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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Tribal Chairman Zach Pahmahmie resigns from office Tracy Stanhoff appointed Interim Tribal Chair

By Suzanne Heck and Mary Young

Pahmahmie resigns

Recent news releases from Tribal Council confirmed that Zachariah Pahmahmie resigned as Chairman of the Tribal Council on January 4 and that Tracy Stanhoff would be appointed Interim Chair.

Vice Chairman Rey Kitchkumme told the News on January 5 that Tribal Council members had each received a letter from Pahmahmie on the day that he resigned, but that no reason was given for his resignation.

"We're not sure why he resigned," Kitchkumme told the News. "I am trying to contact him so that we can find out."

However, Roland Matchie, a tribal member who had been conducting some business in the Government Center on January 4, told the News that he had seen a tribal member delivering a letter to Pahmahmie that morning. What was stated in the letter is not known or if it actually had anything to do with Pahmahmie's resignation.

That afternoon, a news release was issued to the media and employees from Vice Chairman Kitchkumme that said Tribal Council would make the necessary decisions and arrangements to ensure that the function and office of the chairman were handled appropriately and that governmental operations would continue as normal.

Attempts by the News to contact Pahmahmie about his resignation have proved unsuccessful.

In addition, Verna Simon, Pahmahmie's legislative research assistant, was also forced to

leave her position that day. The legislative research assistant is considered a contract position that is filled by whomever the chair in office appoints at the time. However, Stanhoff recently selected Verna to work with her for the remaining months that she will have in office.

On January 6 at an all-employee meeting held that morning at the Bingo Hall, Kitchkumme announced that he was Acting Chair of the PBPB



Rey Kitchkumme is seen above announcing to employees at the quarterly employee meeting held on January 6 that he was Acting Chair of the Tribal Council after Zach Pahmahmie submitted his resignation on January 4.

and that tribal operations were to continue as normal.

"As most of you know there have been some changes that have occurred in the last few days," he said. "But we want to try and uphold the responsibilities that we have to the best of our abilities."

One of the changes that he was referring to, besides Pahmahmie's resignation, was that the administration has been without an Executive Director since Jon Boursaw retired on December 30. On January 3 a memo was issued from Tribal Council to government staff that included a list of employees who were to temporarily delegate the executive director's duties until further notice.

On January 18 Kitchkumme met with department leaders and gave an update on governmental matters. He was asked at the meeting if Tribal Council had ever been given a reason for Pahmahmie's resignation and he reported that Council still did not know why Pahmahmie had resigned.

Pahmahmie had served the office since July 2002 and would have been up for re-election in July. He was a graduate of Horton High School, Stanford University, and the University of Kansas School of Law. He had also interned with a law firm in Washington, D.C. prior to his position as Tribal Chair.

Tracy Stanhoff appointed

Tracy Stanhoff was appointed as the Interim Chair by the Tribal Council and was sworn into office on January 19 at the Bingo Hall. She will serve in that capacity until the election for Tribal Chair takes place in July.

Stanhoff, from Los Angeles, is a graduate of the University of California-Long Beach and has owned and operated ADPRO, an advertising/graphic design firm, since 1988 (For more information about Stanhoff see article below). She is currently president of the American Indian

Chamber of Commerce and of the California Chamber of Commerce. Her business has a website ADPROWEB.com and she was also featured in the August 2005 issue of the News in its entrepreneur column.



Tracy Stanhoff shakes hands with Rey Kitchkumme after she was sworn into office.

Resignations

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has experienced top leader resignations within a 12-year span: George L. Wahquaboshkuk was ousted in 1993 by a vote of 54-44.

Mamie Rupnicki turned in her resignation on October 7, 2000 at a General Council meeting in the Bingo Hall in front of 200 people. At that time she was given a choice to resign or tribal council would take a vote to remove her from office.

Pahmahmie is the latest to resign without explanation.

Photos in this section by Mary Young

A matter of security

Submitted by the Office of Executive Director

Security is not a new issue for government offices. Everyday we encounter security systems in our everyday functions. There are security doors and systems at our public schools, federal buildings, airports and courthouses. It's becoming an accepted method of our lives. We have security systems in our computer networks and in our homes.

Since the 9-11 attacks, the anthrax scares of the postal service, and other national disasters, there has been a need and demand for 'governments' to strengthen their security and response time should we encounter a disaster.

The PBPB Nation is a governmental entity and is keeping up with the national effort to provide safe and secure methods to protect citizens and employees of the Nation. The Government Center has provided in-house training for employees to handle different situations through the Tribal

Emergency Response Committee (TERC) which is an emergency planning group. By putting in a security door, it provides a means for the Government Center to enter into the 'homeland security era'. Even the Horton Area Office of the BIA has a security system that has been in place for a few years.

Some Tribal offices already have a 'security system' in place. There are monitoring systems in the parking lots for Bingo, the Casino, Tribal Police, and all buildings have alarm systems. The security door system has been planned for two years now. This system ensures that our tribal assets (i.e. financial, law, enrollment, election, per capita, and archival records, as well as the art collection) are secure and protected.

The Government Center is still the same place as before the installation of the security doors. We're still people-friendly, always available to the community, and will help you in any way that we can.



A message from Tracy Stanhoff, Interim Tribal Chair

It is with great honor that I accept the appointment of leading our Nation. I am overwhelmed by the confidence that our Tribal Council has placed in my abilities and pledge to move us forward.

I have been an active participant in the American Indian business community for 18 years, both as a business owner and as an advocate. My focus will be on lending my entrepreneurial expertise to the Tribe's enterprises during

my six months in this position.

I come from the Darling family line on my Prairie Band Potawatomi side of the family. My grandmother, Elsie "Sally" Stewart Dyer was born and raised on the reservation. Both my grandparents were graduates of Haskell. My grandparents graduated from Haskell during the Great Depression and since there was little or no work for them in the area, the U.S. Government relocated them to work on the Navajo reservation in Arizona.

My mother, the late Darlene Dyer Stanhoff, was born and raised on the Navajo reservation. After attending Arizona State University, where my mother met, then subsequently married my father, they relocated to Los Angeles, California--again as part of the government's "encouraged" relocation process and again looking for opportunities to work and "put a roof over our heads."

I am a graduate of California State University, Long Beach. My business, ADPRO, is an advertising and graphic design firm that I founded in 1988. From our humble beginnings, to a success now--we have become one of the most well-regarded American Indian owned service companies in the U.S. with clients nationwide including: the National Congress of American Indians; the National Indian Gaming Association; American Honda Motor Co., Inc.; and many other Fortune 500 corporations.

There are a couple of points I want to express to start off. One, I believe that the Tribe is for the people. I believe in communicating to you ALL. Sometimes we may have to agree to disagree, but any and all constructive ideas and processes are welcome. I am very excited by the prospect of working with all of the expertise and talent we have in our Tribe. And two, I believe in hiring and development of tribal members--this very strongly. For over the last decade I have been advocating on a local, state and national level for Indian businesses and employment empowerment, as I am president of the American Indian National Chamber ofCommerce and our state American Indian Chamber of Commerce.

During this advocacy on behalf of our people, I have met the last two U.S. Presidents, regularly meet with the U.S. Congress and was an informal American Indian advisor to our former Governor of California and "took on" our present California Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, on his political rhetoric against Indian gaming--some of our members may have seen me on the major television networks and heard me on radio stations throughout the state after the 2004 election on Indian Gaming referendums in California.

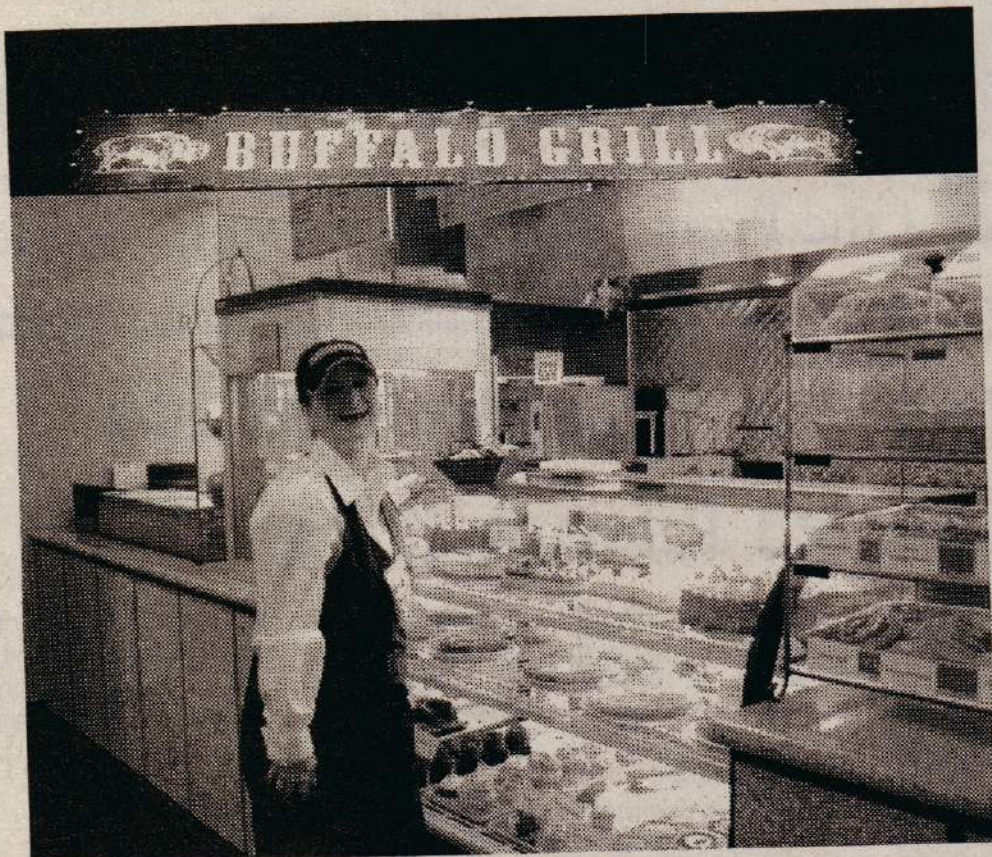
I ask and challenge each and every tribal member to "work to take care of each other for the greater good of us all." I ask this not out of naivety but necessity, as we all need to do our best in this time of transition.

Last but not least, I want to wish our past Chairman Zach Pahmahmie, best wishes on wherever his life takes him now.

Tracy Stanhoff



This photo was taken of Tribal Council shortly after the Swearing-In Ceremony for new chairman, Tracy Stanhoff held on January 19 at the Bingo Hall. From left to right are Rey Kitchkumme, James Wabaunsee, Jackie Mitchell, Tracy Stanhoff, Steve Ortiz, Ryan Dyer, and Jim Potter.



The Buffalo Grill, located in the casino, opened on December 22, 2005. Seen above is Jennifer Payatt, lead cashier, standing in front of the dessert counter. For your information Larry Moser is the supervisor of the Buffalo Grill and Loc Branom is the restaurant manager of the Buffalo Grill, Fresh Market Buffet, and employee dining room.
Photo by Mary Young

Buffalo Grill in Casino now open

- buffalo grill specialties
- burgers & dogs
- snack time treats
- deli sandwiches
- hot sandwiches
- soups
- salads
- breakfast biscuits

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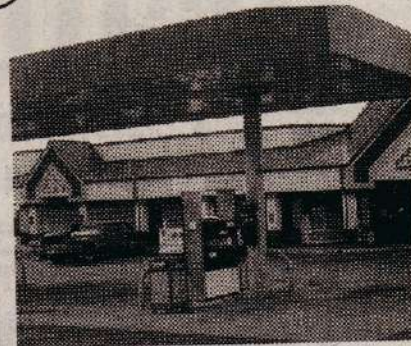
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and more

2006 Notice of Election for Gaming Commission

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that an Election will be held on February 24, 2006 for the purpose of electing one (1) member of the Gaming Commission. The term of office for the position is four (4) years. This election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Ordinance of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, New Mexico will assist the Election Board with this Election.



Gaming Commission Election Calendar

February 24, 2006-9:00 a.m.
Election Day

Ballots tabulated and results reported

March 1, 2006-4:00 p.m.

Last day to file protest of the election

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Election Board

Area code: (785) 966-

Voncile Mitchell, 3911
Ruta Mendez, 3912
Julia Barber, 3910
Fax Number, 3913



Gaming Commission candidate profiles



Joseph W. Hale, Jr.

Hello, I am Joseph W. Hale Jr. I am the son of Joe Hale and Laverne Hale. I am happily married to Shayla Hale, and the proud father of

Mittina and Mshewe, and excited about another one on the way.

I am seeking your vote in the upcoming Gaming Commission election. I will be hard working and fair in all aspects of the gaming industry. Following Title 12 guidelines is important to help ensure that our gaming facility continues to be successful.

With my positive personality and way of thinking I will help maintain the progress that our Nation has made and will continue to make throughout the years to come. Teamwork will be a big part of the transition process for all parties involved. I believe that I have the knowledge and skills to help with the difficult decisions that our Nation will face.

Your vote will be greatly appreciated and you will not be disappointed with your support in my favor. I would also like to remind all our young people to register to vote and take part in all tribal elections. Thank you!



Dorothy Kiyukan

I greet you with a warm heart and a hearty handshake.

I am Dorothy Arleen Kiyukan "Wiche Quah" (Scootie), and I am the grand daughter of David Lewis and Minnie (LaClair) Lewis of Soldier, Ks. My mother is Julia Ann Lewis of Mayetta and my ceremonial parents are Francis-Bomana and Shirley Bernie of Marty, South Dakota.

Though I have raised many children, my two adult children are Julia "Qawshe" and Lawrence "Kiso Quah" Kiyukan and my adopted son is Percy Rainbow-Dion. I have seven grandchildren and am from the Thunder Clan Nation.

It is truly an honor and a blessing to come before each and everyone of you as an applicant for the Gaming Commission position. Today, I find myself highly educated, experienced and wondering how I can use my education, my talents and expertise to enrich the lives of our people. I am competent and knowledgeable in the field of administration and education. I have an impeccable work record, which is documented by my peers and supervisors. I have received training in accountability and assessment, conflict resolution and confrontation, evaluating employee performance, and crisis management.

I would bring to the gaming position strong leadership competencies, solid judgment, trouble-shooting and

decision-making abilities. I am computer knowledgeable, flexible, dependable, energetic, and open to learning current and new trends. The qualities and skills I possess make me vigilant and watchful when it comes to the needs of our people.

I earned a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from the University of South Dakota and an undergraduate degree from Dakota Wesleyan University in Psychology and Human Services. I have received numerous awards and recognitions, some of which were highly competitive. The awards I have received bring with them great honors that have made me humble. Some of those awards include: National Indian Educator of the Year Award, the South Dakota Indian Educator of the Year Award, SD Governor's Executive Proclamation making October 28th "Dorothy Kiyukan Day" in the state of South Dakota, Dakota Wesleyan University Alumni of the Year Award, MIS Senior Graduation Special Recognition Award, along with many other awards and speaking engagements.

I have been a college instructor for over nine years now, and I have served on the University of South Dakota Upward Bound Program as a bridge coordinator and counselor. I am the former president of the South Dakota Indian Counselor's Association. These assignments, along with working at Marty Indian School, have given me professional mannerisms that allow me to conduct myself with great integrity and sincerity in dealing with other professionals.

My professional portfolio will be made available to those of you who are interested in the many accomplishments I have achieved. You will be able to examine several professional artifacts in my portfolio shortly after Christmas. I will have my portfolio on display at the Firekeepers Elder Center dining room. Your vote and your continued support are greatly appreciated.



Tom Tuckwin

My wife and I have raised three daughters in this community. We have lived in Hoyt for nearly 25 years. I've been a manager for most of that time at a business in Topeka. I have an Associate's Degree in Electronics and over two years in Business Administration.

I was appointed to fill the Gaming Commissioner position shortly after the last election. I have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and feel that I work well with the other Gaming Commissioners and staff, as well as the Tribal Council members.

What does a Gaming Commissioner do? Simply put, he or she provides fair gaming for our guests and for the Tribe. This is done by following regulations. Input on these regulations is from the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Tribal State Gaming Compact, Title 12 (Potawatomi Law and Order Code), Minimum Internal Control Standards from the National Indian Gaming Commission, Tribal Internal Controls and Casino Internal Controls. These regulations cover all aspects of the Casino operation including the licens-

ing of Casino and Gaming Commission personnel, making sure the budget of the Commission is adhered to, all the proper audits are conducted and day to day policies and procedures are followed. The commission has many other responsibilities but these are some of the primary ones.

I have served as a Commissioner for the past nine months and can honestly say that I am just now becoming comfortable with my duties. I have become a Certified Gaming Commissioner through attending a series of seminars sponsored by National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). These have been very beneficial in learning regulations, policies and procedures and meeting people with experience and a willingness to advise if it will help. I have also attended a seminar about Hearings which will be beneficial when we become self-managed, in whatever form that takes.

One of my principal duties is overseeing the Gaming Commission staff. As I gain experience and familiarity with all of the inspectors I will also oversee them. These are some of the duties of being a Gaming Commission

member. This information is being presented to help some of you gain a little more knowledge. Just remember that a Commissioner's job is to regulate and that we do not have much say in personnel matters.

I have attended several of the meetings concerning transition of the Casino from Harrahs to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. Commission input is limited to the extent of advising on matters that pertain to regulation. There will be many difficult decisions to make in the next two years and I feel I can contribute to this process.

I am a responsible person with a strong desire to continue as a Commissioner. I know that I will not please everyone but I will do what is right and will work to the best of my ability. I want to thank the Tribal Council for the opportunity to serve on the Commission for this past year.

I appreciate each and every vote and thank all of you for your support.

Exert your right to vote in the next election!



A word from Tribal Council Member James Wabaunsee



Council Member James Wabaunsee

It has been a little over a year since I was sworn into office. I have had many observations over the past year about our tribal government.

Tribal Council recently had the 2006 budget meetings. I have several observations from my first budget meeting. A five percent cut in budgets was requested in the preliminary budgets. As the meetings progressed, it was observed that a majority of our expenses come from salary and benefits. The tribal government has increased faster than revenues coming into the tribal government. In the recent past, a surplus of funds allowed previous Tribal Councils to fund things like athletic teams, school trips, and supplements to programs. Today, surplus funds do not exist. A pay structure system has been implemented over the past year. Tribal Council is planning an organizational study to make our tribal government more efficient. For example, consolidation of programs and departments to better utilize manpower and

eliminate duplication of services.

Housing has increased on the reservation, with more housing to be available this year. Currently, there is a waiting list of over 100 families waiting for housing. With increased housing and population on the reservation, more money will need to go to basic needs like roads, health care, social services, fire and police services, and education.

I believe we must promote education in our young people. Educate and train our tribal members to be self-sufficient and not depend on anyone to provide for their wants and needs. We have come a long way, but we still need to go further.

Tough decisions will have to be made over the next two to three years on what services and programs have priority. I encourage tribal members to let every member of Tribal Council know about the priorities through email, phone, signed letters, in the office, and General Council meetings. My email is jamesw@pbpnation.org.

Finally, I believe that personnel issues and specific money allocations for programs and projects do not belong in General Council meetings. It will become far more dangerous in the future. We have had millions of dollars allocated from the General Council floor over the past eight years. Our Constitution allows for popular participation and the procedures to follow. Again, I encourage tribal members to contact Tribal Council for the priorities and input to shape our Nation.



Awards Banquet

21st annual event held to celebrate the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Jon Boursaw, former PBPN executive director, was a recipient of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award in the "lifetime achievement" category held at the Ramada Inn on Jan. 14.

Rey Kitchkumme, vice-chair and acting chair, was also recognized at the event. Other guests included Prairie Band leaders, Charitable Contributions Committee and staff.

PBPN was one of the sponsors to the Living the Dream, Inc. 2006 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration.



Recipient Jon Boursaw with wife Peggy.



Topeka Councilman and Living the Dream, Inc. Chairperson, John Nave and wife Peggy took a moment to pose for the above photo.



< Joyce Guerrero represented the Gaming Commission at the event.

> Tribal Vice-Chair Rey Kitchkumme and Treasurer Ryan Dyer watch the program events.



Council Member Jim Potter, left, Fire Chief David Price, center, and Finance Director John Crites.



Brenda and Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie attended the gala event.



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Sewing runs in the family. Dianna has studied her great-grandmother's hand-sewn traditional dresses and was taught to sew by her mother when she was about 12-years-old. She feels that by sewing for others, she will maintain the sewing legacy of her family.

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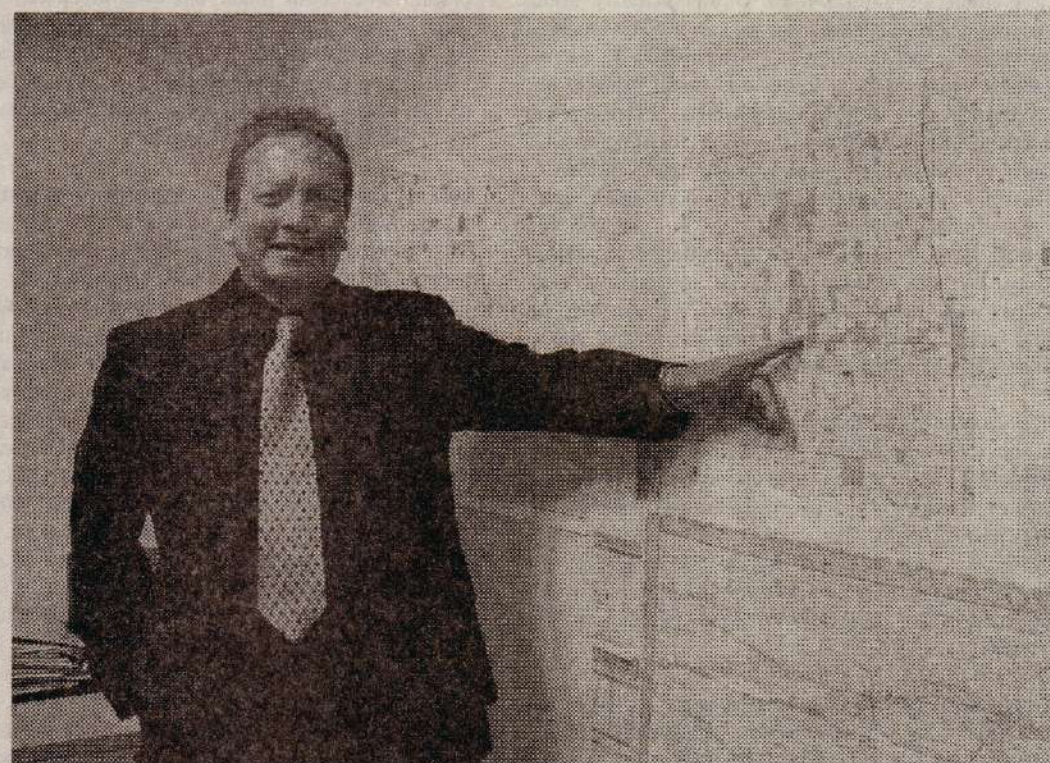
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New CEO of tribal business has plans to help tribe



Don June is the new CEO of Tribal Business and is seen here getting familiarized with the PBPN map.

By Suzanne Heck

Don June began his duties as the new CEO of Tribal Business in December. He will oversee the Nation's enterprises including Mayetta Oil Company, the Bingo operation, and Nation Station Convenience Store and will search for new business opportunities for the tribe.

He said that he will continue working on the projects that were already in progress when he came on board like the Wind Energy Study and business development possibilities along the 150 Road corridor that leads to the casino and along U.S. Highway 75.

"I plan to manage the present businesses and will try to optimize their income," he said. "I'm also interested in helping the tribe to diversify their businesses. Gaming is too limited and I want to try and put the tribe's eggs into more than just one basket."

Prior to taking the PBPN position, Don worked in economic development for approximately three years with the Consortium of Paiutes who are located in Owens Valley, California. Before that, he worked in Minnesota for seven years as the CEO for the Leech Lake Band and also in economic development for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribe. Before going to Minnesota he had another position working with the Ho-Chunks in Wisconsin for three years helping them develop economic development programs.

"I really enjoy working for the tribes," he said. "I get a lot of satisfaction knowing that there are real opportunities out there for tribes right now to become enterprising entities. Especially now that gaming revenues have given some tribes the opportunities to extend beyond their borders which is allowing more to be offered to the next generation. Tribes need to manage their own businesses as

Economic Development Mission Statement

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will plan, develop and execute economic development which will enhance the overall quality of life for members of the Tribe—by improving the economic and business opportunities and by helping to generate financial stability for future generations.

a means of achieving their own self determination."

Don is a member of the Navajo tribe and originally from Kaibeto, Arizona. As a young man he began working for a U.S. geological survey crew on the Navajo and Hopi reservations where he learned to evaluate land resources and to research its potential impact on the future economy of tribes. He holds a B.S. degree in Geology and Earth Sciences from Northern Arizona University and has also completed graduate coursework in business.

Don's office is located in the lower level of the Government Center. Other Economic Development staff include Helen Sumner, Economic Development Specialist, and Linda Yazzie, Administrative Assistant, whose offices are also located in the Government Center.

Don replaces John Schilling whose last day was December 30.



Opinions

Local Perspectives

Letter to the Editor:

With all due respect for Tracy Stanhoff, I too, am shocked and insulted at the actions of the Tribal Council (TC), to appoint (their constitutional authority) so quickly when we are so close to another general council (GC) meeting to discuss this matter. I am not surprised though because the TC actions are leading up to desperate measures and for what purpose? It's true that the GC felt compelled to demand more accountability, leadership, communication and most of all, meaningful participation in decision making process, traditionally because that's how it was done. GC is not trying to usurp their authority but to assist to develop and enhance that authority recognized by hundreds of years of existence or tribal sovereignty.

Our self-determination history was struggle-some, and prior to that, because we did not have our own money, we had federal contract funds with regulations. Not near enough of what we have today so financial growth and enrollment have increased the demand for various experts in a tribal government and business organization. Something new to this generation but we still have traditional bloodlines to remind us that we are still Prairie Band. The generation gap between our young and old would not be a problem if we kept better vision with our elders in educating them and they educating us. Unfortunately, the us/them prevailed in what we were always told about the white man's greed, his money, federal resentment of Indians and their divide and conquer

attitude.

In my draft book, 'The Appearance of Trust', we as survivors were never suppose to happen. That's why our treaties promised everything glorious until we are completely terminated and they have all of our land. That did not happen. Under self-determination, the BIA/federal government handed off to tribal nations their Indian business and then took a hands-off approach to watch as we self-destruct and become our own worst enemy. We have become puppets and paupers under an inherent and paternalistic federal protector and we as Prairie Band and other nations know our end results. In other words, civilize our way or die!

Our tribal councils are leaning more to business councils and we, as tribal members are still tribal governments or general councils without stockholders responsibility or rights. We are feeling Enron dumped, desperation and helplessness set in and then panic. A national and historic problem with tribal elections is that we do not require any prerequisite education to our federal/Indian relationship; Indian legislation and law, Constitution and by-laws or ordinances, amendments thereof for a stronger government, treaty law that is still binding, federal government operations: budgeting, contracts/grants, realty, Indian probates, trust land issues, trust responsibility, code of federal regulations, federal statutes, tribal judgment awards for land cessions, tribal courts, enrollment, Supreme Court decisions, presidential executive orders, state/tribal relationship in which States have no jurisdiction (except PL 280 states,)

etc., and now gaming, trust reform, bureau reorganization and most importantly the Cobell class action lawsuit. Even a law degree might not be enough. Recently, we lost a Supreme Court case because it was not based on sovereignty but a federal document that gave the State(s) a little rise thinking that our casino, land and more land tax money may be theirs one day.

It is ironic that there are so many other off-reservation, Indian organizations that support what tribal nations are suppose to be. Their funding derives from tribal existence. When our tribal system is fixed, maybe they will cease to exist. The same can be said for the federal government in their self-determination trust duty to encourage nations to not only govern themselves but also become corporate giants if all gaming nations were to merge for financial independence.

Our additional (special) general council meetings intent was to cross exchange that education that is needed for a people's government. The needs of the many out weigh the needs of the few. I, and those who voted for those meetings, wanted a tribal government setting precedent that we can succeed in our Indian world and be just as equally competitive or better in the non-Indian business world and that is what offends them. Indian superiority.

By reading the past years general council minutes, talking to some members and knowing tribal government after years of federal service focusing on Indian services, it unfortunately

appears that the TC has finally convinced the tribal majority their unwillingness for honest public service. That appearance turns politically deadly when many covert actions are surfaced and stockholder strength and support is compromised.

A strange case is now before us and without reason why the TC fell to undisclosed meetings and appointments and Monday morning surprises. A temporary appointee may become disastrous and a public hanging may loom but for whom? Since this is going out to many members with a genuine concern for our government, then it seems fitting to ask you to carry my sentiments to the meetings.

It is incumbent upon on all tribal members not to cry a public outrage and with media mongers looking to destroy our ability to biggy size our casino. So engage carefully but take care of business. To lead our people you must have a love for our people. You must know our history and theirs to be a people's representative and not a ruler. So, why weren't more of our local members considered?

And to the appointee innocent of all, who has seen the best of times and may see the worst of times but still is a tribal member willing to seek justice and equality that everyone desires. Welcome.

Thomas M. Wabnum

Submitted 1/10/06

Letter to the PBP News Editor

People, please, its time to wake up and see what's really going on and how things have gotten out of hand with our tribe. If anyone has read the Preamble to our Constitution, it states the reasons this tribe was formed, to provide for the people's common welfare among other things. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation being in the financial position as we are now, we can make things better for the people in that common welfare department, a lot better than what we have now.

Bingo came along giving us a little more revenue to work with, and then the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) was enacted making a lot of things possible for the Indian people through casinos. We have to protect our revenues from anyone trying to taking it illegally or the tribal government making the wrong decision regarding our casino. We must protect the people's rights. With Constitutional Amendments being proposed, we must be alert and must protect the people's rights absolutely in not allowing changes in our Tribal Constitution that would take away from the people's rights.

Individuals can't move a nation to act but together we can. It will have to be a joint effort to initiate anything and more to make it work. In a world of uncertainty we have to survive and as the Potawatomi tribe of people we can survive together. We just need to be together in our efforts to do for the people as a whole and set aside those blind family loyalties in favor of doing what's right for the tribe. I know that sounds harsh but if we are to survive as a people we must think in terms of, "the people", not this family or that family. We are all family, when you look at it that way. We are "the people."

In, "providing for the common welfare of the people", we should be giving homes away to our needy members, regardless of where they want to live. We can develop plans and criteria for issuing out new homes. I can't see why we have to feed off of our own people with the low income rentals units and low income homes. Where is the shame? Don't the words, "low income", give a clue? The mainstream society does that kind of stuff, and we are not a mainstream corporation, we are a tribe of Potawatomi people with people needs that have to be taken care of in the most expedient and humane way possible.

The way the Tribe takes care of our children's per capita funds is truly lacking and almost a crime. If the Tribal Council saw fit to put the children's per capita into a banking institution, and such institution uses their money for investing purposes to get interest, any charge or fees associated with these funds should be paid by the institution or the Tribal Council should secure funds to pay same. The children's funds should not be touched including any interest accrued. What's so different than doing it the way the BIA had done the IIM Accounts for minors then give the total amount out to our tribal member at age 18? Who do those people think they are, that figured to use our children's rightful rights to the per

capita, as a carrot for them to get an education?

You want our children to get an education...not just any education but a good solid, well-rounded education? Then, start establishing our own schools, where we can teach them the important things about our history and culture as well as the 3 R's. If we expect to preserve our Potawatomi history and traditions then we should think more seriously about starting our own schools. So we can include teaching our history and traditions to our children in our efforts to preserve those things and instill pride in our children of their culture and heritage. Prepare them academically to attend the highest learning institutions in this country, not limiting their choices to Haskell. Not that Haskell isn't a good Indian learning institution because it surely is, but our children would have a wider range of colleges to choose from, like the medical, legal, or any other professions, were they prepared for it. We can help do that with all our own means plus the federal allowance for each of the children attending school here.

We shouldn't be relying solely on casino and rental money from the people, we should be creating new businesses that appeal to outside people with the money, creating more revenues for our people, creates more jobs for the people thereby creating more revenues. Buy out some of the businesses off the reservation to diversify our funds into businesses and real estate; there will be more revenues for the people.

Open businesses for the conveniences of those that dwell here on the reservation. Reasonably priced stores not connected to Harrah's, that sell such items as diapers, milk, pop, gas and other such everyday items for the family, maybe some fast food and family owned eating establishments, some entertainment.

Bottom line: the Tribal Council should be working diligently to create more revenue for the people, to be better taken care of with our common welfare. The Tribal Revenues pie of percentages, should be s it was when the US Government paid us for the lands in the Great Lakes...80% for a per capita payout to the people and 20% to be used for Tribal governmental uses as set forth by the Code of Federal Regulations, known as CFR's. That should be sufficient enough to operate the tribe if done right. The federal government saw fit to use the 80% 20% ration split before...then it should be acceptable enough now, but then IGRA would have to be amended.

We need people in tribal government who know what they are doing, not people that would give our sovereignty away in a County or State agreement, under advisement from a so called competent legal department. We need leaders in our tribal government that knows what sovereignty is and why we must protect it. It's our means of surviving as a tribe, a nation. If we had no trust lands we would have nothing and we would be nothing. Sovereignty is the means of holding on to what we have.

We could create our own tribal water district and own our own water distribution system based on our treaty rights to the Kansas River.

We could even have our own tribal electric board here on this reservation. Invest in a windmill generator farm to create electrical power to provide the people with free electricity and non-members for a price. We could chalk our free electricity up to those things stated in the Preamble...“providing for our common welfare.” Sell any unused energy, which should be a pretty big amount of wattage back to the power companies. Set up solar equipment to the homeowner that wants to use it.

Making life easier for our elderly is as important as preserving our traditions of respect for our elders. That's not to say the things we have now aren't appreciated, I'm saying they could be better, far better than they are now, across the board. Life for the elderly can be better in regards to the technology available to us in the health field. By being able to send x-rays taken at home through the airwaves to a doctor somewhere else and vital signs through the wideband system a doctor can monitor the elderly patient. Better monitoring of their health and being able to correctly respond to their ailments. All done while the elderly senior or disabled person is at home, thereby lowering their possibilities of catching or spreading the flu or other illnesses. With the present day threats of the flu we must do what we can, for our people. Ok, we have a new health clinic coming up, and I hope our people will be treated courteously at all times there. Also, hope that our health concerns don't take a back seat to an over inflated administration and too much politics being played.

Our law enforcement should be such that it serves the people, and not be over bearing. The tribal police should be people our youth can go to if they are in need of help and not be afraid of being given the third degree or accused of doing something wrong or being intimidated. It seems, we are looked at in a less pleasing light with some of the attitudes of the tribal and county officers. All Tribal law enforcement personnel should be required to go through a sensitivity program to instill in them that the Indian people are to be treated with respect at all times and afforded their civil rights and are innocent until proven guilty. For one thing the people are their employer and they were hired to protect and serve the people, just as our Tribal Council is sworn to do.

The Tribal judges, Tribal prosecuting attorney and Tribal police chief positions should be elected positions and should serve at the pleasure of the people.

In these days of cell phones and Internet, our Tribal officers should be more reachable for all the money they get from the tribe. So, when they aren't in their office, they should be reachable by cell phone. They should be available 24/7.

All the so called business related trips the Tribal Council takes, we have yet to see one report of what

was done there and what was accomplished on behalf of our Indian nation or the Indian people in general. We see how much it costs but no report to justify the trip. We pay good money for them to take those trips.

The legal representation for the tribe is very lacking in my opinion, not just because they lost a Supreme Court case for us that set precedent for the whole Indian Country on taxing. But is not advising the tribe about all the things we could be doing as a nation, and being knowledgeable about court case precedents that have paved the way to doing what sovereigns can do without much of a court fight. But then the attorney's and law firms don't make much money, if everyone agrees. What we need is good competent legal representation, with a reliable and reputable law firm that specializes in Indian Law!

Is anyone researching the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) of 2004? We need to be addressing our codes and ordinances to make sure we protect ourselves with our own laws. We are mandated to have things ready by June 20, 2006. That's the only way to defeat the act. The act's intent is to eventually do away with multiple heirs to property so that a clear title can be gotten to make buying out the land from us easier. The last attempt to get land from the individual Indian land owners was the Indian Land Consolidation Act, which allows the tribe to get in on some ones property after a member passes away with no will. Before that it was the Dawes Allotment Act of 1887, which divided all lands into 80-acre tracts so the railroads and all could buy it. This American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 is just the latest attempt at getting our land away from us. They will never rest and we can't rest either. Time is wasting!! Is anyone watching out for us???

When someone says, "the people need to take government back," it means for the people to elect members into Tribal Council positions that are going to do good things for the people and change the way things are done in our tribal government to a more responsive tribal government.

I'm sure you've heard all this before. The message won't change much in the future, because these are some of the things we need to do to make our tribe more of a success and work for us...the people.

I'm sorry I missed the most recent Special General Council Meeting to present this, but I caught that 24/36 hour bug going around, had nausea and the meezec's. LOL (laugh out loud) My whole family here at home has had it. So, stay healthy and be in good spirits because there are better days coming. If you want some one you can rely on...I'm always available.

Sincerely,
George L. Wahquahboshkuk
(Former PBP Tribal Chairman 80-81...85-93)

Submitted 1/4/06



Opinions More Local Perspectives

Open letter to all Tribal Members

I am writing this letter in the hopes that many more of our people will become more active and involved with what is happening within our tribe.

To begin with, I would like to touch on the Minors Per Capita Ordinance. The money is being deposited in U.S. Bank as Grantor Trusts for the beneficiaries (minors). This basically means that the money in the trusts do not belong to the minors but it belongs to the tribe and they gave themselves the right to substitute funds as they deem necessary. The Ordinance also stipulates that if the Nation goes into debt and a creditor has a claim against the Nation the money can be taken from the "Trust Accounts." That U.S. Bank, if they have reason to believe we are in trouble financially, can withhold the minor's money to pay tribal debts. Our youth have a great possibility of not having any money in the future.

On the subject of enumerated powers, the Tribal Council has taken it upon themselves to "overrule" a resolution that was presented in General Council. The resolution was to bring back the Management Committee that Tribal Council abolished with a simple consensus. The resolution received 146 votes for and 6

against. Tribal Chairman Zach Pahlmhamie announced "Motion Carried." Tribal Council met a few days later and overruled General Council. In that Tribal Council meeting, a motion was made by Steve Ortiz to concur with the General Council Resolution. It was seconded by Rey Kitchkumme. Four Tribal Council members voted to not concur with the General Council resolution; they were Jackie Mitchell, James Potter, James Wabaunsee and Ryan Dyer. We were told that anything from the floor of General Council are merely "suggestions."

Tribal Council has a million dollar Center, but they sneak off to Topeka and rent a meeting room to do the tribal budgets.

Zach Pahlmhamie resigns on Tuesday, Tribal Council goes off to Topeka at 2:30 p.m. Friday to appoint an interim chair. Are we not entitled to have our legislative meetings here on the reservation and open to tribal members? Do the Kansas State Legislators go to Missouri to have meetings? Does the United States Congress go to Canada to have meetings? No, they do not. A sovereign nation does not leave their borders to have meetings. Any official business that concerns our Nation should be conducted here within the confines of a sovereign nation or it should not be considered a legal

act.

The Tribal Prosecutor reports to Tribal Council, the Tribal Judge reports to Tribal Council and the Tribal Police Chief reports to Tribal Council. Where is the separation of legislative/judicial and administrative powers?

Court documents are available that show Tribal Council ordered our Tribal Police officers to arrest someone without due process. The sitting judge at the time dismissed charges against the defendant because he was denied due process by Tribal Council who ordered an arrest without a warrant. The judge also said in the order, oppression in office should be investigated and the Tribal Police Department should be reprimanded for abuse of police authority. That particular judge is no longer employed by PBP Nation. Charges were made to the Tribal police against individual members of Tribal Council for oppression in office and unlawful arrest. Council refused to speak to Tribal Police, Tribal Police stated what can I do they are my bosses. This is documented and not a rumor.

All tribal members without health insurance are entitled to \$4,000.00 assistance per member from the Tribal Community Service Program (CSP). One member's case was brought to

Council chambers by four Tribal Council members in a special meeting. The motion was made to pay \$24,000.00 over the allocated \$4,000.00 because of patient misunderstanding. Motion was passed with only two (2) votes for. I am glad the tribal member got the bill paid, but shouldn't the same service be for all tribal members?

There are many things that are not being told to you, the tribal member. Some tribal members meet as an ad hoc community committee and have called for a special general council "informational" meeting to be held at the Tribal Bingo Hall on February 4, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We have the hall for that time and we have invited Tribal Council to attend but as tribal members. There are many things I could write about but our tribal paper may not be large enough to carry the whole story so come to the meeting.

This is your Nation and the future is that of your grandchildren.

I can be reached at 785-364-4420. My email is oldstyle29@yahoo.com

Badger Wahwasuck

Submitted 1/13/06

A National Perspective

The Least Transparent Industry in America

By Fergus M. Bordewich
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The scrubby pine forest of East Texas hardly seems the setting for national scandal — no more than the thousand conservative Baptist members of the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Tribe who live there seem likely protagonists for a shameless circus of gambling-related influence peddling that has echoed through the halls of Congress. But wannabe tribal croupiers became roadkill on "Casino Jack" Abramoff's speedway to wealth when it was revealed that Mr. Abramoff, with his associate Michael Scanlon, scammed their clients, the Alabama-Coushattas, by pretending to lobby the federal government to permit the tribe to build a casino, even as they worked against the casino plan—for millions of dollars in fees on behalf of rival tribes.

On Tuesday, Mr. Abramoff sent shockwaves through Washington when he pleaded guilty to three felony counts and agreed to testify against his former associates. Like a darkened landscape suddenly illuminated by the sweep of headlights, the flash of the Abramoff scandal has thrown lurid light not merely on K Street, but also on a murky world of tribal "gaming," which in less than 20 years has exploded from a handful of basement bingo operations to a \$19 billion industry involving 228 tribes operating 405 gambling operations in 30 states.

Seen from one angle, casinos are a dynamic engine of economic development for the nation's most deprived citizens. There is no question that many tribes have benefited from legalized gambling. According to a 2005 study by Harvard economists Joseph Kalt and Jonathan Taylor, per capita income in gaming tribes grew by 36% between 1990 and 2000, compared to 21% in nongaming tribes. Gaming tribes also enjoyed a decline in unemployment two-and-a-half times greater than tribes without casinos. "With gaming tribes, we see a situation where for the first time, tribes have money that they generate themselves, and they're generally plowing it back into their communities, rebuilding water systems, building libraries and ballfields," said Mr. Kalt. "This era of self-determination is finally bearing fruit in terms of sustained economic development for the first time in one hundred years."

Despite the gains made in recent years, many Native Americans still live in appalling poverty. Nationally, Indians' per capita income is less than \$8,000 per year, about one-third of the national average.

From the point of view of gaming's beleaguered opponents, however, tribal casinos represent a legal monstrosity that subverts the nation's constitutional order and breeds corruption. "Lobbyists, legislators and inside-the-Beltway lawyers are the real stakeholders in Indian gambling," says Alexis Johnson, a lawyer based in Arizona, who has served as an adviser to campaigns against the legalization of tribal gambling in several states. "Abramoff is just the tip of the iceberg." Mr. Johnson likens casinos to the infected goods that the British distributed to Indians during the colonial period. "This is the new smallpox blanket," he says. "But everyone is enamored of it because it has got dollar signs all over it."

And tribes have powerful friends. Nationally, between 1990 and 2004, tribal political contributions to federal candidates alone have ballooned from less than \$2,000 to more than \$7 million. In California, Native Americans have become the largest contributor to political campaigns: They spent \$70 million on the successful 1998 campaign to require the governor to approve any tribal casino proposal (the requirement was struck down by the state courts a year later). Native Americans also contributed another \$30 million in a similar and also successful campaign in 2000. And nearly one-fifth of all the money that was spent in the 2003 gubernatorial recall campaign came from Native Americans.

To an extent, of course, Indian tribes have merely learned to work the American political system in ways that non-Indians always have. However, tribal sovereignty skews garden-variety self-interest into a phenomenon with constitutional implications.

Tribal gambling may be the least transparent large industry in the United States. Constitutional protections reach only feebly onto Indian land, where tribal governments enjoy a degree of secrecy that would never be tolerated in any other American community. Gigantic sums disappear from public view as soon as they leave tribal gaming tables. This money is shielded from outside regulation by the principle of tribal sovereignty, upheld by the Su-

preme Court, which regards tribes as autonomous "nations," enjoying self-regulation, immunity from lawsuits and independence from state laws. In practical terms, the casinos are also spared scrutiny by investigative journalism and citizen watchdog groups, which are almost completely absent from Indian reservations. Although some tribes have agreed with state governments to allow oversight of their casinos, the difficulty of penetrating the iron curtain that surrounds the disposition of casino earnings on many reservations offers an open invitation to money launderers of all varieties.

When the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act became law in 1988, no one imagined that it would become a Trojan Horse that would deliver Las Vegas-style casino gambling into communities across America. Having saturated local markets, many tribes are now seeking to acquire land near other, sometimes-distant, population centers, and converting it to "sovereign" territory, in an effort to shoe-horn casinos into areas where they're often not wanted by local populations. Once land becomes part of a reservation, it typically becomes exempt from local taxes, state labor laws, municipal ordinances, zoning restrictions and environmental review. In one of the most egregious cases, in 2004, the Cheyenne-Arapahoe Tribes of Oklahoma filed a 27 million acre land claim which included all of Denver and Colorado Springs, but offered to drop it in exchange for the approval of a Las Vegas-style casino near Denver Airport.

"These efforts are being funded by 'shadowy' developers who underwrite the litigation expenses, lobbyist fees and even the cost of land in exchange for a cut of the profits," James T. Martin, the executive director of the United South and Eastern Tribes, told the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in May 2005. "If even one of these deals is approved, the floodgates for this kind of 'reservation shopping' will open throughout the country." (Mr. Martin, it should be said, is no opponent of gambling: his organization includes tribes whose main goal is to thwart new competition against their own casinos.)

The dazzling lure of casino profits has inspired hundreds of groups, often with doubtful credentials, to seek federal recognition as Indian tribes. Stringent federal standards have defeated the vast majority of dubious applicants. But some do slip through. For example, virtually all members of the reconstituted Mashan-

tucket Pequot tribe, which was recognized on a technicality in 1983, are related to just two elderly women who lived on a scrap of land in the 1930s. The modern tribe is thus a sort of family condominium that reconstituted itself as an Indian tribe, and which has in turn become a corporation that is also a "sovereign" state. It also operates the largest casino in the world on its ever-burgeoning reservation in eastern Connecticut.

In an age when guilt and romantic fantasy often masquerade as politics, tribal sovereignty has seemed like a cure-all for the genuine wounds of the past. There is no doubt that it has brought self-empowerment and relative prosperity to many tribes that were long paralyzed by federal paternalism. However, without more public debate than it has so far received, tribal sovereignty and the casinos that are its offspring will continue to transform the U.S. in ways that are impossible to predict, and maybe not always for the better.

Many Indians treat scrutiny of the tribal casino industry as an attack on tribal sovereignty, and racist, virtually by definition. Tribal ideologues claim an absolute right to self-government without "interference" from state and federal governments, or any other outside institutions, such as the independent press. This vision of sovereignty serves the self-interest of tribal officials and predators like Jack Abramoff much more than it does the welfare of rank-and-file tribal members, who are the most vulnerable victims of closed-door government and official corruption. Nor should any \$19 billion industry enjoy a "sovereign" protection from regulatory laws that are meant to protect all Americans — including Native Americans. But without a clear, nationally agreed-upon idea of what tribal sovereignty is really supposed to be, we may one day find ourselves living in a land that has little in common with the goals of today's good intentions, and in which hundreds of "tribes" of Americans are permanently distinguished from their fellow citizens mainly by the special rights that were bestowed on their Indian ancestors, and by the privilege of operating gambling casinos.

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Alcohol and Drug Program News

By Elaine Mzhickteno Barr

The PBPB Alcohol and Drug (A & D) program has had some changes this past year. It is now part of the Social Services Department. Staff positions include two counselors who are Shirlene Seymour and Elaine Mzhickteno Barr and a secretary. Both counselors are certified to provide addiction services in Kansas. Shirlene has been working in the department for three years and Elaine joined the program in October, 2005. Elaine is completing her master of social work degree at Washburn University and served as the EAP Coordinator for the Tribe for three years. Former A & D director, Tom Shopteese passed away in 2005. The A & D program receives its funding from the Indian Health Service and tribal supplement.

The A & D program sponsors three support groups that meet at the following times: Mondays at 5 p.m. is Alateen; Wednesdays at 7 p.m. is AA; and Fridays at 6 p.m. is Women's AA/NA. The A & D program provides crisis intervention 24-hours a day.

Counselor duties include transporting clients to AA meetings, addiction evaluations, detoxification referrals, alcohol education, referrals to residential treatment, pre-treatment jail visits (Brown, Jackson and Shawnee counties only), interaction with Tribal and county court systems, court appearances and transportation to and from treatment. The counselors also increase awareness about addiction by providing prevention education like the

twice-yearly Victim Impact Panel and support of the first annual P.A.R.R. House Sobriety Pow-Wow.

It is the goal of the A & D program to expand its services to a Level I Outpatient Program. A Level I program would provide more structure in outpatient counseling, that is, from one to nine hours a week with the primary focus being on group therapy, including relapse prevention, alcohol and drug education, and family groups. An outpatient program would provide help to bridge the gap in current services between evaluation and referral to inpatient treatment. Pre-treatment counseling and post

treatment relapse prevention greatly increase the success of people working toward long-term recovery from addiction. Aftercare provides important structure and support for the recovering alcoholic/addict and helps to fill the void left from the structured in-patient experience. In addition the A & D program is advocating for the establishment

of an Oxford House to located on or near the reservation. An Oxford House is a self-supporting and self-run rental house for people to live who are in recovery.

Need help?
Contact the PBPB
Alcohol & Drug
counselors

Available anytime

local phone: 785.966.2411
toll free phone: 866.966.2411



Alcohol and Drug program counselors from left to right are Shirlene Seymour and Elaine Mzhickteno Barr whose offices are located in the We-Ta-Se building.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

Around the rez

The **Language Department** reports that there are approximately seven individuals going through the teacher certification component of the language immersion classes that are teaching speakers to become immersion instructors. The other component has around 20 individuals attending sessions where just the Potawatomi language is spoken. The program is backed by a two-year Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Language Grant and funding from the grant is allowing instructors from Bay Mills Community College in Brimley, Michigan to travel to the reservation to teach classes designed to revitalize the Potawatomi language.

Terry Scott, **Tribal Police** Chief, and Nathan Hale, Teen Director of the **Boys & Girls Club**, were in Washington, D.C. recently to learn more about the possible funding of a Native American Youth Grant that would allow the Royal Valley School District to hire a School Resource Officer (SRO).

Ben-no-tteh Wigwam recently conducted a Touchpoints Training session that helps build alliances with parents of children who are newborn to three years of age. It focuses on the development of infants, toddlers and their families. The training was taught on January 3 at the Center during an all-staff inservice. Some of the **PBPB Family Health Center** staff also attended the training that day.

Ben-no-tteh Wigwam is holding another plan meeting on expanding child care services on February 10 at 10 a.m. at the Center. Parents and community members are invited to voice their input on expanding child care space to serve more children. Agenda items include sharing ideas, developing strategies and timelines for expansion services. Call 785.966.2527 for more information.

The **Road & Bridge Department** recently installed chain link fences around some of the reservation's dumpster sites. They are also continuing to repair several roads and bridges that were damaged by the October flood. In addition, the Department also recently sent six dozer operators to a free training in Oklahoma to learn about landfire containment.

The **Potawatomi Fire Department** would like to alert members of the community to please call them first before conducting any land burns. The Fire Department phone number is 785.966.2164.

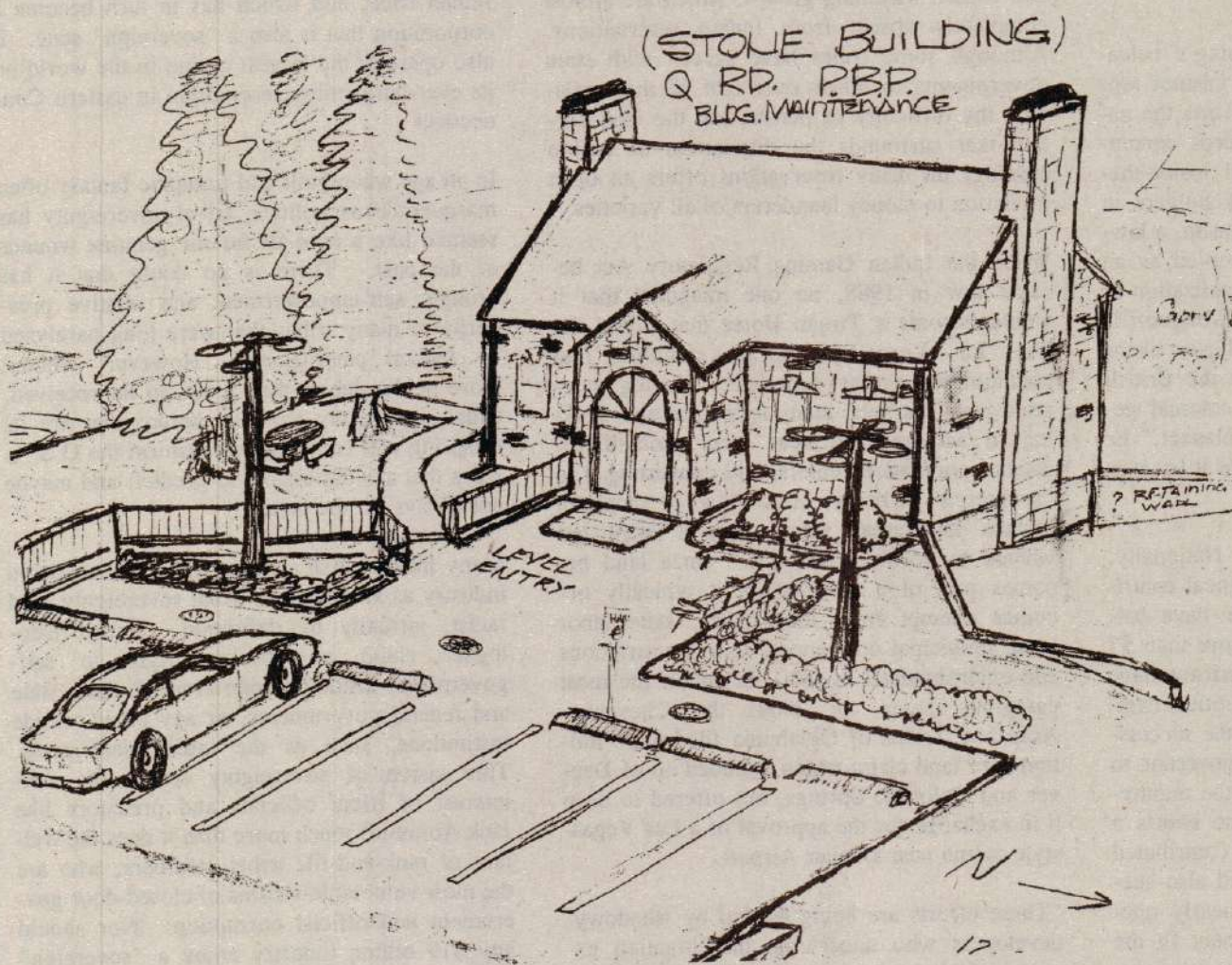
The **Solid Waste Advisory Committee** met on January 10 and is planning another meeting and a potluck dinner to be held on February 21 at 6 p.m. Community members are still needed on the committee. The purpose of the meetings are to evaluate current solid waste services and to provide a forum for exchange of ideas in developing a community-based approach to environmental issues. For more information about getting involved call Merle Green, Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, at 785.966.2946.

Only two modular homes out of fourteen are left to be installed in the **Prairie Ridge Housing** addition, according to **Construction Manager**, Jim Shane.

At press time, the 4th Quarter **Charitable Contributions** Ceremony was scheduled to be held on January 24 at the Bingo Hall. The PBPB planned to distribute \$70,000 to 16 organizations.

We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 has been invited to provide a color guard for the MidAmerican Tire Association Conference that will be held at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino on February 25. We-Ta-Se presently has 50 life members.

Improvements at the old community building

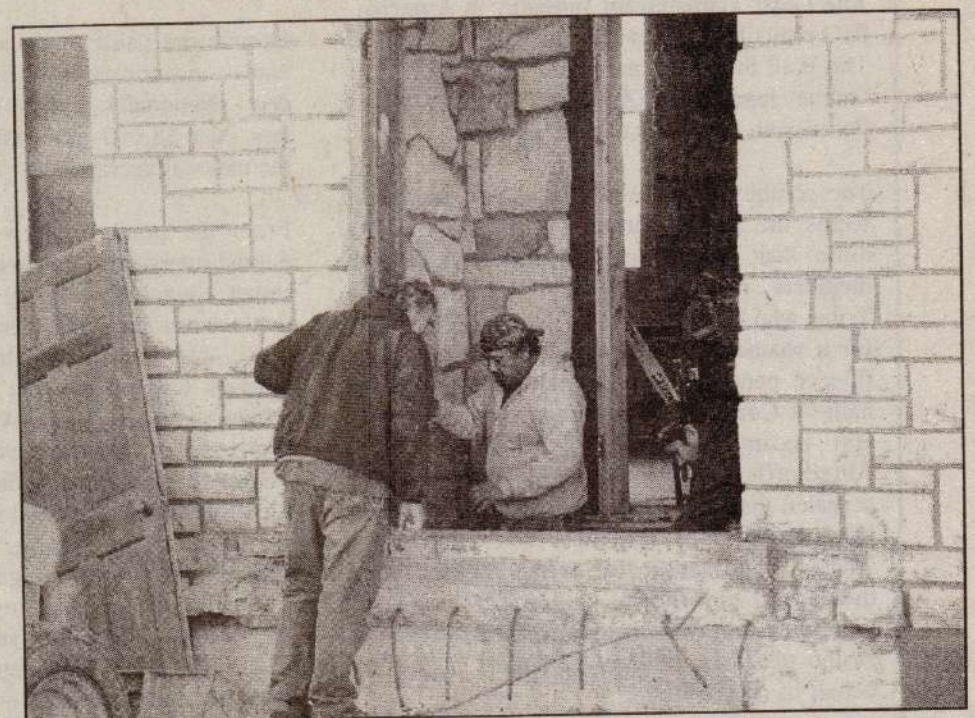


Much is in store for the outside and main floor of the old community rock/stone building located near the Government Center on 162 and Q Roads. Plans include the installation of a heating and air conditioning system and handicap accessible doors and restroom. Parking space is also part of the plan.

The Maintenance Department recently began to excavate around the building to seal the foundation and install new drain tile that will allow moisture to drain away from the building. Two retaining walls will also be added on the northeast and southeast of the building to help water run away from the structure. Recent flooding has prompted this action.

The above rendering shows the front entrance leveled out on the eastside of the building; this will be in lieu of a handicap access ramp.

The building has also been treated for termites.



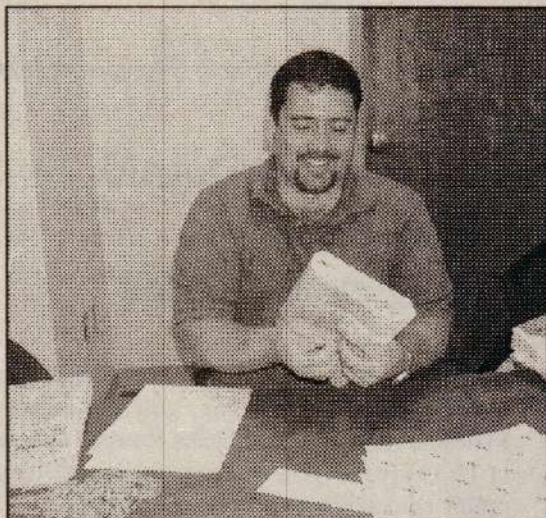
Unseasonable record breaking temperatures brought out Ronnie Dinger, left, Vern Wabaunsee, center, and Beau Yazzie, right, to continue to work on the front entrance of the old community building.



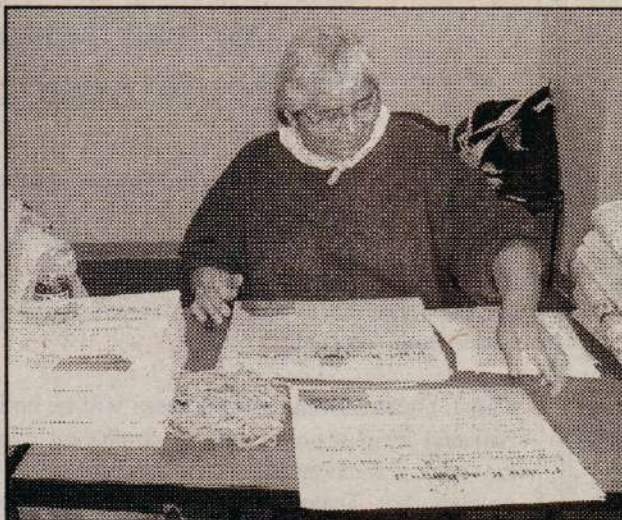
The above shows construction work on the eastside of the stage area in the old community building. The Maintenance Dept. will be installing a bathroom that will be handicap accessible. This portion of the stage will be dropped approximately two feet to accommodate the facility. Termites have also been exterminated.



How the News reaches you



Jim Shane is seen above helping the News staff with the mail out.



The photo at left shows Deb Matchie-Wakole and at right is Diane Robb who both helped get the December issue in the mail.



A big thank you to all our News volunteers

Enrollment Review Committee sworn in on January 3

The Enrollment Review Committee was sworn into office in Tribal Council chambers on the morning of January 3 and will serve until 2008.

Rey Kitchkumme, Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council, led the swearing-in ceremony with Tribal Council members James Wabunsee, Ryan Dyer, Jackie Mitchell, and Steve Ortiz in attendance. Several other employees and tribal members also attended the event.

The Enrollment Office is located in the Government Center. Arlene Lingo is the Enrollment Administrator and Adele Thomas is Office Assistant.



From left to right front row: Marilyn Wakolee, LaVera Bell, and Theresa Asselin. Back row left to right: Delores Abrams, Tom Tuckwin, Kim Henry, and Larene Thomas.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

Committee Members

- LaVera Bell, Chairman
- Tom Tuckwin, Vice Chair
- Delores Abrams, Secretary
- Theresa Asselin, Member
- Marilyn Wakolee, Member
- Larene Thomas, Alt. Member
- Kim Henry, Alt. Member

The Enrollment Review Committee meets the first working day of every month to go over enrollment applications. For more information call (785) 966-3914 or fax at (785) 966-3917.

Important dates to remember



February 20
PBPN government offices closed for President's Day

February 24
Gaming Commission election

PBPN employee end-of-the-year happenings

Virginia "Osh" LeClere 2005 employee of the year

Virginia "Osh" LeClere was named employee of the year at the January 6 all-employee meeting. She is the interim director for the PBPN Department of Planning and Environmental Protection and has worked for the PBPN for six years.

After receiving her award she said, "Thank you and I really love my job."

Other employee-of-the year recipients since 2002 are: 2004-Terry Scott; 2003-Roy Hale and 2002-Aaron Hale.



Virginia "Osh" LeClere

Employees enjoy Christmas dinner



A dinner was held for employees on December 22 at the Bingo Hall. At left is Helen Slattery, Director of P.A.R.R. Recovery House, who entertained the crowd by reading a Christmas poem during dinner.



Jim Garcia, Finance, right, wore a KU Santa Claus hat and is seen relaxing after eating his Christmas dinner.



Tribal Police Department conduct Christmas gift-drive for PBPN foster children



PBPN Police Officer Mike Boswell is seen, at left, taking a box of Christmas gifts out of his vehicle in Topeka. Boswell spent the day delivering gifts to foster children in Topeka at various locations.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

PBPN employees and tribal members donated approximately \$3,300 worth of Christmas gifts that were given to 33 PBPN foster care/Indian Child Welfare Association (ICWA) program children on December 23.

The gift-drive was sponsored by the Tribal Police Department and coordinated through the Social Services Department.

Tribal police officers Mike Boswell and Sam Grant delivered boxes of gifts to children in the Topeka area and

Shawn Swisher delivered gifts in the Lawrence area.

"It is so nice that we can bring joy to these kid's lives," Officer Boswell said on the day the gifts were delivered. "So often we see the other side of their home life which isn't always so good."

Children in Colorado and Wisconsin and in other outlying regions also received gifts, according to Rebekah Potts who directed the gift-drive and is also the office manager for the PBPN Police Department.

Jon Boursaw acknowledged for his work

Jon Boursaw, outgoing Executive Director, was given a retirement party in his honor on December 21 at the Bingo Hall. The photo (l) shows Tribal Chairman Zach Pahmahmie (l) and Jon (r) holding a blanket that was given to Jon by the Tribe. The photo (r) shows Jon, on the far (r), and his wife, Peg, far (l), holding sweatshirts that were given to both of them as a going-away gift from the Fire Department. To Peg's (r) are Tim Flanary and Dave Price. Jon's last day with the PBPN was December 30.



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Indian Taco's \$5.00 Frybread \$2.00 Pop \$.50						
2006						

PBPN Boys & Girls Club Raphael Wahwassuck and Steve McDonald to lead Team Kansas during 2006 North American Indigenous Games

The 2006 North American Indigenous Games will be conducted from July 2 -9 in Denver, Colorado. Over 10,000 native athletes and 50,000 spectators, family members, coaches and chaperones will converge on Denver to celebrate both culture and sport.

Native athletes from across Kansas will be notified and team try-outs will be conducted over the next few months. The core sports and coaches that Team Kansas will participate in have been identified. Those sports are basket-

ball, softball, volleyball, track & field, cross country, baseball, wrestling, golf and archery. Male and female youth athletes between the ages of 13-19 are the focus of the games but adult and senior competitions will also be conducted.

Raphael Wahwassuck, Assistant Chef de Mission and Steve McDonald, Chef de Mission will lead the Team Kansas delegation. For more information contact either Raphael at 785.966-3031 or Steve at 785.640.6902 or log on to the website at www.naig2006.



In the photo above is one of the male dancers from the Royal Valley Singers and Dancers giving a demonstration at the all-employee meeting held at the Bingo Hall on January 6. There are approximately 60 dancers in the group this year with ages ranging from tiny tots to high school. The group performs several times a year at various events and pow-wows and is sponsored by Royal Valley High School and the PBPN Boys & Girls Club.

February 2006 Pool Calendar

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Royal Valley annual pow-wow held on January 14 and 15

RVHS Native American Club sponsors pow-wow

Sunshine and warm temperatures greeted the participants at the ninth annual Royal Valley High School Native American Club pow-wow scheduled on Jan. 14-15 at the RVHS gym.

The Grand Entry began at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday with 196 dancers and 13 drums. The host drum was Little Soldier Singers and the invited drum was

Southern Boyz from Lawton, Okla. The head man was Dana Warrington, the head lady was Matilda Littlehead; the head youth male was Spencer Donnell; head youth female was Nikki Frye; the master of ceremonies was Manny King; the arena director was Perkins Whitetail; and We-Ta-Se Post 410 served as the color guard. Other drums included: Ho Chunk Station, Omaha Bird Clan, The Tribe, Little Eagles, Red Buffalo, Frybread Flats, The Agency, Cozad, Mesquakie Nation, Mesquakie Travelers, and Whistling Wind.

Description of the photo display:

1. Grand Entry: We-Ta-Se Post 410 served as Color Guard for the RVHS Native American Club.
2. Grand Entry: the dancers are entering the dance arena.
3. Male traditional dancers stand reverently during the invocation.
4. Perkins Whitetail served as the arena director.
5. Gaming Commissioner Gary Mitchell

Photos by Mary Young

gave the invocation on Sunday.

6. Tribal member Dana Warrington served as the head man dancer.



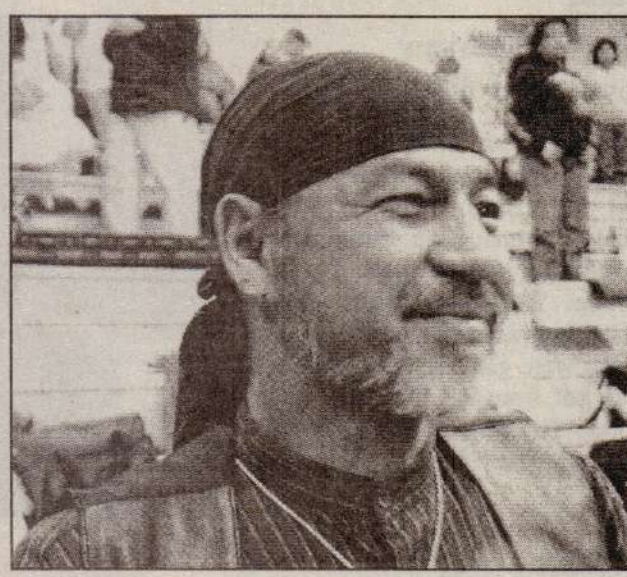
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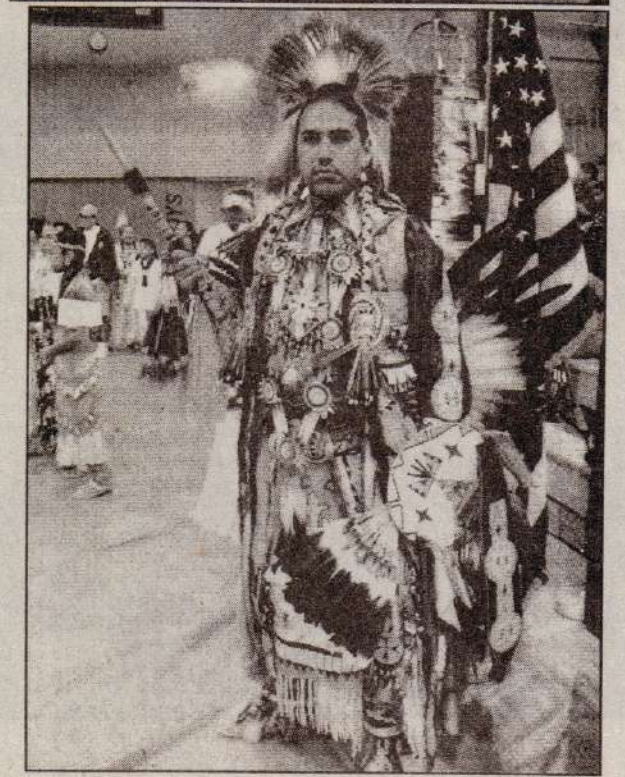
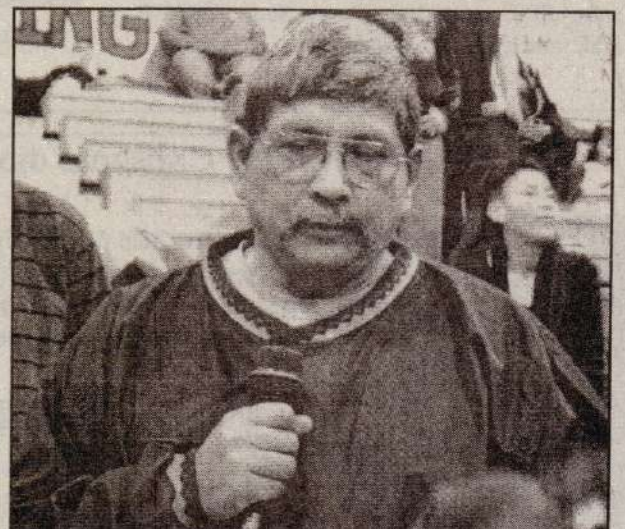


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Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center 2005 Annual Report Summary

By John Holtz, Health Center Administrator

2005 has been a year of significant growth in patient activity levels and major accomplishments in Health Center staffing levels, patient access, and collection/reimbursement activities. In addition, the relocation to a much improved interim location and the completion of our new Health Center will provide the foundation for continued growth in 2006. This report summarizes some of the highlights and major accomplishments in 2005.

Highlights/Major Accomplishments

Patient activity levels have continued to trend upward throughout the year. Key indicators include: a 43.8% increase in patient visits, a 20.6% increase in lab tests; and a 19.8% increase in prescriptions filled from the fourth quarter compared to the first quarter of the year. Activity level increases reflect improved patient access which can be attributed to having three physicians on staff, utilization of our same-day appointment program and the renewed patient confidence in the delivery of patient care services.

On March 1st, the Health Center moved to an interim location at 510 Kansas Avenue, which is a professional and attractive space featuring five exam rooms (compared to three exam rooms in the old clinic) and better parking.

On June 7th, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for the new 36,300 square foot Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Health Center and Social Service Center which will be completed in summer 2006. Expanded services will include radiology, dental, behavioral health, optometry, drive-up pharmacy services and a helipad.

Staffing at the Health Center has significantly increased and improved with 14 new employees hired since January 1, 2005. The Health Center now has at least two physicians on duty during clinic hours and more than fifty percent of the time there are three physicians on duty.

A same-day appointment program has been introduced to improve access to the health center, reduce patient wait time, and to encourage more tribal members to utilize health center services.

The Managed Care/Benefits Coordination staff have developed a new brochure and refined their procedures which have provided a more timely response to our patients regarding financial payments for outside referrals.

Our laboratory earned a two-year accreditation with a perfect score and received *The Laboratory Excellence Award*.

Outside reference lab services were competitively bid and will result in an annual savings of \$17,000.

The billing and collections program has been substantially improved; \$340,292.84 has been collected from our renewed billing efforts with an additional \$76,000 in accounts receivable. In comparison, a total of \$10,727 was collected for all of 2004.

The Health Center is in the process of establishing a preferred provider network in an effort to better facilitate quality of care and reduce cost for outside referral services. Information will soon be available regarding recently negotiated contracts.

Several initiatives have been implemented to better serve our diabetes patients.



Increased case management has improved blood pressure control of diabetic patients to 61% - double the 30% national and Oklahoma City Area average. The Diabetic Registry is up-to-date and maintained regularly. The first edition of a quarterly newsletter, *Diabetes Update*, was initiated this fall. In the near future we will be collaborating with the Haskell clinic to sponsor a diabetes prevention program and a major workshop is being planned for diabetic patients and their families in the fall of 2006.

The Pharmacy Program has added several medications for the treatment of diabetes, asthma, hypertension, allergies, and an improved vaccine for meningitis. Several staff members have completed training to provide enrollment assistance to Medicare patients as the patients complete the complex new prescription drug program application.

A proposal has been developed for a Community Health Nurse which would improve access to care and quality of care for some community members, particularly at-risk community members. Recruitment activities and interviews are underway.

Health Center Lab Earns Excellence Award

The Health Center recently completed an accreditation survey and was awarded a two-year accreditation along with The Laboratory Excellence Award for achieving a perfect score in the accreditation examination. The plaque, which was awarded to the lab is proudly displayed at the lab entrance and reads:

2005-2006

COLA awards its highest commendation, The Laboratory Excellence Award, to this laboratory for its outstanding performance in quality patient testing and overall exemplary application of the principles of laboratory practices.

Congratulations to Bill Read, our Lab Director, for this award and his personal commitment to excellence.

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

Diabetes Conference Planning Committee Opportunity

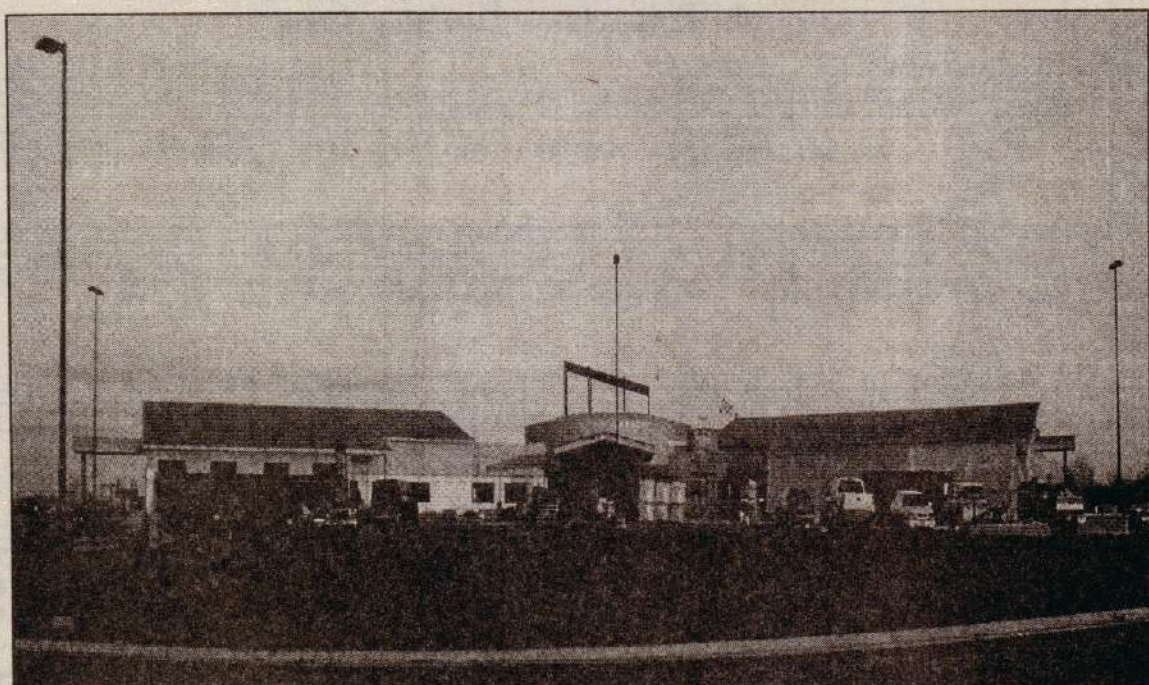
Our Health Center has been awarded a grant from the Association on American Indian Affairs for planning a multiple day conference for American Indians/Alaskan Natives with diabetes in our area.

We are in the early stages of planning the conference and would like your input and support. We are inviting a core group that will include community members, patients with diabetes, and health care professionals to carry out the logistics of the conference and help bring it to fruition in October.

We would like two community representatives who could attend our initial planning meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Government Center.

Please contact Sebe Masquat, RN at 785.364.2176 x 231 if you are interested in serving on the conference planning committee.

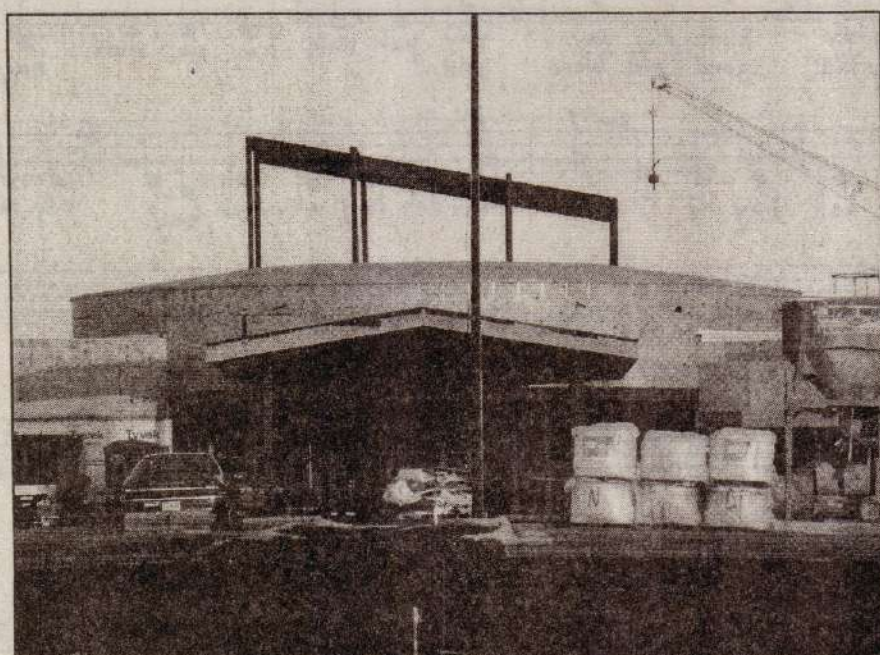
Construction progress on the clinic



Daily changes are occurring on the clinic. Much of the wood framing has been erected as seen above.

The bottom photo shows the rotunda or the main entry area and the canopy that covers it. The steel construction seen in the photo shows where the skylight will be installed. Windows will surround the rotunda area.

(Photos by Mary Young)



Region VII Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Enrollment training



Above are participants at the Medicare workshop held on Jan. 10 in the training room located at the PBP Government Center. About 25 attended the training including the Cherokee Nation of Okla. who were represented.

(Photo by Mary Young)

Tribal leaders, health directors, community health representatives, outreach workers and patient benefits coordinators were invited to attend a workshop that was geared to assist those who are affected by the new Medicare prescription drug plan.

Nancy Rios and Uvonda Meinholdt of the Kansas City Regional Office of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) offered a training on enrollment held Tuesday, Jan. 10 at PBP. The training included an in-depth overview of how to assist others in navigating the new online prescription drug plan comparison tool and other resources.

The overall consensus of the presenters was to join the cheapest plan so you will not be penalized; you can join later if things change.

REMEMBER to join by May 15, 2006 or you will have to wait until Nov. 15, 2006 to join. Coverage sign up began Nov. 15, 2005 and continues through May 15, 2006 with coverage starting Jan. 1 if you joined by Dec. 31, 2005. If you join after Jan. 1, 2006, your coverage starts the first day of the month after the month you join. Contact your local health provider to see what plans are available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit www.medicare.gov on the web or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. For more information on who can get extra help with prescription drug costs and how to apply, call SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov on the web.



Chickenpox and shingles

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

We have seen a few cases of shingles at the clinic recently so I thought I might write a bit about shingles and chickenpox.

Shingles are an often painful eruption of fluid filled blisters on the skin. The eruptions are usually localized to an area of skin served by a single nerve. The herpes zoster virus causes shingles eruptions. This is the same virus that causes chickenpox. While shingles eruptions can occur at any age, they are more common in the elderly and people with impaired immune systems. An eruption of shingles usually lasts 10-14 days. The typical course is a localized tingling or burning sensation followed by the formation of fluid filled blisters. These rupture and drain for a few days and then begin to dry up. The fluid from these blisters is loaded with viral particles and is very contagious. Following an eruption some people will experience a persistent burning or stinging pain that can last for weeks or months. There is a medication that can shorten the length of an episode of shingles. This medication is most effective when started within one to two days of the initial eruption. There is also a vaccine being developed to help prevent shingles in the elderly.



Terry L. Harter, MD

pect to start seeing chickenpox. Chickenpox usually starts with cold like symptoms with a mild fever. These symptoms are followed by eruptions of small blisters all over the body. The blisters dry and crust over in a few days. Some children will develop successive crops of blisters after the first crop dries. Once the last of the blisters dry the person is considered to no longer be contagious. While usually a mild and annoying disease, chickenpox can occasionally cause an inflammation of the brain known as encephalitis. Chickenpox is usually a disease of childhood but can cause serious disease in older people. Chickenpox is primarily spread by microscopic particles in the air. It can also be spread by direct contact with the fluid from the blisters. After a person has had chickenpox some of the herpes zoster virus remains in the body in a dormant state. When this dormant virus is reactivated it causes shingles. There is medication that can shorten the course of chickenpox as well as a vaccine to prevent it. Most children today receive the vaccine and we expect to see fewer cases of chickenpox in the future as a result of the vaccination program. We also hope to see fewer cases of shingles in the future, as fewer people will have the herpes zoster virus in their body to start an eruption.

As always if you have questions about any health concerns come on by the PBP Family Health Center.

2006
Native Researchers' Cancer Control Training Program
Oregon Health & Science University
June 11-30
Portland, Ore.
www.ohsu.edu/nrcctp

A three-week training program designed to help develop research skills for implementing and evaluating cancer control programs in native communities will be held in Portland, Ore. from June 11-30, 2006.

January Ttē Mko Kisēs Big Bear Moon



Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Chili from a Menominee Drummer

Submitted by Richie Plass

2 lbs. hamburger (or ground round)
1 lb. hot Italian sausage (need not drain oil)
1 large onion
4 or 5 small hot peppers (or a bell pepper)
1 large can hot chili beans (any brand)
2 large cans tomato juice
1 pkt. hot and 1 medium chili mix or *chili powder (suit your taste)
*4 types of chili powder (regular, hot, Mexican, red pepper)
1 box noodles (Creamettes macaroni or spaghetti—optional)

Cook noodles as you put the chili together.

Brown meat and add onion and any type of seasoning (try any season salt or meat seasonings). Once the meat is completely browned, add the tomato juice and three cans of water. When the mix cooks down, add more water.

Add chili beans, chili mix and chili powder.

Raise the heat a little, once it starts to boil, lower the heat and simmer for an hour. Add the cooked noodles.

If you want a smaller batch, just use one pound of hamburger, 1/2 pound of Italian sausage, one can of tomato juice and 1/2 package of noodles.

Have fun with this recipe—experiment and enjoy.

Breakfast Smoothie

This smoothie could replace a meal, it's so good.

1/2 banana
3-4 almonds
1/2 c. pomegranate juice
1/2 c. skim milk (or regular)
Powder food supplement
2 ice cubes

Blend all ingredients until the mixture is a smooth and frothy mixture.

Please submit your favorite recipes to the PBP News. 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!

Potawatomi Fire
Keepers Elder Center

2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Fried Steak Potato & Country Gravy Spinach or Green Bean Dinner Roll	Beef Stew Buttered Egg Noodles Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit	Liver & Onion Potato & Gravy Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll	Ham & Bacon Quiche Hashbrowns / Salad Cottage Cheese / Toast Fruit Medley	Baked Fish Sweet Potato Gratin Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll
Chili & Hot Dog Corn on the Cob Broccoli Salad Oranges	Sliced Pit Ham Mash Potato & Gravy Greenbean Casserole Dinner Roll	Parmesan Chicken Mash Potato & Gravy Carrot Salad Dinner Roll	Happy B-Day Dinner Indian Taco	Philly Cheesesteak Green Bean Soup Tossed Salad Peaches & Cot. Cheese
Closed For Presidents Day	Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	Lasagna Casserole Steamed Spinach Garden Salad Garlic Italian Bread	Lemon Baked Chicken Brown Rice Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll	Fish Sandwich Ham Potato Soup Cole Slaw Fruit Salad
Ham & Bean Soup Brown Rice Greenbeans Corn Bread	Pork Chop Casserole Hashbrowns Mixed Vegetable Wheat Toast	Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Noodle Garden Salad Biscuit	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes over Bread Carrots & Cabbage Fruit Salad	Catfish Nuggets Red Beans & Rice Steamed Squash Dinner Roll

Native Seniors 50+ Free

Adult \$3.50

Child \$2.50

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



Area Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

Bethany Baptist Church

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

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

Prairie Band Baptist Outreach

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

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 - 166th Rd., Mayetta, KS

For mass schedule, calendar of events, history and photo gallery, go to the tribal web site home page and click on Our Lady of Snows icon.

Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist

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

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

Pentecostal

Lakeview Faith Chapel

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

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

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

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

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

Hi everybody, brothers and sisters of the great Potawatomi Nation,

Just before the beginning of the new year, I sat down to write a letter to the church and anyone interested. My pen seemed to float over the paper as I wrote. These are the words written:

A word from Pastor Steve Cappleman

(reprint from Lakeview Newsletter, Jan. 2006)

Are you ready for 2006? If the Lord tarries for one more year, by the time it is over, we may be praying hard for heaven in '07. I don't believe there is going to be another long lax period, (lax meaning not much happening) until Jesus raptures the church, and then of course it's seven years of tribulation. So watch and pray more than ever before. Weather events and natural catastrophes alone will keep the world's eye riveted on the daily news. Extreme temperatures, both hot and cold, will break existing records. Fires and floods will alternate around the world. Drought will grow deserts, while floods, mudslides and earthquakes will destroy lives and property. Tornadoes and hurricanes will wreak havoc. Earthquakes will get much of the attention, as I believe God will allow things to be shaken up, especially among the [unconverted] nations. Japan, China and Iran should especially be on alert [because] there will be tremors and quakes in divers [various] places.

2006 will be a marked year for anti-Semitism and Christians will be singled out for consistent criticism in the United States by an increasingly vehement liberal news media. Hollywood will get in on the act and we will see blasphemy like we

have never seen in our lifetime. Remember, the servant is not greater than the Master. Jesus was hated and [Christians] will be hated also. But if the world hates [Christians] because [of being] Christ-like, that is better than the world loving [Christians] because [of being] worldly. (John 15:19)

Don't be afraid, be holy, and joyful and confident. You only have two things to do—love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Two other things will be helpful—humble yourself under the mighty hand of God and resist the devil. (1 Peter 5:6,9)

Six is the number of man and 2006 will be full of hate, violence, persecution, murder, sensuality—men will openly mock God, despise those that are good, and delight in speaking lies. Evil will be proclaimed to be good. I believe that if the Lord tarries, September and October 2006 will be especially eventful.

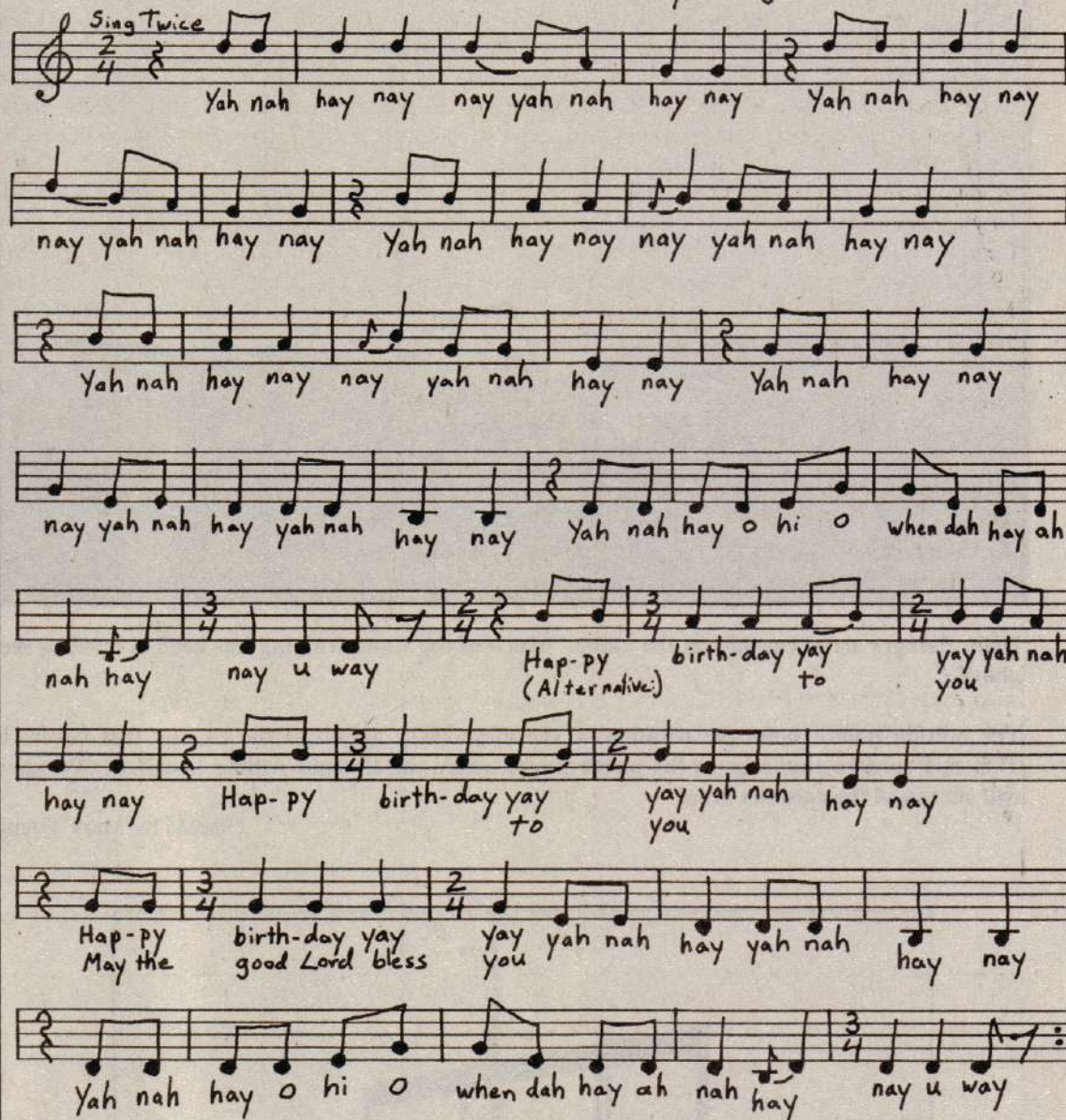
Don't waste time in 2006 but redeem the time. Be righteous, be on time, be vigilant, be courageous and careful at the same time, be prepared (don't be scared), and be in church and on your knees.

As the last grains of time plunge down the funnel, things are going to heat up. Be sure you fight fire with fire. We need to be on fire, full of the Holy Ghost. The anointing will break the yoke of the adversary every time.

Live by God's Word and study it more to be informed and prepared every day. Let the all-knowing and all-powerful God direct your path.

I am excited as I look up and see God in control of everything in the coming year. If God is willing, then bring on 2006.

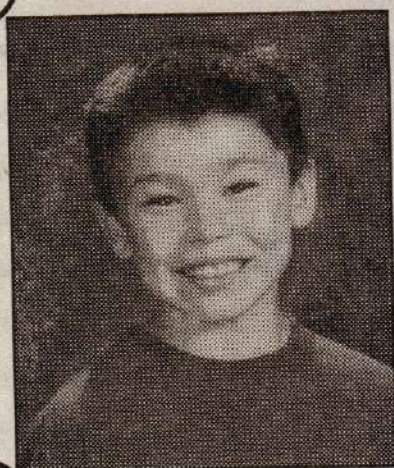
A Potawatomi Birthday Song





Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)

Kanibwēttēk (the one's that stood up together)



Happy 10th Birthday

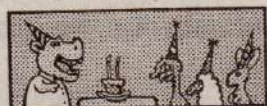
Jeffrey L. Goins, III

on

January 10

From your proud Misha

Parents: Jeffrey and Melissa Aitkens Goins



Happy Birthday in February

Joetta
Walrod



Congratulations to
Laverne Biggoose
&

Rollin Haag, Jr.
who were married on
December 31, 2005
Kickapoo Rez Community Bldg
Horton, KS

Charissa Jessepe, sophomore at Horton High School, received a second Eagle Feather Award for maintaining a 3.50 GPA and perfect attendance for second quarter. Her family and parents, Kenneth "Shon" Jessepe and Carol Shoptese, are so proud of her.

Recognize anyone in this 1934 Blandin School class photo?



Photo submitted by Alvina Wamego LaClair



The American Dental Association
has recognized
Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, D.D.S with
a diversity award for the dental
advice columns that she submitted
and were published in the
Potawatomi News

A message from Darlene Young

I wanted to let you know that I have applied for an inscription on the Honor Wall at the National Museum of the American Indian. This was made possible by my co-workers in the Maryland State government office where I have shared many stories and funny sayings over the past fifteen years since I've worked there. I was so touched by their warmth and desire to honor dad, and I sent a request right away for two inscriptions: one for "James Nanimukshkuk McKinney" and the second for "Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation". I have already received an official registration certificate acknowledging my request for these two inscriptions, and I look forward with great anticipation to the time when I'll be able to see these names on the Honor Wall at the museum.

Thanks,

Darlene Young

Kamboŧtēk (Those who died)

Wendy L. Schuetz James

Wendy L. Schuetz James, 38, Mayetta, died Dec. 16, 2005, at a Topeka hospice. She was born June 28, 1967, in Wichita, and was raised as the daughter of Leslie "Pete" and Lenora Hampton Schuetz. She lived most of her life in Mayetta. She graduated from Royal Valley High School and had attended Allen County Community College. Ms. James had worked as a receiving clerk and travel agent for Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation since 2001. She was a Girl Scout leader. Survivors include a daughter, Naomi James, and a son, Nehemiah James, both of the home; her parents, Leslie "Pete" and Lenora Schuetz, Hoyt; her birth mother, Denise Buraner, in New Mexico; a grandmother, Margaret Schuetz, Horton; three brothers, Jeff Schuetz, Topeka, Jason Schuetz, Hoyt, and Dan Schuetz, in New Mexico; three birth sisters, Penny Villescas, Monique LaCoe and Genevieve Rois, all in New Mexico; and a birth brother, Michael. Funeral services were held Dec. 19 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in Mercer. Memorial contributions may be made to the James Children Education Fund or Midland Hospice, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 12/19/05)



Winfred D. "Oscar" Marshno

Winfred D. "Oscar" Marshno, 71, Mayetta, died Dec. 22, 2005, at a Rossville nursing home. He was born June 18, 1934, in Mayetta, the son of Francis Nug and Lillian Marie Wilmot Marshno. He graduated from Kimball High School in Nebraska in 1952. He had lived in Mayetta since 1982 and had previously lived in Colorado. Mr. Marshno served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later worked various construction jobs in Colorado and Kansas. He was also a mail carrier in Kimball, Neb. He was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation and a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Survivors include two sisters, Deloris Mansfield, Mayetta, and Patricia Phillips, Dallas, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 28 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church near Mayetta. Burial was in Shipshew Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 12/28/05)



Peter Joseph "Sonny" Shoptese, Jr.

Peter Joseph "Sonny" Shoptese Jr. (Man-do-Kah), 69, died Jan. 12, 2006, at a Topeka hospice. He was born June 12, 1936, the son of Peter Joseph Shoptese Sr. and Eunice Teresa Green Shoptese. He graduated from Mayetta High School. Mr. Shoptese served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He had lived the last four years in Topeka and previously lived in Mayetta, Denver, Colo., Texas, Montana and many other states during his truck-driving career. He also was a welder for BMB factory in Holton and was a ranch hand in Colorado. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Survivors include two sons, Sonny Joseph Shoptese and wife, Nancy and Faron Lee Shoptese, all of Topeka; a sister, Monica "Mitzi" Waller, Topeka; and seven grandchildren. A sister, Veronica "Kadese" Martin, and an infant brother, Joseph Shoptese, preceded him in death. Graveside services were held Jan. 16 in Shipshew Cemetery west of Mayetta. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sonny Shoptese Memorial Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 1/16/06)



We-Ta-Se Post 410 has been designated to provide full military honors for a fellow veteran if other posts are unable to perform the function.



Our sympathy and prayers are
with
Marshall Shoptese
and
Gloria Shoptese
In the death of your father Pete
Shoptese

From family members and friends

Thank you

We would like to take this time to thank all those wonderful people who offered support and kind words as we all are faced with this traumatic, difficult time in our lives. It is your sincere thoughts, prayers, and wonderful memories that will help our family get through. May your thoughts and prayers be answered.

Special thanks go out to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Road and Bridge/Buffer Crew. May each and everyone of you receive a special blessing for what you done for our son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend, our beloved Timothy Warren Wahweotten.

Megwetch,
Respectfully yours,
Junior, Gina, Amber, Andrew, Krystle, Stevie,
and Jade Wahweotten

In Memory of
Rosanna
Finley



Rest in Peace
My Lovely Grandmother

By Granddaughter Roseanna Mathewson - Tribal member "2005"



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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Community meeting planned

February 4, 2006

9a.m.- 2 p.m.

P.B.P.N. Bingo Hall

Can we help you?

New security doors have been installed at entrances to the Government Center. Please sign in with the receptionists at the front desk and the new human resources department window (located on the lower level) to get a visitor's badge for entry.

Attention students!

Summer employment opportunities, internships and other education programs are available for Indian people.

For more information contact Gwen Shunatona, Department of Education Director, at 785-966-2960 or by email at gwens@pbpnation.org.

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 dlittlefiel@ualr.edu.

Deadline for proposals is March 15, 2006

Firekeepers Elder Center

2nd Annual Jack & Jill 8-Ball Tournament



Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. until done
Ages 21 and older-enter early
Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 1

Double Elimination-Race to Two-Winners Bracket
Losers Bracket-Do or Bye Bye

*1st-\$140.00 *2nd-\$100.00 *3rd-\$80.00
Based on "16" entered teams/Adjusted if less

Call 966-0040
Breakfast fundraiser, 8 a.m.
Meals/concessions by Elder Center

Free Income Tax Service

Free income tax assistance will be available beginning January 30, 2006 on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. 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

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 PBP Social Services Department at (785) 966-2932
- Toll free at (888) 966-2932 and fax at (785) 966-2950

Reminder:

All address and name changes are routed through **Enrollment Department**.
Deadline for address changes for March Per Cap Distribution is **March 10, 2006**.

- All changes must now be mailed in or brought in-person to the Enrollment Office.
- **Changes are no longer accepted by phone or e-mail. Fax accepted with legible signature.**
- Each change of address must be in writing with a verifiable signature from the adult member or the person designated to handle that member's personal information, such as a Power of Attorney.
- Name changes must be accompanied by legal documents showing the change, such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree, and a copy of that person's Social Security card showing the name change.

ALL CHANGES WILL BE ROUTED THROUGH THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Sample form to be used:

Date of Update: _____

First Middle Last Name Maiden Jr/Sr (Print Legibly)

Other names used: _____

Contact name for minor (Per Capita use): _____

Old address City State Zip

New address City State Zip

Social Security: _____ Date of birth: _____

Enrollment #: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Requested change by: IN PERSON ___ MAIL ___

Copy to: Enrollment ___ Election ___ Per Capita ___

Signature of Tribal Member Required
(NOT VALID IF NOT SIGNED)