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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Progress continues on Highway 75 and 150 Rd interchange



The interchange at Highway 75 and 150 Rd near the casino is beginning to look different as construction continues at the intersection. An overpass is scheduled to be built across Highway 75 by Koss Construction from Topeka that will lead west into 150 Rd where the casino is located. The project is being funded by the PBP, Jackson County and the Kansas Department of Transportation and began in 2000. The expected completion date is spring 2008.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

Important informational meeting coming up!

What: Community meeting on Charter for Section 17-Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corp.
When: Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m.
Where: Bingo Hall

Lawyer who helped PBP with treaty claims dies

A man who was instrumental in helping the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation with their treaty claims cases against the United States has died in Lawrence, Kan.

Robert Stone Johnson, 86, died on February 12 and is remembered by some tribal members as an attorney who was committed to helping the tribe in the long process of filing claims after the United States Claims Commission Act of 1946 was enacted. The purpose of the Act was to adjudicate Indian claims against the United States and until 1978 Congress awarded more than a half billion dollars including a share for the Prairie Band Potawatomi.

According to an obituary placed in the Topeka Capital-Journal, Johnson had represented the Prairie Band Potawatomi for 35 years.

Prior to his death, Johnson donated a collection of papers regarding the claims and other works to the Nation, according to PBP Attorney, David Prager. Those papers are presently stored in the PBP archives.

Johnson served in WW II and practiced law in Topeka for 51 years. He was interested in historical research and served on many historical organization boards in Kansas. He had resided in Lawrence since 2000 and in Topeka prior to that time.

Tom Tuckwin wins Gaming Commission election

By Suzanne Heck

Incumbent Tom Tuckwin was elected to the Gaming Commission on February 24 in front of approximately 30 tribal members at the Bingo Hall.

The total unofficial count was 848 votes with Tuckwin receiving 51.49% of the vote and winning with 440 votes. Joseph W. Hale Jr. came in second with 217 votes (25.75%) and Dorothy Kikuyan received 191 (22.76%) votes.

Immediately following the election, a group of well wishers congratulated Tuckwin who was at the Bingo Hall during the count. Shortly after his win, he told the News, "I want to thank everyone for supporting me and I will do everything that I can to see that everything is run properly at the Casino."

Tuckwin is presently on the Gaming Commission and serves with Gary Mitchell, Jona Rupnicki, Joyce Guerrero, and Calvin Evans. He was

appointed to the Gaming Commission in March, 2005 by the Tribal Council to fill an 11-month vacancy left by Joyce Guerrero who left the position after winning a four-year Gaming Commission seat along with Gary Mitchell in February 2005.

Tuckwin has over 20 years of business experience and was on the Tribal Council at one time.

Those assisting with the election voting count were Tim Sanchez of Automated Election Service (AES), Albuquerque, Marty Hamlin, who served as the Election Judge and Joe Mendez, Arlene Lingo, Doris Potts, and Francis Shopteese who all served as Election Clerks. Marcus Koch from the Tribal Police Department served as the Official Observer. Also assisting were Voncile Mitchell, June Barber and Ruta Mendez from the Election Board.

A Swearing-In Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for March 2.



PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION

GAMING COMMISSION ELECTION

Mayetta, Kansas

February 24, 2006

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

GAMING COMMISSION	MACHINE	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%
JOSEPH W. HALE, JR.	217	7	224	25.75%
DOROTHY ARLEEN KIKUYUKAN	191	7	198	22.76%
TOM TUCKWIN	440	8	448	51.49%

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation hires two casino transition managers

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council is pleased to announce the hiring of two Casino Transition Managers who will oversee the Tribe's transition from a Harrah's Entertainment Corporation managed property to a Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation managed enterprise.

Daniel Kennedy, a veteran of over a decade of work in the Indian Gaming industry, has been named Casino Transition Manager of Finance and Operations and Prairie Band Tribal Member Peggy Houston, a long-time associate of our Prairie Band casino enterprise has been named Casino Transition Manager of Guest and Human Relations.

Mr. Kennedy provides the Nation with great expertise in most all aspects of casino operations, but will focus on the finance, operation and systems needs of our facility. Ms. Houston, was one of our highest seniority associates in our

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and returns to the Nation after a year-long employment stint at Mystic Lake Casino in Minnesota. Ms. Houston will focus on the needs of our employees and our casino customers or guests during this transition period.

The Tribe's Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation will take over full operation of our casino enterprise on January 12, 2008.

The Tribal Council will host a special community informational meeting, led by Prairie Band Treasurer Ryan Dyer who will discuss the details of the corporate structure for Tribal member information on March 4, 2006.

For more information on the hiring of the Casino Transition Managers, please contact Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff at 785-966-4007.

A Welcome Gathering



Seen above is Tribal Council member Jackie Mitchell, standing left, with Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff, to her right, who were greeting Tracy's relatives Opal and Virgel Slocum at a welcome dinner held for Tracy on February 1 at the PBP Convention Center. Tribal members and their families were invited to the event that included a buffet dinner, fashion show featuring Potawatomi women in traditional dress, and a welcome Round Dance by the Little Soldier Singers.

For more information about the fashion show please turn to pages 8 and 9 in this issue of the News

photos by Mary Young

PBP helps Haskell Indian Nations University with land project



Road & Bridge crews recently spent some time at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. where they helped drain some land where the cross country track is located. Above, is a photo of one of the tribe's dump trucks that was used to haul dirt during the project set with a Haskell dormitory in the background. The photo, at right, shows Benny Potts conferring about the work to be done with Hardy Eteeyan who is in a PBP dozer. For more information about what Road & Bridge has been up to, see page 5.





February Message to the Nation Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff



My first month in the position of Tribal Chair has been a wonderful, rewarding and humbling experience. It is truly a pleasure to serve our people.

We, the Tribal Council, have been extremely active in working on our Nation's behalf. We have accomplished a tremendous amount of work during this month's time.

An update of our highlighted activities is as follows, we, Tribal Council:

- have initiated a time sheet and leave slip policy for Tribal Council
- met briefly with FEMA officials to be apprised of funding of Road and Bridge projects on the Reservation that resulted from the floods of fall 2005
- have procured an upgraded IT system to bring our government center computers systems up to today's standards which will expedite government operations
- have initiated a Tribal Council written travel report update to my office (see letter from Tribal Secretary Steve Ortiz regarding his National Indian Gaming Association trip)
- have prepared a Section 17 federal corporation - Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation - to operate as our tribal enterprise to manage our casino. An update on it will be provided to our Tribal community on March 4th for informational purposes prior to being sent to the Department of Interior for approval
- have met several times with Harrah's Entertainment officials to discuss the transition plans and any existing operational issues
- have met with Gaming Commission to discuss Casino Transition processes and my role as Tribal

Chair, February 15 presentations to our casino employees successfully updating our associates on the transition plans

- have hired two Casino Transition Managers to assist the Nation (see separate story on Casino Transition Managers)
- have met with the Constitution Committee regarding the latest revision to our Constitution and the final "fine-tuning" to the amendments, the Committee will present Tribal Council with the final version at our early March Tribal Council meeting for Tribal Council approval to call a Secretarial election through the Department of Interior
- made a determination to revise the usage of the Turnbull House to become a paid rental property for substance recovery for Prairie Band Potawatomi Women - as part of the Oxford House/Friends of Recovery system as requested by our Nation's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program
- will be meeting with Liberty Alliance to move forward on the Shab-ey-nay land claim project
- reviewed the wording in our Minor's Trust paperwork with legal counsel and can assure the Nation that no one will encumber those funds for any of the Nation's debts, the wording in the trust papers is necessary to maintain tax-free status for each minor until that time the minor reaches their 18th birthday and receives their money

Additionally as part of my post January General Council meeting activities, I have met with Juanita Jessepe to discuss her General Council Resolution passed in our January General Council meeting to initiate fact finding on the 13 points noted in such resolution and will continue to meet with Ms. Jessepe to finish this project.

Also of note to the Nation, I have responded to a "Welcome to Office" letter from Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius and am working on setting up a meeting with the Governor at the State Capitol - this letter and possible meeting are sig-

nificant due to the Governor's lack of engagement with our Tribe.

I also attended one conference on behalf of the Nation - the 20th Annual Reservation Economic Summit where I was also a presenter. I spoke on "Technology and Tribal Governance" on a panel which included National Indian Gaming Association Chairman, Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman Tex Hall, Chairman Rocky Barrett and new Small Business Administration American Indian Desk Director, Bill Largent. We have much to be proud of as our Nation is leading Indian Country in usage of technology for our government, enterprises and tribal facilities.

At this Reservation Economic Summit I also attended meetings regarding the Tribal 8(a) enterprise issue of our tribal federal economic development set asides being attacked and met with Harvard Project for Indian Economic Development - Honoring Nations personnel regarding our Nation's advances in business and technology for possible recognition consideration from Harvard in the future.

My travels throughout our reservation have included stops/tours at our Child Development Center, Fire Department, Prairie Band language department, Elders Center and an informal tour with our own Roy Ogden. I have also met with several Tribal departments and our Nation's individual members to discuss their needs and be updated on their activities.

I, along with Vice Chair Rey Kitchkumme, will be attending the National Congress of American Indians Executive Winter Session in Washington DC and will meet hopefully with our Kansas Senators and Congressional delegation while there. I am also hosting my initial "Elders Chat at Our Government Center" on March 13. An update on the Washington DC trip and our Council's next activity highlights will appear in our next monthly newspaper.

We're Moving Forward,

Tracy Stanhoff

Tribal Council Travel Updates



Letter from Tribal Secretary Steve Ortiz to Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff regarding his National Indian Gaming Association trip

Madame Chair Tracy Stanhoff,

On January 31, 2006 thru February 2, 2006 I traveled to Washington, DC to attend the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) 2006 Winter Legislative Summit. While at the summit on Capitol Hill Ernie Stevens-NIGA President and Joe Garcia-President of the National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) talked on the impact of the Abramoff lobby scandal on Indian gaming across the United States. They reported that both organizations would be meeting with congressional members from both houses to explain that the scandal had nothing to do with Indian gaming and that only a few tribes were doing business with Abramoff. They also suggested that changing the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) is not a solution to the issue of donations made by tribes. All tribal representatives in the over-filled capacity meeting room agreed not to change IGRA. Both NIGA and NCAI would explain to congressional members that current U.S. lobby regulations allows tribes to make donations and are treated as sovereign governments rather than as individuals, corporations or political action committees.

Rep. Dale Kildee (D-MI) and Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) who all attended the meeting informed tribal representatives that they would be working with NIGA and NCAI to inform their respective parties of the tribal point of view. Rep. Dale Kildee (D-MI) pointed out to tribal representatives that Indian Nations are not forms of county, city, or state governments but Sovereign Nations.

National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Chairman Phil Hogan spoke to tribal representatives on the recent training held by the NIGC with FBI agents and IRS agents to audit tribal revenue allocation plans on file with and approved by the NIGC the audits would look to ensure tribes are staying within the percentages they have set for themselves. In PBPB's case it would be economic development-37%, tribal government-30%, per capita-30%, general welfare-2% and charitable contributions-1%. Also, audits would include looking for improper accounting to disguise per capita payments to tribal members that are charged to the revenue allocation plan other than the per capita category. Discussion was held with tribal representatives on the NIGC need to have its funding increased due to the growth of Indian gaming throughout the United States and lastly, the chairman commented on his support for Senator John McCain's bill S2078 to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and his support for having all tribal gaming commissioners be subject to and have to pass the same background checks that they require of casino employees at all levels.

George Skibine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary from the Department of Interior (DOI), spoke on the issue of off-reservation gaming and the steps necessary to achieve getting off-reservation land into trust. A key component is getting support from the community, a state's governor, and congressional delegations where the land is being considered taken into trust. These guidelines would have to be met before the three tribes (PBPB, Kickapoo, Sac & Fox) could put land into trust to establish a casino in southeast Kansas.

Tribal representatives commented on tribal compacts coming due for negotiations with the state of California and the impact Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will have on their revenues. Some tribes are faced with not only a management fee but will now have to add a state fee to increase their slot numbers which will reduce the amount of gaming revenue to the tribe for distribution.

On February 2, 2006 tribal representatives attended the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing on off-reservation gaming: The Process for Considering Gaming Applications, held in the Dirksen Senate Room 106. Sen. McCain chaired the meeting and commented that the guidelines for taking land into trust needs to be amended to be more restrictive and that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act needs to be amended due to the growth of Indian Gaming. Senate Bill S2078 contains the changes. Testimony was given by John Barnett, Chairman of the Cowlitz Indian tribe, on their efforts to get land into trust that they purchased within their original boundaries before they were relocated and had their land taken away from them. The room was filled to over capacity by tribal representatives. After attending the hearing, I met with Nedra Darling from D.O.I. /B.I.A. at her office to discuss upcoming tribal consultations, need for tribal attendance at consultations, and the need for tribes to maintain communications with their congressional representatives by visitation.

Lastly, I met with our attorneys Fran Ayer and Jennifer Hughes to discuss S2078 and about bringing Chair Tracy Stanhoff to Washington, DC, to give her a review of the Shab-ey-nay land claim and its current status. It was also suggested that appointments be made with the Offices of Kansas Congressional Representatives to introduce Tracy as the PBPB Chair. This concludes my report.

Steve Ortiz
Secretary PBPB

From the office of Jackie Mitchell



It has been a busy winter and many changes have occurred.

We all welcome Tracy Stanhoff as our new chair. She brings with her much experience and knowledge. Tracy is doing a wonderful job and has assumed her responsibilities with a deep commitment to the Nation. I was deeply saddened when our former Chair, Zach Pahmahmie, resigned. Zach brought with him knowledge and intelligence that provided him the ability to lead our nation through the many changes experienced over the last four years. He represented our Nation in a positive and professional manner not only here on the rez but in

our dealings with the county, state and on the federal level. He was a good friend and he will be missed. We all wish him the best in whatever he decides to do next.

•**Transition from Harrahs to Prairie Band Casino** is one of the top priorities and everyone is working on making this a smooth transition. We are confident that we will have a casino that we continue to be proud of and it will keep generating income for our tribal programs and per capita. We have hired Dan Kennedy and Peggy Houston to assist with the transition. The Tribal Council has had ongoing meetings with management. In addition, Tracy had an all casino employees meeting to discuss the transition.

•**Jack Kitchkumme, Liana Onnen and the staff at the housing office** have been doing an excellent job of assisting tribal members with their housing needs. This is one of the most successful housing programs

in all of Indian country.

•**Minor Trust funds are safe** and the children will have their money when they become of age. The general membership voted to put minors' money into a trust account and the Tribal Council has developed a plan that will keep this money safe. As a result of this, our children are graduating from high school in greater numbers than ever. Record numbers of tribal members are enrolling in higher education.

•**We appreciate all the hard work that our tribal programs are doing.** Many times we don't say how much we depend on all of the support that we get from these programs, but we are really thankful for all the good work that is being done to make this the great Nation that it is. As the Time article (December 16, 2002 p. 58) said, we are the one Tribe that is doing it right.

•**With the election coming up for the chair, secretary and member seat on the Tribal Council, we need to be thoughtful in our voting.**

We need to elect people that are capable of leading our Nation into the next four years. We need to continue all the progress that we have made over the last few years. Vote wisely.

•**The Welcome Dinner** was a huge success. We welcomed our new Chair, Tracy Stanhoff and honored our Potawatomi women by featuring them in a fashion show. The women all looked beautiful and it was an honor to be among all these wonderful role models.

It is with great pleasure that I serve the Nation, if you have any concerns and/or suggestions, please call me or email me at:

jackiem@pbpnation.org

Tribal Council Election Calendar 2006

Mailing of Election Notice	March 15
Candidate Filing Deadline Date	April 5, 4 p.m.
Candidate Withdrawal Date	May 3, 4 p.m.
Voter Registration Deadline Date	May 26, 4 p.m.
Ballot Mailing Date	June 12
Election Date	July 24, 9 a.m.

Three (3) vacant positions will expire July 24, 2006: **Chairperson, Secretary, and one (1) Council Person.** The three-working day protest ends on July 27 at 4 p.m. The oath of office of newly elected officials will be scheduled by Tribal Council no later than fourteen (14) business days following the announcement of election results.

Submitted by the Elections Department

About Tribal Council candidate submissions to the PBPB News

• The News will publish a photo and a profile of candidates that must be provided by the candidate in the April, May and June issues of the News. **THE FIRST SUBMISSION WILL BE THE ONLY ONE USED IN ALL ISSUES OF THE PAPER AND NO CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION.**

• Profiles and photos must be submitted by April 15 to Elections or the News. Electronic submissions in microsoft word and sent as attachments are preferred and should be sent by email to maryy@pbpnation.org, suzanneh@pbpnation.org and vmitchell@pbpnation.org. We will return photographs.

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

• No political advertisements will be accepted.

The News staff will take photographs of candidates, if needed. Call 785.966.2461 to make an appointment.



Here's some information from the PBPB Constitution Committee

Our Nation has been working through a committee selected on the General Council floor, with input from General and Tribal Councils, the B.I.A., the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, Judge Bigler, and several attorneys including Tribal Attorneys, David Prager, Ralph Simon, and Teri Barr, and the Committee Attorney, Mr. Robert Porter who is an internationally recognized legal expert on indigenous law to strengthen our Constitution.

The following amendments are the culmination of seven years of work (included are simple explanations of the intent of the amendments):

1) Run-off Elections - Should PBPB officials receive the support of a majority of votes to be elected?

Our current system of electing representatives can dilute the support that our Elected Official has through the number of people that enter the race for the position. One (1) to however many (?) people can "throw their name into the hat" for an elected position. The person that gets the most votes wins. Although this process is "fair", it does not demand as much unity of the voters and can be manipulated more easily than the proposed method of election.

Candidates could avoid a run-off election if one person were to receive 50% plus one of the votes cast in the 1st election.

2) Ethic Commission - Should there be established an Ethics Commission and a Code of Ethics to regulate the conduct of PBPB officials?

This amendment adds a new Article VIII - Ethical Responsibilities of Officials, establishing the Ethics Commission and empowering the Commission with various powers and responsibilities, in particular to develop a Code of Ethics. It supports the philosophy that elected officials must be accountable for their actions. This Commission has investigatory power and the ability to recommend recall to General Council. It does not have the power to remove an Elected Official.

The new provision, also, allows more of a teamwork approach for Tribal Council members that may feel divided by the responsibility delegated to them through ARTICLE X-VACANCIES AND REMOVAL Sec. 2. General Council is given a new process to use when they think an Elected Official is abusing his or her position and/or authority.

3) Independent Court System - Should there be established an independent court system to resolve disputes?

This amendment will allow the courts to base decisions upon Potawatomi law and procedures and not politics.

4) Should the powers of the General Council and Tribal Council be redefined?

It is proposed that General Council be given the responsibility for oversight and regulation of the Nation's government. This proposed amendment specifies the Tribal Council's responsibility as lawmaking. The current Constitution does not make this distinction. Concrete and clear declarations of responsibility such as this clarify who can exercise particular powers.

5) Legalize four (4) quarterly General Council meetings and one (1) Saturday meeting each month for Tribal Council - Should changes be made governing the conduct of General Council and Tribal Council Meetings?

General Council Meetings, Tribal Council Meetings, Meeting Accessibility, and Quorum and Vote Requirements.

6) Should the Secretary of the Interior be removed from the Constitutional amendment process?

The Secretary of the Interior would remain in our Constitution in other areas, but would be removed from the amendment process. We would no longer need their approval to amend our Constitution. We would keep the process of approval through vote by mail to all registered voters.

And the Poll question, Should Article III of the Constitution relating to "Membership" be amended? Yes or No.

From the Constitution Committee

We, the committee members, believe it is time these amendments are put to a vote by the people of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

These amendments provide a structure for changes in our government that we believe will address many of the concerns we have heard in community meetings and conversations with tribal members over the past seven years.

You will receive a copy of the intended amendments along with your ballot. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Angie Greemore-Wahweotten at 785-966-0049 or rawahoo@yahoo.com or any of the other Constitution Committee members.

A reminder!

from the Constitution Committee
and
Tribal Secretary, Steve Ortiz:

In order to vote in a Secretarial Election, you must register with the Bureau of Indian Affairs through a ballot they will be sending you. This Secretarial Election is not the same process as a tribal election that is conducted through our PBPB Elections Office. Exercise your voice by making sure that you register to vote and, finally, vote on these amendments!

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Business Opportunity

I became a Stampin' Up! demonstrator because I wanted the versatility of having my own home business. I love being part of a company that allows me to plan my business around my schedule! If you want more information about Stampin' Up!'s unique business opportunity, please contact me. For more information, check out my website:

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- A learning tool—scrapbook your family history



Bank's eye view Behold the Power of Savings!

By Rex Frazier
Financial Officer - Denison State Bank

Despite frequent reminders from parents, grandparents, bankers, and founding fathers, Americans are among the worst savers in the world. In a recent AC Nielson survey, America tied with Portugal for having the lowest percentage of savers among 42 developing countries. In 2005, American personal saving was a MINUS .5%. The only other time America has posted negative saving rates for an entire year were during the Great Depression years of 1932 and 1933.

Why does it matter?

Everyone will experience unanticipated expenses - car repairs, illness, family or friends dying. Savings keeps the rainstorms from resulting in flood damage. It is frustrating the number of times I have seen someone write a check for \$30 and end up paying over \$800 by the time court costs, overdraft fees, collection fees, and lawyer fees are added. Saving money helps in other ways. Banks pay interest for the money you have in savings accounts. You get paid for letting the bank use your money. Next, having money in savings decreases or eliminates the need to borrow the money and pay interest to creditors.

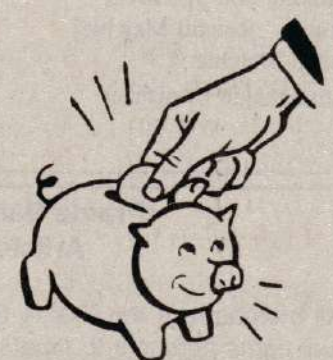
Why don't people save?

What a great question! While I haven't been able to find any reputable research, I have some opinions. We live in an immediate society. Microwaves, fast food, cell phones, and e-mail have conditioned us to having our wants quickly satisfied. The thought of saving up to purchase a house, car, digital camera, or Xbox 360 is antiquated. With credit cards and store financing, you can have it today. There is also a competitive nature in many of us. The time honored tradition of keeping up with the Joneses makes us want what they have. Very

few people actually know where their money goes - \$1.24 for a Pepsi, \$8 for a movie, \$3.75 for a morning Cappuccino. None of these by themselves is very expensive, but they can quickly add up. Finally, we think savings is what we do after we have made our purchases. This leads us to spend our money, leaving nothing at the end of the paycheck to save.

How do I save?

The first key is to recognize the difference between needs and wants. Food is a necessity, eating out is a luxury. I am not saying you should live a life without luxury, but the purchase of luxuries is done after you put money in savings. Second, set aside a fixed amount from each paycheck. Third - DO NOT TAKE MONEY OUT OF SAVINGS FOR NON-EMERGENCIES!! It is not savings if you take the money out to buy shoes or pizza. Fourth, set goals and establish rewards when you accomplish those goals. Save for items you want, while rewarding yourself along the way. Maybe you want a \$3,000 plasma TV. Reward yourself with that TV when you have saved \$10,000. If \$10,000 is too big a goal, treat yourself to a movie every time you save \$250. Finally, put windfalls in savings. If you get a tax refund, put it in savings. If you find \$20 on the street, put it in savings. Money you didn't expect is money you won't miss.





Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 8th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Logo Design Contest

\$100 Cash Prize for selected artwork

to be used on 2006 Earth Day t-shirts and posters.

Artwork must be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and any form of medium may be used.
Please write your name and contact information on separate paper.

Design may reflect one of the themes listed below
or artist may create an original theme.

Respect It! Protect It!

What on Earth Are You Doing?

Who Says We Can't Change the World?

Think Globally. Act Locally.

Loving the Earth

One People One Planet

Earth Day - Every Day

Clean and Green

Give Earth a Chance

One Earth One Family

I Need the Earth and the Earth Needs Me

Deadline to submit design: March 17, 2006

Please submit entries to the
PBPN Planning and Environmental Protection Office
15434 K Road, Mayetta, KS 66509
(785) 966-2946

All submitted work to be displayed at the Earth Day Celebration.

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8th Annual Earth Day Celebration

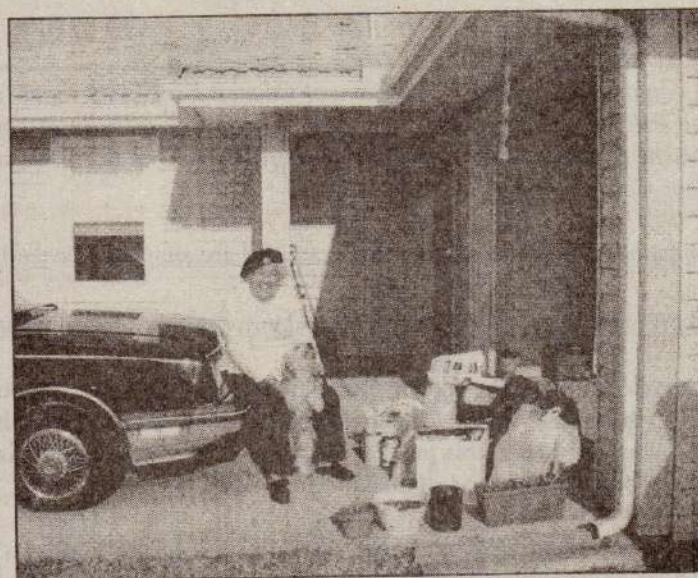
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006

11:00 am @ Gov't. Center Training Room

REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED!

First Quarter Environmental hero



Alvina LaClair and Mr. Needles pose by her one month supply of recyclables. They consist of newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, plastics, and cardboard.

(Photo by Sharon Bosse)

Announcing the Environmental Hero contest

The idea began when Alvina LaClair called the News and Planning and Environmental Protection (P&EP) offices to communicate to the community to be more aware of recycling. She suggested an essay contest on the importance of recycling. The P&EP staff got together and came up with the plan to have a contest and nominated Alvina to be the first quarter "Environmental Hero."

Alvina has been recycling since the 1970's and continues to do so everyday. She has taught all of her children to recycle; they still do today. She said, "Every family should save Mother Earth. All American Indians should recycle." This is her favorite topic to talk about.

Alvina will be announced as the first quarter environmental hero for the months of January, February and March 2006 at the Earth Day 2006 Celebration.

Contest

The Dept. of Planning and Environmental Protection announced they will be having a quarterly "environmental hero" contest with the following schedule:

- January, February and March: Alvina LaClair
- April, May and June:
- July, August and September:
- October, November and December:

For more information, contact the P&EP office at

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Re; Tribal Chairman News Article:

Co-editors: Mary Young / Suzanne Heck

In the January 2006 edition of the news you state that I (Roland Matchie) "had seen a tribal member delivering a letter to Pahmahmie that morning."

FACT: I never did tell you that I seen a letter being delivered to our former Tribal Chairman. What I told you is that I had heard that someone had delivered a letter to the Tribal Chairman before His resignation. As to when this took place or even if it took place I have no knowledge. I had told you to not quote me on this as it was only a rumor. I was in fact in the Government Center that morning, and did see Zach Along with Verna stepping out of the building, I did have the occasion to exchange greetings with them in passing. Nothing about a resignation was brought up in that short exchange. I have the utmost respect for both Zach and Verna and wish them both well in their endeavors.

My mistake was in quoting a rumor to a newspaper reporter that might take it as fact and print the same as such. Rumors can and do hurt people. I apologize for my part in anything that might have caused hurt feelings to someone. Rumors should not be given the glory of being repeated. I ought to know better.

I apologize and stand up for the mistake that I made and I expect the Prairie Band Potawatomi News to do the same. I am asking for an apology to me (Roland Matchie) for misquoting me and taking a rumor as fact and printing it as such, causing undo harm in my personal character. I am also asking for a retraction of the misquote. This can be done in the next news edition.

I know that we don't live in a perfect world and that mistakes happen, therefore I hold no animosity toward anyone for this mistake. However I do believe that mistakes should be dealt with and corrected if at all possible. This is what I am asking for. I am praying that you find it in your character to do the right thing.

Thanking you in Christ,
[signed - Roland Matchie]
Roland Matchie
Thundereagle Ministries

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Article XII-Bill of Rights

...All members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation shall be accorded equal rights pursuant to tribal law. No member shall be denied any of the rights or guarantees enjoyed by citizens of the Constitution of the United States...

Editor's Note:

It has been a tumultuous time recently with emotions running high for all tribal members and for those who work for the Nation. All of us in one way or another have been affected by the current events and issues that have occurred lately within the Tribe and we can only hope that this chapter in time will soon be behind us.

Every one of us has a vested interest in wanting to ensure that the future of the Prairie Band Nation is successful in every way be it within the community, government or in the preservation of the language, culture, and history. Everyone's support and encouragement should be the order of the day instead of infighting and the breeding of contempt which has also been expressed lately. And, although it is important that all voices should be heard, it is sometimes hard to decipher between what is fact and what is fiction which is just a human condition of life.

Along that line, as coeditors of the News we are dedicated to ensuring accurate and fair coverage on all stories that appear in the Potawatomi News. We strive to adhere to the highest standards of documenting information and double-checking sources to the best of our ability. However, despite our attempts to ensure the highest standard of news coverage there are times when misunderstandings do occur and we regret that when it happens. As Roland Matchie so aptly states in his letter (which can be seen to the left) "we do not live in a perfect world and mistakes do happen."

We also believe that this is a good time to remind our readers of how important it is to have the right to freedom of information that we sometimes take for granted. Whether it is presented through the written word or voice, the principles of free speech, a free press, and the rights of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances that are embodied in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution should be remembered at all times.

We'd also like to tell our readers that the News, for the most part, has enjoyed the freedom to print objectively and independently as a tribal publication which is funded by the PBP government. We make every attempt to report without bias the activities of the government and the news of interest in order to have a well informed citizenry when we receive information about these activities. We also believe that it is important to provide a forum in the form of letters to the editors for other points of view. One of our regrets is that there is not usually enough space in the newspaper each month for all the submissions that we receive.

The News will continue to strive to do the best work possible and as members of the Native American Journalists Association be guided by that organization's code of ethics as well as those set forth by the PBP.

Suzanne Heck

Mary Young

Prairie Band Potawatomi News An Award Winning Newspaper

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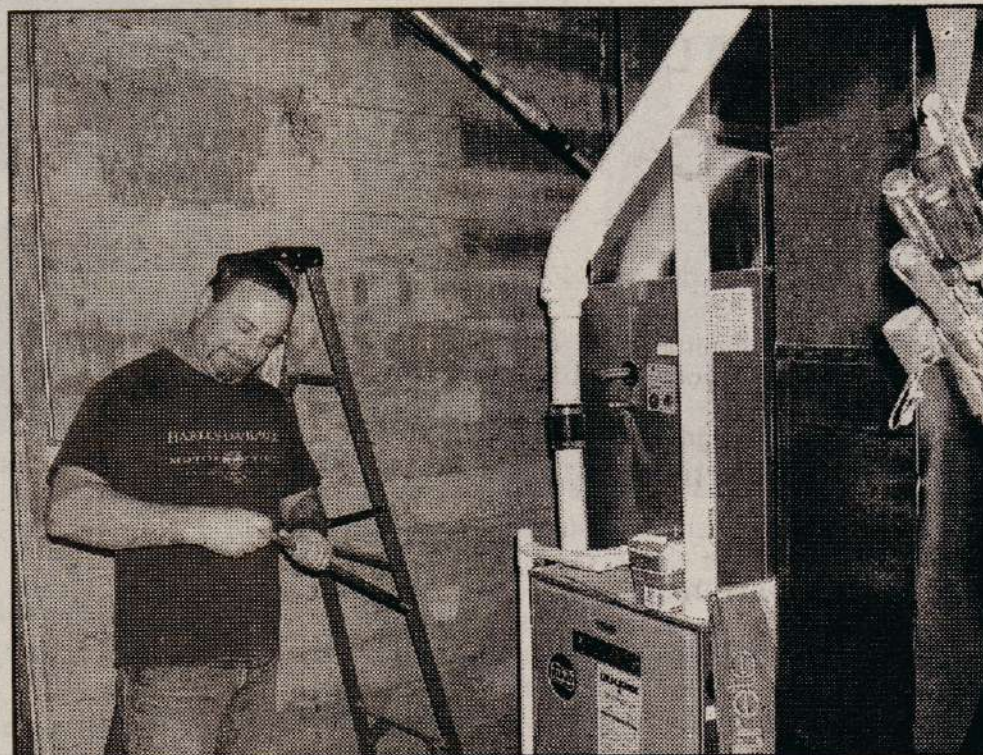
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Improvements continue on the reservation



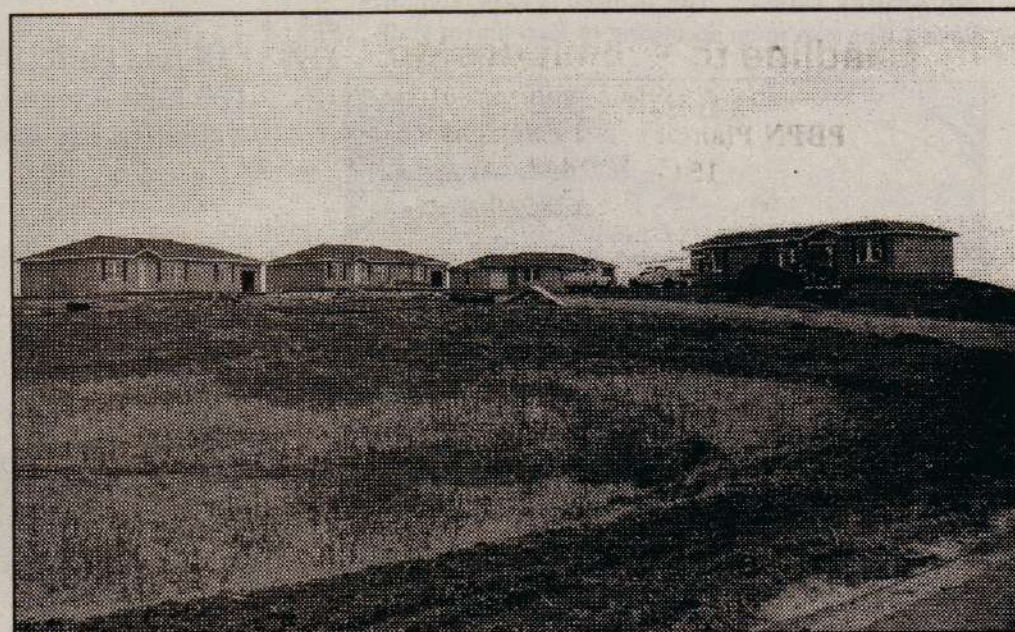
The top two photos show the old community building that is presently being renovated. At left, outside the building is a fence that is being constructed near the east entrance of the building, and, at right, Terry Fox, Maintenance, is seen inside the building working in the utility room. To Terry's right is a new heating and air conditioning system that will make the building warmer and more energy efficient. Road & Bridge crews have also been assisting the Maintenance Department in the renovation project.



The Land Management Department is in the process of having a storage shed constructed behind its headquarters on K Road. The shed will protect the Nation's farm equipment and other items from the harsh elements of Kansas weather.



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The Prairie Ridge modular housing complex is nearing completion with only two houses left to be installed. Seen above are four of the homes that are located in the southeast area of the complex that will be ready for occupancy soon. Each of the homes is approximately 1500 square feet and has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an attached garage. The complex is located near the intersection of 158 Rd and L Rd. Duplexes, apartments and a community center are also located in Prairie Ridge which has increased housing opportunities on the reservation.

Second warmest January since 1933 sees Road and Bridge knocking out projects

By Tim Ramirez, Director PBPB Road & Bridge and Ahnah Wahwassuck, Administrative Assistant

After the thaw of the December freeze 06 it has been good earth moving weather. It's unexpected, above freezing most days this winter, any given winter mid-February this department is pushing snowdrifts and the frost depth is over a foot.

The Northwest territory, South and East of 198 & G had major upgrades. On 198 East of I road a 42" drop structure tube was put in to fix a waterway, higher than the road. 300 feet of ditch was dug out and hauled to the G road project. It is now a full two lane with Rip Raff slope, off waterway to drain tube.

Just south of 198 & G an 8-footer tube rusting through, a one-lane section on a slight curve along Big Soldier was repaired. This was a big project, big machines, dig out the old and put in the new. A 96"X60 foot culvert, 12 gauge was installed and the road straightened a bit and height of drive lanes raised to a safe two lane. Luckily an Old Glacier Till Quarry just north of the job had an overburden pile the landowner let us have for fill. We finished it off in a Friday morning snow and rocked it.

A drive lane for south bound traffic at 190 and K road was half gone due to years of maintenance neglect. This is a county maintained section on PBPB. We told them we will fix it, and did. K road is a FAS (Federal Aid Secondary) with a good traffic count including Road and Bridge Dump trucks, hauling road rock from the Hamm's Quarry just north of the boundary at 206 road. For the fill on this job we did two birds with one stone. A sharp knob of hill that blocked a house driveway safe view on 198, so we shaved off a couple feet and hauled it to 190 and K road. Two crossroad tubes were replaced with wide 30 footers, the main ditch tube south of 190 had extensions put on both ends. The whole road was raised, packed, signed and rocked. I called this a job on the way home. What was special about this job is the Tribe owned 3 out of 4 corners of the intersection; 1 recent and 2 Tribal Trust. A couple days were spent on 182 west of K road (green house road) to Crow Creek. It had to be one of the worst minimum maintenance roads we got. Coyote hunters said there were minnows in the tracks. The sides were cleared and ditched the springs in the area flow 365 AM and PM.

As this was going, Hamm's mobilized on L Road south of the Fifth cluster. We knew extra

dirt was to be had. Road reconstruction projects are designed by speed, sight distance, and balance of dirt. This job was pretty much all excess. We started to prepare a site to take it all.

The Old Ball Park at the south exit of Prairie People Park has been the fill site for six years; all unsuitable, vegetation or extra from road jobs went there. Now enough fill was finally there to make a foot print of the proposed 2nd ball field. Dimensions will be 270 right, 340 center, 320 left, over the construction seasons we always sheepfooted the lifts in.

The gravel road that used to go past the existing field has been moved to go around both fields to the east. The curve is super elevated like Daytona and rocked.



Above is one of the Road and Bridge projects located at at 198 Rd and G Road on the east side of Big Soldier Creek.

Photo submitted by Road and Bridge

Hamm's built the L roadway, everything else was extra. Six PBPB trucks, 4 10-wheelers, an End dump and Belly Dump run the nine-mile rotation load to load; Hamm's put in two end dumps and one hired trucker, an end dump, 9 trucks. Most trucks averaged 63 to 65 loads. I estimate just under 500 + loads about 8,000 plus yards. Three rock ledges also came with all this. A 20-scraper load hole was cut in deep left field for most of the bigger rock loads, packed covered up and packed. The majority of the rest took two foot and a half foot lifts across over half the proposed fill. Friday Hamm's ran 18 end dumps of AB-3 Base rock on L Road and graveled the job

in one day and hauled out the equipment as we did at the ballpark. Speed and warm weather, two-track hoes fed the trucks one with a huge 4-1/2-yard bucket. L road will be asphalted when the plants open up.

Now to Haskell. Another fast job. Permission was given from the Tribal Council to leave the Reservation to go do it for them. The project was designed by USDA/NRCS, FEDS and the Haskell EPA. The west side of the campus, south of the Pow-Wow grounds west of drainage ditch. This is part of the cross-country track. The problem was that about a 1/4 mile was always muddy plus it's a wetland and a spring was half way up the hill that kept it all wet. A modified pit pond 10-foot deep with a 50-foot square bottom.

The dirt was used to build up the 1/4 mile section. What we did get into: the top foot and a half of black dirt was nothing but mud. We wasted the unsuitable in a close ditch, there was clay under that, it was wet but we could run our trucks on it, the big track hoe fed three 10-wheelers. The small dozer TD-7 knocked down the lifts and the vibratory sheepfoot packed. Haskell's grader was down for a year and a half. Our good mechanics fixed it for them and we used it. Tuesday was a good start, clay made it out to the start of the project to

turn the trucks around. On Wednesday water was in the cut and by afternoon we got to the bottom grade, dug some holes and drained that water. We started cutting the 4:1 slopes and hitting grade on the track. On Thursday the main Haskell EPA guy showed up with his wants. We extended south another 100 yards and captured the spring to the pond. The pond berm swung southwest, an extra slope cut was moved south, the track hoe created a berm out of the pure mud turned the spring to the ditch dug and shaped his way out. The 18" outlet tube was installed 8 foot from the bottom. An additional tube was put south of the pond for additional low spot drainage under the

track. About 3 p.m. the spring shimmered in the sun as it trickled down the pond slope (captured). We finished work on the project and bugged out Friday. We said we would do this two years ago but the 119 miles of road that we take care of and PBPB Reservation infrastructure and building sites keeps us humming. It's the warm season bonus that we have taken advantage of to get the Haskell job done.

It takes the whole Road and Bridge crew to do all this; truckers, lowboy to move equipment, 5-yard dump truck with 18,000 lb. trailer for small stuff and tubes. Mechanics are necessary to fix and do preventative maintenance and tire crews to fix tires, welder to cut and weld, and world-class operators. Order givers, order takers, survey guy, fence crew, the ladies purchase orders (PO), budget tracking, work orders, and time keeping. I commend all of you.

We still are fixing sites from that big 14-inch rain. Paperwork with FEMA is done and \$53,546 will be reimbursed on non BIA routes. (High Priority Projects (HPP), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) is being ironed out. Using Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) Guidelines, six allotment tracts had some work done on them for Horton Agency, dozer, fence clearing, pond repair, culvert crossings, and entrances. Six dozer operators went to Oklahoma for Equipment Operation in Grass Land Fires Training due to all the fires south, we got included in the training by Indian LTAP at OSU, Stillwater. The PBPB Fire Department said we will be a new tool they can use. Hauled clay for Building Maintenance job at the Q road Rock Building Project. Rocked the big maintenance building expansion at the casino, the addition was built on the big fill we put in the last fall. Had one 30-hour event snow to handle. The Sand & Salt Dome is restocked from December's ice & snow. Clearing for the Right of Way utilities continues on O & N & 142.

The newspaper requested the going ons at Road and Bridge they hear about. The weather outlook for the second half of February looks normal below freezing and snow. Drive Safe. I quit asking if you seen my article, because they say yea then did you read it. Well thank you, you who read this. You must be interested in our way.



Enrollment staff research BIA files



The PBPB Enrollment Administrator, Arlene Lingo, left, and Enrollment Office Clerk, Adele Thomas, right, go to the BIA Horton Agency on a weekly basis to reproduce all documents in each member's file. PBPB member files are currently incomplete but the combination of BIA and PBPB information should complete the PBPB file; most files are missing their birth certificates, family trees and copies of their social security cards. The project is slow and they have a long way to go according to Enrollment staff.



The above is a front view of the Horton Agency which has been at this site since 1942. It is headquarters for the Kickapoo, Iowa, Sac & Fox and Potawatomi. The building was a WPA project that was constructed with native stone and by Indian workers. One of the original headquarters was the Potawatomi Agency located in Mayetta. Distance was an obstacle for the other tribes and in 1937 the Potawatomi Agency was abolished. In 1938, the Agency was transferred to Horton.

Tribal members who work at BIA



Galen Hubbard, Superintendent



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News from the Language Department

Bosho from Bošewatni Tèshèmwèn

TTiwenmo Wishpènte Gishèk
Happy Valentine's Day!

The Department has been busy with fulfilling our ANA Language grant. We are coming to the close of our first class in the Immersion Instruction Certificate component. There were seventeen students who signed up for college credit to take the first class of Second Language Acquisition. The next four-credit class will be Immersion Education. Those who have taken the Second Language Acquisition class will be allowed to progress to the Immersion Education class. Barbara Nolan and John Paul Montano are the instructors for these classes. Barbara also teaches immersion classes in the evening from 6-8 p.m. during these sessions.

For those of you wanting to learn the language, the immersion classes are also held. Call or come to the Department to pick up a schedule. If you want a fun way to learn the language and be entertained at the same time, you should come by and visit a class. There are a lot of stories and skits, complete with dress-up, to watch. Patricia Osawamick and Rhonda Hopkins provide the majority of the immersion classes. You can

still participate even if you did not start the class at the beginning. Just come and listen and enjoy.

Another aspect of the work we do in the Department is to "grow the language." This entails the elders creating new words to update the language. Just like English, there are new words that we use now that we did not have in the 60's. For Potawatomi, our language has not grown since the 1940's.

For this month we created the word for "pie." This word will be spelled "pay" and sounds exactly like the English word for "pie." Remember the sounds are as follows: ft = "j", è = yet, a = saw, e = cat, o = so, i = me. For the new word, the "ay" combination makes the long "i" sound like in pie.

Wekniŋte wakpoŋtesmèn
What are you going to bake?
Nikpoŋteswa
I am going to bake
Ktemné pay
Blackberry pie
Ktemné pay nikpoŋteswa
I am going to bake a blackberry pie.

Until next time.

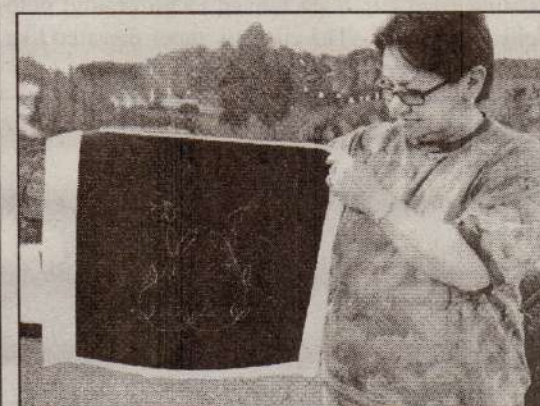
Language Dept. begins beaded appliqué on velvet class on Feb. 8



Sydney VanZile, front right and the Director of the Language /Cultural Dept., is seen measuring the velvet to be used for the beading project.



Julia Lewis, right, and Bernadette Lewis, left, are seen preparing the backing for the velvet. The next step will be ironing the backing to the backside of the velvet.



Once the backing is ironed onto the velvet, a unique design is chalked on the velvet. While other participants used a template designed by Meeks Jackson (not shown), Linda Tecumseh created her design freehand.



In front is Susan Gehr, Language Program Director of the Karuk tribe of Calif., seen beading on the chalked outline. She taught a computer program to the staff that will aid in creating a Potawatomi dictionary.

Following is a list of dates and times for the classes held in the Fire Keepers Elder Center for March:

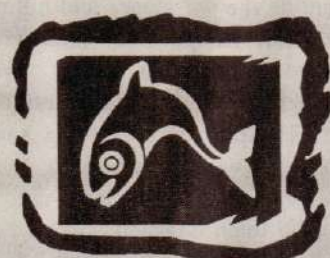
March 2 - 5, 2006
Patricia & Rhonda
Thursday 1-8 p.m.,
Friday & Saturday 8-8 p.m.,
Sunday 8-10 a.m. All Immersion

March 9 - 12, 2006
Barbara & John Paul
Thursday - Sunday Immersion Education
8-5 p.m.
Immersion Class from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Sunday 8-10 a.m.

March 23 - 26, 2006
Patricia & Rhonda
Thursday - Sunday All Immersion

February
Nebne Kisès

Sucker Fish Moon



HR employees awarded certificates



Three employees of the Human Resource Department were awarded certificates in Human Resource Management from the Center for Management Development at Wichita State University this fall. From left to right are Tracy Rogers, Dolly Potts and Donna Valdivia, all tribal members, who completed a 10-week session on the role of human resources in contemporary society. Topics included business literacy, diversity, performance management, self-directed teams and organization development.



Ben-no-tteh Wigwam sees a need for expanding services -Early Childhood Education Center Update

By Suzanne Heck

Ben-no-tteh Wigwam has 75 children on a waiting list for preschool and childcare services and the need for more space and staff has prompted the staff into holding community meetings about the possibility of expanding services.

On February 10 some members of Tribal Council, the PBPB administration, parents and the Superintendent of Royal Valley School District met at the Center to discuss options that were originally presented at a first meeting held on January 6 about expansion. A written summary of that meeting was handed out by Cecily Wabaunsee, Director of Early Childhood Programs, who also directed the meeting that day.



Cecily Wabaunsee
Childcare Education Director

One of the items mentioned was the possibility of expanding child care services to include all tribal employees like those employed at Harrah's Casino. To see if there was a need at the Casino, an informal survey was given to 48 employees and a copy of the survey results were compiled for the meeting. Questions like "would you be interested in childcare located near the casino," and "what amount would you pay to use an accredited local childcare service," were asked as well as what ages of children needed care and the hours of care that were needed. The results of the survey pointed to a need for childcare.

During the meeting, John Rundle, Superintendent of Royal Valley School District, said that the school district would be willing to collaborate on any future expansion effort and that they would be highly supportive of the endeavor.

"We have seen tremendous benefits from the childcare center here," he said. He also stressed that it appears that earlier age children benefited the most from organized childcare services.



John Rundle
Royal Valley Superintendent

He said that there are families in the community, besides those on the reservation, who would be willing to pay for childcare services that could financially supplement the center.

Finding the funds was a major topic of discussion at the meeting. Diane Robb, the Nation's grant writer, reported that a grant was used to fund the construction of the present building but that grant opportunities for a future building or to run the center were not as abundant as they had been in the past. She said, however, that she would continue to search for future grant opportunities.



Jackie Mitchell
Tribal Council Member

Later in the meeting, Tribal Council member, Jackie Mitchell, also pointed out that the federal funding was probably not going to be there in the future and that the Nation should look for other ways to fund the center.

Jackie was instrumental in the founding of the Center and has been a driving force behind its success ever since.

Other Tribal Council members at the meeting were James Wabaunsee and Ryan Dyer. Ryan, who is Tribal Council treasurer, brought up two issues. The first was a concern on where to find the funds if a new building was to be constructed, and second, how to deal with the future costs of staffing and overhead if child care facilities were to be expanded.

He recommended forming a small team that could be put together to help examine the business end of the expansion effort and that he would be happy to be the contact person for the team.

There was also discussion about what short-term measures could be taken to solve the



Ryan Dyer, Tribal Council
Treasurer

We have seen tremendous benefits from having the PBPB childcare center in the community.

-John Rundle, Royal Valley School Superintendent

urgent need for childcare. The idea of converting a house that the Tribe presently owns on the reservation into a child care center was proposed and discussed.



M.K. Boswell
PBPB Tribal Police Officer

Mike Boswell, a PBPB police officer, suggested that there were probably enough parents who worked in the construction industry who could help convert

a home into a childcare center.

One of the workers that he suggested was Perkins Whitetail, a maintenance employee for the Nation who was at the meeting and is a parent of a child who is on the waiting list at the center.

Officer Boswell also said, "Any kind of preventative measures we can take in the area of childcare will help in the long run." He cited the recent problems that police across the country are having with the high level of methamphetamine use and how important positive early childhood training programs like the one Ben-no-tteh provides are.

The Early Childhood Education Center presently serves 104 children who are enrolled in Head Start, infant, toddler, and preschool programs. The Center provides a safe and educational place for working Indian families to take their children to learn and utilizes Potawatomi traditions. In 2002 it was selected as one of seven Native American programs in the country to receive a prestigious Brazelton Touchpoints grants award, which teaches parenting skills.

The Center originally began in 1982 and moved into its present building in 1997 and is located at 15380 K Rd, Mayetta, KS.



Diane Robb
PBPB Grant Writer

Fire Keepers Elder Center hold snooker and Jack & Jill tournament

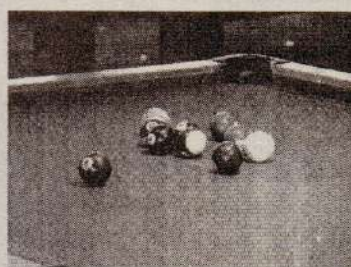


The Fire Keepers Elder Center program also provided refreshments and breakfast during the tourney. B. J. Darnall is seen with his order of biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs and bacon.

The Fire Keepers Elder Center sponsored a snooker and Jack and Jill tournament on Feb. 4. The results are as follows:

- 1st place: Wade Pahmahmie/Maria Levier
- 2nd place: Curtis Masquat/Laverne Hale
- 3rd place: Travis Wanna/Sara LaClair

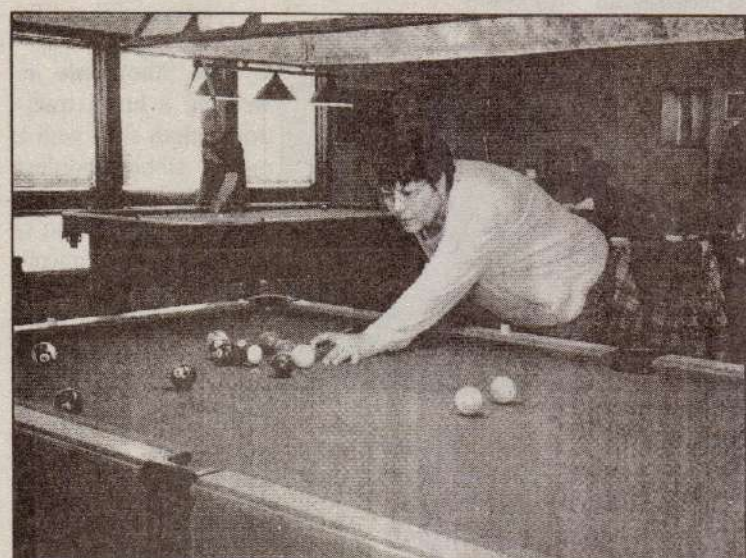
Snooker winner take-all event:
Raymond Wahweotten



Photos by Mary Young



Laura Abeyta, left, and Laverne Hale, right, work on a puzzle prior to the competition.



Juanita Jessepe prepares to shoot in the Jack and Jill tournament.



Rick Rector, front right, attempts to make a side-pocket shot.



Smokey LaClair and Arlene Lingo visit before the tourney begins.



Community Welcome Dinner

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Honoring Potawatomi women fashion show

Chago Hale, announcer

The ladies you are about to see are some of our most beautiful people, our lifelines, our caregivers, mothers, grandmothers, and aunts. As Potawatomi women they contributed to the growth and well being of our Nation. We are very proud of all of them. (Please note: a variety of terms that describe various outfits are spelled according to each of the women who provided the descriptions.)



Meeks e Kwe is one of our most beautiful elderly Potawatomi women. She was born and raised on the rez and raised her family here. She worked hard all her life in the dress factory, cooked at Sr. Site and Bingo. She is one of few that speaks

our Potawatomi language and teaches still this day to as many that are willing to learn. She made all of her outfit and for years has sewed beautiful dresses and made beadwork and moccasins.



Helen Sumner is Kesh be and she likes to be called by her Indian name that her grandmother gave her. She said that her mother was Josephine Rice Sumner and her father, Cleve's ancestry was of the Iowa tribe. Her piece, Prairie Band traditional cloth dress was made by Maxine Ramirez

who has made many of her family's traditional dress. Helen said that she was told that the Sash-ken was purposely designed years ago with a ruffled collar for women to cover their babies from the wind and cold weather when needed. Helen said that she is proud to be Prairie Band Potawatomi and to wear her traditional dress at the pow-wows and our other cultural events.



Karen Meadows is the daughter of Arlene and Francis Wahwasuck. She is the mother of two beautiful daughters, Megan 11-years old and Erika 9 years. Her profession is a printer and her hobbies are photography, reading, web-surfing and BINGO. She is modeling a self-designed shirt made by her

mother.



Vestina Nonken is and has been one of our strong leaders of the Nation. She is wearing a beautiful Potawatomi style outfit. Her dress was made by friend and relative Meeks Jackson. Her necklace and shawl was made by Georgia LaClair, of Okla., beaded bag made by deceased husband Cecil Walker, Sr.



Num Web T'mok "Num" is Marilyn Kay Hale-Wakolee—Thunder Clan—low rolling thunder (an echo in a thunderstorm). Born Nov. 7, 1939 to Freda and Jess Hale. She is the third of seven children. She

has six children of her own; Pam, Deanna (Tiny), Patti, Angela, Ana and Tony Royal and Marcus. She is a very proud and loving grandmother of 12. Retired from Topeka Capital Journal as a full journeyman printer for over 20 years. She is in the final stages of preparing a family tree of Chief Wabauwsee who was born in 1752. Fifth generation from him to date, we are in our ninth generation. Her dress was made by Liz Aitkins. It is a soft velvet bluish green appliqué skirt and her top with ribbons. Her beadwork was made by her granddaughter Richele Pahmahmie. Plain moccasins made by herself to represent Potawatomi Grandmother Meough kah.



Jan Hubbard is Pom-Kum-go-que. She was born and raised on the Potawatomi reservation. Her grandparents were Joe Bill and Keo Kum mo que Potts. Her mother is Cecelia (Meeks) Jackson.



Julia Lewis born on the reservation and is a retired nurse. Regalia is blue because she is the fifth child in her family. Meeks e Kwe taught her to make her Potawatomi satch-kin of soft ruffles and long skirt. Moccasins and leggings are of

Sioux design. She is a traditional dancer and carries an eagle feather fan. The shawl was designed and given to her by a Pawnee woman. Being named after her Grandmother Julia A. Lewis, relations could not pronounce Julia Ann so they said Jonyan. Nelson Potts asked many of the elders if the name Jonyan was considered Indian. Elders said yes.



Gwen Shunatona's Prairie Band people come from the families of Cole Nadeau and of William Lasley. She "migrated" to Prairie Land just over a year ago, hoping to live by the seven sacred teachings of: wisdom, love, respect of all races and languages, especially Potawatomi, bravery, honesty, and humility as well as the summation of those six in the seventh teaching of truth. This treasured dress in Potawatomi style acknowledges the importance of family by honoring the birth order designations with a blue calico [satch kin] blouse and a red gabardine [chi go ba] skirt. Gwen not only relishes the joy of pow-wows but also appreciates the solemnity of our Potawatomi ceremonies. This dress was designed and sewn by PBPN member Dianna Payne who learned the essentials of this dress-making from our own Meeks. She says Ig-wien.



Joy Yoshida is Sage Kwe, Bear Clan. Her appliqué is designed and sewed by her. The necklace belonged to her Ko yah and she wears them in honor of her Ko yah.



Bernadette Lewis is a proud mother and grandmother. She was born in Delia. Her regalia is Potawatomi tradition with a satch kin blouse and skirt. Her beautiful moccasins were native made by Theresa Kitchkommie. She says, thank you.



Clarice Mattwaoshshe Broxterman is Ke'so quah born April 16, 1935 on the rez to Stella Whitefish Masquat and Dolly Wahweotten. She is a proud mom, grandma, and great-grandma. She has two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is the second oldest of four children. She is very proud and honored to participate in our cultural activities, especially with her family. She attended Indian boarding schools most of her school years; Wahpeton Indian School, Pipestone Indian School, and Haskell where she went to high school and had two years of commercial-business courses. During the summer she spent time on the rez with her mom and step-father, went to pow-wows and attended cultural doings.



Photos and layout
by Mary Young



Welcome Round Dance
by
Little Soldier Singers



Arlene Wahwasuck Her parents are Joe Shipshee, Prairie Band Potawatomi and Mary Green, Kickapoo of Kan. Her husband is Francis Wahwasuck, Kickapoo of Kan., WW II and Korean Conflict Veteran, and Purple Heart recipient. Her children are Raymond, Carol Shopteese, Karen Meadows, Patricia Wahwasuck, and Caleb Wahwasuck. She has 13 grandchildren. She is a retired nurse officer, US Public Health Service, Rank 06. Arlene and Francis are co-owners of The End of the Trail Bed and Breakfast. Her hobbies are reading, sewing, bowling, walking, and BINGO. Modeling a Kickapoo satchken dress made by her late sister Mary Shipshee Wamego.



T.J. Kitchkommie is modeling a ladies traditional cloth appliqué outfit. The skirt and shawl is made of a wool polyester material. The double wide appliqué panel on the skirt and shawl is made of satin. Her matching blouse is cotton with quarter inch sequins individually sewn on. T.

J.'s fan is made with macaw feathers and buckskin handle. Her beadwork is of cut glass beads. She enjoys dancing at pow-wows, doing beadwork of all kinds and sewing, beaded moccasins are her specialty. When she wears her outfits for our community events she is especially proud to be Prairie Band Potawatomi.



Isabelle Thomas is another one of our precious elders. Isabelle has contributed many good things throughout her life for the people. She sews and made many appliqué dresses and moccasins. Isabelle told a story about how she was part of the group that made it possible for us to celebrate American Indian Day. Isabelle was unable to attend the fashion show.



Larene Ruth Kawgusackkwe Hunting Woman Hale Thomas

Her parents were Bill (Naseeka) and Blanche (Mittinii) Hale. She has four brothers: Cecil (No-Nope), Phillip (Now-Kee), Joe Wagnabituck and Victor (Kat-ta-ka) who is deceased. She married Fred Thomas (Wag-gish-ko) and they have been married for 36 beautiful years. She has two sons Victor (Kat-ta-ka) and Fred, Jr. (Anwahbe). She has three beautiful granddaughters and one handsome grandson. This evening she is wearing a satchkin green in color and a ribbon shirt. The satchkin was made for her by a friend which cost her a few bucks and some sweet corn; the skirt was won in a drawing at a pow-wow by her son. Her moccasins were given to her by her mother when she graduated from high school. She is wearing a bracelet and earrings that was given to her by her uncle James Kegg. The shawl she is carrying is borrowed from a friend.



Imelda Jessepe is the daughter of Connie Lewis and Roy Jessepe, granddaughter of Madeline Mag-nauck, seamstress among the Osage Nation. She is wearing her own original woodland appliqué

creation. The blouse body is made of cotton with a glitter tool overlay. The sleeves are tool and appliqué. The skirt is made of jewel tone baroque satin. It has a double strip of appliqué on both the front and bottom. The full size blanket has appliqué on three sides and scalloped drop fringe on the ends. The satin scarf is appliqué and held in place with a German silver brooch. The matching trailer, fitted leggings, bead and bone necklace and Potawatomi style moccasins complete the outfit. Imelda's portfolio includes beadwork, jingle dresses, ribbon shirts, grass dance and Indian clown outfits and the appliqué outfits of Sydney Jessepe and Sylvana Levier.



Hedy Noland is wearing a black dress with red and white appliqué which was designed for her son's wedding in March 2005. The dress was designed by Dianna Payne.



Juanita Jessepe is wearing a creation of both traditional and contemporary design. Her cream colored outfit is bordered with an appliqué design in colors of turquoise, purple and maroon; with silver beads bordering the front panel

and hem of skirt. She's carrying an eagle fan with a full beaded handle and leather purse with red beading and fringe. She usually carries or wears something that represents her turtle clan. Today she's wearing turtle earrings made of elk bone. Juanita has been honored to serve as the head lady dancer at both traditional ceremonies and community pow-wows. As a young child her grandmothers told her "dancing is a celebration of life and thanksgiving; for good health, and strong heart and mind, and a happy spirit." Her dance style is unique and reminiscent of the "old way" of dancing. Juanita says it's an honor and privilege to be in the company of such creative and beautiful Potawatomi women who are the heart and life blood of the Nish-Na-Bek Nation.



LaVerne Hale is a proud momma of five beautiful and a proud grandma of seven grandchildren. LaVerne is wearing an appliqué skirt made by her sister Jody Littleaxe. Her blouse is covered with silvers. She is wearing earrings in the shape of a fish because she belongs to fish clan. They were given to her by Becky Warrington. LaVerne does beadwork, makes moccasins and can sew somewhat and wishes she could spend more time doing this. She is proud of her moccasins that she made herself that came from a hide that she and Jason [Matchie] tanned. She had the opportunity a few years back to learn this skill from Sydney and Warren Van-Zile. She is thankful everyday to be alive and with all of you.



LaVeda Wahweotten used to tell people that she had been sewing since the age of 12. She actually had her first sewing experience at the age of 6 or maybe 7. She was a rough and tumble kid who could not wear a dress without tearing it out from the waist. Her father told her one

day to go get a needle and thread and sew her dress. She thought she was doing a pretty good job until she tried to put the dress back on. She was very disappointed to find she had sewn the front and the back of the dress together. Her biggest projects in the community have been for the Native Singers and Dancers and the Boys and Girls Club. She does get requests to do shirts or dresses for namings. One of her youngest granddaughters kept her quite busy because she grew so fast and she'll bet she made her a total of twenty fancy shawl outfits in a few short years. There are times she has to get someone out of a jam and finish the project so they will have a new outfit for the next pow-wow. LaVeda enjoys sewing and glad to help out. She is very thankful to get this opportunity to participate in the fashion show. She was told it was just for old ladies. LaVeda's outfit is Native American appliqué; the colors are hunter green with light and dark turquoise with red trim and contrasting orange design.



Lythia Shopteese is wearing a black traditional cloth skirt with a purple ribbon border; and the top with matching ribbon and is accented with a purple neck scarf. Her beaded necklace was given to her at a young age by Rebecca Butler which she treasures.

Her traditional cloth outfit was made by LaVeda Wahweotten because Lythia likes to dance. She is proud of her shawl with the Prairie Band Potawatomi emblem.

Honoring Potawatomi Women Fashion Show...more

Introductions—Rey Kitchkumme, Tribal Council Vice-Chair
Welcome—Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair



...more Honoring Potawatomi Women Fashion Show



Jackie Mitchell is wearing a dress that her mother made for her. Moccasins that she made herself. Jackie's mom used to make dresses and shirts for giving away. Jackie shares this love of sewing and makes shirts, dresses and moccasins for the very special people in her life. Jackie feels great pride being Prairie Band Potawatomi today and is grateful for all the good things that are happening. Jackie wants everyone to know it's a good day to be a part of the rez.



Judy Wabaunsee is Ces Kwe. She is carrying a shawl made by a family member. Necklace made by her Aunt Erma. Ces Kwe says she didn't acquire beading or sewing skills. She was too busy picking weeds and hoeing the garden at sun up. Also, she went to Sunny Brook School (her son says—she says this is where she learned common sense). She went to school in blizzards, rain and snow. She had to walk two miles everyday. (We love her!)



Rose Hale was born and raised on the rez. She actually walked to school "the two miles" to and from for eight years! She recently moved back to the home place and is loving it. Ribbon skirt and blouse made by her Ojibwa friend, Cindy L. Rose who has worked at Stormont Vail in Topeka for thirty-something years.

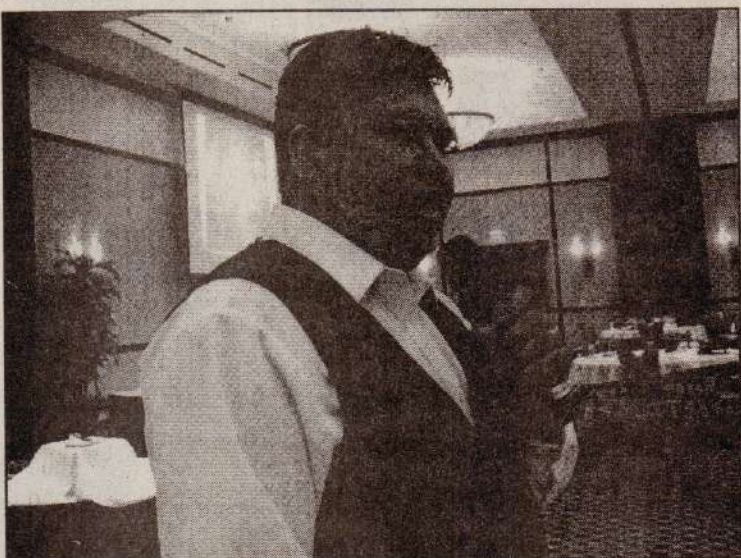


Cindy LeClere is a traditional dancer who enjoys participating in pow-wows. She loves sewing beadwork and spending time with her family and friends. She is wearing a beaded appliqué dress. The beadwork on the skirt was made by Minnie LeClere. The rest of the outfit was designed by Cindy.



Carol Dewitt has lived most of her life in the Topeka and Kansas City areas and the last nine years here on the rez. She has worked at the Fire Keepers Elder Center for almost three years and enjoys working and visiting with our elders. She enjoys reading, crafts, and billiards. Her dress was made by Dianna Payne and fan by Karen Wahwasuck.

A glimpse from the past: portions of the slide show



After the buffet dinner, Chago Hale, above, served as the announcer for the fashion show; twenty-five Potawatomi women modeled their outfits to the songs of the Little Soldier Singers. Besides the fashion show, a continuous slide show took place on two screens. One screen showed old photos of tribal members (sample at right), and the other screen showed current events on the reservation.



Photos were contributed by tribal members.



A welcome dinner for Chair Tracy Stanhoff was held on Feb. 1 at the PBP Convention Center



Vice Chair Rey Kitchkumme, above, kicked off the event by welcoming and introducing Chair Tracy Stanhoff to the guests.

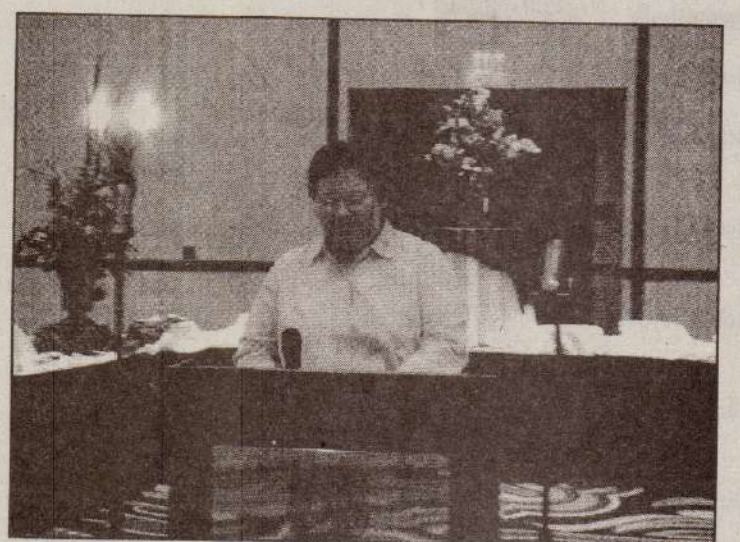
Thanks to those who helped out for this event—they all did a fine job.

- Brenda Pahmahmie
- Paula Hopkins
- Pam Bowman
- Tony Scardina
- Alicia Sellens
- Verna Simon
- LaVerne Hale

A special thanks to the staff at the Convention Center for making the event special on such a short notice.

Regrets to those that did not receive the invitation in time.

- event organizers



Following Vice Chair Rey Kitchkumme's introductions, Chair Tracy Stanhoff, above, welcomed everyone to the event; she also went to the individual tables to meet and greet the guests.



For the last dance of the evening, Tribal Council was asked to lead the round dance that was performed by the Little Soldier Singers. L-r: Patty and Jim Potter and Ryan Dyer and Jackie Mitchell with members of their family.







Bernadette Osage, left, and Gaming Commissioner Joyce Guerrero enjoying the banquet dinner.



In the foreground of the picture are Sarah Patterson, left, Arlene Lingo, center, and Chair Tracy Stanhoff, right.



MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
The Positive Place For Kids  BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION		POWER HOUR Monday-Wednesday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm If you would like more information please feel free to call anytime	1 Jr. Olympics Practice Soccer and Tennis 5-6 pm	2 SMART Moves 4:15 - 5:00 pm Singers & Dancers 5:00 pm Job Ready 6:00 pm	3	4 
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19	20 Jr. Olympics Basketball 8-12	21 Jr. Olympics Track & Field 8-12	22 Jr. Olympics Soccer 8-12	23 Jr. Olympics Tennis 8-12	24	25
Volunteers needed thru out the week Call Coleen Green for more information						
Spring Break March 20th-24th Club Open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm						
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A He/She basketball game was held before the championship games at a weekend Volleyball Tournament held on Feb. 11-12 at the Club. Above are some volunteer women who took on the role of "hes" forming one team and some volunteer men formed a team of "shes" dressing up as women. Director Coleen Green, who submitted the photo, and is on the far right in the front row, said that everyone had a fabulous time.

The Boys & Girls Club after school program hours of operation

Jr. Youth
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Sr. Youth
6:00-8:00 p.m.

All members must be picked up at their respective group closing time. Late pick-ups of Jr. Youth members affect the services of the Sr. Youth members. Please pick up your children at the specified closing time so that we may provide quality services to all members. Thank you!

Boys & Girls Club Update

Boys & Girls Club Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your Boys & Girls Club (BGC) membership! The Boys & Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation helps prepare our members to be LEADERS of TOMORROW. It provides a safe and unique place where kids are free to make their own choices and are encouraged to openly seek assistance from adults who provide informal guidance.

Membership is open to all youth ages 5-18, regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin. Membership fees are \$10.00 per child, per year-January 1 through December 31. All membership applications must be filled out completely and on file with the Club. The non-refundable \$10.00 cash membership fee must be paid for each child applying for membership. The membership fee does not cover the summer program. The summer program fee will be determined each summer. Please contact Kumos to renew your BGC membership.

The Boys & Girls Club will not deny services to any child whose family is unable to pay the membership fee. An application for scholarship must be on file with the BGC Executive Director for fee waiver. The scholarship will waive the membership fee for those unable to pay in exchange for five hours of volunteer time at the BGC. Contact Coleen Green for scholarship information.

Please note: The membership fee does not guarantee your child's attendance on all field trips. On occasion, a Club activity or program may require attendance or point requirements for special trips. Parents can help enforce this policy by encouraging their children to participate and to make good choices.

Summer Program Collaboration with the RV Summer Enrichment Program

The Boys & Girls Club will be collaborating services with the Royal Valley Summer Enrichment Program this coming summer 2006. Please complete required registration information sent home from school to ensure your child's spot in the summer program. Contact Coleen Green at the Club for more information or to register for the summer program.

Dancers & Singers Practice

The Dancers & Singers group is holding practice every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. If you haven't joined, now is your chance to sign-up! Contact the BGC today at 785-966-3031.

Singers have received a new drum from a local craftsman. Come out and listen to the young men practice and showcase their skills and beautiful voices.



Local artist Jason Buffalohead seen above with some of the BGC kids and the drum.

Spring Break Schedule

The Boys & Girls Club will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the Royal Valley school district spring break on Monday, March 20th to Friday, March 26th, 2006. The Club has a full schedule of events for the week. Please contact the Club for a copy of the spring break schedule, so you don't miss out on any of the activities.

The Indian Taco Sale held on February 10 at the BGC raised over \$1,100 that will be used for youth activities.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered or lunched!

Boys and Girls Club gearing up to participate in Native American Indigenous Games in July -Steve McDonald, Chef de Mission for Kansas

The 2006 Native American Indigenous Games (NAIG) is a large-scale multi-sport and culture celebration that will take place over six days at numerous venues in the Denver Metro area from July 2-9.

Members of the PBPN Boys & Girls Club and their families are trying out for some of the competitions (see schedule at left) that are being offered in 16 individual and team sport categories. Age brackets include youth between the ages of 13-19 and adults ages 20 and over.

The sports at the 2006 NAIG are: archery; basketball; golf; swimming; athletics; boxing; rifle shooting; Tae Kwon Do; badminton; canoeing; soccer; volleyball; baseball; field lacrosse; softball, and wrestling.

Each state, province or territory has a Chef de Mission who is responsible for finding coaches and athletes from their state, province or territory. Kansas' Chef de Mission is PBPN member Steve McDonald who is in charge of Team Kansas.

Steve recently attended a Chef de Mission training that was held January 17-19, in Denver. During the training, information was dispersed to the Chef de Missions to prepare them to bring their teams of up to 500 athletes to the NAIG.

"The Chef de Mission training was comprehensive, informative and well organized," said Steve. "It encapsulated the true spirit of the game and inspired me and many others in attendance."

The Chef de Mission is responsible for informing the coaches, athletes and athlete's parents on a variety of topics such as transportation to and from the NAIG, security while at the NAIG and athlete meals and housing. One of the topics stressed is that all registered athletes must have a Declaration of Ancestry (CIB, Tribal I.D. Card or Mates

Card) and must register through their Chef de Mission.

Twenty-six states, provinces and territories were represented at the Chef de Mission Training. There are 15 new states to make a total of 30 in the lower 48 and 12 provinces and territories that are planning to participate in the 2006 NAIG.

"It was a good representation of the Native youth that will be participating in the 2006 NAIG," Mo Smith, Executive Director of the Colorado Indigenous Games Society (CIGS) said. "We're excited about the new teams that are being developed and look forward to recruiting new teams between now and the first projection deadline of March 2, 2006."

Chef de Missions must give a first projection of their teams on March 2 and a final roster on May 2

The Games will feature an opening ceremony on July 2 at Invesco Field at Mile High. The opening ceremony will include a parade of athletes, ceremonial protocol and pageantry, live performances and guest appearances. Also featured during the Games will be a cultural village. The cultural village offers thousands of Native American and First Nations people the opportunity to respectfully share their rich cultures and traditions. The closing ceremony will take place at Civic Center Park in Denver. Recognition and awards, special medal presentation and awards and passing of the Games to the 2008 NAIG in Cowichan Valley, British Columbia will all be a part of the 2006 NAIG.

The 2006 NAIG is hosted and managed by CIGS. CIGS is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in association with the Native American Sports Council Inc., a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

Team Kansas Try-Out Dates and Venues				
Sport	Coach	Date	Time	Location
Archery	Sak-Tuk Banks	Feb. 25	10:00am	Topeka Archery Club 97th & S.Topeka Blvd.
Athletics (Track & Field)	St.Cyr - Gipp	In-Season	TBD	Haskell
Baseball		In-Season	TBD	TBD
Boy's 13-14 Boy's 15-16	Mario Kitchkommie Steven Moore			
Basketball				
Boy's 13-14	Kyle Miller	March 12	3:00-6:00pm	Royal Valley HS
Boy's 15-16	Shawn Wetzel	March 11 March 12	3:00-5:00pm 12:00-1:30pm	Royal Valley HS
Boy's 17-19	Jamie Morrison	March 11 March 12	5:00-7:30pm 1:30-3:00pm	Royal Valley HS
Adult 20-over	Isaac Keo	March 12 March 19	5:00-8:00pm 3:00-5:30pm	Royal Valley HS Haskell-Coffin
Girl's 15-16	Merle Green	March 11 March 12	9:00-11:00am 9:00-10:30am	Royal Valley HS
Girl's 17-19	Charles Nez	March 11 March 12	11:00am-1:30pm 10:30am-12:00noon	Royal Valley HS
Adult 20-over	Phil Homeratha	TBD	TBD	Haskell-Coffin
Boxing	Joe Ross	TBD	TBD	TBD
Golf				
Girl's 13-19, All women Boy's 13-19, All men	Steve McDonald	April 20 May 25	3:30pm 3:30pm	Lake Shawnee
Softball				
Girl's 17-19	Gary Tanner	Feb. 26	1:00pm	Haskell
Adult 20-over	Don Don LeClerc	March 18 April 22	12noon-6pm 12noon-6pm	PBP Diamonds
Volleyball				
Girl's 13-14	Steph Greenmore	Feb. 18	10:00am-12noon	Haskell
Girl's 15-16	Cheryl Hopkins	Feb. 18	12:30-2:30pm	Haskell
Girl's 17-19	Judith Gipp	Feb. 18	2:30-4:30pm	Haskell
Adult 20-over	Carla Feathers	Feb. 18	5:30-8:00pm	Haskell
All Ages	All Coaches	Feb. 25	9am-1:00pm	Royal Valley HS
Wrestling	Justin Ogden	In-Season	TBD	TBD



PARR House Advisory and Quality Control Committee members are: front row left to right: Terry Moore, Ray Wahweotten, and Lester Sumner. Back row left to right: Gayl Edmunds, Helen Slattery, Francis Shopteese, Jim Darnall, and Elaine Mzhickteno Barr.

2006 PARR Recovery House Advisory Board makes plans for new year

The PARR (Potawatomi Alcohol Recovery Resources) House advisory board met on February 9 at the We-Ta-Se building for their quarterly meeting.

Items discussed at the meeting included reviewing policies and procedures, security issues, the outpatient program, and providing an update on the family group sessions.

Officers of the advisory board for 2006 are Chairperson Gayl Edmunds, Morning Star Program Director at the Heart of American Indian Center in Kansas City, and Secretary Francis Shopteese, senior liaison for the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410. Helen Slattery is PARR director.

PARR is an assistance program for recovering alcoholics that provides a safe environment for men who are in transition. The program encourages its participants to heal through involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings and other cultural events like sweats, for example.

The PARR house can accommodate up to 10 residents and has two living areas and several bedrooms.

PARR residents have offered temporary job assistance to various departments in the PBPB government and they have also sponsored their own pow-wow and other sobriety celebrations in the past.

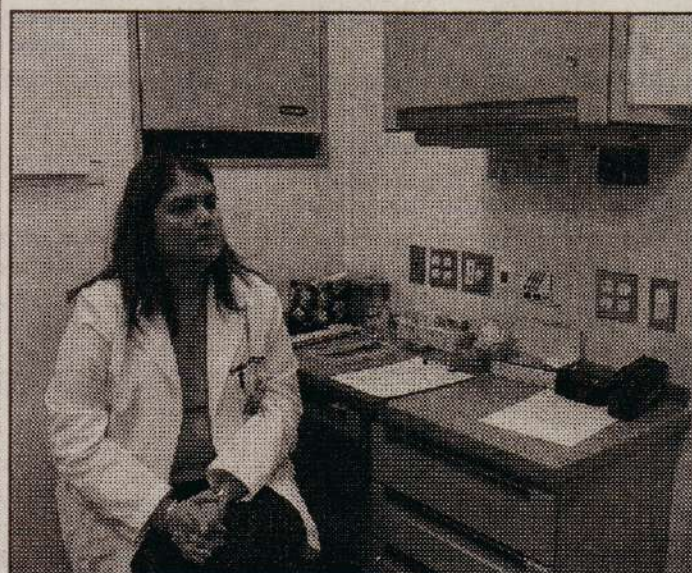
The quality of our service is guided by the values of mutual respect, teamwork, empowerment, personal goals and choices with the belief that everyone has strengths upon which to build.

-PARR House



The Washburn University Mobile Health Clinic van was at the Firekeepers Elder Center on February 9 to give blood pressure and blood sugar checks and skin assessments. Three graduate students in the Nursing program and a Nurse Practitioner were on hand to administer the checks to the elders that day. They are from left to right Kim Smith, Bethany Halpin, Cyndi Patterson and Chris Tollefson. The Mobile Health Clinic van was partially funded by the PBPB through a charitable contribution that was made last year.

PBPB charitable dollars at work helping others as exemplified by the Washburn University Mobile Van



Cyndi Patterson is seen sitting at one of the consultation sites inside the mobile health clinic. In addition, the clinic has examination areas and Patterson said that she hopes that on-site physical examinations can be offered at the mobile clinic in the future. The mobile clinic travels to other northeast Kansas communities and is considered an outreach teaching tool for its graduate nursing students.

Past charitable contribution helps education and tribal elders



Above is an earlier photograph of the mobile clinic van that was purchased with the help of a \$20,000 donation from the PBPB Charitable Contributions in the 3rd Quarter of 2004. The next time the mobile van will come to the Firekeepers Elder Center parking lot is on March 9.

4th Quarter PBPB Charitable Contributions ceremony held January 25, 2006 Bingo Hall.

\$70,000 was distributed to 16 organizations including the following:

•WU Indigenous Nations Student Association (Topeka, KS)	\$2,500
•American Indian Council (N. Kansas City, MO)	\$4,500
•Marty Indian School (Marty, SD)	\$5,000
•Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Education Dept. (Dowagiac, MN)	\$5,000
•YMCA Safe Visit Program (Topeka, KS)	\$5,000
•Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Topeka, KS)	\$5,000
•KSDS Inc. (Washington, KS)	\$5,000
•Sacred Heart Church of Delia (Delia, KS)	\$1,500
•Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition (Omaha, NE)	\$10,000
•Royal Valley H.S. Cheerleading Squad (Hoyt, KS)	\$1,000
•Cub Scout Pack #173 (Mayetta, KS)	\$500
•Royal Valley Elementary School Site Council (Hoyt, KS)	\$6,000
•Living the Dream, Inc. (Topeka, KS)	\$10,000
•Delia Charter School (Delia, KS)	\$2,000
•The Stories-N-Motion @ Haskell (Lawrence, KS)	\$2,000
•KANZA Mental Health Foundation (Hiawatha, KS)	\$5,000

PBPB publicly thanked for charitable contribution donation by Topeka Fire Department

The Topeka Fire Department was able to buy two MSA 5200 thermal imaging cameras thanks to a \$10,000 dollar donation given at the third quarter Charitable Contribution ceremony held last October.

Recently the fire department demonstrated how the new cameras worked during television newscasts in Topeka and the tribe's donation was mentioned as part of the news coverage.

In addition, the PBPB were recognized at the fire department's rookie graduation ceremony held on January 27.

The photo to the right shows tribal members Larry Peters and Prentiss Rice who both work for the fire department holding one of the cameras. Peters was instrumental in getting the promotional coverage for the PBPB and fire department.



Information and photo submitted by Larry Peters

About thermal imaging cameras

The most significant factor hindering the effectiveness of today's firefighters is their inability to see in smoke-filled buildings. Thermal imaging cameras (TICs) remove this obstacle, allowing firefighters to easily see through smoke, safeguarding the lives of the firefighting team, locating people who may be trapped in the building, and quickly leading them to safety. The combination of state-of-the-art technology and tough, durable construction has made MSA equipment a lifesaving resource for firefighting teams throughout the country.



Above are members of the Tribal Council and PBPB Charitable Contributions Committee and Kanza Mental Health representatives. Front row left to right: LaVera Bell, Mary Carr, Wanda Treinen, and Delores Abrams. Back row left to right: Jim Garcia, Bill Persinger, Jackie Mitchell, James Wabaunsee, Steve Ortiz, Ryan Dyer, Rey Kitchkumme, and Jeaneane K.O. Black. Persinger and Black are with the KANZA Mental Health Center.

KANZA Mental Health Center receives donations from PBPB Charitable Contributions and Harrah's Prairie Band Casino

KANZA Mental Health Center received a \$5,000 donation from the 4th quarter Charitable Contributions and a \$10,000 check from Harrah's Prairie Band Casino during two separate ceremonies held on January 25.

Jeaneane K. O. Black and Bill Persinger received the donations on behalf of the Center.

During the ceremony held that morning Persinger told the group that when the Center began their client base was less than one percent Native American but that it had grown to approximately 12 percent today.

That afternoon another ceremony was held at the Casino. This

marks the fourth year Harrah's has supported the facility and the good work that they do in the community.

"This donation affirms Harrah's Prairie Band Casino's commitment to building a strong community," said Mike Kenny, Vice President and General Manager. "We support their mission - to save and change lives."

KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center, Inc. is a non-profit mental health center and is the agency designated to serve residents, regardless of ability to pay, who reside in Brown, Doniphan, Jackson and Nemaha counties. KANZA has been in continuous operation since 1963.



Marty Indian School received a donation at the recent charitable contribution ceremony and, as a token of their appreciation they gave an inscribed deerskin dreamcatcher to the PBPB. Seen above holding the gift, is Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chairman. To her left is Rey Kitchkumme and to her right is Jackie Mitchell, James Wabaunsee and Dwight Janis. Janis, of Marty Indian School, presented the gift along with Dorothy Kiyukan, who is not in the picture.



Diabetes Prevention Program

By Sebe Masquat, RN and John Holtz, Health Center Administrator

The Diabetes Epidemic

Years ago, Native Americans did not have diabetes. Elders can recall times when people hunted and gathered food for simple meals. People walked a lot. Now, in some Native communities, one in two adults has diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery. Both genetics and environmental factors, such as obesity and lack of exercise, appear to play roles in the development of diabetes.

There are 20.8 million people in the United States, or 7% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 6.2 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease.

Grant Funding for Diabetes Prevention

Diabetes is a serious problem for Native Americans. The prevalence of diabetes for Native Americans is on average 2-3 times greater than the U.S. population. Native Americans experience higher rates of complications of diabetes, with cardiovascular disease being the number one cause of death. Recognizing the magnitude of this problem, Congress established grants under the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grant for tribal health programs to develop services to prevent and treat diabetes in Indian communities.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center, in consortium with the Haskell Health Center and the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, was awarded a competitive grant under the SDPI to implement all components of a Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) at all three sites. Program components include:

- Core Elements – Screening and Eligibility, Recruitment, Curriculum, Retention of participants.
- Intense Activity – Teaching the 16-week Lifestyle Balance Program at each site for 12 participants diagnosed with pre-diabetes.
- Less Intense Activities – Community events promoting diabetes prevention and wellness that are open to all participants.

The program at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center will be directed by Sebe Masquat, RN, Diabetes Case Manager, with assistance from a Lifestyle Coach. The Case Manager will coordinate the recruitment and retention of eligible individuals for the program and will also coordinate the curriculum for the classes.

The Lifestyle Coach will be responsible for identifying, recruiting, screening, retaining, training, instructing, coaching, and counseling program participants. The Lifestyle Coach will also coordinate the exercise programs, lead exercise classes, provide diet information, and conduct individual meetings with program participants.

Lifestyle Balance

Our Diabetes Prevention Program is based on a nationwide study on the prevention of diabetes. The results of that study showed that eating healthy food, exercising, and receiving education helped people to make positive lifestyle changes, and helped prevent diabetes in 58% of people at-risk for diabetes.

Our new "Lifestyle Balance" program is a grant funded, 16-week program that focuses on making lifestyle changes to try to prevent diabetes. We use the words "Lifestyle Balance" because we will help you reach a healthy balance between two parts of your lifestyle: What you eat and how physically active you are. Your Lifestyle Balance goals will be to:

- Lose weight through healthy eating
- Be more physically active

It has been medically proven that making these lifestyle changes and keeping them up over time will prevent diabetes in people who are at risk of diabetes.

How do I join the Lifestyle Balance Program?

- Contact Sebe Masquat at 866-694-6728 x231 to obtain additional information about the program or to schedule a blood sugar test
- Get your blood sugar tested at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center
- If your blood sugar is high, you'll be scheduled for further testing
- Eligibility
 - 18 year or older
 - Diagnosis of Pre-diabetes
 - No other health indicators such as pregnancy, current diagnosis with diabetes, end-stage renal failure, or current substance abuse.
- If you meet the eligibility requirements you can join the Lifestyle Balance program to learn how to prevent diabetes.

Knowledge is Power

Knowledge is power in the fight against diabetes. We have information to share with you, your family and community about preventing diabetes. Please call Sebe Masquat, at 866-694-6728 ext 231 for more information about participating in the Lifestyle Balance Program or learning more about diabetes.



Whooping Cough

By Terry L. Harter, MD

Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center
P. O. Box 190, Holton, KS 66436
785-364-2176, 866-694-6728

There have been several cases of pertussis or whooping cough in the state and two in Jackson County in the past few weeks.

Whooping cough is a serious infection of the airways caused by the bacterium *bordetella pertussis*. This germ is spread primarily by inhaling microscopic particles when we breathe. The initial symptoms start with runny nose, watery eyes, and cough much like colds and flu. Fever is rare. After 10-15 days the hallmark cough begins. The classic cough is described as 5-20 coughs from a single breath of air followed by a high pitched whoop as the victim tries to inhale. About this time the secretions from the airways become very thick and stringy. This can cause gagging and vomiting as the victim tries to clear the secretions. The whoop may be absent in infants and elders. This stage typically lasts for four weeks. The final stage is marked by less frequent episodes of cough and decreased secretions. The coughing spasms can continue intermittently for months.

Whooping cough is most severe in infants where it can often be fatal. Toddlers and school children tend to be protected by their

childhood vaccinations. Adolescents tend to be susceptible to infection as the protection from their five-year-old vaccination wears off. In adults the disease tends to be milder than in younger people. It can be very serious in those with asthma or emphysema.

Whooping cough is caused by a bacterium that can be killed with antibiotics. Unfortunately antibiotics are not very helpful in treating whooping cough. It seems that once the infection gets started, the damage is done and taking antibiotics does not shorten the duration of the cough. Antibiotics can help shorten the length of time the victim is contagious. Persons known to be exposed to an active case are usually treated with antibiotics to help prevent the disease and its spread.

The primary method to control whooping cough is prevention by vaccination. Prior to our current vaccination program, whooping cough caused major epidemics and was a leading cause of mortality in infants and children. Currently we vaccinate children at 2, 4, 6, 12 and 60 months of age. Within the past year two new vaccines have been developed and improved. One vaccine is recommended for adolescents ages 11-18 years. The other vaccine is recommended for persons ages 11-64 years. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that all adolescents should receive a whooping cough booster vaccination. There are currently no formal recommendations regarding which adults should receive the booster vaccination. All three forms of vaccine are available at the Family Health Center. I encourage anyone with questions about whooping cough or other vaccinations to make an appointment and come in to discuss them.

Two announcements from the Family Health Center (FHC)

The first is that Dr. Jamie Mulanax, D.C. has offered to provide chiropractic services at the FHC. Dr. Mulanax is a 1999 graduate of Royal Valley High School and a 2004 graduate of Cleveland Chiropractic College. She is tentatively scheduled to provide services every other Thursday afternoon starting March 2.

The second is that Nola Ahlquist-Turner, ARNP will now be available to provide well woman and pediatric services every Friday. We welcome both of these providers and look forward to working with them. To make an appointment call 785-364-2176.

Introducing Brenda Catron



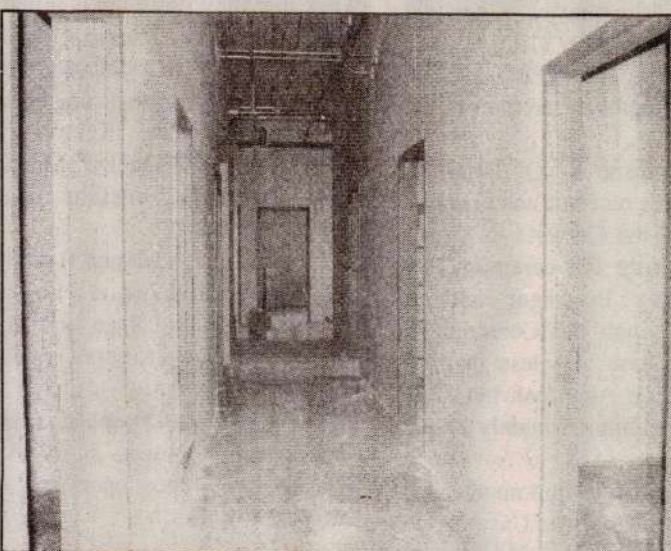
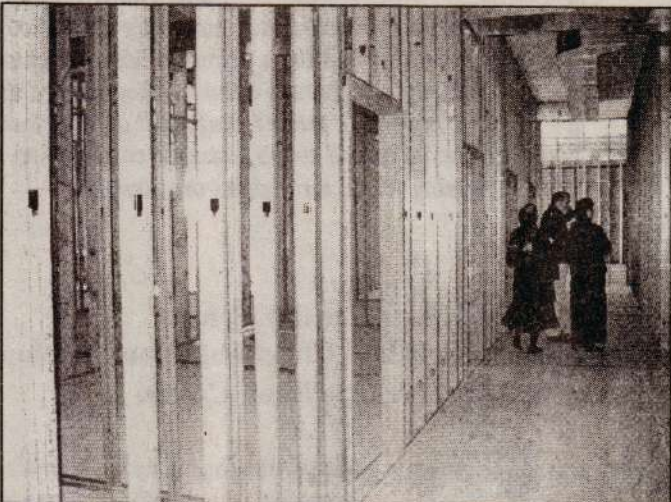
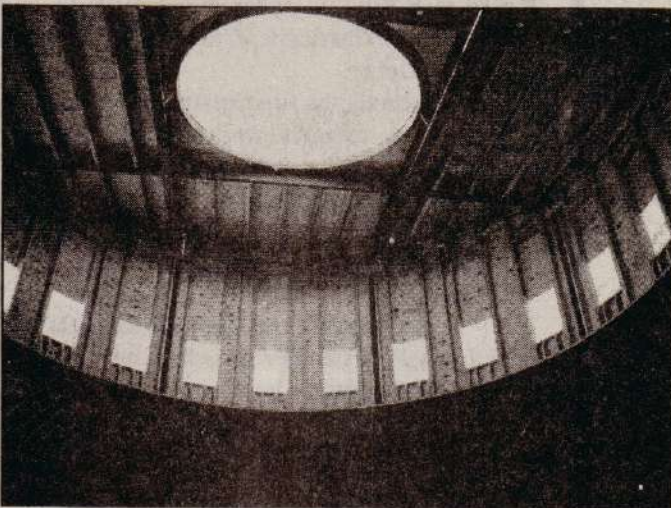
Brenda Catron is the Family Health Center's new nursing supervisor.

For those of you who do not know me, I am Brenda Catron, the daughter of Maxine Sumner Catron. A few of my teen years were spent living at the first cluster built on the reservation. Marriage took me away from the area in 1980. I raised two daughters in southeast Kansas. They are now grown. When my girls started school, I entered college with the financial assistance of the Tribe. It has always been my desire to someday come home and use my nursing skills for the people.

I have been in nursing fifteen years primarily in a surgical setting. I worked also at a nursing home in southeast Kansas. I am very excited about the new Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center. I plan to keep the highest quality nursing care while providing ongoing updated service to our patients. My hope is years from now I will look back and know that I helped make a difference in our patients health and well being.

For those of you I have been reacquainted with, thank you for the warm welcome home. For those of you whom I have recently met, thank you for the warm reception. For those of you I have yet to meet, it will be an honor to serve and care for each of you in the days and years to come.

A tour of the new Health Center

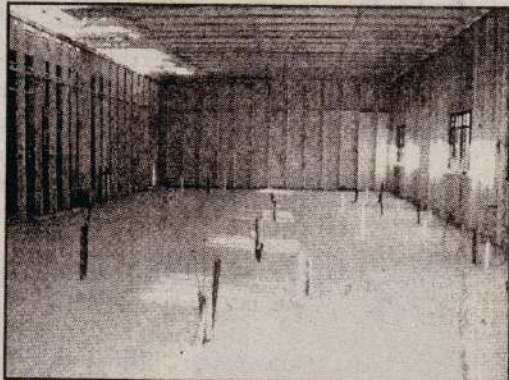
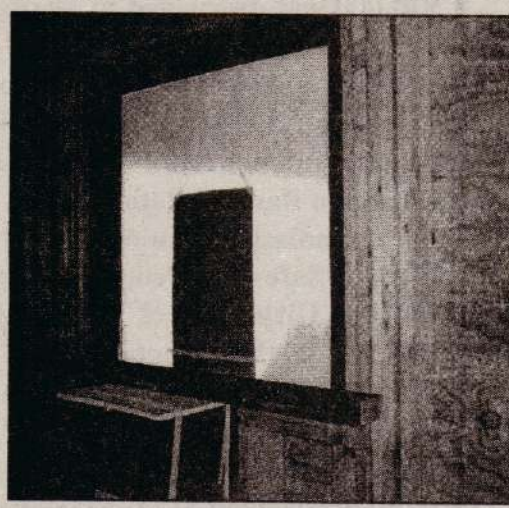


On January 30, John Holtz, Health Center Administrator, Barbara Smelter, Director of Purchasing, Brenda Catron, Nursing Supervisor, and the News staff took a tour of the upcoming health center.

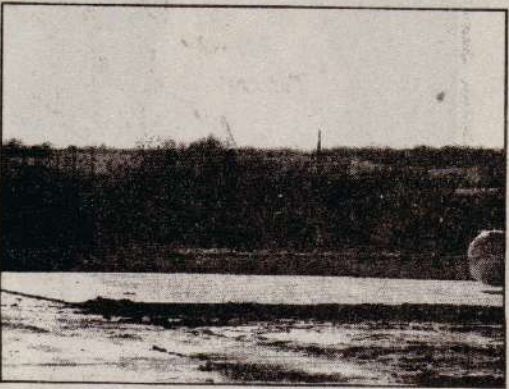
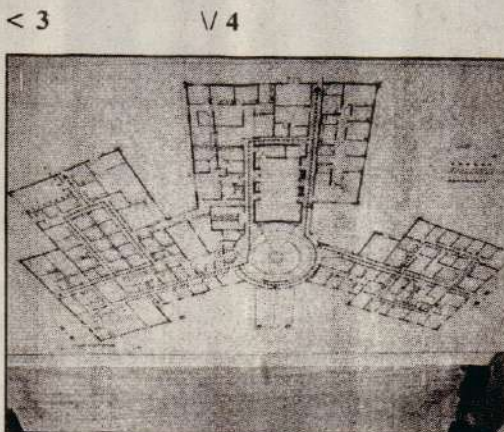
The following is a photo guide:

1. Looking up, the photo shows a view of the rotunda. By the end of February, the windows and skylight will be put in.
2. Suzanne Heck, News co-editor, John Holtz and Barbara Smelter are in the hall of the social services area or c-wing.
3. Since then, much work has been done. This is the same view as the photo above only with the walls put in.
4. The photo shows the architectural plans. From left to right are the medical units (a- and b-wing), and social services area (c-wing).
5. Located in the a-wing, the center will have a drive-up pharmacy window.
6. The photo shows the dental area.
7. The photo shows the heli-pad located by the a-wing area. Near this area will be the emergency services area.

Some landscaping has also been completed which is not shown.



Photos by Mary Young





Clinic Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Phone: (785) 364-2176 Toll Free: (866) 694-6728

Pharmacy Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 8:00 a.m.—noon and 12:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to noon and CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Phone: (785) 364-2176 ext. 227 Toll Free: (866) 727-6330

February is heart month



Web Site Addresses of Interest

Administration on Aging
Programs & Resources for Native
American Elders
<http://www.aoa.gov/AIN/default.htm>

1-800-MEDICARE
www.medicare.gov

MEDICAID
[Http://cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/](http://cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/)

**** NEW ****

An educational
website on the drug
methamphetamine

Methamphetamine or meth is deadly
and addictive. For more information
on state laws, education videos and
tips on how to stop this type of activ-
ity in the community.

www.kansasmethwatch.com

This website is part of the Meth-
Watch program.



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.

AA Meeting—Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Hunter Ridge, St. Francis Bldg., 46th and Hwy 75.

Native American AA Meeting—Friday at 8:00 p.m. 135 Buchanan St.

Recovering Women's Group—Closed and non-smoking meeting, Monday at 5:30 p.m. 725 Buchanan St.—Ring bell.

Gamblers Anonymous—For people seeking help for problem gambling, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital, 1700 S.W. 7th, 2nd floor, meeting room 6, 862-6666; Friday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital, 2nd floor, meeting room 9, 862-6666; and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1275 S.W. Boswell, 339-3583.

Mayetta Area and Vicinity

Open AA Meeting—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to ?? at We Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road.

Alateen, Monday at 5:00 p.m. at the We Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road.

AA Meeting—Sunday at 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church basement.

P.A.R.R. House—Open meeting, Monday at 7:00 p.m. 18301 Hwy. 75, Mayetta.

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

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

Holton NA Meeting—Tuesday and Friday at 7:00 p.m. at EUM Church (1 block south of post office—enter west door, meeting on the second level).

Lawrence Area

Circle of Hope AA Meeting—Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell Campus.

Recipe Corner

By Mary Young



February is heart month—a time to keep tabs on blood pressure, stress, and diabetes. But for those with a sweet tooth, look for recipes that offer low sugar or sugar free. Read the list of ingredients and look at the following: calories, protein, carbohydrates, total fat, saturated fat, polyunsaturated fat, monounsaturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, potassium, and calcium. Be sure to consult your physician and nutritionist to guide you on your healthy path.

The following recipes are the courtesy of the American Heart Association.

Cinnamon-orange pancakes

3/4 c. all-purpose flour
2 tbs. wheat germ
1 c. whole-wheat flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 c. skim milk
3/4 c. fresh orange juice
Egg substitute equivalent to 1 egg
1 tsp. grated fresh orange peel
Vegetable oil spray

In a medium mixing bowl, combine all dry ingredients and mix until well blended.

In another medium bowl, combine all liquid ingredients and orange peel.

Stir to mix well.
Pour liquid ingredients mixture into dry ingredients and stir only until moistened.

Preheat griddle or skillet for pancakes. Spray lightly with vegetable oil spray.

For each pancake, pour 1/4 cup of batter onto griddle or skillet. Turn each pancake when edges are dry and bubbles appear on top. Serve hot.

Applesauce cake

Vegetable oil spray
1/2 c. acceptable margarine
1 c. sugar
2 egg whites
1-1/2 c. applesauce
2 c. all-purpose flour
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. nutmeg
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 c. raisins

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Lightly spray a 9-inch square cake pan with vegetable oil spray.

In a large mixing bowl, cream margarine with sugar until fluffy. Add egg whites and beat well. Add applesauce and beat.

In a medium bowl, sift dry ingredients together. Add to margarine mixture and mix well. Stir in raisins.

Pour into prepared pan and bake 45 minutes. Serve warm.

Lentil soup with lemon

2 c. lentils, dry
1/2 yellow onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons olive oil
8 cups water or no-salt-added vegetable broth
1 medium potato, diced
1/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Rinse lentils and drain.

Place onion, garlic and oil in medium soup pot over medium heat. Sauté until soft. Add all ingredients except lemon juice and pepper.

Simmer 45 to 60 minutes or until the lentils are soft. Stir in lemon juice and pepper and serve immediately.

Spinach pinwheels

Vegetable oil spray
1 tbs. acceptable margarine
1/2 c. finely chopped onion
1 10-oz. pkg. frozen, no-salt-added chopped spinach, defrosted
1/2 c. part-skim ricotta cheese
Dash cayenne pepper
1 10-oz. pkg. refrigerated pizza dough
1 egg white, slightly beaten
1 tbs. sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 425°.

Lightly spray a baking sheet with vegetable oil spray.

Heat margarine in a small nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté until translucent. Remove from heat and set aside. In a small bowl, combine onion, spinach, cheese, lemon juice, nutmeg and cayenne.

Blend well. Set aside.

Press dough into a 12-x-14 inch rectangle. Cut in half, forming 2 7-x-12-inch pieces. With rubber spatula, spread half of spinach mixture on each piece of dough. Roll up, starting from the 12-inch side.

Pinch each end of rolled dough. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes.

With sharp knife, cut each roll into 12 slices. Lay pieces on prepared baking sheet. Brush each piece with egg white and sprinkle 1/8 teaspoon sesame seeds on each. Bake 15 to 18 minutes.

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



Robert Jackson recognized by Army as "Hero of the Week"



Task Force 519th Military Police
"Viper 7"

January 28, 2006

Dear Mrs. Cecilia Jackson,

It is a pleasure to inform you that your grandson, SPC Robert Jackson, was chosen as the HHB 1-127 (FA) Military Police Company "Hero of the Week" for the remarkable work that he is doing here in Iraq. Since the earliest days of our Army, there have always been those Soldiers who, through their actions in wartime, have set themselves apart from their peers. Robert is one such hero and I am extremely proud of him.

I wanted to share Robert's accomplishments with you, but I also wanted to personally thank you for your sacrifices that made it possible. Nothing could be more honorable than patiently awaiting the return of your Soldier. Without your support and the support of millions of family members just like you, our Army could not accomplish its task.

I know you realize that the mission here is extremely difficult, but necessary and just. Robert and the other great Soldiers of this Task Force understand the challenge, they meet it head on every day, and they are making huge progress for the people of America and Iraq. History has a special place for patriots like these.

May God bless you and continue to bless the Soldiers of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Green
Command Sergeant Major, USA

"Vipers!"

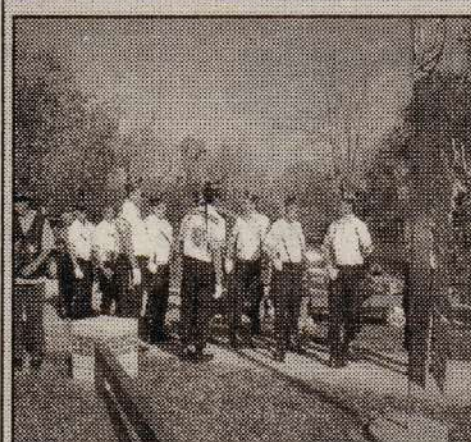
I know you are very proud of him. He is doing fantastic work here in Iraq. Thank you for supporting him.



The photo, right, shows Robert Jackson (far right) before he left at an Iraqi Deployment Farewell Ceremony held in Topeka last June. He is pictured with, left to right, Charles Wakole, Bobbie Slocum, and Jeremiah Bentley who are also from the Holton area and were mobilized through BTRY C 1st BN 127th FA National Guard Unit.

Meeks Jackson brought the letter (left) in to the News so that she could share Robert's success as a soldier with others.

In the photo, at left, is Robert Jackson, far right, before he left for the Army. He is seen with his grandmother, Cecilia "Meeks" Jackson, and Pam-saht Jackson at the PBP Pow-Wow that was held last June.



One of the highlights during last year's We-Ta-Se veteran activities was the unveiling of an eagle staff sculpture created by tribal member Brandon Shopteese. The eagle staff stands 8 feet tall and was placed near the Veterans Memorial Wall in Prairie Peoples Park. Photos of events, like the one above, can be found on the new website.

Check out
We-Ta-Se Post 410's
new website
on
www.pbpnation.org
•photo gallery
•calendar of events
•contact information





PBPN Tribal member Arlene Wahwasuck offers unique traveling experience

By Suzanne Heck

After retiring from the clinic side of Indian Health Service after 25 years and living out of state, Arlene Wahwasuck came back to Kansas in the year 2000 because she wanted to be close to home.

She decided that she wanted to do something different in her retirement so she and her husband, Francis, opened up The End of the Trail Bed and Breakfast in the basement of her home located on the Kickapoo reservation. She was able to get a license through the Kickapoo to run the business out of her home and has ever since.

Accommodations include a kitchen, large living area, bedroom and bath and it can sleep as many as five. There is cable television, Internet, a telephone, laundry facilities and an outdoor pool and patio for recreational use. Guests also have a separate entrance.

Arlene said that the place is ideal for those who need a place to stay for a week or longer and that she offers a discount to Native American guests. She is flexible about what breakfast items to have on hand and asks guests what they prefer after they arrive.

The large living room can also be rented out as a conference room if desired.



Arlene Wahwasuck has decorated the bed and breakfast that she operates in a Native American motif as seen above.

Photo by Suzanne Heck



End of the Trail Bed & Breakfast
1106 Golden Eagle Road
Horton, KS 66439
Phone: 785.486.2902
Fax: 785.486.2852
Email: ou812@rainbowtel.net

Potawatomi Fire
Keepers Elder Center

2006

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheeseburger Baked Chili Fries Vegetable Medley Orange Segments	Breaded Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Creamed Corn - Roll Jelled Carrot Salad	Goulash - Spinach Tossed Salad Apricot Jell-o Garlic Bread	Honey Baked Chicken Grilled Red Potato Broccoli Normandy Roll - Caesar Salad	Tuna Casserole Mixed Vegetable Ranch Salad Biscuit - Grapes
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Asparagus Spears Roll - Sunshine Salad	Chicken Salad Sandwich Green Bean Soup Tossed Chefs Salad Fruit Salad	Chicken Stir-Fry Brown Rice - Salad Broccoli Soup Crackers - Devel Egg	Bacon Wrapped Roast Whipped Potato Beef Gravy - Roll Green Bean Casserole	Salmon Patty Wild Rice Stuffing Carrots - Bread Spinach Tomato Salad
Liver & Onion Mashed Potato & Gravy Carrots & Peas Citrus Salad - Roll	Chicken & Rice Casserole Stuffed Sweet Potato Bugler Spinach Salad Fresh Fruit Medley	Spaghetti & Meatsauce Steamed Zucchini Tossed Garden Salad Garlic Bread	Ham Crossants Potato Soup Broccoli Carrot Salad Cheese & Crackers	Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Salad - Rolls
Sloppy Joe Sandwich Baked Fries - Salad 5 Bean Casserole Cottage Cheese	Oven Fried Chicken Fettichini Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Waldorf Salad	Breakfast for Lunch Sausage, Bacon Hashbrowns, Eggs Biscuits & Gravy	Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Brussels Sprouts Roll - Carrot Salad	Baked Cajun Cod Brown Rice Creamed Peas Bread - Salad

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

Native Seniors 50+ Free
Adult \$3.50
Child \$2.50

Free Income Tax Service

Free income tax assistance is available on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. The tax preparation site is located in the basement of the Firekeepers Elder Center.

Returns will be filed electronically

Information needed to complete your income tax forms

1. Valid photo identification
2. Bring social security numbers
3. This year's tax package
4. Copy of last year's Federal and State returns, if available
5. Wage and earning forms, W-2, W-2G etc.
6. Property tax for previous and present year, if applicable
7. Interest and dividend forms from banks, credit unions, etc. (Forms 1099)
8. Pension forms (Form 1099-R)
9. Birth dates and social security numbers, for the taxpayer, spouse, and any children in the household born before December 31, 2005
10. Bank routing numbers and an account number for direct deposit

Call 785.966.2138 to make an appointment
Walk-ins are welcome



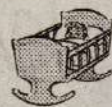
Ganiit'ek (Those who are born)



Welcome Angelina Kay Coon

Born: January 13, 2006
Wt: 8 lbs, 7 oz
Ht: 20 3/4 inches

Love you,
Disiree, Kara, Kristina, Tom,
Parents: Michelle & Wallace
Grandparents: Maureen & Kevin



Volunteer Sewers needed!



Ben-n-0-tteh Wigwam needs people with sewing machines to help them make children's graduation ribbon shirts and shawls.

Call 785.966.2527

The Land Management Committee is seeking prospective members to serve on the Committee.

If interested, the next meeting is March 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Department of Land Management Building on K Road. For more information call Dan Dyer at 785.966.2737

Potawatomi Fire Department will hold a benefit luncheon for Brenda LaClair at the Fire Department Building, K Rd on March 10 at 11 a.m. Call 785.966.2164 for details.

(Fire Department also requests that you call them for a burn permit before you burn this season)

2006 Potawatomi Gathering News

The Potawatomi Gathering 2006 will be held July 27-July 30, in Dowagiac, Michigan. This year's Gathering is hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. So far, the following plans have been made: dates for travel will be July 25-July 31; one bus only; same age rule will apply. Sign up will be after everyone has a chance to attend the following meeting.

There will be a meeting on March 9th at the Firekeepers Elder Center @ 1:00 p.m. to discuss this year's trip and decide on some rules. We would like to have your input and give you a chance to make suggestions regarding the Gathering trips. Please plan to attend if you can. You can call LaVerne Hale @ 785.966.4014 or e-mail laverneh@pbpnation.org if you have questions or suggestions.

Kamboŧ'ek (those who died)

In memory
of
Wanda Larena Zahm
Died: Nov. 29, 2005



There is no death,
only a change of worlds
-Chief Seattle

Wabske

Joseph N. Wabske, 69, Casper, Wyo., died Feb. 10, 2006 at a care center. He was born March 21, 1936, in Kansas City, the son of Agnes Wabske. Mr. Wabske was a member of Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. Survivors include a daughter, Jani Blanton, Topeka; and five sisters, Laverne Hale, Marilyn Brewer, and T.J. Kitchkommie, all of Mayetta, Joanne Littleaxe, Bartlesville, Okla., and Joyce Guerrero, Topeka. He was preceded in death by his mother, Agnes Wabske, in 2001; and a brother, Michael Kitchkommie, in 1980. Graveside services were held Feb. 20 at Shipshew Cemetery west of Mayetta. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 2/20/06)

Prairie Band Potawatomi Boys & Girls Club

March 2006 Pool Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POOL PARTIES-\$40 for the first hour, \$20 for each additional hour, and \$25 if you have more than 25 kids this is for the use of another lifeguard. COMMUNITY SWIM & OPEN LAP SWIM FEES: 19 & Over-\$2 4 to 18-\$1 3 & Under and 45 & Over-FREE NO CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE WITHOUT PARENTAL SUPERVISION			1 Open lap swim 12 to 2 Junior youth 5 to 5:40 Senior youth 6 to 7:30	2 Elders swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 1 Junior youth 5 to 5:40 Senior youth 6 to 7:30	3 Childcare swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 1 Junior youth 5 to 5:40 Community swim 6 to 7:30	4 POOL CLOSED
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Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)



Send
your good news
to
the
Potawatomi News
your tribal newspaper

- birthday
- anniversary
- wedding
- graduation
- births
- other announcements

Happy Birthday
Zack



Love,
Dad and Mom



On
February
9

Happy Birthday
Karen Thomas



From, your husband, children and
grandchildren

March 11

You are
a beautiful wife,
a number 1 mother
and
wonderful grandmother

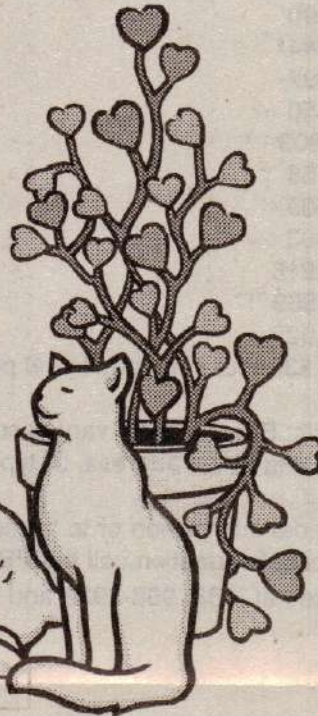


Happy 6th Birthdays



Kishno
on
February 9

Love,
your
family

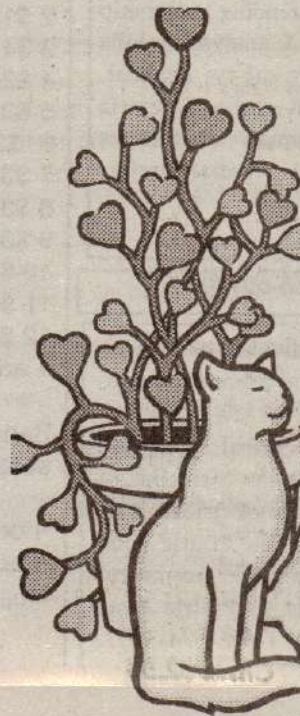


Peyton Lida
Jones

on
February 16

From: Misho

mother: Crystal
(Aitkens)
Jones
Rockville, MD.



Messages



Thank you Potawatomi & Education
Department

From: Candi Awwad

My family and I would like to thank the Potawatomi Tribe for my Hp Laptop through earning a required amount of college credits, in addition to assistance with tuition and books. It has enabled me to continue my education with less stress. More specifically, I would like to thank Gwen Shunatona, the PBPB Education Administrator, for all her help and patience every semester as I progress through my college career and Ida Nadeau for her assistance regarding student services. I am eternally grateful for the contributions and assistance offered by our Tribe and I just want to show my appreciation. Again, thank you and I can't wait to graduate!

Get well, Brenda!



The family of Brenda
LaClair would like to
thank everyone for the
overwhelming response
of helping them while
she is recovering.

From: Smokey
LaClair & family



Lorraine (Lori)
Steward Wilson
thanks the PBPB and
other organizations
for the assistance that
she and Rescue
Ranch, a nonprofit
organization,
received after the
Katrina hurricane
disaster.



Kateri Rainbolt

The News would like to return the original photo, seen left, of Kateri Rainbolt but the return address has been misplaced. Whoever submitted the photo please contact us and we will return the photo to you.



A scholarship fund
has recently been
established in honor of
Jim McKinney
called the
Jim McKinney Education Fund

To learn more about the fund and to donate contact
Shawnee County Allied Tribes in Topeka
at
shawneecountyalliedtribes.org



Congratulations
to
Travis Wanna
for bowling a perfect game of 300
on
February 3, 2006
at the Holton Bowling Center
(third ever bowled at the Center)



Congratulations
to
Doug Green
on being selected as
Head Boy Dancer
at the
26th Annual Strong Hearts Pow-wow
Fort Yuma-Quecha
Winterhaven, California
March 3-5, 2006

A special thanks to all who donated at the Enchilada fundraiser Feb. 17



Education

Sequoyah Research Center Call for Presentations

Sixth Annual Sequoyah Research Center Symposium
October 19-21, 2006

The purpose of the Sequoyah Research Center Symposium is to provide a forum for Indigenous speakers to address issues and ideas relevant to their lives and communities and to serve as an educational outreach to the general public. Thus we seek presenters for the sixth annual symposium.

We invite proposals for presentations from Indigenous writers, scholars, educators, attorneys, physicians and other health-care providers, artists, publishers, journalists, and others on any topic relevant to the mission of the symposium.

Thursday afternoon, October 19, will be devoted to gallery talks and a viewing of the J. W. Wiggins Collection of Native American Art. Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, will be devoted to presentations and discussions of issues.

Preliminary inquiries or proposals may be sent to Director, American Native Press Archives, 301A Ottenheimer Library, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 S. University, Little Rock, AR 72204-1099. You may also FAX 501-5693185 or e-mail dflittlefield@ualr.edu.

Deadline for proposals is March 15, 2006

PBPN job announcements

GENERAL MANAGER OF TRIBAL OPERATIONS: The Nation seeks exceptionally capable individual to oversee programs, program budgets, directors, management positions & operations. Provide status updates and progress reports to the Tribal Council. Qualified candidates must have: •Bachelor's Degree in Business •Outstanding leadership experience •Proven track record of achievements •Strong motivation & analytical skills are essential. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation offers an attractive salary; medical, dental, vision, life insurance; paid vacation, sick/paid holidays; 401K and a Cafeteria Plan. Details at: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation / Human Resources www.pbpnation.org/hr or call 1-866-694-3937. Drug-free workplace ~ Indian preference exercised.

For other job announcements contact Human Resources at 1-866-694-3937

TRIBAL PROSECUTOR: The Nation seeks exceptionally capable individual to oversee the prosecution of cases filed on issues regarding tribal sovereignty, and exercise of tribal jurisdiction over child welfare, juvenile delinquency matters, criminal law violations and traffic violations. Represent the Tribe in all hearings before the Tribal, State and Federal Courts. Qualified candidates must have: •Licensure through the State Bar of Kansas •Professional work ethics, manner and appearance •Knowledge of tribal, state and federal law •Strong communication & analytical skills are essential. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation offers an attractive salary; medical, dental, vision, life insurance; paid vacation, sick/paid holidays; 401K and a Cafeteria Plan. Details at: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation / Human Resources www.pbpnation.org/hr or call 1-866-694-3937.

Social Services

The Kansas Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Low Income Energy Assistance Program 12/2005

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit.

The application period is from **January 17 through March 31, 2006**

The following summary describes basic LIEAP eligibility provisions. Additional information may be obtained by contacting your local Social and Rehabilitation Services Office during the three-month application period.

In order to be eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1) An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for purchasing heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or to the fuel vendor.
- 2) Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy. Each Payment must be 10% of the applicant's monthly gross income or \$40 (whichever is less) for two out of the three months prior to application.
- 3) The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level according to the guidelines listed below:

Number of persons living at the address must meet maximum allowable monthly incomes listed below:

1	\$1,037
2	\$1,390
3	\$1,744
4	\$2,097
5	\$2,450
6	\$2,803
7	\$3,156
8	\$3,509
9	\$3,863
10	\$4,216
11	\$4,569
12	\$4,922
+ add \$353 for each additional person	

Benefits: Benefit levels vary according to the following factors: 1) household income, 2) number of persons living at the address, 3) type of dwelling, 4) type of heating fuel, and 5) utility rates.

- For more information or to request an application, please call 1-800-432-0043
- For local information call the PBPN Social Services Department at (785) 966-2932
- Toll free at (888) 966-2932 and fax at (785) 966-2950

J.O.M. Education News

Submitted by Kristen Aitkens, Johnson O'Malley Coordinator

The J.O.M. office has been somewhat slow for the past few months with school under way. But, with the end of the school year fast approaching the J.O.M. office is eagerly anticipating several upcoming events. First, the Indian Education Committee held elections on February 8 and welcomed in three new members, and one returning. Members serve two-year terms and they are:

- Michelle Simon, Chairperson
- Kelly Mills, Vice-Chairperson
- Maggie Fairman, Secretary
- Carrie O'Toole, Member
- Sandra Shopteese, Member
- Frank Tecumseh, Member
- Geraldine Rupnicki, Member

The J.O.M. office and several other programs are preparing for the Student Awards Banquet to be held on April 28. Last year's banquet was a huge success and we look forward to another great turnout. More information will be posted in the near future. The Summer Youth Work Program is also getting in gear so be on the lookout for more information in the coming months. The J.O.M. office is open Mon-Fri. from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. With school visits, and other activities outside the office please call ahead to ensure your requests will be met. If anyone would like more information please call 785-966-3041.

1934 Blandin School students identified



The photo above was published in the last issue of the News and the photo caption of names was inadvertently left off. Therefore, we are reprinting the photo with the list of names of those who are identified. They are left to right, back row, Imelda Magnouck Rios, Alvina Wamego LaClair, Margaret Matsapto Shobenay, Josephine Masquat Peters, Eugene Masquat, unidentified girl, unidentified boy and teacher unknown, Cecelia LeClere Madrid, Julia LeClere Ray, unidentified girl, Delores Pahmahmie Wilson, JoJo Anderson, Gracie Pahmahmie Wahwassuck, Mary Jo Magnauk Jessepe, Maxime Nozhackum Ramirez, Freda Nozhackum Wabaunce, Serelda Clardy, and Marcella Nozhackum Hernandez.

Photo and caption submitted by Alvina LaClair

News from the PBPN Motor Vehicle Department

Submitted by Motor Vehicle Department

We began renewing tribal vehicles in February for the year 2007; the new decals will be black and gold. We also have a new procedure to follow when we inspect a vehicle that is being registered for the first time with the Nation.

When a tribal member comes in to register a vehicle we now run the VIN through a database compiled by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). The database has information gathered from insurance companies, salvage yards, and state and local authorities. This is due to the areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. NICB allows us to verify VIN numbers free of charge as a public service to help us know whether or not a vehicle was involved in either hurricane. To illustrate, we have one vehicle that sustained flood damage and we were able to send the information to NICB so that they could enter the information into the database.

In addition, we are continuing to verify tribal members who have moved since receiving tribal plates. So far we have revoked 15 license plates; if you have moved from the reservation please let us know so that we can provide you with the proper information to register your vehicle in the county you presently reside in.

In related news, due to PBPN government budget cuts we have returned some GSA vehicles.

Additionally, Chris Eteeyan has moved on to further his career in Social Services and Roger Lewis has been promoted as the primary driver for our transit department. With the help of Voc-Rehab we hope to have an additional driver soon. When the driver positions are filled we will be back to serving the general public throughout Jackson County, with limited service from Topeka to Holton for medical appointments on Mondays and Wednesday.

Call 785-966-2995 or toll free 1-877-727-6743 for transportation.

Transportation Prices:
50 cents—one way local
\$1.00—one way long distance

We prefer that when scheduling for transportation that you call 24 hours in advance as we cannot guarantee same day service.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

POW-WOW

June 9, 10 & 11
Prairie Peoples Park
158 Rd & M Rd
Mayetta, KS 66509

- Dance Contests-Specials
- Drum Contest

For more information call 1-877-727-6743 or
email powwow@pbpnation.org

Location subject to change in case of inclement weather