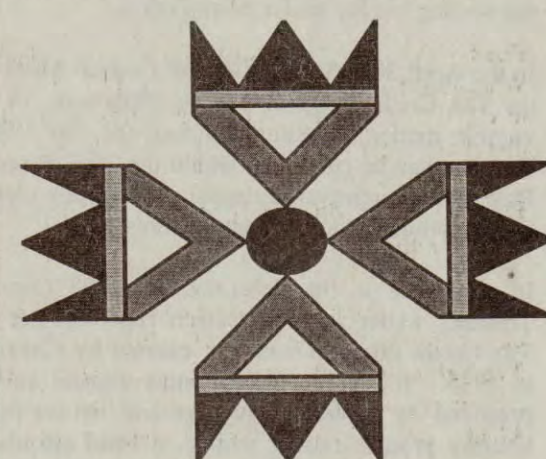
Tribal attorneys David Prager and Ralph Simon have worked with Ms. Ayer throughout this process.

Steps to be taken.

A detailed plan of action has been approved by the tribal Council for approaching the state of Illinois, the Congress, the Interior Department, the County of Dekalb in Illinois where the reservation is located and the citizens of that county. The plan is not set in stone, is a developing plan and will change as circumstances warrant. The first objective is to have the state recognize the Nation's claim, to try to develop a settlement which returns as much reservation land as possible to the Nation and allows whatever development the Nation chooses to take place. Any such settlement would have to be confirmed in an Act of Congress.

The success of the Nation's efforts cannot be foretold with certainty. Much careful, discrete, timely and expert negotiation, public relations and media work remains to be done. The Nation has assembled an excellent team, which is demonstrating its ability to take the proper steps to try to establish the Nation's claim. Many legal and political obstacles will be encountered and dealt with. Should the Nation elect to undertake economic development on the Illinois land, the economic crisis in Illinois is believed by the team to be a major positive factor in support of establishing the Nation's land claim.

STATUS REPORT TO GENERAL COUNCIL



VICE CHAIRMAN

GARY MITCHELL has just completed his book, "*Potawatomi Stories*" and now has it in hard back @ the low, low cost of \$30.00. He says, "For sure, this is the last revision!" We'll see! Perhaps, a new book is on the horizon!

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

Time Magazine Editorial Staff
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December 13, 2002

To The Editors:

As President of the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest and largest organization of tribal governments in the country, and Chairman of the Mandan, Arikara, & Hidatsa Nation, a large tribe in northwestern North Dakota, I was deeply concerned by Time Magazine's misleading feature on Indian Casinos. Your article on tribal government gaming fueled a number of incorrect stereotypes about the nature of tribal governments, and failed to look at the larger picture that makes Indian gaming a critical source of economic development in Indian country. My tribe's casino, very modest by Las Vegas standards, provides jobs to our people that are extraordinarily important to our economy, and revenue that our tribal government uses to provide services to the 10,000 members of our tribe. This is the case for the majority of tribes with gaming ventures.

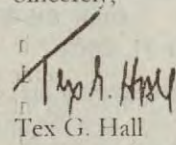
Tribal government gaming is certainly not a failed federal program as your article suggests. Tribal government sponsored gaming enterprises are tribal economic ventures undertaken to support critical governmental functions, closely comparable to state lotteries—which also are not taxed. Tribes use their gaming revenues to fund essential governmental functions, such as law enforcement, education, and health care, and any revenues distributed to individual members are taxed at the regular federal rates. Tribes also provide approximately \$600 million annually to states through tribal-state agreements—much more than would be generated by state taxation of tribal gaming.

It is true that the success a small handful of tribes have experienced does not translate to economic success for all Indian people—just as the New York State Lottery has no impact on the economic status of families in Mississippi. Those tribes with successful gaming ventures benefit from their investments, and while most are extremely generous in their philanthropy throughout Indian Country as well as in their neighboring communities, they certainly cannot be expected to solve the deep economic problems borne of hundreds of years of failure by the U.S. government to meet its treaty and trust commitments to tribes.

A small handful of early investors in Indian gaming who put up a great deal of capital in the face of major risks are now reaping significant rewards. Time Magazine's criticism of the success of these investors is puzzling—should all investors in start-up ventures be chastised when their investments pay off? Outside investment was virtually the *only* way to fund tribal gaming development in the early 1990's. These investors reaped the benefits of stepping into that niche. Today, more tribes are able to access financing in traditional capital markets and are taking over direct management of their gaming operations—enabling them to keep more of the revenues in their communities.

Indian gaming has provided one very important mechanism for providing jobs and economic activity in a number of tribal communities where no other option has been available to address the extreme conditions of poverty and unemployment that exist. Your short article on the Prairie Band of Potawatomi and their success is much more representative of the norm in Indian country than the atypical cases your main story highlights. There are many important stories ripe to be told about challenges faced by tribes in the U.S. today—it is disappointing that Time would instead choose to make news of such a misleading and sensationalized attack on one of the rare successes tribal economies have experienced over the past 250 years.

Sincerely,


Tex G. Hall

President, National Congress of American Indians



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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Traditional Foods Can Be Healthy

Source: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, NIH Publication No. 96-3548, printed September 1996

Living in Balance: Traditional foods are still a way of life for many American Indians. Keeping the body, mind, and spirit in balance and celebrating the seasons once were an essential way of life. Today, it is still important to be strong and healthy.

We Can Learn From Our Past: During traditional times, American Indians rarely had: cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. We need to eat more traditional foods today!

Why was this healthy?

- Traditionally, American Indians were very active and ate smaller amounts of food than American Indian people do today.
- The foods eaten in the past by many American Indians were low in fat like fish and game (such as deer).
- The elders have told us that the amount of food eaten in a meal was as much as a person could put into the palm of the hand. That was much smaller than what we eat today!

What can you and family do today? What types of traditional foods do you and your family use in your meals today? What types of foods could you and your family add to today's meals? How can you and your family reduce the amounts of food eaten?

How Foods Were Prepared:

Foods were prepared in the following ways: Vegetables, meats and fish were smoked, dried, broiled, or boiled. Breads were baked.

Why was this healthy?

- Less fat was used to cook foods.
- No fat was added to foods which were boiled or dried.
- Foods did not sit in the fat.

How Foods Were Selected:

Foods were selected from:

Below the ground: wild turnips, onions, potatoes, carrots

Above the ground: chokecherries, buffalo berries, plums, acorns, corn, wild cucumbers, asparagus, milkweed

The four-legged: buffalo, deer, antelope, prairie dog, squirrel, rabbit

The finned: fish (including bass, salmon), eel, turtle

The winged: turkey, pheasant, grouse, duck

Why was this healthy?

- These foods were low in fat.
- Diets lower in fat helped lower chances of obesity, cancer, and heart disease.
- A person ate many different kinds of food.
- A variety of foods provided many nutrients for good health.

Physical Activity and Health: Physical activity was an everyday part of life. People walked, hunted, gathered, played games, danced, and/or rode horses. It was important to the community to be strong and healthy. Preparing food was also an active part of life—grounding corn meal, stripping meat, cleaning fish, for example.

Why was physical activity healthy?

- Physical activity helped burn away body fat and calories from the food.
- It helped keep people lean and healthy.
- It helped the whole body work better.
- It helped people with their spirituality.

What can you and your family do today? What types of physical activity will you do to be healthy? What types of physical activity can your family do together to be healthy?

Traditional Foods in Today's World

Foods like our ancestors ate can be healthy. What foods make up a healthy diet? Use the following information to help you choose a healthful diet that's right for you.

Examples of traditional foods that can help make up a healthy diet:

Fruits: chokecherries, currants, buffalo berries, cactus fruit, plums, strawberries, blackberries

Vegetables: wild turnips, onions, corn, carrots, cucumber, squash, leafy green vegetables

Meats, dry beans, and nuts: buffalo, deer, elk, moose, antelope, raccoon, rabbit, squirrel, beans, nuts (acorns), seeds

Fish: salmon, bass, king fish, catfish, trout, wall-eye, bullhead

Fowl: pheasant, grouse, prairie chicken, dove

Grains and bread: wild rice, barley, wheat

Tips to create a healthy diet: Today we get most of our foods from the store or as commodities.

Here are some tips to help you create a healthy diet.

- Before you go to the store, make a shopping list for your family's good health.
- Choose foods from the **Food Guide Pyramid** and include traditional foods where possible.
- When you use canned meats, drain the liquid from the can and throw the liquid away. This helps lower the fat.

What counts as a serving? Food Groups:

Bread, cereal, rice, and pasta: 1 slice of bread, 1 ounce of ready-to-eat cereal, ½ cup of cooked cereal, rice, or pasta

Vegetables: 1 cup of raw, leafy vegetables, ½ cup of other vegetables, cooked or chopped raw, ¾ cup of vegetable juice

Fruits: 1 medium apple, banana, or orange, ½ cup of chopped, cooked, or canned fruit, ¾ cup of juice

Milk, yogurt, and cheese: 1 cup of milk or yogurt, 1-1/2 ounces of natural cheese, 2 ounces of process cheese

Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts: 2-3 ounces of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish, ½ cup of cooked dry beans, 1 egg, or 2 tablespoons of peanut butter—count as 1 ounce of lean meat

Support Groups

Topeka Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Addicts Anonymous — For people who feel addicted to certain foods, such as sweets, and who want to abstain from eating them; uses a 12-step program, 3 p.m. each Sunday at Pozez Education Center, 1505 S.W. 8th, in Centennial Room D. Information: Michele at 233-1604. Internet: www.foodaddictsanonymous.org.

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

Mayetta Area

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

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

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

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

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

Holton AA Meeting — at First Christian Church, 5th & Wisconsin at 7:00 p.m. ☎66-2178, 364-4479.



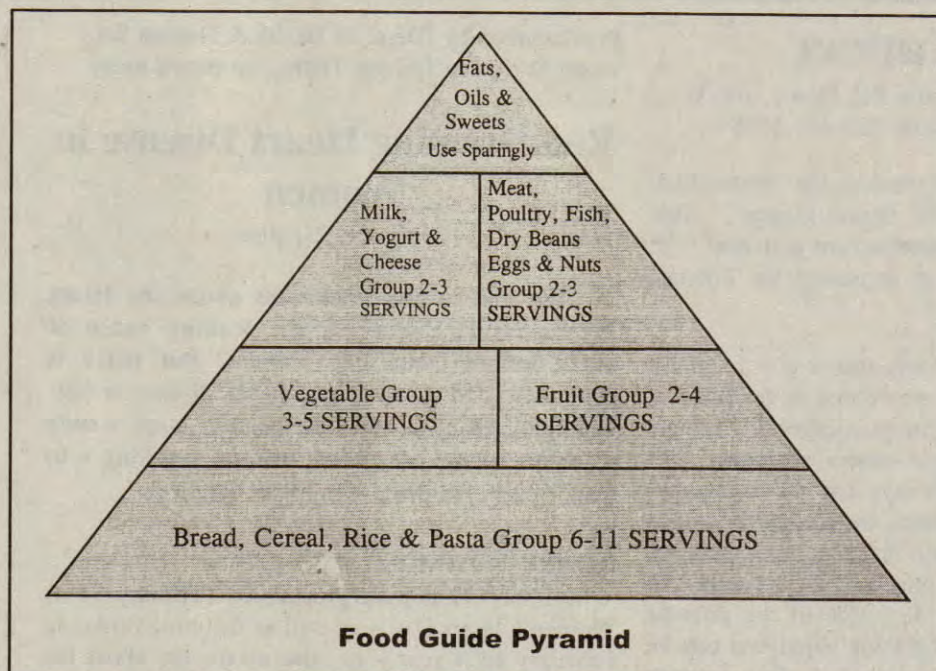
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Fried Bread Man

The January issue of the Potawatomi Nation News, Linda Sitting Arrow was worried about her dad, "My dad is a Type II Insulin dependent diabetic, and doesn't take care of himself." Linda looks downcast, and then looked up at Fried Bread Man, "I don't know what to do. I love my dad, and don't want anything to happen to him. Fried Bread Man, can you tell me what I can do to help my dad?"

"Linda, can you tell me more about your dad?" asked Fried Bread Man.

Linda stated, "My dad is Clayton Sitting Arrow, enrolled Potawatomi, and my mom is Millie, whose member of the Kickapoo Tribe. Dad works for the Nation as a truck driver."

Joe Fast Elk asked Linda, "Does your dad drive those 18 wheelers?"

"Sometimes he does, but mostly its dump trucks and if it snows he plows the reservation roads."

Mary Swift Bird asked, "Have you ever ridden with your dad?"

"I have a few times Mary, it was nice being in that big 18 wheeler cab, but very noisy."

"How long has your dad been a diabetic Linda?" asked Fried Bread Man.

"I overheard my mom say 'Dad's been a diabetic for 10 years.'"

"Do you know if your dad takes his pills and insulin? Does he exercise and stick to his diet?" asked Fried Bread Man.

These two questions put Linda into deep thought. "Well Fried Bread Man, he does take the pills and insulin. But dad doesn't follow his diet nor does he exercise. Gosh, Fried Bread Man, he's gained so much weight, that his stomach hangs over his belt. There are days when dad is moody; he's quiet and withdrawn. When dad's in a good mood, we go to basketball games or to hockey in Topeka. Dad's favorite evening snack is hot buttered popcorn, and large regular Pepsi Cola. Fried Bread Man I heard my dad telling my mom after she nagged him for being overweight, 'Millie, I work hard everyday, and feel entitled to eat anything and have second helpings.' "I love my dad Fried Bread Man. I

want to help my dad, but don't know how."

Fried Bread Man has a concerned look on his face as he replied to Linda, "Let's talk." Then, "Joe would you add more wood to our fire?"

Mary said, "I'll fix us something to drink."

Fried Bread Man cleared his throat, "Linda, here are suggestions how you can help your dad. For four days, before sunrise, do a tobacco offering to the east, ask our Creator to help your dad. Ask the Creator for a blessing for your dad, that he be helped in regaining his health. Linda, please reaffirm your faith and leave your dad's health problems in the hands of our Creator. Continue what you have been doing Linda, dieting and exercise. You will be an example for your dad, he's noticed your diet and weight loss," said Fried Bread Man.

"Linda, have you lost weight since last month?" asked Joe.

"Joe I have lost 12 pounds since January 2003," said Linda, who was beaming with happiness. "And for a total of 33 pounds. My mom and younger sister are still walking with me. We have increased our walking speed; we are able to cover 2 miles in 35 minutes, 4 times a week."

Mary was smiling at Linda, and said, "I am so proud of you sister."

"Before we go, I need to talk about traditional gardening," said Fried Bread Man. "The story behind traditional gardening has been with our people for hundreds of years. It was practiced when we lived in the Great Lakes region. But do a tobacco offering before turning soil over. Our brothers and sisters to the south in Oklahoma, Sac & Fox Nation call it the "The three sisters method." You plant Indian corn in small hills and two weeks later plant pole beans on the hills and Indian pumpkins and squash in between the hills. As the growing starts, the pumpkin and squash's broad leaves will keep the weeds down, the corn acts like poles for the beans, and the beans fertilize the corn. When you began to harvest the crop give the best vegetables to our elders, then feed your family. Remember try to grow your garden without pesticides or chemicals. There are many nature things we can use for insects, like ashes on the leaves of pumpkins."

Spring season will be discussed, next month; this concludes the February Fried Bread Man series.

HHS and VA News Release
IHS-05-2003
February 25, 2003
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VA and Health and Human Services Sign Agreement To Improve Health Care for American Indian Veterans

WASHINGTON -- Rural American Indians and Alaska Natives who served in the military will receive enhanced medical care as a result of a new agreement by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi and Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson today announced a formal agreement that will encourage cooperation and resource sharing between the two agencies to make sure veterans who are American Indians or Alaska Natives receive quality health care.

"VA and HHS are setting the stage for an ongoing collaboration to provide optimal health care for more than 165,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans," Principi said. "We are combining our strengths and expertise to improve health care for these veterans, particularly to increase access and enhance services."

While there have been localized efforts between VA health care facilities and Indian Health Service (IHS) clinics in the past, this agreement will encourage additional agency-wide cooperation, affecting all Indian nations.

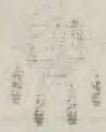
Our two departments have a history of working together to care for America's veterans and underserved communities," Thompson said. "Under this new agreement, the Indian Health Service and VA will work to improve health care for our American Indian and Alaska Native veterans by sharing information, developing health promotion programs and allowing for joint appointments, financial reimbursements and provider certification."

VA Deputy Secretary Dr. Leo S. Mackay Jr. and HHS Deputy Secretary Claude A. Allen formally signed the memorandum of understanding today at the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council's winter session in Washington, D.C.

In addition, the agreement between VA and HHS will improve communication between the agencies and tribal governments and create opportunities to develop strategies for sharing information and information technology. The technology sharing will include VA's electronic medical record system, bar code medication administration and telemedicine. VA and IHS will co-sponsor continuing medical training for their health care staffs.

The VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing a broad spectrum of medical, surgical and rehabilitative care for veterans. Nearly 4.3 million veterans received care in VA health care facilities in 2002.

The mission of the Indian Health Service, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is to raise the physical, mental and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest levels. The IHS operates a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 1.6 million members of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.



Prostrate Cancer

By Richard Pruiksmas, MD, Holton IHS Clinic, 100 W. 6th Street, Holton, KS 66436 785-364-2176

Two months ago we reviewed the information available on screening for Breast Cancer. This month we will give the men a turn and deal with the more difficult topic of screening for Prostate Cancer.

Remember a cancer-screening test is a test that we do to decide if more tests are needed to determine if cancer is present. This concept is especially important in the area of prostate cancer screening. For prostates, we don't do x-rays for the screening. We do examine the prostate by feeling it with a gloved finger and we also have a blood test we run - prostate specific antigen (PSA). Neither of these gives a picture of the inside of the prostate and both the exam and the PSA blood test can be abnormal for non-cancer reasons. In fact, because so often the abnormal results can be present without cancer being present, many groups do not recommend doing the screening tests. If a man decides to have one or both of the screening tests done, any abnormal result will need to be followed up with more exact tests.

Why don't we just start with the more exact tests? Because most men would not like to go through an ultrasound guided needle biopsy of their prostate if their risk of prostate cancer is low. So a normal prostrate exam and a normal PSA lets the man avoid invasive testing.

How common is this cancer? The American Cancer Society estimates there were about 189,000 new cases in the United States in 2002. This is much more common than lung cancer in men. However, the number of men who die from prostate cancer is much less than the number of men who die from lung cancer. Only about 30,200 men died from prostate cancer in the United States in 2002 compared to 89,200 men who died from lung cancer.

At the Holton IHS Clinic, we discuss these tests with each man over 50 years old. A family history of prostate cancer will increase your risks of getting this cancer. Start thinking about whether you are willing to proceed with these tests before you have your discussion about prostate cancer screening with your health care provider.

National Cancer Institute Cancer Information Service

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Royal Valley Elementary School and PBPN Makes News -Circles of Harmony Youth Violence Prevention Program featured on KSNT 27

By Suzanne Heck

Royal Valley Elementary School (RVES) students became TV stars while being filmed in classrooms and scurrying through the halls during a February 12 evening news cast on KSNT Channel 27. The purpose of the coverage was to do a news story about the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program being piloted this spring in the school.

Suzanne Heck, special projects coordinator for the Circles of Harmony Program, based on the PBPN reservation, and Clara Smith, a 4th grade teacher and coordinating member for the Olweus program at RVES, were also interviewed for the newscast.

"We're getting ready to introduce the bullying program to the students in the elementary and middle school," Heck said, "and we were pleased that KSNT thought the program was important enough to cover."

The news report also stated that the station plans to do some upcoming broadcast reports on school safety in the coming weeks.

Newscaster Jennifer Lords, who reported the story, stressed the collaborative, effort-taking place between the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Royal Valley School District and also mentioned the kick off assemblies that are scheduled at the schools for the last week of February.

Proclamation by [Dept. of Health & Human Services] Secretary Tommy Thompson issued today

Red Dressing Heart Disease in Women

February 21, 2003

◇ We are raising awareness about the Heart Truth: Heart disease is the leading cause of death among American women. But there is good news. In many cases, heart disease is preventable. All of us can take positive steps - such as eating right, exercising and not smoking - to lead longer, healthier and heartier lives.

Today's Action

◇ Secretary Thompson proclaimed February 21 as Women's Heart Day - as well as the third Friday in February each year - to raise awareness about the threat heart disease, the No. 1 killer of American women. The Secretary also highlighted the Red Dress Project, the centerpiece of The Heart Truth campaign from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute.

◇ What will the Red Dress Project accomplish?

- We are raising awareness about the Heart Truth: Heart disease is the leading cause of death among American women and is not just a "man's disease," as too many people believe.
- The No. 1 killer of American women is needlessly taking too many of our grandmothers, mothers, sisters and daughters from us much too soon.
- There is good news: In many cases, heart disease is preventable. All of us can take positive steps - such as eating right, exercising and not smoking - to lead longer, healthier and heartier lives.

◇ Some risk factors - such as age and family history - are beyond control, but others can be addressed.

- Risk factors that lead to cardiovascular disease, include smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, diabetes, physical inactivity, and obesity.
- These risk factors are controllable through exercising, eating healthy meals, and not smoking.
- Women should talk to a health professional, learn about risk factors, and take action to control them.

◇ Facts

Eric Sanderson Invited Speaker at National State and Tribal Child Welfare Officials Conference in January

By Suzanne Heck

Eric Sanderson, PBPN Social Services Director, was invited to speak at the Third Annual State and Tribal Child Welfare Officials Conference held in Washington, D.C. on January 28 and 29. He discussed the topic "Orientation to the Children and Family Services Review (CFSR) for Tribes" at a pre-conference plenary session that included participants from 34 tribes and several federal representatives. He also made two other presentations. One presentation was also broadcast live on closed-circuit television to twelve regional offices whose directors and high ranking administrators were listening in from around the country.

He spoke at the request of the Children's Bureau, which is under the Administration for Children and Families, and the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) funded his expenses.

Sanderson is gaining national recognition by his peers, Tribal, State, and Federal, for his experiences and presentations about engaging tribes in the CFSR process.

In summary, Sanderson spoke about the experiences that he and the PBPN Social Services Department staff have had with the Kansas Children and Family Services Review (KCFSR). His main objective was to explain to tribal representatives the possible interface they may experience with the state as states undergo their federal government reviews. He also spoke about why States need to engage Tribes in the CFSR process. He said that the CFSR is the formal process that the government employs to measure states' outcomes based on seven standards in the areas of children's safety, well being and permanency. He first became involved with the CFSR process participating on the Kansas Statewide Assessment Team in 2001.

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NEWS

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

- Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women.
- One in every three American women dies of heart disease.
- Women's heart disease risk starts to rise in middle age.
- About 3 million American women have had a heart attack.
- About 6.5 million American women have had a heart attack and/or chest pain.
- Two-thirds of American women who have had a heart attack don't make a full recovery.
- Nearly two-thirds of American women who die suddenly of a heart attack had no prior symptoms.

◇ Background on the Red Dress Project

- The Red Dress Project campaign includes 19 red dresses from America's most prestigious designers and a specially designed Red Dress pin from the Angela Cummings Studio.
- The red dresses were on display at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York last week, as First Lady Laura Bush announced the red dress as the national symbol of heart disease awareness with the message that "heart disease doesn't care what you wear."
- The Red Dress Project will be on public display Monday, Feb. 24 through Sunday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building Great Hall.

◇ In addition to the Red Dress Project, the Heart Truth campaign includes:

- Women-targeted consumer television, radio and print public service advertisements, which use hard-hitting visuals and testimonials to deliver a wake-up call and help women focus on both their "outer" and "inner" selves.
- PSAs supplemented with consumer materials including a brochure on heart disease (available through 1-800-575-WELL); *The Healthy Heart Handbook for Women*, a comprehensive guide for women on detecting and controlling heart disease risk factors; a speaker's kit to assist community leaders and interested consumers in spreading the word about heart disease to women at the local level; and Web pages on NHLBI's Web Site: www.nhlbi.nih.gov/.
- The Red Dress pin, which will be available to the public on the campaign's Web page in early April.

Thought of the Day: "Coronary heart disease is a silent disease, and the first manifestation frequently is sudden death." - Herman Hellerstein.

Tribal Youth Program Adds Mental Health Services

By Randy Cowley

Hello. My name is Randy Cowley. I just recently joined the Tribal Youth Program staff in the new position of Mental Health Specialist. I will be working with troubled Tribal Youth, age five through 18, who live on the reservation, elsewhere in Jackson County, and in Shawnee County. I am licensed in Kansas as a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker.

I grew up in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and prefer the winters here. I adopted Kansas as my home state when I came to a social work job with the Menninger Clinic in Topeka. I worked on an inpatient hospital unit there for three years, transferred to the Day Hospital Program for 10 years, and then took on managing the Community Residence Program, a group home program for the seriously and persistently mentally ill, for the next 16 years. Now, I am very pleased to be part of the PBPN Social Services Department.

One other interesting work experience I had (before moving to Kansas) was as a Peace Corps Volunteer. I served for two years in Malawi, Africa in a Public Health program doing tuberculosis detection, treatment and control; as well as providing infant nutrition and care services.

I am very excited about having the opportunity to help develop the provision of Mental Health Services within the Tribal Youth Program. I believe that has been a service gap definitely in need of filling.

Kaiser Daily Health Policy Report
Thursday, February 20, 2003
Medicaid

Thompson Asks Governors To Back Bush's Medicaid Reform Plan

HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson on Feb. 19 said he will ask the National Governors Association to endorse President Bush's Medicaid reform proposal when the group meets next week in Washington, the *New York Times* reports (Pear, *New York Times*, 2/20). Under the proposal, states would be required to maintain comprehensive Medicaid coverage for the roughly two-thirds of beneficiaries whose income levels are low enough that the federal government mandates that they be covered, but for beneficiaries covered at the states' discretion, states would be permitted to change Medicaid rules and regulations, simplify and alter eligibility requirements and tailor or cut benefits. States would no longer have to apply for federal waivers to deviate from federal standards for Medicaid eligibility and benefits. The proposal also would give states a fixed amount of money, rather than matching funds, for the beneficiaries whom they choose to cover (*Kaiser Daily Health Policy Report*, 2/13). Thompson said he thinks governors will support the plan because it is "an opportunity for [states] to structure an innovative Medicaid program that will actually cover more people." The Bush administration held a two-hour conference call with state Medicaid officials on Feb. 19 to seek support for the plan, according to National Association of State Medicaid Directors Chair David Parrella. For more of the story, go to <http://www.kaisernet.org/dailyreports/healthpolicy>

Social Service Department Subject of Community Forum

A community forum was held at the Tribal Bingo hall on February 12 starting at 6:00 PM. Approximately forty community members came to discuss their feelings concerning the service delivery of the department and more specifically the leadership of department Director Eric Sanderson. While the conversation was at times emotional, all participants were generally respectful and responsive to each other. Juanita Jessepe announced her verbal resignation from the Social Services Board, citing personal feelings of conflict of interest. Other Social service board members present were Mamie Rupniki and Delores Miller. Mamie commented several times "This is good," referring to the airing of opinions and seeking resolution. Eric, who attended the meeting with his wife and son, commented that he was very appreciative of the support he and his staff received, especially from the community elders and families with young children. The audience was two to one favorable of the department.

"Women's Voices" Group Now in Effect

By Nis Wilbur

February saw the kickoff of the "Women's Voices" group at the We-Ta-Se Building on K Road. Sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Program, this girls-night-out activity has been very slow to start. Nis Wilbur, the facilitator, has this to say:

- The goal of this group is to give Prairie Band women a place to come, once a week, to have an enjoyable, completely confidential, open discussion about life and all the joys and stresses that come with it. Not every woman has family violence issues, but all women, even those of us without kids, have family issues, cooking issues, whatever! I mean, I know I can't cook. I would like to be able to make a mean Indian Taco, but my fried bread always comes out tasting kind of funny. If I could exchange my Chinese Cashew Cuisine recipe for a good fried bread recipe, I'd be happy.

- I'm hoping that as the group gets off the ground we can do fun things that don't pertain to "Family Violence Prevention" per se, but rather just family. I talk to women on a daily basis and every single one of them, including myself, always has SOMETHING going on that they just need to vent about. I love hearing and being heard. I'm a woman! Sometimes, that's all I need to feel better. I just need to tell somebody! I guess that's my personal goal for the group: to have a place to come and feel better about yourself and have a good time doing it. I guess to me, it's more of a 'building friendship' type of group rather than a 'I'm an abused woman' type of group.

- I do have some crazy little activities ready to do and I'm a pretty creative person, but hopefully, down the road, the group really won't need me. I know the women in this community are, well, fun, and ideally they would run the group themselves. However, I don't think that will be in the soon future.

- I guess I just want to invite any woman who is interested to come and see what we're doing. If you think you might be shy, come out! If you're new in town, come out! If you think you need some new friends, come out! If you're tired of always watching the news and "The Simpsons" with your kids, come out! Come out just to have a break!

The "Women's Voices" group runs from 6 o'clock until 7 p.m. every Thursday night at the We-Ta-Se Building on K road. Any woman over the age of 18 is welcome, and all members will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement. Everything about the group is tentative: nothing is currently set in stone.

This is your group, and you make the rules.

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Don't Wait Too Late!

By Sharon McClane, Education Dept.

Some of the most frustrating calls we receive happen over the summer. Students and parents call in July and August wanting scholarships for the coming Fall semester. Unfortunately, they have missed almost all deadlines for scholarships.

Applications for the Nation's scholarship program must be postmarked on or before July 1st, and include all the following required documentation:

Letter stating why you need the grant and how it will be used:

*Copy of Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood

*Copy of letter of admission from college/university

*Verification of Application for Student Aid (copy of Student Aid Report)

*High school transcript, or verification of G.E.D. if you are a first-time college student or official college transcript sent by the Registrar's Office for returning students. (It is the student's responsibility to request that the Registrar submit your transcript)

The Education Committee will only review completed applications postmarked on or before the July 1st deadline. Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered until the following semester.

For additional information, contact Sharon McClane, Education Administrator, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas 66509; telephone (785) 966-2960; fax (785) 966-2956; e-mail sharonm@pbpnation.org

In addition to the Nation's scholarship program, there are over 50,000 private scholarships in the United States. They give away over \$8 billion a year in scholarship funds. The internet is invaluable for scholarship information. You can expect to find 50% of all your eligible scholarships on the internet. Most importantly, start your scholarship search early.

Internet Scholarship Sites

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://www.aigc.com>

<http://collegefund.org>

<http://www.aises.org/highered/scholarships>

<http://www.aiefprograms.org>

<http://www.nasf.com>

<http://www.rams.com/srn>

<http://advocacy-net.com/scholarms.htm>

<http://www.aicpa.org/members/div.career/edu/jlcs.htm>

<http://www.asm.org.educrc/edu23b.htm>

<http://ugsp.info.nih.gov/InfoUGSP.htm>

<http://scholarships.kachinatech.com/scholars.htm>

<http://www.inacme.org/univ/scholars.htm>

<http://content.sciencewise.com/newscholarships/ships3.cfm>

<http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/fundinfo1.htm>

Internships/Fellowships

American University, Washington, D.C. offers a fully-paid 6 credit internship and academic summer program for American Indian students who have completed at least the first semester of their sophomore year. Students receive academic courses and are placed by the university and their internship professor in prestigious internships in Washington, D.C., primarily with federal government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, and also with private firms. Students receive support throughout their internships and their course work from their internship supervisor, internship professor, and their academic professors.

In addition to receiving a paid internship and tuition for 6 credits, students receive round-trip transportation to and from the program, daily transportation to and from their internship site, housing in the American University Washington Semester residence halls with American Indian mentors living on each floor, a meal plan, books and any necessary support services, health and accident insurance, and a weekly stipend. Students are also introduced to the city of Washington and its workings, are taken on supervised field trips and study tours around Washington - to the National Museum of the American Indian Headquarters in Suitland, Maryland, the U.S. Congress and to other sites around the city and a supervised field trip to New York City.

Further information is available at their website www.american.edu/wins or by calling them at 1-800-424-2600.

Student Conservation Association Fire Education Corps offers 200 internships starting in June 2003. Past site locations include Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Benefits include: paid travel to service

site, free housing and transportation, weekly stipend, accident/health insurance, AmeriCorps education award, certifications in wildland fire fighting and wilderness first aid. Applicants must have an interest/experience in one or more of the following areas: community action, agency relations, GIS and basic computer programs, fire behavior, communications and media relations.

To start the application process contact Scott Stock at apply@theSCA.org or you can fill out an application online at http://www.thesca.org/ci_apply.html

Missouri Western State College offers incoming freshmen and qualified high school students the op-

portunity to work as part of a research team during an 8 week program during the 2003 summer session. This is a unique opportunity for area high school students who are interested in engaging in research activities while they are still in high school. Projects available include biology, chemistry, government, health, math, nursing.

This includes a \$1,000 stipend for the summer and an additional \$1,000 scholarship for minority students who enroll at MWSC.

For further information, and application, contact Dr. Ben Caldwell at (816) 271-4392, or by e-mail at Caldwell@mwsc.edu

The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center has an eight-week summer program for Native American students. The program consists of research in one of the bio-medical research laboratories of the University of Colorado Alcohol Research Center. Topics include gene cloning, receptor technology, enzymology, behavioral research, human and animal genetics. Applications should have at least one year of college experience. Stipend and travel expense are provided. Graduate and postdoctoral fellowships are also available.

Contact Dr. Paula Hoffman or Dr. James Sikele, University of Colorado health Sciences Center, Box C236, 4200 E. 9th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80262; e-mail Paula.Hoffman@UCHSC.edu; James.Sikele@UCHSC.edu.

The New York University School of Medicine has an endowed scholarship for a native American student to attend medical school. The amount of the award is \$3000 and up. Contact Raymond Brienza, Dean of Admissions, NYU Medical School, 550 First Avenue, New York, NY 10016; 1-800-422-4483.

The Native American Health Policy Fellowship Program gives Native health professionals up to \$40,000 a year to learn more about the development of health policy in the Nation's capital. Contact Ms. Priya Helweg, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 1450 Street, NW, Suite 250, Washington DC 20005; (202) 347-5270; phelweg@kgef.org

Scholarship opportunities

Jeannette Rankin Foundation awards scholarships to women 35 years of age and older who, through undergraduate or vocational education, are seeking to better themselves, their families and their communities.

Contact the foundation at <http://www.rankinfoundation.org>

National Center for Cooperative Education, Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas, offers scholarships and work opportunities for college students in Natural Resources. Scholarship includes tuition assistance (up to \$5000 annually), paid summer employment related to field of study, employment opportunity after college graduation, life insurance, health coverage, retirement. Requirements - must have completed sophomore year in accredited college/university, pursuing a bachelor's degree, major - Forestry, Soil Conservation, Range Management, Geographic Information Systems, Wildlife Management, Hydrology, Fisheries or Civil Engineering, and interest in a career with a Tribal nation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or other Natural Resources Agency.

Contact Dr. Doug Eifler, Natural Resources Liaison Office, Haskell Indian Nations University, 155 Indian Avenue, Box 5018, Lawrence, Kansas 66046; telephone (785) 749-8414; e-mail daeifler@fs.fed.us <<mailto:daeifler@fs.fed.us>>

The Minority Engineering Mathematics and Science (MEMS), University of New Mexico, is a summer bridge program for entering minority freshmen who are interested in careers in engineering, mathematics and science. The program runs for four weeks and participants can earn six hours of credit. For information contact Mr. Tom Cummings, Minority Engineering Programs, Engineering annex Room 211, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131, (505) 277-8975.

The American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, is seeking applications from minority students for its scholars program. This scholarship provides financial support for students majoring in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, environmental science.

For more details on the ACS Scholars Program, including an online application form, telephone 1-800-227-5558, extension 6250, or e-mail www.acs.org/scholars

Just in from the U.S. Dept. of Education:
EPA Intern Program seeks new hires/entry level (newly graduated or getting degree by Aug. 03?)

Contact Information:

Jamie Langlie, Program Manager, Phone: 202-564-7576, Kent Smith, EIP Staff, Phone: 202-564-7908, Patricia Midgett, EIP Staff, Phone: 202-564-7769. E-mail to Staff at: EPA-InternProgram@epa.gov

If you are seeking information about summer or temporary student opportunities or scholarships at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, please go to the Agency website at www.epa.gov/students

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February 25, 2003

Contact: Sonya Sanchez or Dan Langan
(202) 401-1576

Remarks by Education Secretary Paige to the National Congress of American Indians

Following are prepared remarks by U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige to today's 2003 Executive Council Winter Session of the National Congress of American Indians meeting in Washington.

Thank you, Joe, for that introduction and for your leadership of this very prestigious organization.

Welcome, everyone, to our nation's capital. It truly is an honor to be here. I had planned to join you last fall, but the president called.... So it's a great pleasure to finally make it.

I would also like to thank Tex Hall for inviting me here today, and for making education a high priority in the leadership of this organization.

As I was preparing to come here today, I came across something that Chief Sitting Bull once said: "Let us put our minds together to see what we can build for our children."

Those words were spoken more than a century ago. But they are just as timely today. Last July, President Bush stood in the Oval Office with his newly appointed presidential advisory board on tribal colleges and universities. At his side stood the new board chairman, Ron McNeil-Sitting Bull's great, great grandson.

Think about it: A descendant of Sitting Bull now advises the President of the United States about how best to ensure that the tribal colleges' legacy of learning is passed on to future generations.

One of the greatest injustices in our great country has been an education system that, for too long, found it perfectly acceptable to teach only some students well while the rest-mostly minority and mostly low-income-floundered or flunked out. Our federal government poured lots of money into the system. Over the past 30 years, Americans have spent trillions of local, state and federal tax dollars on education. But the test scores remained flat.

The latest NAEP scores for American Indian achievement show:

- 81 percent of fourth-graders are NOT proficient in science
- 83 percent of fourth-graders are NOT proficient in reading
- 86 percent of fourth-graders are NOT proficient in math

By 12th grade, the picture is even bleaker:

- 90 percent are NOT proficient in math; and
- 91 percent are NOT proficient in science.

We're about to mark the 20th anniversary of A Nation at Risk- the landmark report that first alerted our nation to the growing achievement gap.

That was followed eight years later, in 1991, by another clarion call to action with the release of the report: Indian Nations at Risk.

Yet despite waves of well-intentioned school reform efforts in the years since, still too many children - mostly poor and mostly minority-are falling through the cracks.

When President Bush took office, he said: This is unacceptable. We are creating two Americas: One that dreams and one that doesn't.

And so, this time last year, our nation embarked on a historic journey together-a journey that embraces the president's hopeful vision that says: Education is a civil right. Just as much a civil right as the right to vote or to be treated equally. And it's the duty-not a suggestion, but a duty-of our nation to teach every child well, not just some of them.

No Child Left Behind rests on four pillars:

- accountability;
- local control;
- options for parents; and
- research-based instruction that works.

We want every child to succeed, because we know they can. And that means ensuring that every child in the Indian community is taught to high levels. That means blending native language and culture with academic achievement.

I applaud the efforts of the more than 110 tribal education departments for your leadership role in promoting systemic change in education. You truly are the heart of the Indian community and we look forward to working more closely with you as we implement the reforms of No Child Left Behind.

President Bush and this administration recognize the special relationship of the federal government to

American Indians and their sovereign tribal nations. We also know that one size does not fit all-and we are committed to working in consultation with you to ensure excellence and opportunity for every student.

A high priority is reaffirming the Executive Order on American Indian and Alaska Native Education. I have directed Vickie Vasques and the Office of Indian Education to oversee the process and to work closely with you.

Another priority is increasing the number of highly qualified teacher in Indian classrooms. In recent years, more than 50 grants have been awarded to schools and universities to provide training and professional development for more than 500 Indian teachers and school administrators.

We are also working hard to renew the charter for the advisory board on Indian education and working with the White House to seek nominations for new presidential appointees.

The Department is also encouraging tribal governments and tribal education departments to explore practical options for alternative and supplemental services. Under-performing schools on reservations are encouraged to implement tutoring, after-school programs, mentoring and parent training programs. We want every public school in America to be a place of high expectations and a place of high achievement. And President Bush's 2004 education budget will help.

Despite all the things competing for our tax dollars-strengthening our economy, defending our nation, and expanding opportunities for all Americans-the president's budget provides \$53.1 billion for the Department of Education-the largest dollar increase of any domestic agency.

If approved by Congress, the president's plan provides historic levels of funding for children most in danger of being left behind by providing a:

- \$1 billion increase for Title I assistance in high poverty area schools for a total of \$12.3 billion,
- \$1 billion increase for IDEA for a total of \$9.5 billion. That's a 50 percent increase in special education funding since the president took office, and the highest level of federal funding ever for children with disabilities,
- \$1.9 billion increase for Pell grants to help ensure greater access to a college education for nearly 4.9 million disadvantaged students.

These three increases comprise about one-third of the new domestic discretionary dollars the president is seeking for his entire domestic agenda.

No other domestic agency has three programs receiving such monumental increases.

Our new education reforms depend on teaching every child to read, and this budget increases funding to more than \$1.1 billion for the president's Reading First and Early Reading First programs.

The president's proposed budget reflects his commitment to American Indians and Alaska Natives with more than \$2 billion in funding for Indian education programs.

The president's vision is to create great schools that leave no child behind. Now it's up to us to stay focused on the task. And to do whatever it takes to help every child learn.

And there's a role for all of us-parents, teachers, community leaders and those of us in public life.

Sign up and mentor a child. I just helped President Bush launch a \$450 million initiative to rally more than a million adult mentors to make a real difference in the lives of youngsters, who can, in turn, return the favor by helping someone else someday.

Partner with us-like so many other groups are doing-to achieve the president's goal of teaching every child to read by third grade.

Reading is the skill upon which all others depend. Our prisons are filled with people who never learned to read. So if you're looking for a place to invest your time and your talents, volunteer down at your local elementary school and read to the children. You will not leave there uninspired.

I thank you again for giving me this opportunity to visit with you, and I look forward to hearing from you. As we part the waters so every one of us in this great nation can live the American dream, let us work together. "Let us put our minds together to see what we can build for our children."

Thank you.



3rd American Indian Journalism Institute Seeks Student Nominations for Summer 2003

For Immediate Release
January 2003

VERMILLION, S.D.—The Freedom Forum will fully fund and run an academic journalism program for American Indian college students again this summer and the University of South Dakota will award four hours of college credit to graduates of the three-week course.

The American Indian Journalism Institute will offer 25 Native American students the opportunity to train as newspaper reporters, editors and photographers. The institute will be held June 1-20 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a college and must have completed their freshman year.

The Freedom Forum Neuharth Center will pay all costs, including tuition, fees, room and board, and it will give students who successfully complete the program a \$500 scholarship/stipend. The college-level course is sanctioned through the university's Department of Contemporary Media and Journalism, a nationally accredited journalism department. Students may apply to transfer the credits to other schools where they are enrolled.

Follow-up programs for the institute's top graduates include paid internships at daily newspapers, further schooling and eventual job placement.

Participants may be nominated by educators, mentors or other interested parties. Nominations should be made in the form of a letter addressed to: Jack Marsh, director, Freedom Forum Neuharth Center, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. 57079.

Nomination letters should be brief explanations of why nominees should be accepted into the institute and how they can be contacted. Nominees then will be invited to provide further information about themselves and examples of their writing, such as an essay about why they want to attend. Self-nominations also are welcome, as are nominations by e-mail (jmarsh@freedomforum.org).

Nomination letters should be received by April 1, 2003.

Students should be able to provide proof of tribal enrollment or lineage, if requested.

For further information, call Jack Marsh, director, Freedom Forum Neuharth Center, at 605 677 6315.

Summer 2003 Training Program

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering a Water Resources Technician Training Program for Summer 2003. All expenses are paid for training. Tentative locations include Las Cruces, New Mexico and Washington State. The duration of this training program is three weeks.

Deadline for applications is April 18th. For information regarding applications and qualifications, contact Mo Baloch (202) 208-6042 or Toni Village Center (202) 208-3956 or 208-4004. For academic questions, contact Dr. James King, New Mexico State University at (505) 646-537, www.jpking@nmsu.edu, or contact Dr. Salim Bawazir, New Mexico State University at (505) 646-6044, www.abawazir@nmsu.edu

Students who successfully complete the training course will receive a voucher; good for one year, for full-time temporary employment with their tribal government as an entry level Water Resources Technician.



Look who turned 5! **Quen-go**

Dob: February 8, 1998

Wishing you a Happy Birthday

*from Mom & Pappa,
and the rest of her family*

EDUCATION – “STAY FOCUSED AND THINK MODERATION”

Doris A. Potts

In 1987, pretty 16-year old PBP Nation member Roberta Audra Wahwassuck was just a blooming high school student looking forward to life. This is the time of life when many of us reflect and recall it as a time of not really having a worry in life – other than the next fun time!

Many times, fast cars are included as part of that fun time for us – not too concerned of the many dangers that come with riding in dangerously fast cars. Roberta's life came to an abrupt halt back in 1987 when she was in a car accident that left her quadriplegic, meaning she is paralyzed from the neck all the way down to her feet.

Today, at 33, you will find Roberta at Haskell Indian Nations University attending school – carrying a college schedule of 12 hours. This is Roberta's third semester at Haskell. Last semester, she finished with a 3.75 g.p.a. She is enrolled in the School of Business Accounting Program.

Roberta said during her first semester there in 1998 she was involved in clubs. She served as Treasurer of the Student Senate, Activities Club, and Native American Advocacy Club. She no

longer serves on those clubs. Instead, she now enjoys hanging out with friends, going to movies, and just visiting.

Roberta's living quarters is like any typical college student's living space. The only real difference is that she requires almost full-time home health care that is provided through a program called Assist. Roberta said that help is needed to reposition her



while in bed. Since she requires this special assistance, her helper has her own private room right next to Roberta's room. It's a "homey environment."

Final question – what words of encouragement do you have to say to other students? Roberta said, "Kids think school is so hard. It really isn't. You just have to apply yourself. You can enjoy yourself, but you have to also know your limits. Think and use moderation in your actions. Think of the consequences before

you do anything!"

Roberta is living proof that education is available and accessible to any person desiring to pursue that dream. Education Director, Sharon McClane, said that the Nation had to provide very little extra for Roberta to attend school. Roberta sat beaming over her computer that is a result of the Nation's Education Program.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM KICK-OFF ASSEMBLY

M. Young & D. Potts

After one long year of planning with the E Wi mno-Netwat or Building Circles of Harmony Steering Committee and the Royal Valley School District #337 administrators, staff and students, they concluded with two celebration assemblies to introduce the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program to the students which were held at the Royal Valley Elementary School on February 21, 2003 and the Royal Valley Middle School on February 24, 2003.

Among colorful balloons and music and after introductions, the Royal Valley Elementary school principal explained to the elementary students of what happens to grade school bullies by the time they reach the age of 24, as she pointed to the policeman standing next to her stating, "You will be seeing this man."

Cheerleaders and other Royal Valley High School students performed skits on "bullies" and what you can do to try to change the situation. One skit was about a student being taunted on the school bus following with the "solution" skit. The scene showed another student reporting the problem to the bus driver and the bus driver then proceeded to talk to the students about this behavior and how it wouldn't be tolerated on the bus.

After the presentations, each student received a t-shirt donated by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The logo, ROCK, represents the following: Respect Others, Choose Kindness. The principal announced that once a month they would have a ROCK day where all the students will wear the t-shirts and go over the meaning of ROCK and the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

The Bullying Prevention Program moved their activities on to the Middle School students on February 24th.

Dr. Keyser, Royal Valley Middle School Principal, gave opening statements about "bullying." He explained that bullies are individuals who exert power or control over others at the expense of victim(s). The victim is left with unresolved issues years later!

Dr. Keyser reviewed bullying facts as a result of a survey taken at the school.

- 14-15% in elementary and jr. high are directly affected by bullying problems, meaning 1 out every 7 students.
- 9% are victims
- 7% regularly bully other students



R E S P E C T

By Ramona Nozackum

What is respect? Webster's dictionary defines it as "To show consideration or esteem for." My definition for respect is showing kindness, having gratitude, or simply treating others the way you would like to be treated. Maxine Ramirez, my grandmother, has these great qualities and she is a hard-working citizen, tries her hardest, and never takes anything for granted. She demonstrates these traits often. She is strong, she is loving, she is my grandmother.

The main reason why I admire my grandmother so much is because she has endured a lot of pain as well as happiness. She was able to raise five children, losing one, and having another diagnosed with schizophrenia. I live with my grandma because when I was three years old my mother developed a serious condition known as schizophrenia. Schizophrenia is a mental illness that reduces one's ability to carry out everyday tasks, and the patient experiences abnormal ways of thinking, feeling, and behaving. My mother was not stable enough and not mentally able to care for me and my three brothers: Jaro, Ellery, and Alex. Therefore, at age sixty my grandmother received full responsibility and legal guardianship of four young grandchildren.

My grandma raised me and my four siblings in her house while her youngest daughter, her daughter's husband, and their two children also lived in the house. She managed to maintain her sanity as well as provide a loving and warm home atmosphere.

She is always there for me and all her children as well as her other grandchildren. I love and respect this woman because she takes care of me, guides me, is responsible, reliable, caring, there to cheer me on at my games, supports me, and she is always there at home with dinner made waiting for me to arrive from school.

My grandmother is a wise, hard-working citizen. She works as a cook at a headstart program. My grandma still works at age seventy-three. While others her age are usually retired, she remains working.



Grandma Maxine and Mona

because we have no other income to support us. She is held in high esteem by many others for being such a reliable, hard-working, industrious, self-sacrificing person.

In the future, I hope people will recognize some of the great qualities of my grandmother in me. She has made such an impact on me and many others. You know the saying, "Grandma knows best," well my grandma really does. Overall, my grandmother has taught me three valuable lessons of life: Appreciate what you have; become a hard-working, dedicated citizen; give it all you got!



Royal Valley Elementary students attended a school assembly to help celebrate the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program held Friday, February 21, 2003. Mrs. Mergen's 4th grade class is shown in the photo.

(Photo by PBP News staff)

February 2003

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Genealogy Group Forms

By Delores Nioce-Abrams

A group of interested tribal members met January 23, 2003, for their first organizational meeting. Nine attendees discussed objectives and structure of the group. The main objectives of the group are to collect, research, safeguard, share, and preserve family history for future generations. The group's first goal is to begin collecting genealogical source documents and place them in one central location for all tribal members to use in their own search for ancestors. Other objectives will be to share sources of information presently available, inform one another of internet website addresses containing information on Prairie Band History and genealogy information, discuss the type of documents which provide the best family names and relationships and where these documents can be found.

The group is comprised of volunteers and operates without funding or space. Plans are to find a secure space to work and store materials that are being donated and collected. We plan to catalog all items, and any "special" items of historical importance will be safeguarded with the intent that it will be placed in our future museum. Paul Slattery of Mayetta has just donated a Prayer Book in the Potawatomi language. This book would be an important addition to a Prairie Band museum.

During the January 30th meeting, twenty-one people attended and the main topic centered on what type of resource materials are needed. Some individuals voiced the desire to include topics on tribal history and culture and these topics will be included when we can find volunteers to come forward. We have been fortunate to have three of our elders attend: Jane Puckee, Sarah Patterson, and Walter Cooper. We invite any elders who wish to participate and attend because they have invaluable knowledge about our history, culture, and ancestors. The meetings are open to everyone.

Our group also plans to schedule some fun topics where we share our memories about our experiences growing up on the reservation, schools attended, and other events and places of interest on and off the reservation. Short trips to places of historical interest may be planned as well.

For tribal members in other parts of the country, our group highly recommends the following web sites by Smoky McKinney, and the Prairie Band Nation website which contains Gary Mitchell's Tribal History and stories:

http://www.ku.edu/~kansite/bpb/books/kshsroll/c_intro.html
<http://www.ku.edu/~kansite/bpb/books/home.html>
<http://www.bpbindiantribe.com>

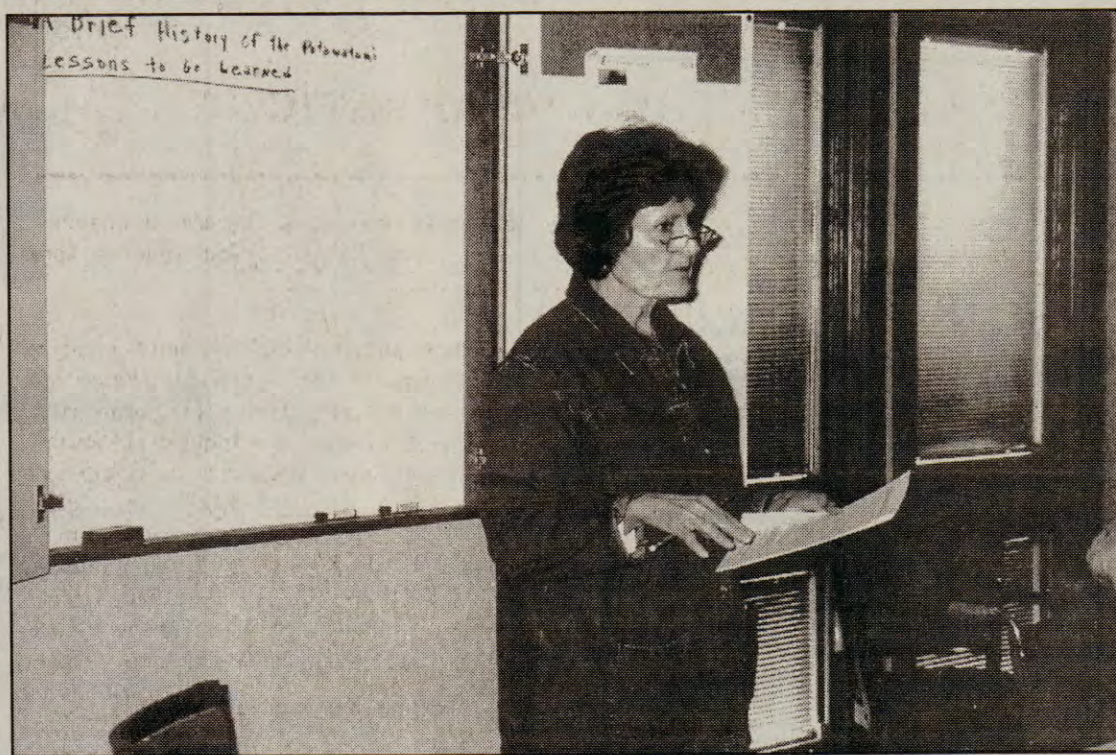
These sites contain a complete history of the tribe, list of PBP allottees, treaties, and so much other information you can use to begin your search for your ancestors and to better understand our history. These are all excellent sites!

The Genealogy Group will meet on Thursdays at 12:30 pm, immediately after lunch at the Elder Center. Delores Nioce-Abrams and Vivian Gonzales organize meetings. We will meet every other Thursday through February and March and then once a month as Spring and Summer activities increase for everyone.

Our group does not have a staff, but if we can answer any questions, or if you have suggestions or have found important genealogical documents & sources you would like to share, you may contact Delores Nioce-Abrams at abramsda@yahoo.com. A telephone message may also be left at Ray Kitchumme's office, 1 877 715 6789 ext. 4020.



Paul Slattery of Mayetta donated a Prayer Book in the Potawatomi language. He attended the Genealogy Group meeting February 13, 2003.
 (Photo by PBP News Staff)



Delores Nioce-Abrams interest in genealogy has spurred her on to form the Genealogy Group. She is going over one of the handouts that would help those interested in researching their family ancestry.
 (Photo by PBP News Staff)



Sarah Patterson and Walter Cooper discussing an "old" photograph. Walter Cooper was invited to give a brief history of the Potawatomi at the Genealogy Group meeting on February 13, 2003.
 (PBP News Staff photo)

Prairie Band Potawatomi Social Services and Indian Child Welfare Program

Grievance form

I have spoken with _____ and have been unable to satisfy their concerns regarding the actions of this office.

Eric Sanderson
 Director, Social Services

Date _____

Provide the following information before submitting to Jon Boursaw, Executive Director.

State the action that the program took, or did not take, that you feel was unsatisfactory.
 (Use additional pages as necessary)

State what action you would like to see the Department initiate to correct the above complaint. (Use additional pages as necessary)

Your signature _____

Date _____

Your address: _____

Contact #'s: Primary: _____
 Secondary: _____

Forward this form to Jon Boursaw at: Tribal Government Center, 16281 Q Rd., Mayetta, Kansas 66509.

I have reviewed the above information and have contacted Eric Sanderson. After doing so I recommend the following action:

- ☐ I will schedule a meeting with Eric Sanderson, the person initiating the grievance, and myself.
- ☐ The matter was handled properly by the Social Service Department.
- ☐ Other: _____

Jon Boursaw
 Executive Director

Date _____

A copy has been sent to all interested parties on _____ by _____

I have spoken with the Director of Social Services and have been unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion to my concerns. I am providing this information to initiate a formal review.

OPPOSING GROUPS meet to discuss SOCIAL SERVICES ISSUES

Doris A. Potts

Juanita Jessepe, a community advocate, repeatedly said, "This is not about me."

February 12, 2003 – Community members were called together by request of spokesperson Juanita Jessepe in a forum held on the Potawatomi Rez to discuss social service issues.

In Juanita's opening comments, she said that currently there is no avenue for airing complaints so that issues with the social service department can be resolved. When dissatisfaction occurs, there is no channel to testify – no mechanism to be heard. Continuing, she said that we are obviously all here because we have a common goal – for our kids. We have a right to disagree with each other. At some point, the community has to speak up.

Nation members resonated the fact that many times they call on Juanita's advocacy assistance because they don't understand what is being said to them by social services personnel.

First to speak Delores Miller, Assistant to PBP Nation Executive Director called this a "witch hunt" saying that she did not like what was written on the handouts and the Social Service Board had not officially met yet. The Board she was referring to was a Social Service Board that was appointed by General Council seven months ago. During that appointment, Ms. Jessepe was also appointed as Chairman of that Board by the presiding Chairman Badger Wahwasuck.

Mamie Rupnicki noted that it was the Chairman's job to call those meetings.

Ms. Jessepe pointed out the fact that the Social Service Board would not be reviewing grievances even if they were organized. They would be serving as oversight and regulators of the Social Service Department. The Board met on a couple of occasions without full Board Member attendance and the issues were always focused on establishing procedures and policy—never about hearing grievances.

It was noted that there is a Task Committee in place. Mary LeClere is on that Committee and was in attendance at the social services forum.

Ms. Jessepe said she had verbalized her resignation today and would have it for the Social Service Board at their next meeting on the 18th. She felt she could not be effective as it was becoming "too political." Ms. Jessepe said she has always and would continue to support members when they call on her.

Several cases were touched on that involved issues wherein Nation members felt the social services program had hurt their cases, were not responsive to their requests, and one issue that was echoed was Director Eric Sanderson's "bedside manners" which was later referred to as "callous." Eric agreed to work on this.

Nation member, Sandra Quintana, said she was given incorrect information. She was not told the existence of a grievance procedure after her denial of a request for a "courtesy home study." She was told to go talk to Tribal Council. Social Service response was that there was a procedure in place, and Sandra was ill advised. Sandra questioned why Social Service didn't just advise her they couldn't assist her and that there was a grievance process in place.

It was noted that educating the community of the Grievance Procedure would be a good start. Grievance Form included as part of this report. Social Services staff reminded the group many factors need to be considered in handling every situation. Social Services have thirteen different programs that they administer. With every grant, they are bound by the funding grant/contract stipulations.

On a favorable note, the group agreed that there was a need for a lawyer on staff that would deal specifically with the social services issues only.

SEE GRIEVANCE FORM TO LEFT

Per Eric Sanderson: (02-20-03)

"Attached you will find the grievance form. The staff in the office cannot give out the forms. I am the only person that can release the form. If you had contacted me first, as the Department Director, this misunderstanding may have been avoided. If you are needing any information that relates to the entire program, it would be best to contact me first." "The grievance form, as a document, is only in place to prompt people to effectively and appropriately seek to resolve their issues with the responsible party first. You might also be interested to note that I have offered several individuals the opportunity to fill out a grievance form and all have declined. Of course, you understand that I cannot give you a list of these individuals as it would break their confidentiality. To assume that the form and process has existed in a vacuum is incorrect."

Eric Sanderson, LMSW
 Director, Social Services
 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
 (785) 966-2932 - phone
 (785) 966-2959 - fax



Two PBP Public Transportation Buses Operating, No Weekend Hours

By Mary Young

Several weeks ago, the former Bingo Bus began the public transportation route as "bus #2" and driven by Melvin Edwards. A few minor differences between #2 and #1 is that #2 is not wheelchair accessible and uses diesel fuel. Although the bus drivers have not had any emergencies, the buses are equipped with an Evac-Aide, Blood Borne Pathogen Protection Kit, first aid kit, and a fire extinguisher.

Bus #1, driven by Terry Fox is wheelchair accessible and uses regular fuel. As a wheelchair accessible bus, two wheelchairs can be accommodated with eight seats available for other passengers. Terry states that he averages 300 miles per day and because the day varies, he may pick up between 10-20 passengers. Nation Station is one of the main stops, with four steady passengers, and 3-4 employees stop off at the Casino three times per week.

Transportation service begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Elder Center stop; the driver waits 10 minutes and then proceeds to each of the three clusters and drives through except for the fourth cluster, there is an absence of riders in this cluster. Other stops include Nation Station, and the Government Center followed by the scheduled appointments.

Transportation hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone calls are not accepted after 5 p.m. and weekend hours have been suspended unless a special event occurs; prior arrangements would have to be set up with Ahnah at the Tribal Transit Road and Bridge office. In the past, the buses have been utilized for wakes and during the Christmas holiday, a tour of the Christmas lights.

Destinations include Holton, Topeka, Delia, Horton, Hoyt, or Mayetta; among the many reasons passengers may use the bus, some passengers may have appointments with the doctor, courthouse, shopping or laundry.

The drivers stress: for anyone with a clinic appointment, call the day before so you can get on the bus driver's "scheduled appointment list" to assure that you get to your destination on time. The bus drivers and transportation program would like to accommodate everyone but the rider needs to call for an appointment to be picked up. Calls can be made to the driver directly to Terry at (785) 364-6563, or Melvin at (785) 364-6567 or Ahnah at the Tribal Transit Road and Bridge (785) 966-2375.

PBP Transit services go hand in hand with the CHR



Program transports; they help each other in getting passengers and clients to their destinations. One added helps to the community is that if Terry sees cattle on the road or what appears to be an abandoned vehicle, he will call dispatch to handle the situation.

As with all programs there are rules and regulations to be followed, the public transit system is no different. Rules of the transportation system are as follows: no drinking, firearms, smoking or improper conduct is allowed. Any person not following these rules and regulations can be suspended for two weeks.

Most passengers are satisfied with this service; the buses are comfortable and the drivers are friendly and cordial with a ready smile.

Susan Sumner said the buses were "real convenient" and "you can visit with people and the other riders."

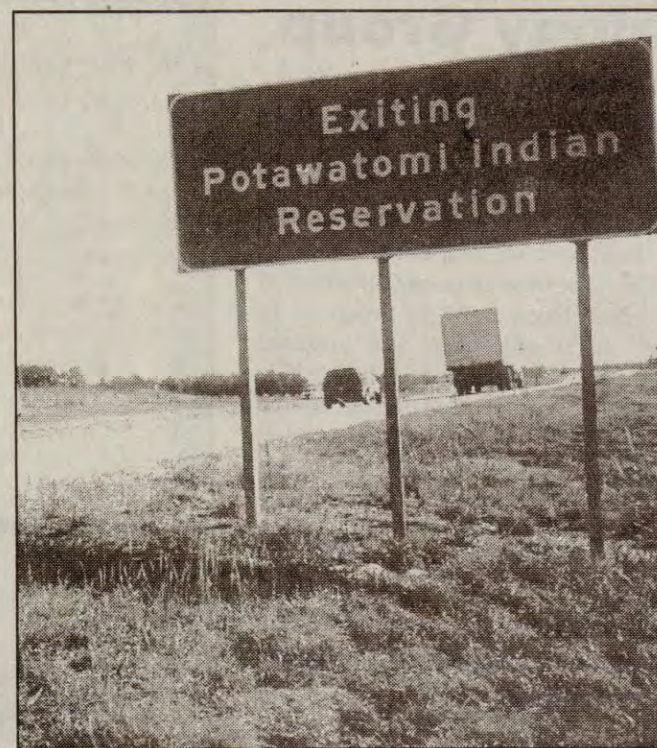
Kim Simon said the "bus is handy for those who don't have a car or drive. If the buses shut down, it leaves the Nation Station employees without a ride."

Kelly McClure has been riding since day one. Although he can catch the bus to work and town, his night shift at Nation Station leaves him stranded unless he can hitch a ride from someone.

A senior said, "that's exciting, two buses." They were not aware that two buses were now operating.

Another wished bus service started earlier to get to work by 8:00 a.m.

The most recent comment: The bus is a good thing, we need something like that!



L—R: Terry Fox standing by Bus #1 and Melvin Edwards by Bus #2 at Nation Station. Each bus is distinct in various ways, type of fuel, wheel chair accessibility and markings. (Photo by PBP News staff)

500-WORD ESSAY CONTEST

"Got Mbish"

The Importance of Water to YOU!

Essay Contest Levels: Grade, Middle, and High Schools—Prizes to be awarded to top essay in each grade level

Essays need to be turned in by April 15th to Chago Hale, JOM Office or Nathan Hale, Youth Coordinator. Questions??? Call 966-3041.

The contest is in conjunction with the Earth Day Celebration, "Got Mbish."

Wow! Cool Wheels and Sweet Shirt!



Max Roberts with his #17 Go-Kart, Sniper frame, Pole Cat engine

In his first year of Speedway Go-Kart Racing, 11-year old Max Roberts came out a winner, taking the 2002 Jr. 1 Amateur Championship, forcing him into the Jr. 1 Heavy Class.

In 2002, Max finished with 9 feature wins and 6 other top five finishes! He also received 2002 Points Champion of Jr. Amateur Class and 2002 Rookie of the Year.

The main tracks that Max will be racing at in 2003 will be Thunderlake Speedway in KC, KS, Lasoski Speedway-Warrensburg, MO, and Richmond Speedway, Richmond, MO.

Max is the son of Harold and Susan Roberts, a student at Langston Hughes Elementary, and enjoys the electric guitar, riding atv's, basketball, football- and most of all—racing Go Karts!

2003 EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 5th ANNUAL LOGO CONTEST

Theme is "GOT MBISH" (got water)

Deadline: March 13, 2003 by 9 a.m.—submit to Rey Kitchkumme's office
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Prizes

Rules: 4 color maximum, must use 8 1/2" x 11" paper, entrant must sign
Artwork Release of Rights form (parent signature if under age 18)

Contact: Sharon Anderson for additional info: 966-2946



One of the presentations at the Royal Valley Elementary School during the Olweus bullying Prevention Program assembly was the donation from the PBP, T-shirts for every student. The theme was R O C K = Respect, Others, Choose, Kindness. Plans are to have one day a month where the students will wear the t-shirts and to remember to practice ROCK.

(Photo by PBP News staff)

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Valerie L. Wakolee. I am 14 years old and an enrolled member.

My parent is Angela Wakolee, and my grandparent(s) are Marilyn Hale-Wakolee (Num-weh) and the late Corenlus L. Wakolee (Wapish-ka).

I am a freshman at Topeka High School in Topeka and in the Trojan Marching Band.

I played the flute since 4th grade.

Thank you for the per cap, educational money and computer.

Valerie L. Wakolee



Editorials/Opinions/ Letters

Chair person Pahmamie,

On behalf of the approximatley 5000 Members of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation listed as General Partners in the Articles of Incorporation filed July 3 , 2002 at 4:24 pm by Mr. Gary Mitchell Vice Chairperson of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation , we are requesting that a Share holders meeting be convened at the earliest possible date.

On the Agenda we wish to have the following;

- 1.Full disclosure as to why Prairie Band Limited Partnership # 1 was formed.
- 2.Introduction of Officers , and how they were elected and by whom.
- 3.Full disclosure of By-laws for Prairie Band Limited Partnership # 1.
- 4.Introduction of our Limited Partners to General Membership.
- 5.Introduction of Financial officer for Prairie Band Limited Partnership.
- 6.Resolution from Tribal Council authorizing a approved Loan Policy.
- 7.Resolution from Tribal Council appointing Jayne Garcia as Owner of Prairie Band Limited Partnership # 1.
- 8.Explanation as to why Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nations Tax Commisissioner does not see the need to have a Tribal Business License issued from our own Nation.
- 9.Open floor to Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Members for question and answer period.
- 10.Open floor for Motions from Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Members.
- 11.Adjournment.

In the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State , State of Kansas in space number three {3} .Names and addresses of the General Partners. It does not list the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nations Tribal Council. It does ,however name as General Partners "Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation" Space number four [4]; The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve December 31 ,2052.

We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct.Executed on the 2nd of January ,2002 by "all general partners".

If there is nothing illegal or wrong in the filing and operation of Prairie Band Limited Partnership # 1 we see no reason the Tribal Council would be afraid to call such meeting at the earliest date possible and clarify any possible misconceptions of wrong doing.

We request that this meeting be held within the next thirty five days after reciept of this letter.We request a early meeting so that before the next General Council Meeting in April 2003,we can have this clearly understood by all concerned.

Thank you for your prompt attention and reply.
Submitted by,

Badger Wahwasuck

There are many unanswered questions about the Tax Credit Program that should be answered to members of General Council. First of all the big question , Why was the General Council not told the entire story of how the Tax Credit Program worked.. The second question, Why was Jayne Garcia allowed to sign on behalf of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Now the Incorporation of a Limited Partnership filed through the State of Kansas. It was filed on behalf of The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as General Partner.

Now that makes all members of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi SHARE HOLDERS in this corporation,which leads us to believe that there should be a Board of Directors for Prairie Band Limited Partnership #1 elected from the body of shareholders . What about the loan policy of the Nation.? If Tribal Council can loan \$1,200,000.00 to the Limited Partnership I am sure there has to be a approved loan policy in place .Who applied for the loan? Was it Jayne Garcia? Did Tribal Council loan this money to themselves? Who are the authorized signers on the account for The Limited Partnership #1 ? Is the same fiscal Officer who authorized the Check for 1.2 million the same Fiscal Officer who recieved it for the Partnership? What is the payback schedule and what interest rate was the loan made ? Now that we are in the Money lending business,is there any licensing factor or oversight committee,or do we loan money on the buddy system,just a handshake? Now that we know Tribal Council can loan money ,I'm sure there are many Tribal Members that have excellent business plans. How do they go about getting a loan? Would Jim Potter be the authorized loan officer?

Now some questions about the Agreement for Tax Credits. In the agreement it says that we agree to adhere to the laws of the State of Kansas and does that mean that Jackson County now has jurisdiction over Cluster four? Can any Civil or Criminal matter be taken up in Tribal Court if it pertains to any thing in the fourth cluster,I'm not a lawyer but it sounds like it has to go to State Court. Maybe Ralph and Zach are lawyers and understand some

thing we don't . If that is the case they are in "PUBLIC" office and they should explain to you the General Membership,"thier public" You have a right to know and they have the obligation to explain it to you the Members.

At the January General Council meeting that was the first time many Tribal Members knew about the Agreement,and I would guess by the reaction many

were appalled at what they saw in the agreement and who signed it...I was accused by some one from H.R department of obtaining it by false pretenses. Which was a childish accusation,even my 12 year old grandson knows of the "Freedom of Information Act". But now that the words were thrown out there,"obtained the agreement by false pretenses" Why would we the Members of General Council have to obtain it any way? Shouldn't it have been presented to us OPENLY by Tribal Council? Kind of scary that some one from H.R and she clearly identified herself as speaking on behalf of H.R department,would say we obtained it by false pretenses.

Lets look at the whole thing closer.....A multi year contract with the State of Kansas where we agree to adhere to Kansas Law. No mention of PBP laws. Kansas sets the rent and rules . We have to report annually to the "KANSAS" Secretary of State.Kind of a one sided contract, where did our"Attorney" Ralph Simon insert any Clauses for the Tribe . It looked like it was Kansas way or NO Way. Lets hope Ralph is handling Liberty Alliance and the Shobney Resort and Casino better than this deal. Obtained the report by false pretenses,that really rubs me the wrong way. That Agreement should have been presented to General Council to begin with. Not only can any Tribal Member go down to the Kansas State offices and get a copy,but any Tax paying citizen of this country can get a copy cause it is PUBLIC RECORD,mainly because it is money from the "United States Internal Revenue Service", Tax payers money. We have enough trouble trying to curb state wide gaming and keep it with the Resident Tribes.Now we are taking Tax money to subsidize our Tribal Housing. Jayne Garcia gave the proponents of State Gaming more ammunition to use. now what, will she load their guns and point at us to.

Tribal Council defended her by saying it was a mistake. Tribal Chair Zach P. said "it was not like she snuck out in the middle of the night to sign it ".The plain simple truth is she knew she was not authorized to sign on behalf of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. I may be wrong but does it not say some where that "Ignorance of the Law is no excuse" And that is our law. The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, the authority to sign has to have a RESOLUTION for each document and ,I give her more credit than to think she did not know . There is NO WAY she could have mistakenly thought she was the "OWNER" Does that

mean "Brent" owns the Bingo? Does "Rosemary" own the Nation Station? Her signature was NOTORIZED as owner? No matter how you look at it . that is "Fraud" , "Perjury". It would seem that even if the Tribal Council chose to overlook such a blatant violation of Tribal Law, She would still be in violation of Kansas State Law..I thought when you presented yourself falsely to a Notary it was a violation of some kind of State Law.....Didn't some one get arrested recently for providing false information to a Notary concerning a tax affidavit.....Come on Tribal Council lets Have Fair play across the board.....TRIBAL member gets arrested ,and Non-Tribal member gets a pat on the back .

On to Roy Ogden, you stated in General Council "I don't know what your'e complaining about Badger, you live in a tribal house", Yes I do Roy ,and I pay you \$650.00 a month and I pay all my own utilities, and if you want to check social services <I will give you authorization to see that I have not received a thing from the Tribe, and as far as speaking up at General Council , kinda sounds like the old Roy Ogden who used to be one of the main dissenters from the floor, its a different story now that you are sitting up there ,huh! If you would spend more time actually doing some thing for the Tribe as a whole, and quit riding around with binoculars and trying to pick on Tim Ramirez and the road and bridge crew for some petty little thing just cause you don't like Timmy. I'm sure that is not how things were done at Dupont....

To all Tribal Members. You have a right to know what is going on with your Tribe and you have a voice in your Government. Each and every one of you have a voice and the right to be heard, Maybe have one needs to come together and speak in unison so that voice becomes so loud that you will be heard..

Between Ralph Simon, David Prager and Jon Boursaw we pay in the area of a QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS a year in salaries and benefits. Are we getting what we pay for.Three Lawyers, Zach, Ralph and David and a Executive Director and a mistake was made

How many Indians does it take to sign away our sovereignty?????? Council has since realized the magnitude of allowing Jayne Garcia to sign on behalf of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation.

This letter was not done under false pretenses.....".Freedom of Speach" and the "cloak and dagger meeting.....".Right to Assembly"

Jayne Garcia was not suspended at General Council. But I hope the Tribal Council saw the hands that went up and realize those people are also their constituents .

There was genuine anger among the Members of General Council.

"What is a Notary Public"

Why are documents notarized ::: To deter fraud .

An impartial witness {the notary}ensures that the signers of documents are who they say they are and not imposters. The notary makes sure that signers

have entered into agreements knowingly and willingly.

"Does notarization mean that a document is "true" or "legal"?"

No. Notaries are not responsible for the accuracy or legality of documents they notarize. Notaries certify the identity of signers. THE SIGNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENTS.

Badger Wahwasuck

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION

JOB POSTING

POSITION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF TRIBAL BUSINESSES
REPORTS TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SALARY: COMMENSURATE TO EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2002
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Possess the knowledge and skills needed to effectively and professionally develop and manage tribal businesses, understand and be responsible for the preparation of all financial reports and business proposal studies (including internal rate of return and net present value methods and feasibility studies), implement and monitor accounting systems; possess the ability to maintain an effective working relationship with co-workers, must be able to effectively communicate orally and in writing. Must be able to research financial data and develop reports, statistical documents, and other material for review and presentation.

JOB DUTIES:

Current Businesses:

- General review, oversight, management and promotion of existing tribal businesses.
- Preparation and presentation of financial and business operation reports for tribal businesses.
- Preparation, analysis and recommendation of capital expenditure budgets.

New Businesses:

- Within the Board of Directors and Nation's stated development goals, compile and prepare all marketing, economic and financial information necessary to identify and analyze possible new business opportunities.
- Develop and recommend new business opportunities using professional level feasibility research studies and pro forma financial reports.
- Prepare and oversee capital expenditure budgets for new businesses.
- Manage and responsible for the actions necessary to establish new tribal business operations.

All Businesses:

- Responsible for the profitability of each tribal business.
- The CEO is the focal point of responsibility and accountability for the operations and profitability of tribal businesses except for gaming.
- The CEO has the flexibility to make quick and efficient business decisions, while at the same time assuring that the operations respect the broad guidelines set by the Board of Directors and the Tribal Council.
- The CEO shall have responsibility for management of tribal businesses, to develop and monitor their operations, select and supervise their business managers.
- The business managers will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the individual enterprise, and are authorized to make operating decisions in a manner consistent with the overall operation plan.
- Provides direction to financial staff in their daily responsibilities.
- Maintains adequate accounting and financial controls to meet prevailing Federal standards, requirements and to conform to generally accepted accounting procedures as they relate to Tribal Government.
- Oversees the preparation of financial data for monthly review.
- Any other duties as assigned by the Board.

CEO Office: The CEO's responsibilities for his or her office include the following: day-to-day business management, hiring any approved staff, development and implementation of operating policies and procedures, development of the annual plan of operation for tribal businesses (including, budgets, sales estimates, and expense and revenue projections) and accounting for tribal funds.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Require a Bachelor's degree in Business, Finance or Accounting, with concentration in accounting or finance credit hours or commensurate experience. Preferred but not required to have masters in business administration or a finance degree. Must have a minimum of ten years of experience working in business, accounting or finance. Knowledge of advanced business, management, marketing and financial principles and practices, mergers and acquisitions, industrial and commercial business operations, and federal and private business procurement policies and practices.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: Individual selected shall agree and abide by the PBP Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to a drug screening prior to appointment.

PRIVACY ACT: This position must comply with all requirements and provisions of Subpart D of CFR, which implements the Privacy Act (5), USC 552a, (i)(1).

INDIAN PREFERENCE EXERCISED.

Submit application to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Human Resources Department, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. For further details call (785) 966-3060 or toll free 1-866-694-3937.

JOB POSTING

POSITION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
REPORTS TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SALARY: COMMENSURATE TO EXPERIENCE/SALARY
OPENING DATE: JUNE 24, 2002
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Under direction of Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors, performs varied administrative, staff and analytical assignments in support of Tribal Enterprises economic development activities pursuant to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's business development policies, objectives, and initiatives.

JOB DUTIES:

- Coordinates and performs administrative and technical duties necessary to achieve program objectives in the area of economic development and business assistance.
- Plans, organizes and conducts analyses relating to variety of economic development opportunities.
- Assists in management and investment of assets.
- Conducts research regarding economic conditions and trends.
- Makes recommendations for projects and activities based upon this research.
- Works closely with government and private entities and organizations in attracting various businesses and commercial enterprises to conduct business with tribal enterprises and assists with other marketing activities.
- Prepares comprehensive studies, feasibility and economic analyses, proposals and marketing programs regarding economic development and commercial or industrial opportunities.
- Recommends and implements policies and procedures and strategic planning to improve economic development activities for tribal enterprises.
- Conducts research of all available federal, state and private programs funding, loans, grants, etc., as may be available in attracting or starting up new industry and businesses.
- Assists in the preparation of informational materials, reports and promotional materials regarding tribal enterprises and economic development opportunities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Work experience and knowledge of principles and practices regarding economic development and the federal, state and tribal laws relating thereto; business computer user applications, particularly as related to statistical and financial analysis and data management, marketing techniques; basic budgetary principles and practices, mergers and acquisitions, and real estate principles; ability to interpret and apply complex regulations, legislation and guidelines, analyze complex issues and problems, evaluating alternatives and recommending practical solutions, exercise initiative and sound judgment in solving complex and difficult administrative and technical problems, prepare marketing programs, communicate effectively, maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work. Requires a bachelor's degree, preferably a master's degree, in finance, accounting, business or planning, with at least 8 years of experience in the field.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: Individual selected shall agree and abide by the PBP Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to a drug screening prior to appointment.

MUST SUBMIT TO CRIMINAL AND WORK BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

PRIVACY ACT: This position must comply with all requirements and provisions of Subpart D of CFR, which implements the Privacy Act (5), USC 552a, (i)(1).

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The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reserves the right to make changes to the above job description.

GINIGITTEK (Those who are born)



Malakai Zane Rice

Born 1/3/03 at 3:05 p.m.
7 lbs. 12 oz., 20 inches

Malachi meaning My Messenger/Angel
Zane meaning Gracious Gift of God

Parents:

Michelle Yoshida and Rich Rice

Maternal Grandparents:

Joy and the Late Giichi "Bob" Yoshida
Kathleen Peterson and the Late Robert Hotchkiss

Maternal Great Grandparents:

The late Ernest "Butch" Seymour and Angeline
"Shawnokwe" Whitefish Seymour
The late Gilbert Shegonee and Melvina Wewasson

Paternal Grandmother:

Victoria "Mimikwe" Rice

Paternal Great Grandparents:

Kendall and Lillian Rice

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

Thursday 7 pm Adult Bible Study
7 pm Children's Bible Church

Pastor Terry Paine

Bethany Baptist Church

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

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

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta

New Pastor: Fr. Bob Hasenkamp

Mass, second Sunday will continue at 2:00 pm with a potluck dinner to follow. The other Sundays, 8:30 am Mass with Father Duane followed by potluck coffee and doughnuts. No service on the first Sunday of the month.

Native American Mass at Assumption Church

204 West 8th, Topeka, KS

Mass will be at 2:00 pm with Father Duane with potluck to follow.

Methodist

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

Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

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

Pentecostal

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134
Rev. Vernon Potts

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

THE BIBLE SAYS...

By Pastor Terry Paine

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:8,9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

If I was back on the Southern Ute Reservation where I helped pastor Nuuciu Bible Baptist Church, I would ask a little 9-year-old boy named Sonny, just what grace was. Sonny would say, "Preacher, that's when you're forgiven, and you really don't deserve to be." Sonny had painted a perfect picture of what God's grace means to you and me.

Our Heavenly Father reached down and gave us a gift beyond all gifts—His only son, Jesus Christ. God gave His son to die in our place on an old rugged cross, so we could be forgiven, even though we don't deserve it.

God's love is an unexplainable thing. Some say He could have sent a seraphim, or a cherubim, or the arch angel...but, NO! None of these would do. God sent the very best heaven had to offer...Jesus! He was God's GIFT to us, so we could be restored to Him.

Have you ever been separated from a loved one because of wrong committed in your family? As a parent, there is nothing more heart-breaking than being separated from your child. We (God's children) are separated from our Heavenly Father because of our sin. But He found a way to restore our relationship...Jesus! We only need to accept this gift of God.

Salvation had to be a gift, for we can't earn it; we don't deserve it; and we can't work our way into it.

And so as our text says of salvation, "it is the GIFT of God." A free gift, my friends. The thing about a gift it, that you have to accept it. Have you taken God's gift for you? Have you trusted in the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? If not, why not by faith trust Him today.



Basketball Tournament 1st Annual NE Kansas ALL INDIAN Men's Reserve, KS

Entry fee: \$125 Double Elimination

Deadline: March 23, 2003

Contact:

Ronnie Keo 785 486 3627
Frank Parker 785 474 0129

Not responsible for accidents or thefts
NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED

GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

Rose Mary Smith, New Kensington

Rose Mary Smith, 65, of New Kensington died at 4:20 a.m. Wednesday (Jan. 1, 2003) at her home.

Born May 7, 1937, in Mayetta, Kan., she lived in New Kensington for 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph E. Smith; and two brothers, Tom Tuckwin and Jerry Tuckwin, both of Kansas.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Elizabeth Blandin Tuckwin; five brothers, Paul, Lewis, Lyle, Marvin and Mitchell Tuckwin; and three sisters, Mercedes Degand, Wilma Holstein and Patricia Tuckwin.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Frank F. Gigler Funeral Home, 2877 Leechburg, Lower Burrell, where services are set for 3 p.m. Sunday. Officiating will be the Rev. Harold M. Mele Jr. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

Rita Wabaunsee

Rita "Sheh-Sheh" M. Wabaunsee, 61, Topeka, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at a Topeka hospice house.

Ms. Wabaunsee worked in the cleaning department at the Topeka Expocentre.

She was born July 21, 1941, in Mayetta, to Louis and Catherine Shoptese Wabaunsee. She lived most of her life in Topeka.

Ms. Wabaunsee was a member of Lady of the Snow Catholic Church and the Prairie Band Tribe. She married Frank Matsapto Sr. who died May 12, 1997.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph W. Matsapto and Glenn A. Mandeville, both of Topeka; two stepsons, Roy W. Matsapto, Fort Collins, Colo., and Frank J. Matsapto Jr., St. Louis; a stepdaughter, Michelle Contreras Phoenix; three brothers, Louis Wabaunsee, Topeka, Corky Wabaunsee, Holton, and Lou Wabaunsee, Mayetta; a sister, Anita Goslin, Rosalee, Neb.; and three grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Lady of the Snow Catholic Church west of Mayetta. Burial will be at Ship-Shee Indian Cemetery in Mayetta. Ms. Wabaunsee will lie in state after noon today at the Davidson Funeral Home, where visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice or Lady of the Snow Catholic Church and sent in care of the funeral home, 1035 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, 66608.



A new sign designating the elder housing site complex. See August 2002 for the full story.



Update on the new housing phase located at 158 and L Road. Completion is expected within the year. Full story in October issue. (Photo by PBP News staff)

Tribal member Douglas (Utch-mi-Que) Micco and Commander John Herington at a recent benefit for N.A.S.A., at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Commander Herington is from the Chickasaw Nation and is an astronaut on the space shuttle Endeavor.

Utch-mi-que was representing his Nation, as an invited V.I.P. He is a pow-wow M.C., actor and artist. His last movie was "The Last of the Mohicans." Utch-mi-que resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is the son of Dempsey and Ramona (Mattwaoshe) Micco of Lawrence, Kansas and is a member of the Thunder and Lightning clan. (See photo at right.)



L-R: Danny Potts and Norman Marston raising and leveling the new sign above the Maintenance Building. (Photo by PBP News staff)



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Revival

Place- Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

Date- March 5-9, 2003

Time- 7:00 P.M.

Evangelist- Danny Rogers, Alabama

Location-4 1/2 west Hwy. 75&134TH

Phone # (785)-966-2885 Rev. Vernon Potts

Refreshments following each service!

BINGO

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Saturday
Doors open 5:00 p.m.
Mini session 6:30 p.m.
Regular session 7:00 p.m.

(Closed Wednesday)

Sunday

Doors open 10 a.m.
Mini session 12:30 p.m.
Regular session 1:00 p.m.

Located off Hwy. 75, Rd. 162

MUST BE 18 TO PLAY

Nation Station

Hours of Operation:

Sunday through Thursday
6:30 a.m. — 10:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
6:30 a.m. — 11:30 p.m.

Located at 12285 — 150 Rd.
Off Hwy. 75

Future Events

- Earth Day Celebration—4/26/03
- Good Friday—4/18/03
- Memorial Day —5/26/03

COMMUNITY FORUMS PLANNED

by
Arlene Wahwasuck

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) Health Committee has planned forums to keep community members updated on plans for the new Health Center. The Health Committee also wants input from all community members in the planning for improving the quality and quantity of health services to be provided in the new Health Center. All community members are invited to participate in the forums. We hope to see you and hear from you at one of the following forums in your community. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, March 1, 2003, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon,
Stone Building, Potawatomi Reservation, Mayetta, KS

Saturday, March 15, 2003, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon,
Chouteau Residence, 1700 Harp Place, Topeka, KS .
From I 470, go North on Burlingame Road, take a
right turn (East) on Tara Street to Harp Place

Saturday, March 29, 2003, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Sac
& Fox Gymnasium, Reserve, KS

Saturday, April 5, 2003, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon, Com-
munity Building, Kickapoo Reservation, Horton, KS

PBP- NISH-NA- BAH Potawatomi Fast Pitch

**We're
getting
ready for
the season
to begin to
roll!**

**Watch for
flyers and
posters for
our
upcoming
fundraisers.**

**Support
Our team!**

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

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

Government Center
877 715-6789

Social Services
888 966-2932

Tribal Court
866 966-2242

Alcohol & Drug
866 966-2411

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

NEWSPAPER INFORMATION

Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 116, Mayetta, KS 66509-0116.

Physical Location:
16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS (lower level, southwest
corner of PBP Government Center).

FAX # (785) 966-3907
Mark "ATTN: PBP News"

Doris A. Potts
(785) 966-4047 e-mail: dorispotts@hotmail.com and/or
DorisP@pbpnation.org

Mary L. Young
(785)966-3948 e-mail: maryy@pbpnation.org

Forest County Potawatomi's 8th Annual Winter's End Pow-Wow (formerly Mid-Winter Pow-Wow)

**March 22-23, 2003
at
Forest County Recrea-
tion Center
2 miles east of Crandon,
WI on Hwy 8**

Doors open: 12 Noon
Grand Entry: Saturday 1 & 7 pm;
Sunday 1 pm
Saturday Feast at 5 pm
Sunday Breakfast at 9 am
Dinner at 5 pm

HOST DRUM: LITTLE SOLDIER
Mayetta, KS

For information: 715 478-7420
Vendors: pre register with Yvonne
Smith 715 473-2064

ALL DRUMS MUST HAVE A
MINIMUM OF 4 SINGERS,
and NO drum hopping
No drugs or alcohol—
not responsible for lost or stolen items

Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

In this issue, *Recipe Corner* offers Cherokee reci-
pes from the book, *Indian Cooking* by Frances L.
Whisler. These recipes were handed down to her.

Thanks go to Grace Wahwasuck for sharing.

Six Course Dinner

Season each layer:

1. Slice potatoes very thin
2. Slice onion
3. Slice green pepper
4. 1/2 cup dry rice
5. 2 lbs. hamburger brown in skillet
6. Tomato juice

Layer these in baking dish, pour tomato juice over
all until you can see it. Bake moderate oven 1
hour. Covered.

Pumpkin (I-Ya)

Cut ripe pumpkin in rings, remove the peeling,
hang on a stick before the fire near enough to dry
slowly. This may be stored until ready for use. To
prepare it should be washed and cooked any way
you like pumpkin. The Indians oftentimes ate it dried.

Pheasant (Gu-Que)

Dress pheasant, put on a stick before the fire or
over hot coals and roast until brown. Put browned
pheasant in pot of water and boil until well done,
thicken soup with cornmeal and season with salt.

Ginger Bread

- 1 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup black molasses
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 tsp. Soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix all ingredients, add one cup boiling water. Stir
well. Bake slow in large pan 300 degrees for 45
min.

Crusty Bread

- 1/2 stick butter
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup cold sweet milk
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. sugar
- pinch salt

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place 1/2 stick butter
in 9 x 5 pan. Place in oven and melt butter. Do
not burn. Mix flour, baking powder, salt and
sugar, add cold milk and egg, beat together for 1
min. Pour into the hot pan of butter. Bake 25-30
min.

Sunflower Seed Soup

- 2 cups shelled sunflowers seed
- 3 scallion sliced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 6 cups water
- 2 pkg. Instant chicken broth

Simmer all ingredients 45 minutes. Serve hot.

Rhubarb Pie

- 2 cups cooked and cooled Rhubarb
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup sugar

Mix ingredients and stir well. Put in unbaked pie
shell, dot with butter and bake until firm. Top with
egg whites beaten stiff with 1/4 cup sugar. Brown in
oven. Bake at 350 degrees.

Turnips

Peel turnips and cook in salted water until tender.
Drain; add lump of butter, 1 tablespoon flour, a
pinch salt and pepper, and cook with a little milk or
cream (about 1 cup) until liquid thickens. Serve
hot.

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

Native Owned Vendors Wanted
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 5th Annual Pow Wow Celebration
June 13-15, 2003
For Vendor information please contact:
Call 1-877-715-6789 ext 3999 leave message or
E-mail: Powwow@pbpnation.org

Gracie Wins "Little Miss Lulac" title

Gracie Ortega was crowned "Little Miss Lulac"
Saturday evening at the 27th Annual Sweet
Heart's Dance.

Gracie, a 6-year old Prairie Band Potawatomi
Tribal member, is the daughter of Shirley Jacob-
son and Roger Ortega, Sr. and niece of Judy and
Eldon Darnell.

Gracie is a first grader at Our Lady of Guade-
loupe School and has seven brothers: Roger, Mi-
chael, Chris, Rico, Andrew, Charlie, Marcus
and Isaac.

The dance is the major Lulac fund raiser with
some of the proceeds supporting the Lulac Senior
Citizen Center at 1502 Seward, East Topeka.



Gracie Ortega with mom, Shirley, and dad, Roger

MARCH 2003

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pork Patties Potato & Gravy Mixed Veg. Salad Dinner Roll	4 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Beans, Tortillas Tomato Salad	5 Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Zucchini & Tomato Dinner Roll	6 Beef & Hominy Grilled Cheese Tossed Salad Fried Bread	7 Lasagna Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread
10 Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Carrots or Spinach Dinner Roll	11 Ham & Beans White Rice Peas & Carrots Corn Bread	12 Thighs Cacciatore Baked Potato Mixed Vegetable Dinner Roll	13 Birthday Dinner BBQ Rib Picnic	14 Tuna Sandwich Vegetable Soup Baked Tomatoes Cowboy Bread
17 Liver & Onions Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll	18 Pork/Orange Sauce Vegetable Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit Salad	19 Hamburgers Baked Fries Beans, Coleslaw Lettuce & Tomato	20 Baked Chicken Grilled Potato Brussels Sprouts Dinner Roll	21 Ham Croissants Turkey N. Soup Tossed Salad Crackers
24 Chili & Hot Dog Macaroni Salad Green Beans Cheese & Cracker	25 Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Asparagus Spears Dinner Roll	26 Beef Pie Buttered Noodles Spinach Salad Biscuit	27 Parmesan Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Normandy Dinner Roll	28 Baked Fish Potato & Gravy Spinach Dinner Roll

Sloppy Joes
Baked Fries
Cole Slaw
Sliced Oranges



Adults \$3.50
Children \$2
Seniors Free
Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30
Menu Subject to Change



Building Futures Today:

Investing

By Donica L. Nanez

SEVEN GENERATIONS: Look behind you. See your sons and your daughters. They are your future. Look farther and see your son's and daughters' children and their children's children even unto the seventh generation. That's the way we were taught. Think about it—you yourself are a seventh generation. —Leon Shenandoah, Onondagan Elder

Why invest?

In order for us to know what sort of impact investments would have on us as a whole, it would be best if we understood the how and whys of the investment process for the collective interest of the tribes well being. As you know our tribe has put in a little money in investments and for that reason, compelling this writer to start a financial column with our newspaper.

The following are the most common questions regarding the investment process:

Question: What would motivate a person or an organization to invest?

Answer: To make your idle money grow or a desire to increase your wealth. The money you invest, is money that you will not need for a long time. Buy and hold is one of the key objectives to increasing your dollar amount invested. The longer you hold your investment, the better chance you have of weathering out market fluctuations.

We all want the comfort that comes with financial stability; not worrying about the ability to afford college, buy a home, pay bills, travel or save for retirement. Just think when we invested in the casino and hotel, we wanted to generate cash flow. Why? To use the money we made to help support us as a nation by building and repairing bridges, pave new roads, constructing housing for our elders and ourselves, and obtain computers for our children, all in all to give our people a better life.

Question: What kind of security is there in investing my hard earned money and what are the chances of me losing everything?

Answer: We invested in the casino and hotel. We took the chance that people would come and visit and stay in our hotel; that they would come from miles around just to use our facilities. Ask yourself, what motivated us as a nation to do that? Everything we do everyday is a risk. But it is the approach to any given situation that matters. We research and analyze all possible scenarios, and then decide which better suits our situation and our long-term goals. Educating ourselves, evaluating our circumstances, we can put our best foot forward towards making sound decisions. Choosing a respected, highly ethical firm, with noted top quality research analysts, highly proven method of selecting the right amount of diversity in your portfolio based on your individual criteria and investment needs. Adding all these features to your selection of whom you chose to work with, you can be assured that your risk is at a minimum and that your rate of return is great.

Question: How can one trust the firm whom they choose?

Answer: For every huge decision we make in our lives, we do not just randomly say "Okay, that looks or sounds good to me." By always implementing our Seven Generation thinking in every aspect of our lives, we continue to ensure the life of enrichment for us now and the future of our children; this takes involving yourself in the opinions and processes of our tribal government. Trust is not a cheap commodity that we as *annisnabek*, give away randomly to just anyone. People have lost their entire retirement funds, and companies have gone bankrupt. That doesn't help to alleviate our mistrust. We must firmly believe that the people that we voted into office are using every means at their disposal to investigate, research and evaluate every decision they make. We as a nation are not prone to blind faith alone. We have been smarter than others, as everyone whose read the *Time* article, "Look who's cashing in Indian Casinos" of December 16, 2002 knows. The investment we made in the Casino and Hotel has made us the most popular tourist destination in Kansas. The revenue from that venture has been put to work in our sovereign nation, unlike any other and that article proves it. We are working in the right direction.

Please contact the PBP News if you have a question, write to "Building Futures Today" in care of PBP News, P. O. Box 116, Mayetta, KS 66509.



McKinney's Grandson Completes Basic Marine Corp Training

Submitted by Jim McKinney

Private Sean Matthew Douglas, son of Darryl and Leah Douglas, of Columbia, MO, graduated from boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, CA, January 10, 2003. Sean is the grandson of Jim and Agnes McKinney.

Sean's mother writes, "It was an absolutely marvelous experience to go to San Diego and see Sean graduate. When we first arrived at the compound, we were unable to recognize him in any of the recruits during the Motivational Run, which was the first order of the day.

"He saw us, however, and called out, we stopped short, turned around, and there was our Marine, looking so serious, yet trying to contain the happiness he felt at seeing us there! I had to hug him right away, even though we were told we could not touch our Marines until after the ceremony. After all, it was the first time I had seen him in almost three months--and I didn't think a motherly hug was out of order at all.

"Sean told us he had suffered a stress fracture in his right foot and had been on crutches since Christmas Eve. To make an already proud parent even more proud was the fact he fractured his foot during the Crucible, which was the last major physical obstacle they were required to complete. It was at the end of the Crucible, but at the beginning of a ten-mile hike up a mountain that the injury occurred, yet he found the motivation and strength to hike the whole ten miles. Also Sean was chosen as a Squad Leader during the Crucible, which is quite an honor, because the Squad Leader is the only one besides the Drill Instructor giving orders. Sean says he had a rough 12 weeks, but he was also praising God that He helped him through it all."

Private Douglas' next assignment will be 2-3 weeks of combat training at San Diego, then on to Florida for his MOS (Military Occupation Specialty training), which will take about another year.

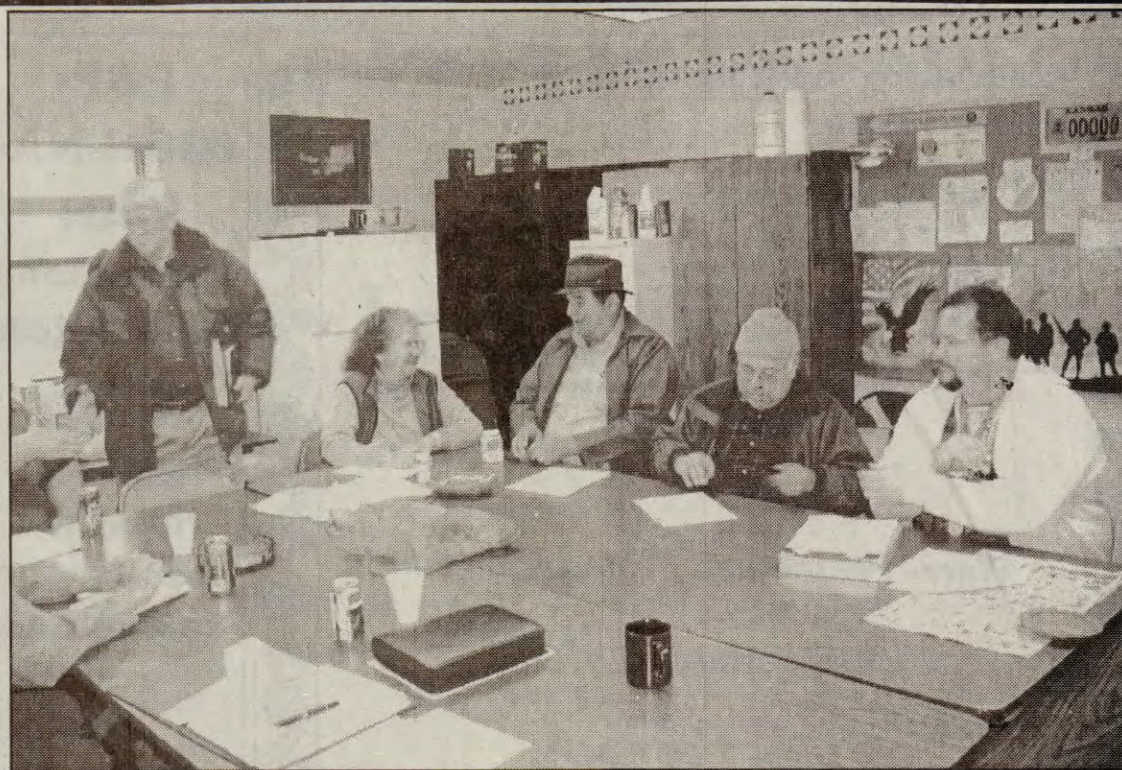


BEAUTIFUL REGALIA

Royal Valley's Native American Group Performed at the Jackson Heights Elementary School

This is a cultural awareness event which the cultural group does for the surrounding schools.

Pictured above is a back view of Ella Garcia. This is only one of the many Boys & Girls craft projects. The Club members are encouraged and assisted in making their own regalia.



Alternative Energy Committee meeting. (L to R): Dale Osborn, President of Disgen Inc., Mary Young, PBP News, Jay Mattwaoshshe, community member, Larry Berryhill, Alternative Energy Committee member, and Robert Clement, PBPN electrician. (Photo submitted by Sharon Anderson, EPA)

No Risk Wind Venture

by Daniel Dyer, Secretary of the Alternative Energy Committee

PBPN—February 5, 2003, The Alternative Energy Committee met with the Dale Osborn, the President of Disgen Inc. from Evergreen, Colorado. Dale was in northeast Kansas to testify before the state legislature about issues surrounding the generation, distribution, legislation and taxation of alternative energy on the state level. The Committee was fortunate enough to have the President of one of the leading wind energy companies in the United States give a presentation on his companies strengths and resources in partnering with tribes to develop wind energy in Indian Country. Dale is one of the "big guns" in the wind energy business as is evidenced by his consultations with State and Federal government as well as working with Indian Nations in the Dakotas and Oklahoma. Disgen Inc. and Dale have developed or led to the development of \$250,000,000 of wind projects worldwide. Disgen Inc. helps Indian Nations apply for money from the federal government in the form of grants to conduct feasibility studies and development projects for electricity generation from wind turbines. The program that Dale introduced to the Committee involves partnering with Disgen Inc. to study the potential for energy production on the Reservation. If awarded the grant the Nation and Disgen Inc. would begin to study the feasibility of placing wind turbines on the Reservation. All of this will occur at no cost to the Nation. The grant would provide the operating and equipment costs of the study. This is an excellent opportunity for the Nation to expand our economic base and strengthen our sovereignty. For further information on Dale Osborn and Disgen Inc. please visit <http://www.disgenonline.com>. Please forward comments, questions and rants to the Alternative Energy Committee's Chair: Ryan Dyer, email- ryandyer@cox.net.

For a good cause— Gubba Hale eats 8 Indian Tacos!!!



February 21, 2003—Gubba Hale went into this Indian Taco Eating contest fearing competitor, Sam Potts, but Sam was a "no show." Gubba ate away easily to the final tally, devouring eight Indian tacos. After it was all over, he said he could have handled one more if it was necessary. He eyed Calvin Evans and if Cal dared to take on another taco, he'd put him away easily - and eat the final 9th Indian taco.

Amazingly, later that night at the Mall, Gubba is still walking! He said he's still walking off the tacos!

PBP Nation Boys & Girls Club sponsored an Indian Taco Feed for the public, coming away with over \$800 proceeds from that alone. But, to top the sale off, the day spun into a Taco Eating Contest with each contestant taking pledges for their feat. It was reported that there would possibly be over \$1200 proceeds from that event - great going for a day of happy eating!

Oh yea! Contestants were: The almighty champ, Gubba Hale with 8 under his belt; Calvin Evans with 6 1/2, Nathan Hale with 6 1/2, Raphael Wahwassuck with 5, and Poncho Guerrero with 4. Nathan was asked if he was going to count that half, responding with, "It sure counted to me!"

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pretty good job of staying out of trouble. The club is also a place to have fun. There are many fun activities to do at the club. You can do things in the gym like play basketball, dodge ball, and kickball. There are also different activities you can do in the game room like play pool, foosball, air hockey, and all types of board games. There's also the lab where you can work on your homework, work on the computer, or you can do crafts in the other part of the lab. Another part of the club is the television room. There's a big screen TV and play station in there also. It's nice to watch sports on the big screen; I especially enjoyed the super bowl, even though it wasn't a game. All these activities should be enough to keep a lot of kids occupied and out

of trouble. Sometimes it's good to go to the club and just hang out - to just go and play basketball with people or to go and watch games on the TV. It's nice to know that there's a place to go if you want to just hangout. I think the club does a nice job of offering all of these things to do so kids can come out instead of going somewhere else and getting in trouble. I think that a kid can't have an excuse of having a place to go when there's a club where they can go. I think the more kids that are at the club, then the more successful the club is at doing its part in helping the community. Many kids don't realize this, but the club is helping the community. It helps by letting the kids come and even offering them rides home. It offers trans-

portation to a lot of things. I know of times when I wouldn't have got to go to certain events because of the club's transportation.

I think that the real reason that we have a club is to help us. I realize the ways that the club helps us. It provides a place for us to do our homework so we each have the equal chance to succeed in school and in life. I believe that in order to succeed in life, you have to be able to succeed in school. School is the most important thing for people my age. We must first get past school before we can move onto bigger and better things in life. So I am thankful that we have a Boys & Girls Club, I believe something like this is a big stepping stone for people who strive to succeed in life.