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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## And, the winners are...

## Tribal Council election held on July 21



Rey Kitchkumme  
Vice Chair



Ryan Dyer  
Treasurer



Jackie Mitchell  
Council Member



Juanita Jessepe  
Council Member

Twenty tribal members vied for four seats on the Tribal Council in the 2004 election held on July 21 at the old Community Building. A total of 1,277 ballots were mailed in and counted in front of tribal members that resulted in the following:

For Vice Chairperson, Rey Kitchkumme defeated Gary Mitchell, Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki, and Badger Wahwasuck. Kitchkumme received 535 votes, Mitchell, 235, Rupnicki, 193 and Wahwasuck 191. For treasurer, Ryan Dyer and Jim Potter ran neck-in-neck with Dyer just eaking out a victory of 585 votes to Potter's 534. In the Council member race, incumbent Jackie Mitchell retained her seat with a tally of 323 and Juanita Jessepe was the next highest vote count at 245.

Rey Kitchkumme, when asked what his thoughts were right after the election was over said, "I am overwhelmed and grateful to all of the people who voted and believed in me."

When asked how he felt right after winning the election,

Ryan Dyer said, "It's time to get to work as treasurer for the tribe. I've got a lot of work to do with finishing up my position at Harrah's and then coming to work for the Nation." Dyer has previously been working as the Revenue Yield Manager for Harrah's Casino.

Jackie Mitchell said shortly after her win that she was excited at winning the election and was looking forward to the next four years.

Juanita Jessepe was not available for comment. Chairperson Zach Pahlmhamie, who attended the election proceedings that day, was asked how he felt about the election results. He said that he looked forward to working with the new Council members and continuing to work with those previously elected.

Those assisting with the election were Tim Sanchez of Automated Election Service (AES), Albuquerque, Marty Hamlin

and Joy Yoshida who served as Election Judges, and Laverne Hale, Francis Shopteese, and Kim Henry who served as Clerks. Terry Scott, Chief of the Tribal Police Department, served as the Official Observer. Before the election began, Chief Scott and Tribal police officer, Russell Whiteside picked up the locked election ballot box, that had been located at the Mayetta Post Office, and transported it to the Community Building.

Also assisting that day were Voncile Mitchell, June Barber and Ruta Mendez from the Election Board and Arlene Lingo from the Enrollment Department.

The Swearing-In ceremony for the new Council members is scheduled for July 27 at the Bingo Hall at 9 a.m.

For specific results and photos of the election turn to the back page.

## PBPN Health Clinic kickoff & partnering meeting held



Representatives of the principal organizations and PBPN employees involved in the new health clinic all met together on July 12 in the Government Center training room to discuss the project's expectations and requirements. Seen here from left to right is architect and tribal member Jim Harrington and an unidentified associate, Brenda Nozhackum, CHR, and Tom Shopteese, Alcohol and Drug. With their backs to the camera are Dave Price, Fire Chief and Elaine Barr, EAP.



## Fireworks on the Fourth of July



Fireworks were shot off during the Fourth of July weekend as America commemorated its 200th year. Several activities took place at Prairie People's Park including a potluck, three bands, and a fireworks display. In addition, tribal members like historian Gary Mitchell, the We-ta-se Color Guard and the Little Soldiers Singers also participated in Kansas' Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration activities that occurred in Kansas City, Leavenworth and Atchison. For more details about the weekend's festivities and events see inside.



## Tribal police become Kansas law enforcement officers on July 1

now have authority to arrest non-Indians on reservation

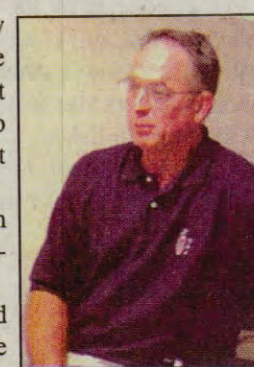
July 1 was a quiet but exciting day for Tribal Police Officer, Russell Whiteside who was on duty at the rez. For it was on that day that Whiteside was given the authority to act as a bona fide Kansas law enforcement officer due to the passage of SB #9.

"I'm glad this has finally been done," Whiteside said, "so officers can finally do what they need to do."

In April, Kansas legislators passed Senate Bill #9 which now gives tribal police the ability to enforce state laws against non-Indian offenders on the reservation. The bill had been in various stages of the legislature for approximately four years and finally passed this year.

The day before SB #9 went into effect, Whiteside sat in a staff meeting with other officers listening to Chief Terry Scott discuss how the new law would affect their work.

"The biggest thing is that each tribal police officer will now be able to act on the laws," he said. "You will no longer call the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to have non-Indians prosecuted because it will be you who can now make the decision on what to do."



Terry Scott  
Tribal Police Chief

which would not affect Indians any differently on the reservation than what had occurred in the past. He did make clear that Indians were not to be sent to Jackson County, however, and that they should be sent to the tribal courts just like before. Scott praised the tribe for having a fair and impartial judicial court and said that because of cultural differences Indians would not be sent to Jackson County. He also told the crew that they needed to remember that it was the Prairie Band



Officer  
Russell  
Whiteside,  
seen here on  
duty on the  
first day SB  
#9 became  
law.

Potawatomi Nation who employed them and that their culture needs to be respected.

After a question and answer period, Scott asked the group to stand for a Kansas Law Enforcement group swearing.

Also in attendance that day was Tom Barnes, the tribe's prosecutor, who discussed the impact of the new legislation on the tribe's judicial system.

In related news, Jackson County Sheriff Bruce Tomlinson recently visited with members of the Elder Center and was asked



PBPN Tribal police officers being sworn in as Kansas law officers on June 30 at the tribal police headquarters.

Scott also said during the meeting that if tribal police did need more assistance that they could call the Jackson County Sheriff or Kansas Highway Patrol offices at their discretion.

Scott also stressed that the new law

during the meeting how the law would affect his office. "Nothing's really changed," he said, "except that the Tribal Police will now do their own reports." Officers will now file two reports for incidents where Indians and non-Indians are involved.





## Fiesta Mexicana 2004 71st anniversary

A sneak preview of the Fiesta Mexicana occurred on the grounds of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in the Oakland area of Topeka on July 12. Special awards went to the PBPB Tribal Council (above) and Harrah's (right) as major sponsors of the event. At the left, Fiesta Mexicana royalty distributed the awards.



# Casino expansion nears completion

## Construction deadline August 16

by: Suzanne Heck

PBPB employees got a glimpse of the casino's new convention center and hotel areas recently when they took a tour conducted by the PBPB construction staff. Mary Young, of the News, took these photos during the tour that show the expansion's progress and some of the lovely interior decorations placed throughout the casino's convention center.

The convention center is also adorned with other Indian works of art, some by Potawatomi, in the state-of-the-art facility.

The hotel has three floors with premier suites located on the top floor. Patrons will enter the hotel through a grand lobby and can dine in an open-kitchen steakhouse restaurant or relax in an open-

air center courtyard that has two large jacuzzis and a garden area.

The expansion has also allowed for a new larger gift shop area and Harrah's casino offices are now located near the casino's gaming floor. The PBPB Gaming Commission offices have also been moved to the casino from the Government Center where they were originally housed.

Outside the casino on the southeast side is a new RV Park and in front of the new expansion site more parking spaces are being added.

Look for more photos and information on the casino's opening in the next issue of the Potawatomi News.



RV Park

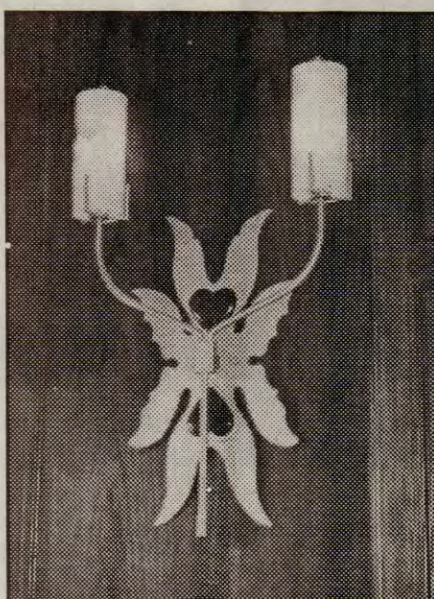
Photos  
by  
Mary  
Young



Hotel courtyard



Light fixture in Convention Center



Wall fixture in  
Convention Center



Woodlands floral designed carpet in Convention Center



## Management Committee works with Tribal Council and Casino Management to Achieve significant results in 2003-2004

By Ryan M. Ross

The Management Committee worked with Tribal Council and casino management to achieve significant results in 2003 and 2004. Some of the major accomplishments of this team included the following:

1) The completion of the Casino Expansion Project and RV Park Development that will both be 'on time' and 'on budget'.

2) The implementation of a PBPB executive/managerial internship program and the promotion of twelve PBPB members to senior manager or executive intern positions during the past eighteen months.

3) The 2004 Legislative Session finished with the defeat of proposed expanded gaming legislation which would have included five, destination 'Las Vegas' style casinos, thousands of slot machines at four race tracks, and hundreds of slot machines at various bowling alleys and fraternal halls.

4) Achievement of strong financial results at the casino despite potentially significant casino construction interruptions. Harrah's Prairie Band Casino continues to produce phenomenal "post management fee" margins. In effect, Harrah's Prairie Band Casino has consistently produced one of the top two margins among all 26 Harrah's properties. As such, even after paying Harrah's management fee, the casino is taking the greatest percentage of dollars to the bottom line (which are Tribal distributions) among almost all casinos in the United States.

### CASINO EXPANSION & RV PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Casino Expansion project will finish on time and under budget. The Management Committee has been responsible for working with the General Contractor and Harrah's Design & Construction team to ensure the successful completion of the \$55 million project. Some of the Management Committee's responsibilities include weekly owner's meetings with the contractor and developer, monthly budget meetings with the developer, monthly financial reconciliation of the development account, construction loan review, sales tax savings coordination, tribal receiving clerk administration, changer order review and limited signatory authority on purchase orders and invoices.

The Committee is also responsible for construction documentation records retention, tribal construction employment review, and contract drafting, origination, and negotiation including the Development Agreement, Revolving Credit Agreement, General Contractor's Agreement, and all other contracts not within the scope of the General Contractor's Agreement. Some of the contracts concern recreational vehicle park development, environmental and construction code inspections, water tower and treatment plant construction, consulting agreements, and equipment procurement. The Committee has saved the Nation approximately two million dollars by eliminating legal fees, and by working with Harrah's design and construction team to establish a procurement system which exempts the Nation from sales tax.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation RV Park is scheduled to open during the first week of August. Despite heavy rains during May and June which have made the laying of concrete and asphalt extremely difficult, the RV Park will include the following features: option of three major electrical hook-ups and water service at each RV stall; fully paved park exclusively with 'pull through' stalls up to 80 feet in length designed so that RV campers will not have to back their RVs into a stall; landscaping, wooded area, and picnic tables; option of cable television, phone hook-ups, and high-speed internet for each stall; two bath-houses with laundry facilities; guest registration office; and, easy entrances and exits with a series of one-way streets.

The layout of the RV Park also allows for the addition of 58 more stalls in the future. For the price of the RV Park, the casino creates 70 more 'rooms', but would have only been able to create about ten 'standard rooms' in the normal expansion.

### INCREASES IN TRIBAL PROMOTION, RECRUITMENT, & DEVELOPMENT

During the past five years, the number of employees working at the casino, whom are eligible for Tribal preference, has increased an astounding 59%. The Tribal Council, Harrah's, and the Management Committee also agreed upon the implementation of a new program designed to recruit PBPB members for supervisory, management and executive intern opportunities during the 2004 Operating Plan discussions. The following twelve individuals who receive Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation preference have earned the following positions and promotions during approximately the past eighteen months: Peggy Houston, Director of Customer Relations; Ruth Vega, Career Development Manager; Stephen Ortiz, Jr., Executive Intern; Dominic Ortiz, Beverage Manager; Chris Stevenson, Director of Slots; Lisa Wamego, Financial Controller; Charles Wahweeton, Jr., Assistant Slot Shift Manager; Corey Mzhickteno, Assistant Slot Shift Manager; Michael Jackson, EVS Manager; Ryan Dyer, Revenue Yield Manager; Warren 'Junior' Wahweeton, Food & Beverage Manager; and John Tuckwin, Executive Intern (scheduled to start August 1).

Tribal promotion, recruitment, and development must remain a top priority for the Business and the Nation. The casino's payroll costs will already increase several hundreds of thousands of dollars in FY 2004 to implement this new PBPB recruitment and development initiative. This is money very well spent, and this program should continue to grow in the coming years. Harrah's understands the priority of this initiative to the Nation and its members.

Another important facet of the Management Committee Tribal Representative's job is to act as advocates for Native American employees in personnel disputes. Tribal members working at the casino continue to ask for advice on how to handle delicate issues. Ross has also provided dozens of recommendations and pro bono (free) legal representation and advice to Native American employees on his own time. The Management Committee has been effective in resolving issues in a way that benefits the Tribal employee, and contributes to the suc-

cess of the casino's operation.

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS - DEFEAT OF PROPOSED EXPANDED GAMING LEGISLATION

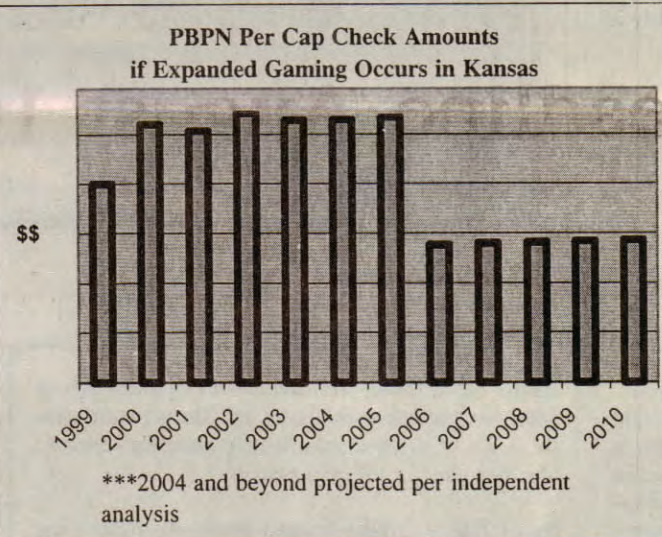
As detailed in the May 2004 issue of the *Prairie Band Potawatomi News*, despite the defeat of statewide gaming in Kansas this past Legislative Session, the threat of expanded gaming in Kansas looms as a dark cloud on the horizon for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. According to Ron Hein, PBPB's primary Kansas lobbyist, the Senate vote of 14-26 would have been much closer, or may have passed, had gaming proponents been successful in scaling back the expansion of gaming provisions. The gaming proponents needed to limit the scope of the proposed gaming to pick up several votes from moderate conservatives. The voting trend (below) shows steady progress towards open gaming in Kansas. The Management Committee provided strategy and analysis to the Nation's lobbyists who worked diligently, as did Harrah's Government Relations team, to help Legislators fully understand this issue.

### Why Expanded Gaming Affects PBPB?

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino has the best financial results of Kansas's Indian tribes primarily due to its location. As the first casino north of Topeka, Prairie Band offers casino patrons the most convenient gaming opportunity. Based on its success, Prairie Band also has made the largest investment in its facility. Combined with one of the country's most experienced casino managers, Prairie Band has earned the market leadership position in Kansas Indian Gaming.

If Kansas opens gaming throughout the State, other casinos will have more convenient locations than Prairie Band. A Wichita gambler, if offered the choice to drive two hours to Prairie Band or drive 10 minutes to a Wichita based casino with equal amenities, is likely not come to Prairie Band (or will come less often). Since a large amount of Prairie Band's Kansas patrons live more than 75 miles away, PBPB will lose its primary determinant of success - location.

### Financial Impact if Expanded Gaming Occurs



If the Senate had passed the gambling bill this year, our research suggests Prairie Band casino distributions would have been cut in half once the new competition opens. This severe reduction in distributions was verified by independent research conducted by Deloitte and Touche, a reputable international accounting firm. PER THE TRIBE'S REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN, IF CASINO DISTRIBUTIONS ARE CUT IN HALF, SO ALSO WOULD PER CAPITA CHECKS (see chart above), GOVERNMENT OPERATION FUNDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING. Many programs cannot exist if their budget is cut in half.

This "doomsday" scenario has NOT been exaggerated; in fact some research shows an even more dramatic decline in distributions. Fortunately, the Nation has prevailed due in large part to substantial lobbying efforts. Yet every year, the probability of expanded gaming passing gets higher and higher, and this threat to the PBPB will likely continue to exist for the foreseeable future.

U.S. Indian Gaming Exclusivity Arrangements	
State	Market Protection Payment
CT	25% of slot revenues
AZ	3-8% gaming revenues (sliding)
NM	8% gaming revenues
OK	4-6% slot revenues (sliding)
WI	6-8% gaming revenues (sliding)

Long-term solutions? At this point in the Nation's existence, the casino is the main funding source for the Nation. As such, the Nation continues to seek a long-term solution that "locks in" the high distributions levels currently in place. One approach that may be possible in the near term is the purchase of market protection, or exclusivity. The Kansas Indian Tribes would pay the State of Kansas a portion of profits, and in return, the State would agree to not allow expanded gaming. Indian tribes would purchase the "exclusive" right to conduct gaming in the State of Kansas.

### How much money would exclusivity cost?

Many states have entered into exclusivity arrangements with Indian tribes. The standard range is between 5-10% of gaming revenues. Many states have a scaling provision that increases the payment to the State for market protection as revenues increase. In turn, states agree to not allow expanded

gaming. Should states renege on their agreement, tribes no longer need to make payments. The State of California is currently negotiating with numerous Indian tribes for exclusivity.

### Summary of Government Relations

For the past six years, the Tribe has taken the risk that the State of Kansas would not authorize expanded gaming throughout the State. The Tribe has increased its odds of success with aggressive actions, including the retention of respected and influential lobbyists, campaign election contributions, and internal and independent market research. With more Kansans living in urban areas and a general shift in acceptance of gaming by the public, the Nation faces an increasing risk that expanded gaming will occur in Kansas. One long-term solution may be to purchase market protection from the State. The purchase of market protection combined with the eventual closure of the existing Kickapoo and Sac & Fox casinos would ensure that the PBPB would lock in high casino distributions for the foreseeable future.

Should the PBPB not purchase market protection, it will continue to take aggressive actions to stop expanded gaming in Kansas. However, should the Kansas Legislature legalize gambling throughout the State in the future, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will see significant reductions in distributions and tribal programs.

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE & OVERSIGHT DUTIES

The Management Committee Tribal Representatives perform customary financial audits of the casino's financial results, provide monthly financial reports to the Tribal Council, ensure all distributions are received by the Nation, reconcile monthly distributions and payments, review and negotiate contracts greater than \$50,000, verify the management fee computations, and review internal and external audit reports.

From a marginal standpoint, the casino compares extremely favorably with all other casino operations, especially with larger enterprises, which should have much higher margins due to the fixed cost nature of the casino industry, and fundamental principles of economies of scale. For example, the *Mohegan Sun* generated revenues that were more than 800% (eight times) greater than Prairie Band on an annualized basis due to their much larger customer base. However, their net income was a mere 14.8% better than Prairie Band, whereas in theory, it should be at least 800% better than Prairie Band. Consequently, Prairie Band's profit margins AFTER management fees were 716% BETTER than *Mohe-*

*gan Sun*. This indicates that the casino is accomplishing three goals at premium levels: 1) Maximizing distributions to the Tribe; 2) Managing Operating Expenses; and 3) Effectively reinvesting marketing and capital dollars into the Business. As you may have anticipated, the Operating Margins at Prairie Band are the highest in the Harrah's brand, which is an extremely significant accomplishment.

The Management Committee must also complete its normal oversight duties to make sure Harrah's adheres to Management Agreement and the casino operated in best interests of Nation. Some of these duties include monthly ledger reconciliation, investigation of abnormal financial results, key employee interview and approval, tribal member dispute resolution, national and regional industry comparisons, hold percentage analysis, capital expenditure review and submission to Tribal Council, and review and analysis of guest satisfaction surveys.

### RECRUITMENT OF NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Management Committee Tribal Representative Randy Conroy resigned on May 26, 2004. Ryan Ross has issued his written recommendation to both Tribal Council and General Council that a qualified, proactive member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation be selected to fill this vacant position. It is anticipated that it would take a qualified individual at least 21 - 24 months to become acclimated with this position while working with an incumbent Management Committee member in order to understand the complexity of the aforementioned issues, as well as other duties of the Management Committee. Mr. Zach Pahmahmie, Tribal Council Chairman, has been appointed the interim Management Committee member to fill Randy Conroy's position.

Given the amount of responsibility and 'value added' initiatives charged to the Management Committee, this is a crucial position. Ultimately, the ideal candidate will exhibit superior integrity, strategic thinking, business analysis and management acumen, and professional conduct. The position requires considerable interaction with the Tribal Council, Tribal Gaming Commission, Tribal Lobbyists, Tribal Attorneys, and casino management and personnel.

The Management Committee Tribal Representatives will continue to act in the best interests of the Nation as it works with the aforementioned entities to ensure that Harrah's Prairie Band Casino maximizes its profits and achieves success on the initiatives discussed in this article.



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## Potawatomi language in critical state: Language Dept. covers language conference and settles in at new location

Submitted by Sydney Van Zile

The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) again hosted the Potawatomi Language Conference during the week of June 21, 2004. Mike Alloway, coordinator for the event, did an excellent job of holding multiple sessions and offering a variety of topics.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Language Department presented a seminar entitled "Revitalization of the Potawatomi Language". Presenters were Leo Nadeau and former employee Lou Aitkens. Due to a medical situation, I was unable to join in the presentation. The session was received with positive remarks.

One session attended by Leo Nadeau covered technology and its use in revitalizing language. He was impressed by the technology used to develop interactive language computer programs.

Another session was the showing of the play "Why There Was Spring" performed by the FCP Adult Language learners. Jim Thunder was a major contributor towards this effort of play writing. We applaud all that were involved and hope to see another one next year.

One topic of discussion and of concern during the conference was that enough is not getting done in a timely manner and that more resources need to be made available. More has to be accomplished in documentation, developing curriculum, and capturing the language in a timely manner. There are few speakers left to capture the language from and we are one of the Bands that still retain speakers even though small in number.

Resources include finances as well and being adequately staffed to perform the job at hand. We are fortunate to have an organized Language Department even though we are limited to 15 hours a week to devote to the above mentioned tasks. Other bands have their language programs tacked on to other departments within their tribal government. In addition, there are many other band members that work on their own personal level to develop materials.

For providing future Potawatomi language conferences, an idea was discussed of developing some type of structure to enable the viability of more language conferences; the concept being one band would not be burden too heavily to host in the future. We hope to participate in this process as it would be a worthwhile endeavor.

### Update from the Language Department

The Department is getting settled in the new offices and really enjoying the space. It is getting to feel like home.

Overall the Potawatomi Language is in a

critical state. We still have a few speakers left and are in the process of contacting them to be recorded. Now for some recording of the language is a foreign thought. This is an area of almost taboo status as the oral tradition was to be only oral and not taped or written down. The problem is that we are losing speakers faster than we can record and document the language. In order to combat this situation we have developed a writing system based on the older style of "Ba, Be, Bi, Bo" which allows us to write down the structure of the language for future learners. There is not enough time to record, either orally or using technology, to cover every aspect of the language.

On the flip side of this coin is the documentation that needs to be finished whenever any language is recorded. The process of documenting is very time consuming and very detailed. The language is taped, listened to, written down in Potawatomi, and translated to English for the meaning and understanding of the spoken Potawatomi. It is not uncommon to invest four hours of time on ten minutes of taped Potawatomi conversation. Time is the essence of the documentation and translation. Revitalizing the language cannot happen unless documentation can move forward. Without the total process, the end result is a language recorded on tape and nothing more.

The environment is another important aspect of recording and documentation. The Language staff wants to provide an environment where the elders feel welcome and can trust the staff with safe-keeping of the language that they give. Recording for some is a large commitment and we understand that. Because our language is a sacred gift that was given to us by the Creator, the Language Department does not want to abuse the gift.

We want to hear from all the different dialects that reside on the reservation. One must remember that several villages in different locations were moved down to Kansas at the same time. Remnants of those dialects still reside along with a mixture of Kickapoo and other tribal dialects intertwined.

During the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>, a new 6 week session for Beginning Adult I Class and Parent/Child Class started. Each class had a positive turn-out. The Parent/Child Class is a conduit for getting language back in the home where it belongs first and foremost. Children need to hear the language in the home environment to revitalize the language and parents play an important role in teaching their children. The Beginning Adult Class was very enthusiastic and worked very hard to begin learning the basic sounds of the Potawatomi language.

Due to many Elders signing up for class, the Department decided to hold their own class. The starting date is July 22, 2004 from 10-11:30 a.m. The Beginning II Class will also be starting with the prerequisite of attending past language sessions. This class will be from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on July 22, 2004.

All classes are held in the Language Department located in the lower level of the Elder Center.

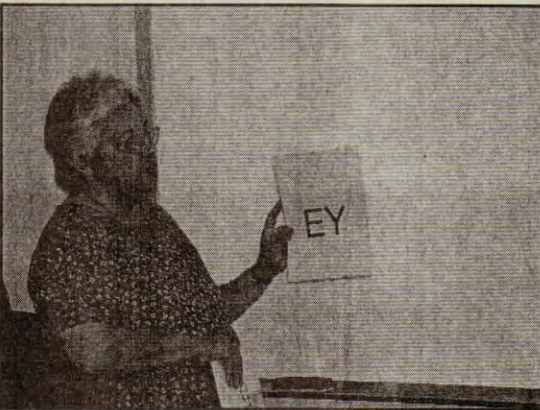
A final reminder is that the calendars are ready and if you would like to receive one, please call the office at 785-966-2138.

Igwiēn Pama mine kowabmēn

## July Aptē Nibē Kisē Mid Summer Moon

Half of the year has gone by; aptē meaning half and nibēn meaning summertime.

Mīamnek (corn) is ready so it is time to dry corn and make pēgna (Indian corn bread). Most of the garden produce is ready such as saottisesēn (carrots), kēmetoyēn (tomatoes), kokobeyēn (cucumbers), mskottissēn (beets), eshobēk (cabbage), eshktomoyēn (watermelon), winbēiyēn (squash), pēnyek (potatoes), koftesēk (beans), mine memishiyēn (cantaloupe). The domestic mskomnēk (raspberries) mine ktemnēk (blackberries) are ready also.



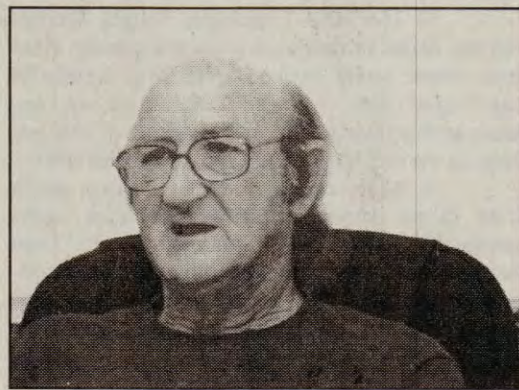
## Language classes

By Mary Young

Leo Nadeau told his story on how his family could speak Potawatomi but he was told that the "language wouldn't do him any good." Now he is working with the Language Dept. to help revitalize the language.

Comments heard from the participants: "I think my grandson understands it more than I do; at the present." Regarding the boarding school experiences: "I want to learn what my mother and ancestor's didn't teach me."

The classes were well attended and most are looking forward to the next class.



(L-R): Sydney Van Zile teaching the Potawatomi alphabet and Leo Nadeau assisting. Below: A good turnout for the very first New Parent & Child class.



## PBP Tribal Member in Alaska as Tatanka hotshot firefighter

Submitted by: PBP Tribal Member LaVonne Chenault-Goslin

Robbie Goslin Jr., age 23, son of Rob and LaVonne (Chenault) Goslin, Bayfield, Wisconsin was accepted on May 15, 2004 by the Black Hills National Forest "TATANKA Hotshot Firefighters" for employment this summer as a professional hotshot firefighter. Robbie is also the grandson of Ethelene Chenault, and great grandson of Lillian "Ahquapko" Shopteese Thomas. Robbie will be returning to school this fall to complete his bachelor's degree in environmental science at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas and hopes to pursue his master's degree by spring 2005.

The TANTANKA Hotshot Firefighters, located in Custer, South Dakota, were formed in 1999 and function under the Interagency Hotshot Operations Guidelines. Their organization requires applicants to be in excellent physical condition, highly motivated, and dependable. Their work is guaranteed to be difficult, exhausting physical labor on a daily basis and can be emotionally taxing according to a letter from the TATANKA Hotshot Crew Chief. Hotshot crew members frequently come from a background of manual labor, military or extensive athletic training.

Their Hotshot Team is considered to be an elite firefighting team which consists of a crew of twenty—half of which are Native American firefighters. Robbie is considered to be a rookie firefighter—this being only his second year of firefighting. In his acceptance letter by the Crew Chief it states, "We hear great expectations about your work and look forward to you joining our elite team. We usually never accept rookies, but I am taking a risk in allowing you to join our crew. I expect discipline and have high expectations of you."

Robbie's crew has done fire prevention maintenance and assisted on fires this summer in Colorado, and New Mexico, and were on their way to a huge fire in Arizona when their chief was contacted by satellite radio requesting them to come to Alaska. A total of five Hotshot teams from the U.S. (100 firefighters) were flown out by special jet at 8:30am

July 1 to Fairbanks, Alaska from Denver, Colorado. They arrived in Fairbanks at 10:30pm that night (central time). At Fairbanks they were given a briefing on the fires and then they were all bussed in separate busses for about ten hours to their destination of Eagle, Alaska. All five of the U.S. Hotshot crews were assigned to work at Eagle. They are doing fire prevention maintenance of the homes there.

Last month, Robbie told his parents about one daring rescue by the TATANKA Hotshot firefighters when they saved a family and their mountain home which was endangered by a blazing fire located in the Apache National Forest area in New Mexico.



Robbie stated "As we were climbing this steep mountain, our team and the other Hotshot team from Arizona struggled to scale this steep mountain to reach the top. I could see the bright flames on the other side and all over the road going up the mountains. Our Crew Chief kept receiving frequent calls to see if we were going to be able to reach the home before the flames did. As we climbed the mountain, we had to keep moving over to a different spot if we couldn't make it up. Finally as we were getting close to the top, I looked up in the sky and saw five parachutes landing on the mountain top. There were five smokejumpers that had come to assist us in trying to save this family and their home. At this moment excitement filled my body as our team made it to the top just a few minutes later. Our two Hotshot teams and the smokejumpers worked hard together and we were able to save this home from burning down. Late that night as all of us and the smokejumpers went back down the mountain to eat our

supper at a small restaurant—the woman whose home we had just saved came in. She was so thankful to all of us, and gave a very emotional speech. She then paid for all of our meals."

As of July 9, 2004, Alaskan news site update: the fire covers 467,507 acres and is 0 per cent contained, 0 structures lost. Robbie's crew plus the other four Hotshot crews are assigned to this fire. A total of 195 firefighting personnel are working at Eagle. They have six bulldozers, one fire engine, and one helicopter for equipment. In the state of Alaska, there are 64 fires burning, but only ten of the fires are being actively pursued, with 900 firefighting personnel involved totally in the state of Alaska.

Robbie informed his parents that the Eagle Complex fire is located in a tundra area and that the village is populated by all Native people who are very appreciative of their efforts in saving their homes. A town meeting had been held prior to the U.S. Hotshot crews' arrival, and the Native people were so frightened of the fires that they wanted to evacuate their homes. Robbie says that the people are very happy that the Hotshot crews are there. These crews have been working fifteen hour days and have their food (military rations) dropped to them by helicopter. Robbie thinks that he will be assigned to this fire for quite some time.

Robbie received his initial firefighting training through his tribe—the Prairie Band Potawatomi in Mayetta, Kansas, as well as attended firefighter's training on the Haskell Indian Nations University campus in Lawrence, Kansas in 2002. Robbie was employed this past school year on weekends with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Fire Department and on occasion the Kickapoo Tribe in firefighting efforts. In the summer of 2003 he worked for Gifford National Forest Service in Trout Lake, Washington, where he received very high evaluations.

Robbie has had many exciting experiences and challenges that he has encountered since becoming a firefighter. He has had experiences and rewards in his young life that many of us only dare to dream. On his Hotshot crew, he is the youngest firefighter at age 23, but he is also the smallest built and lightest weight crew member at 170 lbs. His nine years of strong athletic background comes from his participation as a top cross country and track athlete.

For more information on the Alaska fires or daily updates on the firefighting efforts of the five U.S. Hotshot crews on the Eagle Complex Fire, go to: [www.fire.ak.blm.gov](http://www.fire.ak.blm.gov) or [www.dnr.state.ak.us](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us).

## FCP hosts language conference

Written and submitted by Liza & Aaron (Lou) Aitkens; P O Box 82, Mayetta, KS 66509

On June 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, my family (Tootie, myself and Louie) attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Potawatomi Language Conference, sponsored by the Forest County Band in Wisconsin. I thought this was the coolest thing to happen to him, because now he had the opportunity to talk to others, with the same concerns about the Potawatomi language, to share his ideas, as well as hear new ideas on how to preserve the language and to pass it on to our next generation.

The Forest County conference committee were very gracious hosts, putting out only their best for the guests that attended. It was quite obvious that a lot of hard work, planning, as well as funding went into this conference. Rooms were provided at the Indian Springs Lodge Hotel, three meals a day were provided by the Lodge Restaurant, along with activities, games, entertainment, and a tour of the F.C. Band museum.

At the conference, each presenter had about 1 to 1 1/2 hours for their lectures on various concerns and issues dealing with the loss and revitalization of the language. Some examples of the lectures were: how Christianity was a great impact upon the loss of Indian Language; how to use today's technology (computers, cameras, etc) in language preservation; using different methods (immersion) of teaching and learning the language; double meanings of some of our words; writing methods of our language, and there were also a couple of plays put on by the community members using the Potawatomi language.

Lou's topic was the social side to language revitalization, how community, individual and tribal government attitudes impact revitalization efforts. I heard several common concerns about the Potawatomi language on how to get more community involvement, how to get the tribal government to support language revitalization efforts, not only with finances but with verbal support as well, to get the language departments to share their information and be viable to the community to learn, and to get the language down in some form, whether it be video taping, audio recording, or writing it in book form. I also learned that there is a big misconception to a lot of our Indian people, and that is the thought that we have a lot of Potawatomi speakers out there, when in fact there is only a very small handful. I can only count 5,

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## Through the years: The PBPN's Topeka Men's Fast Pitch Association Team

**Now...**



This year's team: Back row l to r: William Evans, Jason Jackson, Dave Mahtopene, Raphael Wahwassuck, Curtis Masquat, Roy Spoonhunter, Don Don LeClere, Travis, and Justin Jackson. Front row: Billy Price, James Jackson, Nebi Wabaunsee, Ambrose Thompson, Tim Wahweotten.

**and...about 25 years ago**



**and...a few years ago**



Left to right back row: Charles Nez, Raphael Wahwassuck, Roy Spoonhunter, Curtis Paul Masquat, Nebi Wabaunsee, Kabot Hale, Tug Wamego, Mikes Potts, Jason Matchie, and Phillip McKinney. Front row: John John Hale, Sean Jessepe, Melvin Lewis, Wahpi Hale, Don Don LeClere, Elliot "Wah" Masquat, John Ferrari, and Troy McKinney. The boy in front of the team is Kwake Hale.

Do you recognize any of the fellows in the picture above and on the right who were on the fast pitch team then? List them from left to right and find answers on page 8.

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Who are we?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

photos submitted by  
Virginia "Osh" LeClere

### Here's another PBPN team! The Face the Nations softball team



This group of players plays in the Topeka Parks and Recreation League. Front row l to r: Mike Barbosa, Chris Harjo, Ruth Vega, Grayson Dyer, Tammy McClammy (co-manager), Sloane Dyer, Will McClammy (co-manager).

Back row l to r: Amanda Nioce, Roman Harjo, Melissa Tecumseh, Jamie Hale, Ryan Dyer, Frank Tecumseh.

Photo submitted by: Ryan Dyer

### Boys and Girls Club members travel to national Hoopfest in Spokane

Thirty members and sponsors from the Boys and Girls Club attended Hoopfest, a national 3-on-3 basketball tournament, that was held in Spokane, Washington in June. It was the third time that the Boys and Girls Club have attended the Hoopfest tournaments that are held in a different city each year. The tournaments have proved to be so popular with the PBPN Boys and Girls Club that it has become a mainstay of their senior youth summer trips.

A highlight of this year's trip was a feature story about the PBPN that appeared in the Spokesman Review, Spokane's major newspaper, the week of the Hoopfest. It discussed the group's 2,500 mile trek from

Kansas and had several interviews from chaperones and participants. It also stated how the group made stops at several tourist attractions including Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, and the Space Needle in Seattle on their way to the northwest.

Hoopfest, a nonprofit organization, is in its fifteenth year and has as its mission statement that it is committed to organizing the best outdoor 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the country. In addition to the basketball tournament a barbeque cookout and a Women's National Basketball Association game took place.

Around 60 youth were involved in the PBPN intern program this summer on the rez!

### Amazing YAC Race planned for families at Prairie Peoples Park

By: Nis Wilbur

A fun family event is being planned for the morning of August 4 at Prairie Peoples Park. Organizers from the Boys and Girls Club and Youth Action Coalition (YAC) are planning an event based on the concept of the Amazing Races television program.

This isn't the type of race where everyone lines up, races around a track, and someone finishes first. This race is different and here's how it's going to work:

- Teams will be built with each team having at least one adult and one youth. They will make up a name for their team and sign-up, starting at 9:30 am. When they sign-up they will receive a booth ballot. This ballot MUST BE COMPLETED in order to receive a prize.

- Starting at 10 am, the teams will race to one of 10 different booths, with each booth having a different task that they must perform; Each team member must complete the task, unless stated otherwise. Once completed, the team captain will make sure the booth monitor signs off on their ballot.

- The team will then race to another booth, complete that activity, get their ballot signed and then race to another booth, until all tasks in the booths have been completed.

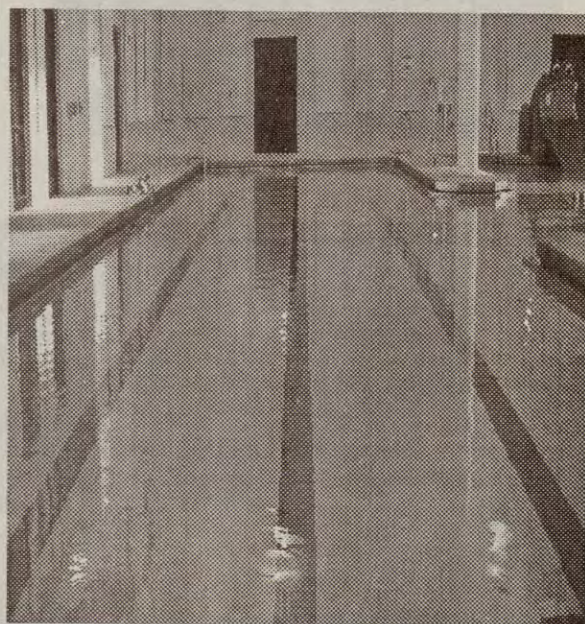
- When the ballot is completely signed, the team will race to the finish line. The first team that finishes will receive medals and first choice of prizes. All other teams will get to choose their prizes based on their finishes.

- Then, at noon, a hotdog lunch will be served.

YAC is a group of community volunteers dedicated to reducing underage drinking on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation. They are cosponsoring the event with the Boys and Girls Club in an effort of working together to create healthy activities for families and children.

Several volunteers are needed and if you need more information please call Nis Wilbur at 966-0173 or Yvette Washington at 966-3031.

### Come on in, the water's fine!



Boys and Girls Club members have been enjoying the new pool that opened this summer. In addition, the Early Childhood Education Center has integrated pool time into their summer programs and pool hours have also been reserved for senior/elder swimming and the community at large. For pool hours call the Boys and Girls Club at 785-966-3031.

The Boys and Girls Club celebrated National Ice Cream Day on July 21 by serving ice cream to the PBPN community

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maybe 6 of our elders who speak Potawatomi, and they do not speak it on a daily basis due to the fact "whom do they speak to when there is no one there to listen to them or to speak back?" What a sad thought because when they are gone, so is our identity and culture that makes us a unique and different people.

The Forest County Band has taken the initiative and lead for the last 2 years to sponsor this language conference. All participants agreed that the conference was beneficial not only in providing support and encouragement but more importantly to share information about what other individuals and groups are doing as language learners and teachers. We all agreed that we would like to see the continuation of these conferences. In an effort to be active supporters, Lou and I, as individuals volunteered to act as hosts for the 2005 Potawatomi Language Conference. In the near future we will be formulating plans to make this a reality and will be keeping everyone informed.

We give our thanks to all who played a part in making the 2004 conference a success and many thanks to the Forest County Band for their hospitality.



## 4th Of July Celebration

At the Prairie Peoples Park

5:00 PM Potluck Dinner  
6:00 PM Danielle & The Nortons  
8:00 PM Millage Gilbert  
9:30 PM Firework Display  
10:00 Smokin Joe Kubek

Music Featuring the Three best blues bands in the country



Turn West on 15  
From Highway

Turn South on M Rd  
From 158th Rd

Turn Left through  
Arch

This is a Alcohol and Drug Free event.  
The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is not responsible for any injury, loss or theft.

## 4th of July spectacular held at Prairie People's Park

By Mary Young

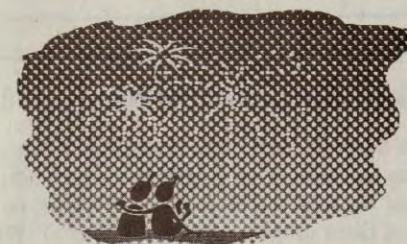
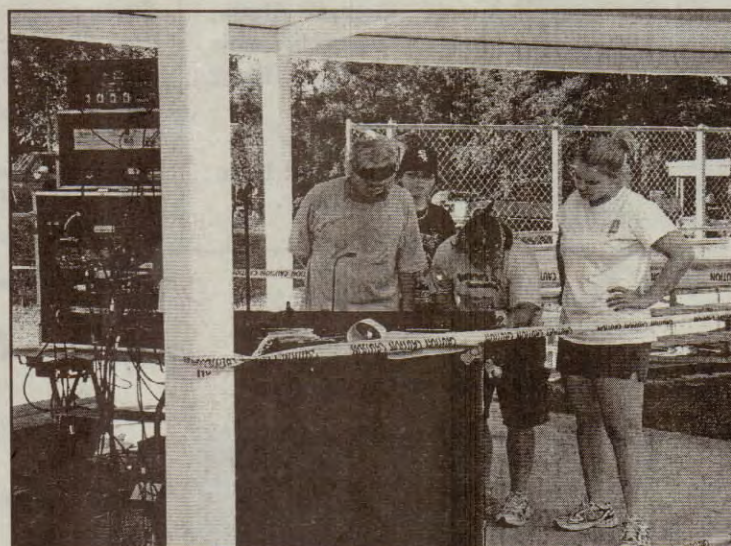
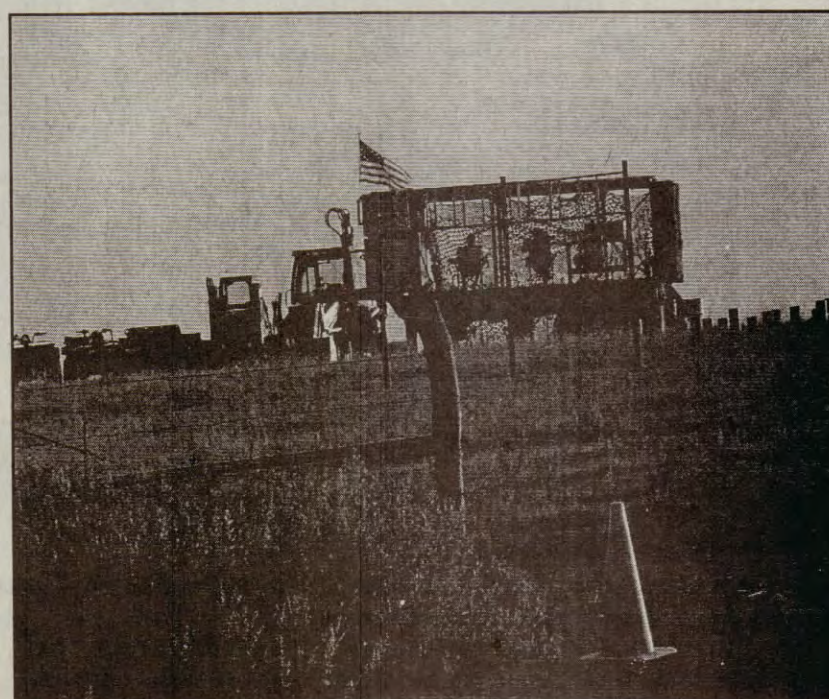
Festivities began early for Hardy Eteeyan who planned and orchestrated the events held at the Prairie People's Park on the Fourth. Hardy has been in charge of the 4th of July celebration and festivities for the past two years.

Much of the behind-the-scene activities began days before the event took place as evidenced by the poster to the left; Hardy known for his artistic talents designed both the poster and the Potawatomi logo.

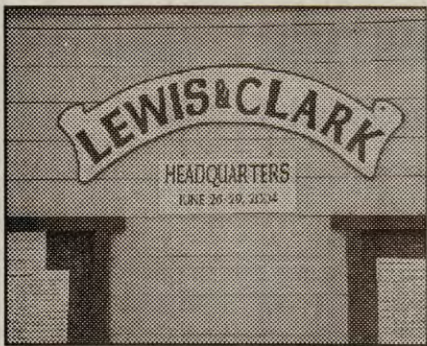
Potluck, music and fireworks were on the agenda for the evening.

Following the potluck dinner, community members found their favorite spot in the pow wow arena to listen to the three scheduled blues bands; two of the bands were from Kansas City and one from Dallas. The bands played original as well as music from various other artists; ranging from contemporary upbeat blues to Delta and Kansas City blues.

One of the many tasks Hardy had to oversee was the setup of the fireworks display; this was done very early and following the setup, his crew secured the area in the sweltering heat to prevent any type of mishap. Once the sun went down, the crew set off the sparkling display of fireworks to the amusement of the onlookers.







## Potawatomi participate in Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Fourth of July signature events



Kaw Point is where the Kansas and Missouri Rivers meet and where Lewis and Clark stopped

Last Fourth of July weekend marked the 200th year when Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery made their exploration up the Missouri River. American Indian tribes who were either on the trail during the expedition or are living near it now were asked to be a part of several activities and events that took place during the weekend in Kansas City, Kansas, Leavenworth, Kansas City, Missouri, and Atchison. Below is a photo tour of the tribe's involvement in the commemoration activities.

Gary Mitchell gave presentations on the history of the tribe at the Tent of Many Voices that was located at Kaw Point in Kansas City, KS.

The photo on the right shows a roster of presenters who were scheduled to speak. Gary was selected to give more presentations in the future as the tent moves up the trail.

- 3:00 PM A meeting with Shannon, presented by Loren Taylor
- 4:00 PM "History and Culture of Ponca and Omaha tribes presented by Dwight Howell and Pierre Merrick, Ponca/Omaha Nation
- 4:00 PM "We Proceeded On," Discovery Expedition of St. Charles
- 5:00 PM 1804 Kaw Point presented by Dan Sturdevant
- 6:00 PM "History and Culture of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation," presented by Gary Mitchell, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- 7:00 PM "Missouri River Flow Velocity and Suspended Sediment Measurements," by Dale Blevins

We-ta-se Post 410 Color Guard participated in the opening ceremony of Kaw Point that was held on June 25. In the photo (right) is Ormer Rogers, Jr. Dist. Mgr of the U.S. Postal Service, who is seen here praising the We-ta-se Color Guard for their many collective years of military service.



On July 2 in Leavenworth, We-ta-se was the lead group in a tribal flag ceremony that was held in Landing Park on the Missouri River. The photo above shows the men proudly displaying the PBPB flag.



At left is veteran Roy Hale and the above photo shows the men performing on stage in Leavenworth.

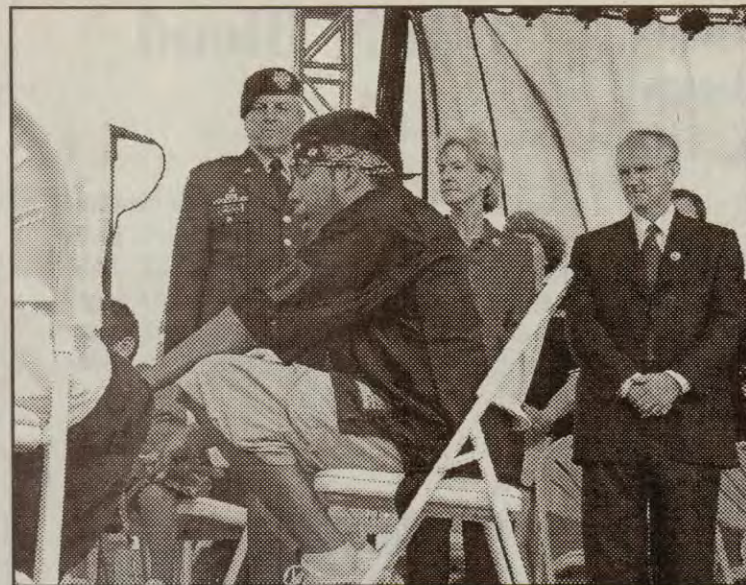
The next morning on July 3 We-ta-se and Little Soldier Singers both performed at the opening ceremony of Kansas City, MO's signature event at Berkley Park.



Photo above shows We-ta-se before performing at Berkley Park. At left is Emery Hale, and photo at right is Joe Hale getting instructions from organizer, Chris Howell before the event began.



At left is Steve Ortiz and B.J. Darnall being interviewed by KCMO TV 5 before the Berkley Park event. It is estimated that over 300,000 people attended the Fourth of July signature events along the Missouri River in Kansas and Missouri during the three-day weekend.



The photo at left shows Little Soldier Singer, Wah-pi Hale, performing before dignitaries General Wayne Wallace, Kan. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Mo. Gov. Bob Holden during the Berkley Park event. Photo below is another shot of Little Soldier Singers drumming.

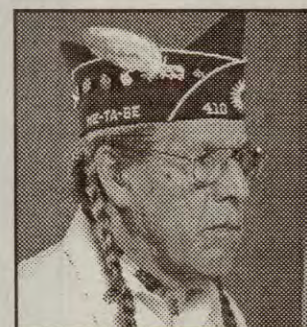


Then, it was on to Atchison that afternoon and the next evening for the Journey Fourth events.



We-Ta-Se led the Flag Parade (left) and Little Soldiers drummed for the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial at Riverfront Pavilion that followed.

On July 4 We-ta-se closed out the commemoration in Atchison with the Toast to the Nation/Concert in the Sky ceremonies.



Jim McKinney, left, gave the invocation at the "Taste of the Trail" Dinner that was held in Atchison on July 3. He and his wife, Agnes were special guests at the dinner. Over 325 people attended and listened while Jim gave the invocation in Potawatomi and English.



Bill Kurtis, former TV news anchor and A & E's American Justice host, was emcee for the evening. Walking with him was the sign language interpreter.



The photo above shows the Color Guard with Kevin Wilmott on the set where a filmed reading of the Declaration of Independence was shot. Wilmott directed the 8-minute documentary that included most of the members of the We-ta-se group seen above. The film was aired on jumbotron screens placed along the riverfront in Atchison prior to the fireworks display (right) that closed out the event.

The photo bottom left shows We-ta-se on stage after their grand entry during the Toast to the Nation event.

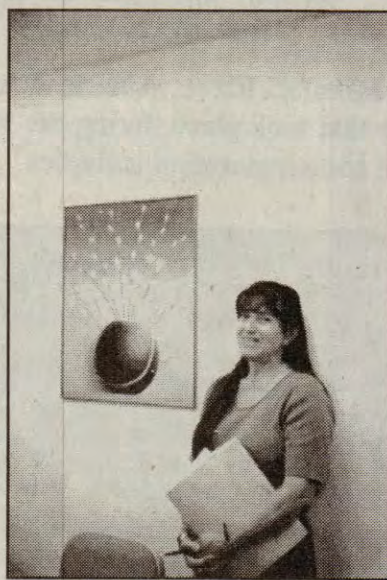






## Introducing employees at or connected with the health center

Dr. Dee Ann DeRoin



### M.D. and M.P.H.

Dr. DeRoin is a consultant in community and women's health, primarily with the National Indian Women's Health Resource Center, based in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri. She has 20 years of family medicine and health education experience. She earned her Master's degree in public health education from the University of California at Berkeley and received her medical degree from Stanford University. After completing her residency in family medicine, she served as Clinical Director at Haskell Indian Nations University Health Center (then Haskell Indian Junior College). Dr. DeRoin spent 8 years at the University of Kansas Watkins Student Health Center as staff physician before returning to the Indian Health Service at Haskell in 1998. Dr. DeRoin's experience in Indian health, especially urban Indian health care. As a community health consultant, DrDeRoin plans, develops and implements programs such as diabetes prevention and cancer prevention; evaluates community programs; presents workshops and lectures on health topics; and creates educational materials for providers and consumers. She does a monthly women's clinic for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and is a clinical consultant to the nurse practitioner at the new White Cloud Health Station on the Ioway Reservation. Dr. DeRoin is a member of the Ioway Tribe of Kansas and Southeast Nebraska.

Dr. Joe Schneider



### Chiropractor

Dr. Joe Schneider and his wife Teresa arrived in Holton in 1984; and, they have three sons with the youngest graduating from high school.

Dr. Schneider earned his Bachelors of Art (BA) in business administration at Emporia State and went to the Cleveland Chiropractic School in Kansas City. He has been practicing for 20 years in the Holton area.

### Referral required

To utilize chiropractic services, the patient must first see the medical staff at the health center and obtain a referral.



## Healthy Food Guide: for a healthy diabetic lifestyle

### Vegetables

One serving equals:  
1/2 cup cooked  
1 cup raw  
5 or more a day

### Fruit

One serving equals  
1 medium apple or orange  
1/2 cup chopped, cooked or canned fruit  
1/2 cup fruit juice  
1/4 cup dried fruit  
2 to 4 a day

### Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and nuts

One serving equals  
2 to 3 ounces meat, fish or chicken  
1 egg  
2 tablespoons peanut butter  
1/3 cup cooked beans or peas such as kidney, white, split or blackeye  
2 to 3 a day

### Milk, yogurt, and cheese

One serving equals  
1 cup low-fat milk or yogurt  
2 slices low-fat cheese  
2 to 3 a day

### Breads, cereals, rice and pasta

One serving equals  
1/2 cup of cooked cereal  
1/3 cup rice or pasta  
3/4 cup ready-to-eat cereal  
1 slice or whole grain bread  
1/2 bagel  
6 or more a day

**Healthy fats:** Choose only a few extra servings of healthy fats each day.

## Answers to page 8 questions on Fast Pitch ball team members 25 years ago

Group photo: 1. Jr. Thomas, 2. Wahp Hale, 3. Don Don LeClere, 4. Ralph "Porky" Tecumseh, 5. John "Jack" Johnson, 6. Louis Wabunsee, 7. Kabot Hale, 8. James "Mas" Hale.

Who are we? 1. Curtis Masquat, 2. Don Don LeClere.

## Lifestyle: past and present for the native peoples

By Mary Young

What is the difference between the diet of the past and the present diet, what makes the difference? Can food consumption remain the same without consequences? What are some of the changes that have occurred since the earliest times for the native peoples?

Without getting into historical data, times have indeed changed! We can still hear stories from the elders telling how they walked miles to get somewhere—today weight loss gurus tell us to park a block away and walk to the destination.

We also heard how hard people had to work in bygone days and how they ate hearty meals to sustain their bodies. Granted, in some occupations today, still remain some jobs that are hard work compared to what our ancestors went through to make a life. Today we continue to eat hearty meals, and, introduced "fast food" to our way of life.



Most fast food contain "enriched" flour and margarine and are terms that were not used in the late 1800s or early 1900s. Did they mention the term exercise during this time period? When did the phrase "live to eat" become a motto and not "eat to live?"

To be sure, changing a habit or lifestyle is not easy. Items purchased years ago had to last before the next trip into town compared to the convenience we experience today. Sometimes hearty meals meant food high in carbohydrates and starches but a person would be full.

Many aspects contributed to the diet and lifestyle that the native peoples experienced. Today the battle continues to fight obesity and diabetes.



## Number of American Indians with diabetes doubles over last 10 years

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Despite efforts by federal health officials and millions of dollars to fund treatment programs, the number of American Indians who have diabetes has more than doubled over the last 10 years to more than 107,000 cases, the *AP/Las Vegas Sun* reports. For example, more than 18% of Navajo reservation residents are diabetic, an increase of nearly 33% in the last five years, the *AP/Sun* reports. Dr. Kelly Moore, a clinical consultant with the Indian Health Services' national diabetes program, said, "While diabetes is a nationwide epidemic that affects anybody at any age, we know minorities face a disproportionate burden. For American Indians, we have the highest burden."

### Prevention Efforts

Although tribal health officials have made progress in the treatment of diabetes since it was first recognized as an issue in the 1970s, focus is now on prevention, the *AP/Sun* reports. Despite the increase in the number of diabetes cases among American Indians, health experts say that more American Indians are "getting screened, exercising and watching their diets," the *AP/Sun* reports. Marie Allen, director of the Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Project, said, "The disease as we know it really has no cure right now so it has to be lifestyle changes." The program is one of 300 nationwide that received special federal funding for prevention initiatives. More than half of the projects have initiated community walking programs, and about six out of seven provide diabetes education. Navajo health officials also are launching native language radio ads about healthy foods; posting billboards to promote exercise; dispatching specialists to schools and chapter houses to screen potential patients and give cooking tips; and sponsoring annual conferences on diabetes-related topics. IHS is working with health care providers to teach tribal members about healthier lifestyles through both traditional and western medicine (Montoya Bryan, *AP/Las Vegas Sun*, 7/17).

## PBPN Blood Drive

A successful blood drive was held by the Community Blood Center (CBC) at the PBPN EMS/Fire Department on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. The CBC collected 26 units from the 34 people that donated and for those who came in and made the attempt to donate, t-shirts and Sonic coupons were available.

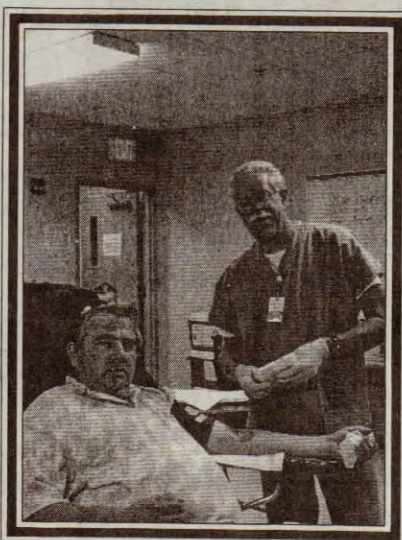


Photo of Calvin Evans, Gaming Commissioner, being prepped by John Fassnaucht of the Community Blood Center.



Photo of Leann Delong and Don Thompson, also from the Community Blood Center located at 800 Lane, Topeka, KS.

## Call for Papers Health Policy Challenges Affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives

To encourage dialogue about how the United States can more effectively meet the health care needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Kaiser Family Foundation and the American Journal of Public Health are soliciting contributions to the "Research and Practice" and "Policy and Ethics" sections of the Journal. If you are interested in submitting a paper for this theme issue, please review the "Call for Papers". This project is part of the Foundation's research efforts on Race, Ethnicity and Health Care.

The American Journal of Public Health (AJPH), in collaboration with the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, is planning to publish a collection of papers on how the United States can more effectively meet the health care needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIANs). The guest editors are soliciting contributions to the "Health Policy and Ethics" and "Research and Practice" sections of AJPH.

Research articles (180 word structured abstract, 3,500 word text, up to four tables/figures) and analytic essays (120 word unstructured abstract, 3,500 word text, up to four tables/figures) for the department "Health Policy and Ethics" are encouraged that address the challenges or approaches to eliminating health care disparities (in access, quality or financing of care) between AIANs and other population groups. All papers will undergo peer review by the AJPH editorial team, the guest editors and a slate of referees, as per AJPH policy.

In order to be considered for inclusion in the series, papers must be submitted by September 1, 2004, through the online submission system at <http://submit.ajph.org>. This website also provides Instructions for Authors, including specific guidelines for various types of papers. When submitting articles, please select "AIAN series" under the Theme Issue menu. Additional information concerning this series can be obtained by contacting [AIAN\\_AJPHseries@kff.org](mailto:AIAN_AJPHseries@kff.org).

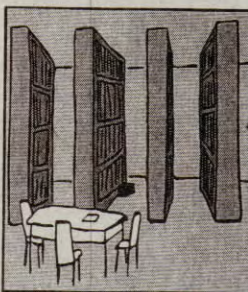
Marsha Lillie-Blanton, DrPH, and Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, Guest Editors

## AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH: A NEW NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE WEBSITE

The National Library of Medicine, a part of the National Institutes of Health, announces a new Web site to address the health concerns of the 4 million Americans who claim American Indian or Alaska Native ancestry. The site, "American Indian Health," is at <http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov>.

Because special populations have different health needs, the Library has created several specialized sites, for example, for Asian Americans, those living in the Arctic and far north, senior citizens, and Spanish-speaking Americans. (These are all available from <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases>.)

American Indian Health addresses the special needs of this population. Research shows that Native Americans are more likely to have diabetes as compared to whites of a general population. Indians have a greater risk for tuberculosis, pneumonia, alcoholism, and influenza than the average population.



American Indian Health brings together pertinent health and medical resources, including consumer health information, the results of research, traditional healing resources, and links to other Web sites. Much of the information has been assembled from other National Library of Medicine resources such as PubMed and MedlinePlus.

"The National Library of Medicine is interested in reaching out to populations with special needs," said Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., Library director. He notes that, for Native Americans, the NLM has a history of attending local powwows and making health information available during those events.

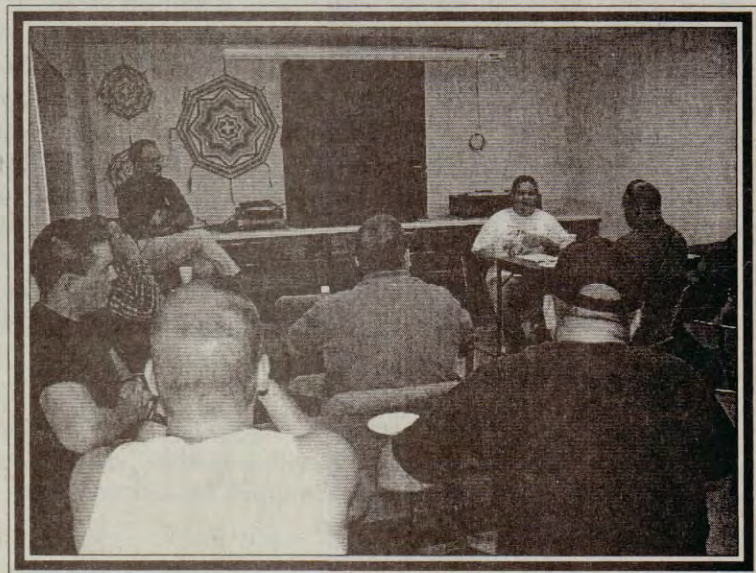
The National Library of Medicine, the world's largest library of the health sciences, is a component of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.





## Giving the community what they want

By Mary Young



In the above photo, Nis Wilbur provided information on domestic violence to the tribal police prior to the swearing-in ceremony; due to the passing of Senate Bill 9, the officers were required to be sworn in as Kansas officers.

Nis is an active member of the social services department as the Family Violence Prevention Coordinator. On June 23, 2004, at the stone building, she conducted an emotional abuse training workshop to help stop violence. She was instrumental in developing and compiling a community survey in response to the community's concern "to see more done with emotional abuse taking place on the reservation." For those who missed this informative training, you can refer to the June 2004 issue of the *PBP News*.

Nis is currently involved with the PBP Youth Action Coalition (YAC). YAC and the PBP Tribal Police sponsored a basic self defense class held on July 8, 2004; an event geared for "females only" on the following: how to recognize risky or dangerous situations, what to do if you find yourself in a situation, and tactics on how to get out of the situation. Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) Capital Police officers Janita Cornelius and Linda Punchard-Neely were the presenters (See photo below).



## MAKING MEDICARE MAKE SENSE

Answers To Some of The Most Commonly Asked Medicare Questions  
Submitted by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

- Q:** What is the recently announced Medicare demonstration that will help seniors and others with Medicare pay for medications for serious illnesses?
- A:** Recently, the Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson announced a new Medicare demonstration program created as part of the Medicare Modernization Act that will save Medicare beneficiaries and persons with disabilities substantial money, up to 90 percent in some cases, on the life-enhancing medicines they take for serious diseases, including cancer, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis.

The demonstration program will extend Medicare coverage to prescription medicines that can be self-administered rather than administered by a health care provider. The demonstration will help up to 50,000 beneficiaries with serious illnesses that do not have comprehensive prescription drug coverage today.

The initiative, known as the Medicare Replacement Drug Demonstration, was mandated under Section 641 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). As set by Congress, enrollment in the demonstration will be open to 50,000 people and total spending on the covered drugs will be up to \$500 million. If more beneficiaries apply than Medicare is able to serve, CMS will select participants among the cancer and non-cancer groups randomly from the applications received, on an alternating basis between the two groups.

Under this initiative, Medicare will pay for certain drugs and biologicals that can be taken by the patient at home and that replace drugs, which are currently covered under Medicare Part B when given in a doctor's office. In addition, newer, more effective medications that replace some currently covered oral anti-cancer drugs will also be covered.

Drugs for treatment of such diseases as rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, pulmonary hypertension and a variety of cancers will be included in the demonstration. The drugs were selected based on criteria developed after extensive input from physicians and other experts. The drugs and the diseases that are covered can be found on this website: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2004pres/20040624>.

The demonstration will give Medicare beneficiaries

a glimpse of the significant savings coming their way when the Part D prescription drug benefit is fully implemented in 2006.

To be eligible for the demonstration, a beneficiary must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, Medicare must be their primary payer, and the beneficiary may not have comprehensive drug coverage through other sources (such as TriCare, Medicaid, or an employer or union sponsored plan). A beneficiary must also have a signed certification from a doctor that he or she requires one of the drugs covered under the demonstration for the indicated disease.

To enroll in the demonstration program, beneficiaries should complete an application, get their physician to complete the required form certifying their need for the covered drug, and submit both forms to CMS' demonstration contractor, TrailBlazer Health Enterprises.

Participants in the demonstration will be able to get their drugs at a local retail pharmacy or by home delivery through Caremark, Trailblazer's subcontractor for administering the drug demonstration.

The demonstration will run through Dec. 31, 2005, at which time all beneficiaries will be able to enroll in the new Medicare Part D drug benefit.

Starting immediately, applications may be downloaded from the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/demos/drugcoveredemo.asp>. Starting July 6, customer service representatives will be available at 1-866-563-5386, TTY Number: 1-866-536-5387 to answer questions about the demonstration and assist beneficiaries in obtaining and completing the application forms. Trailblazers plans to have Spanish speaking operators and interpreters available for other languages. Applications will be accepted for consideration beginning July 6 through Sept. 30.

Those beneficiaries who are able to get their applications in by Aug. 16 will be in an "early selection" process that will give them coverage by Sept. 1.

Applications will be accepted through Sept. 30, at which time another selection process will be held. As long as the application is received by Sept. 30, all applicants will have an equal chance to get into the demonstration. If enrollment slots are still available, applications will continue to be accepted after that date.

## Update Health and Wellness Center

Dr. William Read, Lab MT, will be the interim acting director of the clinic.

Clinic HOURS:

Doors open: 8:15 am, 12:30 pm Doors close: 11:30 am, 3:45 pm  
For more information, call 364-2176 or too free: 866-6946-6728

## Support Groups Topeka, Mayetta, Horton, Holton and Lawrence

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

**Native American AA Meeting** - 8:00 p.m. Friday, SW 135 Buchanan.

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

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

**Open AA Meeting**, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to ??, We Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road

**Alanon/Alateen Unheard Voices**, Thursday, 7 pm at the We Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road

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

**PARR Ranch**—Open meeting, Monday at 7:00 pm, 18367—182 Rd.

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

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

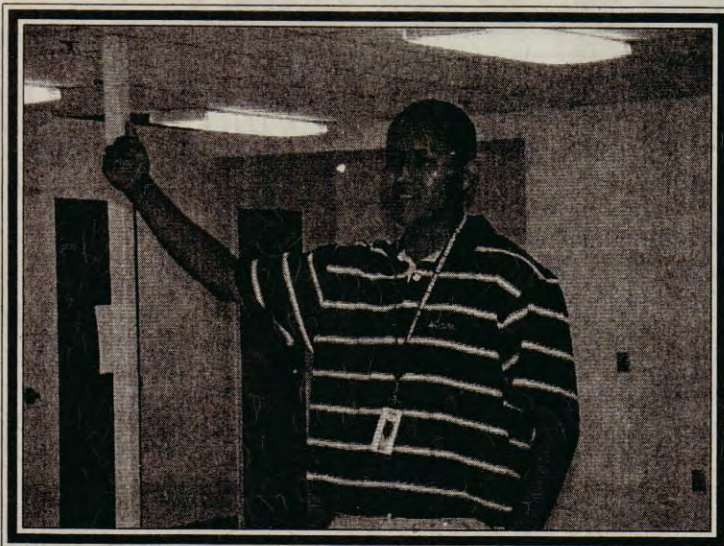
**Holton AA Meeting** — at First Christian Church, 5th & Wisconsin, Thursday at 7:00 p.m. 966-2178, 364-4479.

**Holton AA Meeting**—at EUM Church (1 block south of post office—enter south door), Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

**Circle of Hope AA Meeting** every Wednesday at 7 pm, Haskell Campus, Winnemucca Hall (south of the campus)



## PBPN Employee "Lunch & Learn" Metabolic syndrome, heat exhaustion and exercise were the topics



Andy Deal, HINU student, gave a presentation on exercise during the lunch and learn session. The Rural Interdisciplinary Training Grant Program and the University of Kansas Medical Center worked in collaboration to present these classes between June 21—June 23 at various locations.



## Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Summer is here and without a doubt, the temperature has risen along with the humidity — driving the heat index up to 3-digits. The talk heard around town from people say, "Hey, it's summer, it's expected!" Others say, "I knew I shouldn't have complained about the cold, we sure could use some of the cold now." But for those who have to spend time in the already hot kitchen, why create more heat? *Recipe Corner* has several solutions to help keep cool during this season: use the crock pot and consider outdoor grilling.

### Crockpot Beef Roast

Submitted by Suzanne Heck

Ingredients are in proportion to your taste and size of crock pot. The setting will be at low with 1/2 cup of water and the roast can cook up to 12—14 hours without a worry! Place the veggies on the bottom of the crockpot with the onion and

garlic on top of the roast for flavoring.

- 1 Rump roast
- 1 pkg. Lipton onion soup
- Chopped onion
- Garlic
- Carrots
- Potatoes

Any leftovers can be enjoyed the following night with a salad, homegrown sliced tomatoes and cottage cheese.

This is light and speedy and flavorful.

If you want dessert with the meals, try fruit that is in-season. Buying fruit and vegetables in-season can be economical and more tasty.

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



## Ask the Dentist



By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS

Dear Dr. Jessica Rickert,  
I have a wisdom tooth that hurts. Should I have it extracted or let it finish growing to see what happens?  
Carl Edward

Dear Carl Edward,

Go to the dentist right away. An x-ray will show the position of the wisdom tooth in the jaw and its relation to the second molar. If it is in the incorrect position, it will never erupt and will continue to cause you pain. Also, the malposed third molar can damage the second molar. I have had patients in their thirties arrive with a 1/2 erupted wisdom tooth, and an x-ray revealed that the second molar roots were had been damaged! They aged by the sure of the third molar. At that point, both molars had to be extracted. The patient lost considerable chewing surfaces and had to then think about an implant.

Another patient had a full-mouth x-ray at age 17. She had no pain anywhere in her mouth. She had a symptom-free, impacted 3rd molar. The x-ray also showed a boney cyst attached to a FOURTH molar. The cyst had eaten away about one inch by one and one-half inch of bone from the angle of her jaw. We were able to schedule the hospital procedure at her convenience, and the 3rd and 4th molar as well as the cyst were removed without complications. The final x-ray 6 months later showed a complete boney heal.

Don't try to diagnose your own dental problems. Let the dentist do that for you.





## Fire Keepers new name for Elder Center

Helen Sumner wins contest


Fire Keepers Elder Center is the new name for the Elder Center after a contest was held to rename the Center. The contest was sponsored by the Center's staff and votes were cast by users of the Center to determine the most popular name.

The winner was tribal member and employee Helen Sumner whose entry was chosen out of six contestants. She will be awarded a \$25.00 Walmart Gift Certificate for winning the contest that began in March and concluded the end of April.

Other names suggested for the Elder Center were the Minnie Evans Center or Evans Elder Center, Prairie Winds Center, Kekiya Gemek-meaning Elders House or building (pronounced Keh-kee-ya Gu-muk), Joan Finney Senior Center, and Kewehd No-qwe-North Wind in the Winter Woman-for Minnie Evans.

A flier issued to the community shortly after the contest ended said that the Elder Center would immediately be called the Fire Keepers Elder Center.

## August "2004" Potawatomi Elder Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Carrots or Spinach Dinner Roll	Chinese Stir Fry White Rice Egg rolls, Broth Cantalope Slices	Baked Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo Fruit Salad Carrots, Roll	Combo Burrito Taco Rice Tossed Salad	Ham Croissants Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Crackers
Liver & Onion Potato & Gravy Greenbeans Dinner Roll	BBQ Pork Sand Potato Salad Baked Beans Coleslaw	Shephards Beef Pie w/ Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetable Bread & Butter	Sliced Ham Potato & Gravy Zucchini & Carrot Dinner Roll	Baked Fish Potato & Gravy Spinach Dinner Roll
Chili & Hot Dogs Potato Salad Green Beans Mixed Fruit	Country Fried Steak Potato & Gravy Broccoli Normandy Dinner Roll	Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuit	Hogi Sandwich Potato Soup Fruit Salad Crackers & Cheese	Lasagna Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread
BLT Sandwich Baked Beans Quiche Fruit	Chicken Pot Pie White Rice Brussels Sprouts Biscuit	Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Asparagus Spears Dinner Roll	Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli & Cheese Garlic Bread
Hamburgers Baked Fries Creamed Peas Tossed Salad	Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Greenbeans Dinner Roll			

Lunch Hours  
11:30-12:30

Native Seniors 50+ Free  
Adults \$3.50  
Children \$2.00

Menu Subject  
to Change



Bruce Tomlinson, of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, spoke to PBPB members on July 7 during lunch time at the Elder Center. He gave an overview of what the Jackson County police force is doing and then concluded his presentation with a question and answer period. Tomlinson, who is currently the sheriff for Jackson County, is seeking re-election for another term.

## Social Services celebrates 5 years as a department



PBPB employees were invited to help Social Services celebrate five years of serving the community and to bid farewell to Sanderson who left the Department in July. Seen here left to right is Eric Sanderson, Social Services Director, Arlene Lingo, Enrollment, an employee who is unidentified, and Joe Mendez and Jolene Thomas, Finance. The line in front of Jolene is a celebration crepe-paper streamer and not a printer or photographic error.

     
Construction on the new Garden Apartments has begun!

## More improvements being made in housing clusters

by: Suzanne Heck

Road repaving and the towing away of old abandoned vehicles are a couple of additional improvements being made this summer at the housing clusters.

Plans call for the Road and Bridge Department to begin tearing out the concrete roads at housing clusters 2 and 3 and to repave them with asphalt. In addition, the

which is the total amount that had been picked up in 2003.

He said that EPA will pick up the vehicles and haul them off for owners of the vehicles if they fill out an Abandoned Vehicle Removal Permission form first. Forms can be attained at the EPA Department located in the We-ta-se Bldg or by phone at 785-966-2946 or at the Solid Waste Division site located on 142 Rd or by calling 785-966-2773.

As reported in the last issue of the News, the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) program is still in progress which has



Concrete roads like the one seen here are going to be repaved with asphalt by Road and Bridge. Photo by M Young

brush and debris from around the housing clusters in an effort of creating firebreaks.

## Francis Jensen retires after 53 years

Francis Jensen retired as a barber after 53 years of business. His shop, that was located on the north side of the square in Holton, was closed on June 30.

Jensen is also a founding member of the We-ta-se Post 410 group. Roy Hale, adjutant for the post

said, "Francis is a wonderful person and would do anything in the world for you. He has been with us since the beginning. He's really contributed to the organization."



The now empty store front that was Jensen's Barbershop in Holton.

One of Jensen's recent contributions was helping his son, Michael create a display case for honor roll veterans that has recently been hung in the We-ta-se Building. A second display case is also being made by the father-son duo and is made out of native lumber that was found on the PBPB

reservation.

Michael is the President-CEO of the Kansas Pork Association and resides in Manhattan.



## Area Churches

By Mary Young

### Baptist

#### Prairie Band Baptist Church

128 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS

Sunday: 10 am - Sunday School  
11 am - Worship Service

Pastor Terry Paine

#### Bethany Baptist Church

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

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

### Catholic

#### Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 - 166<sup>th</sup> Rd, Mayetta

Our Lady of Snows is on-line with a web page on history, calendar of events, mass schedule, photo gallery, and other important information. Please take a few minutes to visit our web page at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/snow/index.html> or go to the tribal web site home page and click on Our Lady of Snows icon. We would be glad to answer any questions about our parish.

#### Native American Mass at Assumption Church

204 West 8<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS

### Methodist

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

Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

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

### Pentecostal

#### Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134

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

## The Bible Says

By Pastor Terry Paine

*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18)*

When we took a tour of the reservation a few years back, we learned the Potawatomi were known as the "Keepers of the Fire." We learned that the Potawatomi were admired and known by other tribes, as a people that were willing to talk over the council fire and try to work out the differences between them, to avoid going to war or settle other disputes.

This is a valuable trait many in our world are in need of today. Our Creator also is a "Keeper of the Fire." In the Bible verse here in Isaiah, God says, "Come now, and let us reason together..." He calls all people and nations to Him. All are precious in His sight. He desires to work out the differences that have come between us - those that separate us from His Holy presence and from having a right relationship with Him.

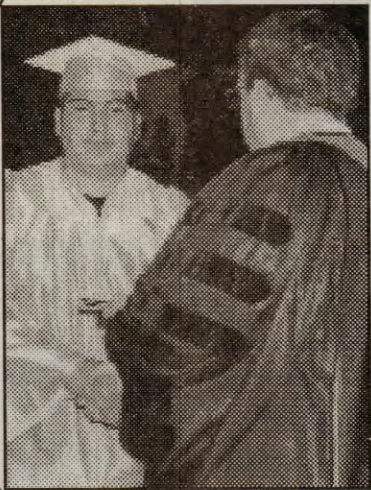
In fact, He did much more than talk. He put His love for us into action. He sent his own son, Jesus, to settle our differences with Him. This was a great price to pay, as Jesus had to die to settle the issue of our sin. His shed blood was the required payment. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." (Leviticus 17:11)

It is our sin that separates us from God. God says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow..." The only thing that will make them "white as snow," is the acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. There is no other way. On this issue, God will never compromise. He paid too great a price.

When we come to the fire and talk with our Creator, have we accepted what He has said and done for us through Jesus Christ? I pray you will accept His offer today.







## Congratulations Erik Aitkens

12th grade graduate  
Topeka High School

We are all very proud of you  
From: family and friends



## Congratulations Lindsay Beth McKinney who graduated from Waseya Home school Lawrence, KS May 8, 2004

Lindsay will attend Oklahoma Christian  
University this fall where she will study music

parents: Smokey and Kris McKinney  
grandparents: Jim and Agnes McKinney



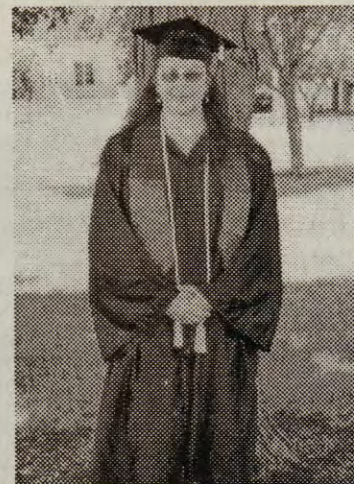
## Congratulations Samuel Jack Frazier on graduating 6th grade this year

- 4 years perfect attendance
- Teacher's honor roll (A's & B's)
- 4 years Boy Scouts
- VFW Citizenship Award
- Reading Award
- Music Award

Samuel works hard for all his accomplishments and we admire him for being so dedicated to everything he pursues. He is a wonderful son and we love him very much.

Lamont Frazier and wife

## Congratulations Janice Ownby magna cum laude from Haskell Indian Nations University



Tribal member Janice Ownby graduated magna cum laude from Haskell Indian Nations University with a bachelor's degree in American Indian Studies. She will be attending the University of Kansas (KU) School of Social Welfare. She has also been accepted into the Native American scholars program at KU.



At right are tribal members Doug Ownby from Butte Falls, OR and Henry (Hank) Ownby from Kennewick, WA who recently visited the reservation while attending their sister Janice's (above) graduation from Haskell Indian Nations University.



## Congratulations to Feather Alcantar

for being accepted into  
People to People World Leadership Forum  
September 20-26, 2004, Washington, D.C.

She will earn high school credits while studying leadership and exploring some national monuments and institutions.

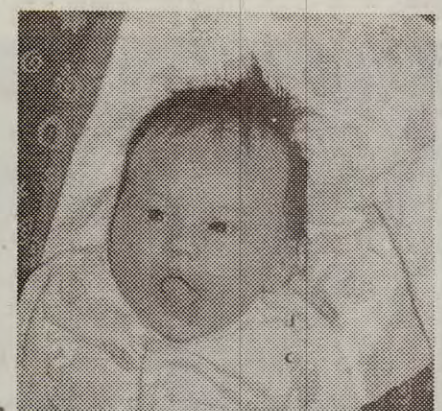
Feather was selected based on outstanding scholarship, civic involvement and leadership potential.

## Ganiŋt̄k (Those who are born)

Welcome

## Caitlyn Florence Walisiewicz

born: May 18, 2004  
weight: 9 lbs, 9 oz  
length: 20 1/2 in. long  
parents: Tiffany (Shegonee)  
and  
Michael Walisiewicz



Early Childhood  
Education Center  
will be  
closed  
August 16-20

Visit  
the new  
Prairie Village Gift Shop  
at  
Harrah's Casino  
on August 16



14th Annual  
Inter-Tribal Pow Wow  
Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS  
Shawnee County Allied Tribes

September 3,4,5, 2004  
•Pow wow dancing  
•Food booths  
•Arts & crafts

admittance button: \$6 advance,  
\$8 at gate  
concessionaires contact Mike  
Ballard-785-272-5489

Don't miss  
the  
11th Annual Potawatomi  
Gathering of the Nations  
August 5-8, 2004  
to be hosted by the  
Citizen Band Potawatomi  
Nation  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

## Breakfast Fundraiser

July 31, 2004  
7a.m.- 11a.m.

Prairie Peoples Park  
•Biscuits & Gravy  
•Bacon, eggs, hashbrowns  
•rolls & doughnuts & coffee

American Legion 410 Auxillary

3rd Annual  
PBPB Holiday  
Craft Fair 2004

Nov. 19 & 20, 2004

Harrah's Casino Prairie Band  
Convention Center

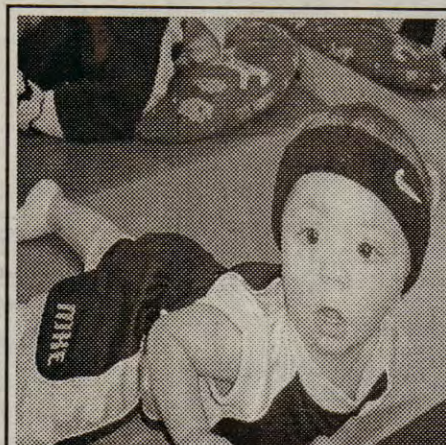
•special gifts •crafts  
•food •entertainment

For vendor information call  
Janelle at 785-845-7919  
or email all inquiries to  
jnlmurk@hotmail.com

## Happy 1st Birthday Isaac "Moen'Ka" Hale

July 25

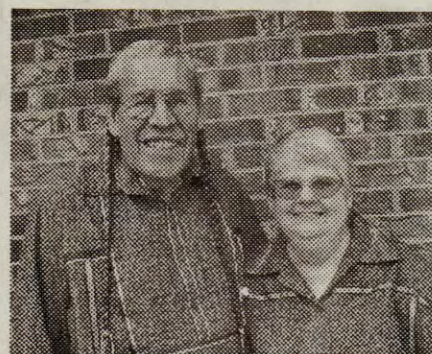
Love,  
Dad & Mom  
(Nathan & Jennifer Hale)



## Kanibwēŋt̄k (The ones that stood up together)

Anniversary  
congratulations

on 50 years together to  
Jim & Agnes McKinney  
July 24, 1954-2004



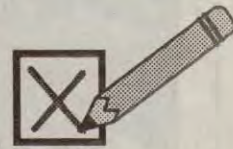




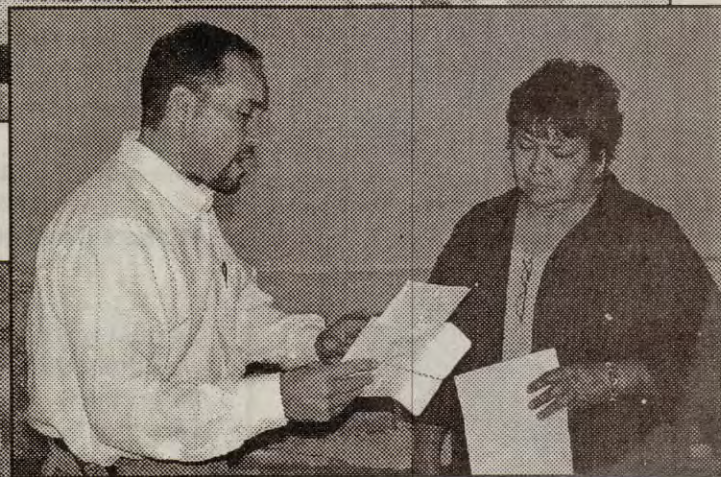
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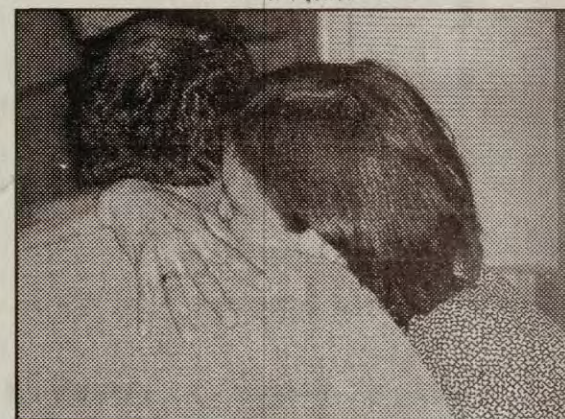
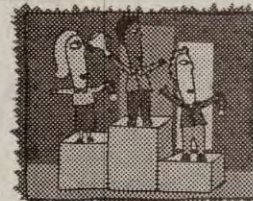
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### The wait



### The win



#### PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION Mayetta, Kansas July 21, 2004 UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

VICE-CHAIRPERSON	MACHINE	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%
REY KITCHKUMME	517	18	535	86.43%
GARY E. MITCHELL	231	4	235	37.96%
MAMIE WAHWASSUCK RUPNICKI	191	2	193	31.18%
BADGER WAHWASUCK	185	6	191	30.86%

TREASURER	MACHINE	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%
RYAN DYER	565	20	585	52.28%
JAMES M. (WABAUNSEE) POTTER	518	16	534	47.72%

COUNCIL MEMBER	MACHINE	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%
JIM DARNALL	114	2	116	5.07%
DALE (WISHKENO) DELG	164	6	170	7.42%
ANN M. SIMON GARCIA	169	3	172	7.51%
SHIRLEY RICE-HENDERSON	108	5	113	4.93%
JACK L. KITCHKOMMIE	233	6	239	10.44%
JUANITA M. JESSEPE	234	11	245	10.70%
JOE JESSEPE	161	5	166	7.25%
JACKIE MITCHELL	314	9	323	14.10%
ROY OGDEN	152	5	157	6.86%
DOLLY POTTS	79	1	80	3.49%
DONALD JAMES (JIM) SHANE	90	4	94	4.10%
CAROL A. SHOPTEESE	158	2	160	6.99%
RALPH "PORKY" TECUMSEH	159	7	166	7.25%
JACOB "TUG" WAMEGO	87	2	89	3.89%