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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Programs being considered to keep Nation safer

By Suzanne Heck

After hearing about recent vandalism at Prairie Peoples Park that included harming the Veteran's Memorial, shooting out light fixtures, and the marking of graffiti on buildings and places, PBP administrative leaders are planning to take initiatives to stop it. Meetings have been held to discuss what to do and programs, like Crimestoppers, for example, are being considered to keep the community safe.

What is disturbing is the rate at which these destructive acts are occurring. In addition to the vandalism referred to above, the *Holton Recorder* recently reported that \$28,000 worth of copper had been stolen from the construction site at the new Indian Health Center. There have also been reports of methamphetamine drug abuse in the community that has caused domestic violence incidents in homes that is mirroring a nationwide trend.

These acts and reports have led the Tribal Council and Richard Rooth, General Manager of Operations, to consider programs that are aimed at keeping the reservation safe and to take a long hard look at how to fund stepping up law enforcement.

One of the programs they are considering is the formation of a Jackson County Crimestoppers program that will involve a cooperative agreement with the PBP Tribal Police, Jackson County Sheriff's Dept., and the Holton Police Dept. Crimestoppers would enable people to be paid for calling in tips when they see foul play occurring in their neighborhood, like drug abuse or vandalism.

"We know there are problems but it has been tough to get people to give us any information," said Chief of Tribal Police Sam Grant. "We need the eyes and ears of the community to help us catch these criminals in the act," he said. "The Crimestoppers program

would give some incentive to folks to call in to help us out and we need that."

Grant said that money for the Crimestoppers program was already in place and that all they needed to do was to purchase the software to activate it. He also said that



Signs like the one above are an easy target for vandals who use them for target practice and the spray painting of graffiti.

working with the other law enforcement agencies in the county would help a great deal.

Tribal members who live in the community have voiced their concern about drug abuse on the reservation. Senior citizens brought it up at a recent Elder Chat meeting with Tribal Council (see page 4) and the widespread use of methamphetamine was also the focus of two presentations given at an All-Employee meeting held on July 14 by alcohol and drug counselors who warned of its dangers and what to look for in spotting drug houses.

With the community's awareness and the expected approval of the Crimestoppers program by Tribal Council in the near future Chief Grant said it should be a step in the right direction of improving community safety.

Tribal Council election winners

Chairperson

Secretary

Member



Tracy Stanhoff



James Potter



Warren Wahweotten, Jr.

For a full story about the election see the next issue of the *News*.

Unofficial Tribal Council election results



PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
Mayetta, Kansas
July 24, 2006
UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

| CHAIRPERSON | MACHINE | HAND TALLY | TOTAL | % |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|-------|--------|
| MAMIE (WAHWASSUCK) RUPNICKI | 273 | 13 | 286 | 26.38% |
| TRACY STANHOFF | 580 | 16 | 596 | 54.98% |
| GEORGE L. WAHQUAHBOSHKUK | 201 | 1 | 202 | 18.63% |

| SECRETARY | MACHINE | HAND TALLY | TOTAL | % |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|-------|--------|
| JOSHUA L. ARCE | 201 | 4 | 205 | 18.84% |
| DORTHY A. KIYUKAN-LEWIS | 161 | 6 | 167 | 15.35% |
| CARRIE WABAUNSEE O'TOOLE | 222 | 9 | 231 | 21.23% |
| JIM POTTER-WABAUNSEE | 272 | 8 | 280 | 25.74% |
| BADGER WAHWASUCK | 202 | 3 | 205 | 18.84% |

| COUNCILPERSON | MACHINE | HAND TALLY | TOTAL | % |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|-------|--------|
| BOBBY L. CADUE | 44 | 3 | 47 | 4.35% |
| MYRON JIM DARNALL | 68 | 3 | 71 | 6.57% |
| TAMI MCCLAMMY | 158 | 4 | 162 | 15.00% |
| BENNY J. POTTS | 116 | 2 | 118 | 10.93% |
| ROY OGDEN | 118 | 3 | 121 | 11.20% |
| WARREN A. WAHWEOTTEN, "JR." | 546 | 15 | 561 | 51.94% |

New Indian Health Center Update

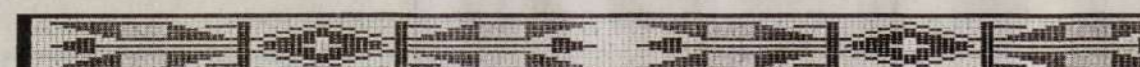
An architectural rendering of the New Indian Health Center



John Holtz reported from the PBP Family Health & Wellness Center that construction on the new Indian Health Center continues to make steady progress and it appears that the Center will be open for services in September. He also said that a letter will be mailed to all Health Center patients in August that will inform patients of the Health Center's opening date, hours of operation and new telephone numbers.



Tribal Council recently hosted a luncheon for two of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius's staff who came to the reservation for a visit on July 20. Sitting in the photo from (l) to (r) is Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair, and Matt All, Chief of Staff for the Governor. Standing in back (l) to (r) are James Wabaunsee, Ryan Dyer, Jim Potter, Lindsey Adams, Jackie Mitchell, Rey Kitchkumme, and Steve Ortiz. Lindsey Adams is All's assistant and the rest are on the Council.



The State pays a visit



The photo above was taken looking west on 150 Rd. that leads into the Casino. In the foreground, at right, are orange traffic cones that line a median and a dirt incline where the new overpass exit will emerge onto 150 Rd. The new gradual turn of the road will make for a much better traffic flow than the ninety degree turns that vehicles must now make directly onto Highway 75 that has been the cause of accidents in the past few years.



July Message To The Nation From Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff



Tribal Council made much progress this July by conducting the following:

- Conducted our quarterly "Elder Chat" meeting this time at the Senior's Center. Thanks to our Elder's who attended and provided input to us - we will work on implementing your ideas.

- The casino transition team has launched our implementation to our new computer system needed to transition payroll, human resources

and our accounting that Harrah's conducts presently in their corporate facilities in Memphis and Las Vegas.

- Tribal Council held meetings with our top-notch legal team and our engineering/environmental firm at the Shab-eh-nay reservation in order to strategize and properly plan the action steps needed to develop the land there. A "satellite" government information center will be built to re-start our tribal jurisdiction over the land. Special thanks goes to our own Road and Bridge department and Virginia "Osh" LeClere and her staff at the PBPB EPA department for their great work in assisting the Tribe's move forward on this project.

- Councilman Jim Potter and I and our casino

management committee had several meetings with Harrah's management personnel. We and the rest of Tribal Council and our casino transition managers are working in tandem to ensure strategic transition of our casino is accomplished.

As usual, I am always available as long as I serve as the chair, on an appointment basis, to discuss anything a tribal member has on their mind. Please call Verna Simon in my office at (785) 966-4008 to set up an appointment.

We're Moving Forward,
Tracy Stanhoff

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Photos from the all-employee appreciation luncheon



Jim Potter, of the Tribal Council, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs outside the Bingo Hall where the luncheon was held.

Tribal Council treated employees to an appreciation luncheon on July 21 and also used the event to publicly say goodbye to outgoing Tribal Council Secretary, Steve Ortiz. The fun-filled event included lunch, door prizes, and a dunk tank that used PBPB government leaders as targets to help raise money for the Boys & Girls Club.



At left, are employees Arlene Lingo and Jennifer Hale who were waiting in line to eat. Arlene works in enrollment and Jennifer works in finance.



These folks above were in line for the buffet. Left to right in front are Inez Dodds and Patty Potter. In back, left to right, are John Crites and Celeste Weber.



Steve Ortiz and his wife, Delores, on their way into the Bingo Hall. Steve has been on the Council for eight years.



photos
by
Suzanne
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Above is June Barber, Election Dept., and Peggy Houston, Casino Transition Manager, writing a farewell message to Steve at the luncheon.



Tribal Council Treasurer Ryan Dyer was the first to be dunked in the dunk tank.

Bank's eye view: Saving versus investing

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank

As a big fan of saving, please don't think that saving and investing are mutually exclusive activities. I want you to think of them as two different activities. I believe you should have a three-month savings reserve for emergencies, accidents, or opportunities. Forgive me the analogy but think of your finances as a car. Savings are like brakes. When something bad happens, they allow you time to make changes in your course to minimize the consequences of an unfortunate event. We can easily agree that it would be unwise to drive a car without brakes. If brakes are the only option on your financial car, you may stay up with inflation and you won't have to worry about your car being totaled in a market correction. However, you won't get where you want to go. You also need an engine. Investments are the engine of your financial car.

The size and type of the engine you should have should be determined by where you want to go, the road you want to take to get there, and how much of a car you can afford. While I would love to have a Ford GT, my income forces me to look more at a Focus. Some may find winding mountain roads exhilarating, while others only get motion sickness. While Highway 75 is a nice road, it won't get you to a Chiefs game.

The biggest aversion many people have to investment is risk. I frequently hear about investing being like gambling. While they both involve a risk, driving a car also involves a risk yet I seldom hear it compared to gambling. I definitely don't want to give the impression there isn't a risk in investing, but it is important to keep that risk in perspective and weigh it against other risks.

How risky is the stock market? From 1926 to 2000, the chance of a loss in any one-year is reasonably high (nearly 30%). While that sounds bad, it also means that over 70% of the years they had a gain. The good news for investors comes when you look at longer periods of time. If you examine all 5-year stretches from 1926 to 2000, only 10% of those resulted in losses. The 10-year results are even better. Only 3% of any 10-year stretch resulted in a loss. Please realize, I'm not trying to play with figures here. This time period starts before the Great Depression! Hopefully these figures will also show the importance of savings. If there is a 30% chance

of having a down year in the market, it is important to have money in savings so that you aren't getting out of the market at a downtime.

Earlier I commented that we needed to weigh the risk of loss in the stock market against other risks. What is the largest risk for not investing? It is inflation risk. Inflation risk is the risk that your money won't keep pace with inflation. If your method of savings involves large Folgers cans, a shovel and your backyard, then nearly every year, your savings will buy less and less. If you invest your money in savings accounts, CD's, and treasury bills, your return should help you keep up with inflation. Let's imagine a saver who put a dollar into Treasury Bills (T-Bills) in 1926 and faithfully reinvested the proceeds for 74 years. In 2000, that dollar would be worth \$1.18 on an after-tax, after-inflation basis. As you can see, you beat inflation, but not by much.

That leads us to the power of investing and how compounding works. Let's say you want your child to have a nice retirement when they turn 65. Every year for the first 10 years of your child's life you deposit \$10,000 into an account. If this account grew at a rate of 10% net annually, at the end of 10 years, the account would be worth \$15,937.42. Now if you stopped making contributions at this time but the account continued to earn 10% for the next fifty-five years, the account would be worth \$3,013,115.83 when your child turns 65.

Let us now flip the contributions, keeping the rate of growth the same. Let's say you deposit nothing the first 10 years of your child's life, but contribute \$1,000 a year for the next 55 years. The account would "only" be worth \$1,880,591.43. So even though you contributed \$45,000 more to the account, it would be worth \$1,132,524.40 less! Now \$1.8 million is still a figure almost anyone could comfortably retire on. The point I really want to convey here is that the earlier you start investing, the greater the potential reward.

In future articles I will write about some of the investment options available. You can also read books or talk to investment professionals. (I guess they would be the GPS of your financial car.)

(Statistics cited in this article were taken from *The Informed Investor* by Frank Armstrong III.)



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"Megwich" To the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and its people A farewell message from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Secretary



It has been a great eight years for me serving as the Secretary for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I thank everyone for allowing me to serve. When I ran for office in 1998 my goal was to help create a tribal infrastructure that provided services that all 4,844 tribal members both on and off the reservation could have access to for situations dealing with health, education, social welfare, elders, housing, veteran's services, tribal court, per capita, reservation restoration, cultural and religion preservation. Today in 2006 tribal departments exist to provide services for the above categories. From 1998 to 2006 I have seen tribal revenues increase 20 fold to provide the services we now have. During the past eight years I sometimes felt like a contestant on the Survivors game show. During my two terms I saw the tribal chair position turn over five times, the vice-chair position turn over three times, the treasurer position turnover twice and Tribal Council seats turn over twice. I sincerely thank all those Tribal Council members whom I served with for without their help a lot of services now provided would not have happened without their vote or chairing the meeting to make it happen. I also wish to thank all of our tribal employees for helping keep a tribal infrastructure working on a daily basis. I also want to give a special thank you to our PBP Gaming Commission and its employees for maintaining the integrity of our Casino and its games. Finally, another special thank you to all of the employees who are salaried and non-salaried at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino for their commitment to service, quality, meeting customer expectations and keeping the doors open 24-hrs a day/365 days a year as the Nation would not have experienced the growth it has created. Lastly, I am grateful for the experience I have gained from developing working relationships with our Kansas Congressional delegation, National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Gaming Commission, National Indian Gaming Association, Kansas State Gaming Agency, Harrah's Corporation, Association of American Indian Physicians, Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service and Oklahoma Area Intertribal Health Board. When attending meetings with these organizations I did my utmost to present the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a nation with integrity and a willingness to negotiate to resolve situations or seek support from these organizations in the PBP to assist us with our issues. I feel personally I have grown as a human being while sitting as the secretary. The Tribal Council will never be able to satisfy every tribal member's wants or wishes from what I have seen the past eight years, but I have seen Tribal Council work to do their best to satisfy demands from the Nation's people. The immediate future calls upon the Tribal Council to work to resolve the Shab-ey-nay Reservation claim and economic development, the creation of the section 17 corporation boards, transition from Harrah's to Prairie Band Potawatomi Casino, completion of paving the road to Snow's, constitutional amendments, expansion of the childcare facility, and budgeting for the Nation. I thank everyone for a great eight years and wish everyone the best.

"Megwich"

Steve Ortiz (Monwa') new spelling (Mon-weh)

2nd Quarter 2006 Charitable Contributions

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| •OLG Fiesta Mexicana (Topeka, KS) | \$10,000 |
| •KS State Fair Native American Art Show (Hutchison, KS) | \$210 |
| •Lawrence Indian Art Show (Lawrence, KS) | \$5,000 |
| •NE Kansas Area Agency of Aging (Hiawatha, KS) | \$2,500 |
| •Shawnee County Allied Tribes (Topeka, KS) | \$1,500 |
| •Potawatomi Language Restoration Project (Mayetta, KS) | \$8,000 |
| •The Ronald McDonald House (Topeka, KS) | \$5,000 |
| •Harry S. Truman Naval Sea Cadet Corp. (Leavenworth, KS) | \$2,000 |
| •Let's Help Inc. (Topeka, KS) | \$10,000 |
| •Holton Health Fair (Holton, KS) | \$1,500 |
| •Onaga Saddle Club (Onaga, KS) | \$1,000 |
| •American Legion Auxiliary Post 410 (Mayetta, KS) | \$500 |
| •Indian Youth of America (Sioux City, IA) | \$1,000 |
| •Family Service & Guidance Center (Topeka, KS) | \$3,500 |
| •The Youth Empowerment Program (Topeka, KS) | \$3,500 |
| •Sunflower Soccer Association (Topeka, KS) | \$15,000 |
| •Capper Foundation (Topeka, KS) | \$5,000 |
| •Team Kansas (Mayetta, KS) | \$10,000 |
| •Social Development Center (Ponca City, OK) | \$3,000 |
| •The Race Against Breast Cancer (Topeka, KS) | \$2,000 |

(Ceremony scheduled for July 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bingo Hall)

Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC) Update

There is no doubt that there are more natural disasters occurring these days and the Tribe's emergency services and other department leaders are attempting to ensure that the community remains as safe as possible in the event of a tornado, flood, or other disaster.

Several members of the Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC), who are listed below, have been holding meetings to learn what role they would play in the event of an emergency disaster. TERC meetings have been organized this year by Fire Chief David Price and are usually held at the Fire Station.

At press time, a mock emergency tornado disaster drill was scheduled for July 20 on the reservation to test the Tribe's emergency preparedness. Bill Brubaker, Northeast Kansas Regional Coordinator for Kansas Homeland Security, and his crew were going to be on hand to evaluate how TERC responded and to offer feedback to the committee on what improvements could be made.

PBPN Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) List

TERC was established in 1998 and is comprised of inter-departmental representatives in the PBPN government who meet periodically to prepare for managing emergencies on the reservation.

Goals:

- to develop a PBP Emergency Management plan
- to share information and promote training
- to coordinate community preparedness

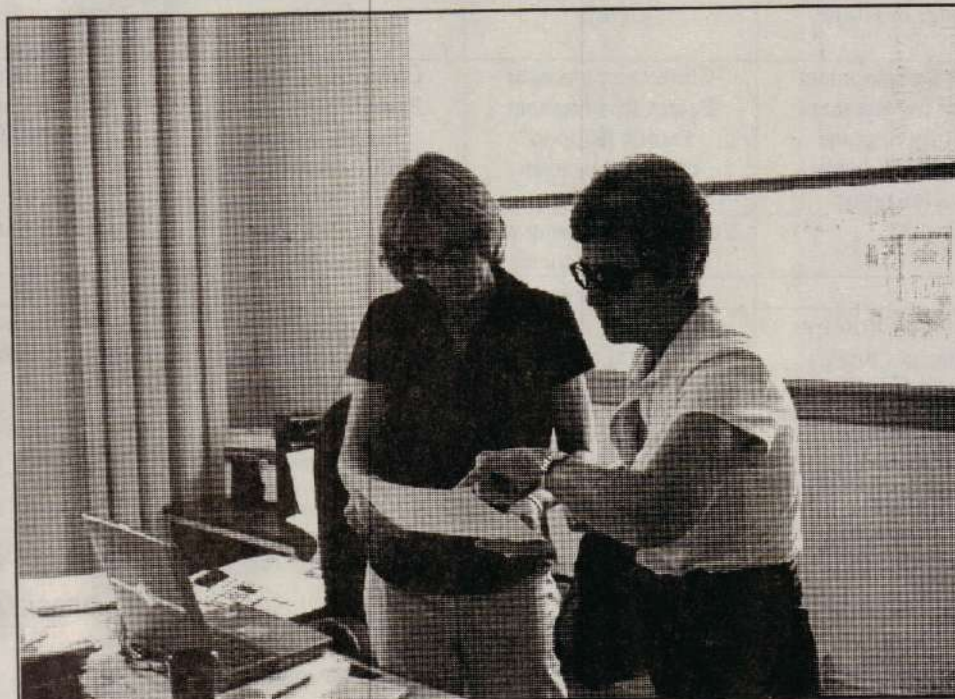
Committee members:

Fire & EMS-TES Chief Dave Price, Tim Flanary & Mary LeClere
Police-Chief Sam Grant, Marcus Koch
Finance-John Crites, Barb Smelter
Tribal Council-Tracy Stanhoff and Tribal Council members
General Manager of Operations- Richard Rooth, Jim Shane & Brenda Pahmahmie
IHS(Health)-David Hogner; PBP-John Holtz
Planning & Env. Protection-Virginia LeClere & Steve Duryea
Road & Bridge-Tim Ramirez, Charlie Seymour & Angie Bell
Maintenance-Vern Wabaunsee
Lands-Carl Matousek
Boys & Girls Club-Coleen Thomas Green
Housing-Jack Kitchkommie
Elder Center-Nona Wahweotten
CHR-Brenda Nozhackum
Newspaper-Suzi Heck
Child Care-Cecily Wabaunsee
Human Resources-Heather Guillen Woltje
Insurance-Leslie Marshno
Social Services-Larry Pickman
PARR-Helen Slattery
We-Ta-Se American Legion-Francis Shopteese & Jim Darnall
Food Distribution -Larry Berryhill
Bingo-Louie Creek
Mayetta Oil-Kary Broxterman, Mike Jewell
Nation Station-Mark Matchie
Harrah's Casino-Bob Bergquist, Mike Jackson (Security)
Jackson County-Pat Korte
Salvation Army-Deb Abner
American Red Cross-George Shepherd, Wendy Edwards

Names in **BOLD** are designated
CORE COMMAND TEAM



Fire Chief David Price is seen above leading TERC members through the itinerary for the mock-emergency disaster drill that was planned on the reservation for July 20. The PBPN IT Dept. recently installed computer equipment at the Fire Station (seen in the background) that will be used during emergency situations.



In the photo above is Pat Korte (l), Coordinator of the Jackson County Emergency Management, and Suzi Heck (r), Public Information Officer (PIO) for the Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC), going over an emergency calling tree list that was recently updated as part of TERC's activities.

Photo by Mary Young

Tips on what to do in the event of a tornado

- listen for sirens
- tune in to local TV stations for weather
- call tribal dispatch at (785) 966-3024 or 911 for instructions on what to do
- watch for emergency vehicles in your neighborhood
- call your neighbors and make sure young children or senior citizens are safe



Weather terms:

Watch
conditions are favorable for severe weather

Warning
severe weather is occurring or imminent

Take cover
you are in the path of severe weather so take shelter



Department and Program News

Summer visitors tour the reservation

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma visit We-Ta-Se



Clockwise in the photo beginning on the far left are Darrell Flyingman, chairman, and Ed Wilson, veterans coordinator, of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Jim Darnall and Francis Shopteese, We-Ta-Se staff, are to the right. Flyingman and Wilson are interested in forming an American Legion Post on their reservation and came to visit the We-Ta-Se staff. The two visitors also took a tour of the reservation and stayed at the Casino while here. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are headquartered in Concho, Oklahoma.

Jackson County Leadership group learn about PBP



Above, in the foreground is Mary Young, coeditor of the *Potawatomi News*, who showed the News Dept. to a group from the Jackson County Leadership program while they were on a tour of the reservation this summer. Carrie O'Toole, back left, was the tour guide that day.

By Suzanne Heck

An Elder Chat meeting was held on June 26 at the Firekeepers Elder Center with Tribal Council and around 15 senior citizens.

Tribal chairperson Tracy Stanhoff opened the meeting by summarizing the activities of the Tribal Council in the past few months. She said that the casino transition was going well and that discussions were in progress about possible economic development opportunities along Highway 75 and 150 that are the main roads near the Casino. She also said that the Tribe was looking into other economic energy-based operations like natural gas or wind-energy businesses.

In addition, Chair Stanhoff and various Tribal Council members discussed the recent (Shab-eh-nay) land acquisition and said that the Tribe was in the process of putting in a small government building on the land that should be open sometime in August. She said that it was important to establish jurisdiction and a presence on the land that is located about 80 miles west of Chicago.

Next, all of the elders in the room were given the opportunity to speak at the meeting. Topics brought up included questions about road improvements, and monies being spent on the casino expansion and the land acquisition in Illinois.

Other Tribal Council members who were in attendance that day helped Chair Stanhoff answer questions. They were Vice Chairman Rey Kitchkumme, Treasurer Ryan Dyer, and Members Jackie Mitchell and James Wabaunsee.

Another issue of concern to a couple of senior citizens

Tribal Council meets with senior citizens

Elder Chat meeting held at Firekeepers Elder Center



On the far end of the table in the photograph is Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chairperson, who led a meeting with elders at the Firekeepers Elder Center in June. The meeting gave attendees the chance to voice their opinions and concerns directly to the Tribal Council and gave Tribal Council members the opportunity to respond to concerns posed by the elders at the meeting. To Tracy's right are Verna Simon, legislative assistant, and Tribal Council members Jackie Mitchell and Ryan Dyer. Others in the photograph are senior citizens who were at the meeting that day.

who were at the meeting was what was being done to control the drug problem on the reservation. Chair Stanhoff said that it was a big problem that they were going to have to address and that they were looking into funding opportunities to step up law enforcement through Department of Justice Tribal Youth grants and other sources.

Another senior citizen voiced concern that it appeared to her that children were living in the senior citizen apartments and duplexes and that that was against the rules. Stanhoff said that the Tribal Council would examine the housing policies regarding children in the Prairie Village complex and look into the situation.

Another item discussed at the meeting was about the operations at the Firekeepers Elder Center. Subjects brought up included the possibility of extending hours of operation, taking more recreational bus trips, and ensuring that senior citizens received priority for getting served first at lunch times. One person said that the lines during lunch were getting longer and even though non-tribal people had to pay, the lunch program was losing its purpose of what it was intended to do.

After those items were discussed and hearing no more questions the meeting was adjourned.

Elder Center menu
unavailable this month

Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Early Childhood Education Center news

Here's a chart of services and eligibility requirements for Ben-no-tteh Wigwam

Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Center – Ben-no-tteh Wigwam – 15380 K Road Mayetta, Ks 66509
Phone: 785-966-2527 or 2707 or 2475 – Fax: 785-966-2514 – Web Address: pbpnation.org

| | Early Head Start | Child Care | Head Start | Part C Infant Toddler tiny-K Services | Early Childhood Special Education Services |
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| Application Contact Person | Carrie Hastings | Edie Wamego | Hope Adame | Carrie Hastings | Tina Haefke |
| Contact Person Title/Position | EHS Program Mgr./ Part C Coordinator | Child Care Specialist | HS Family & Community Prog. Mgr. | EHS Program Mgr./ Part C Coordinator | Family Service Specialist |
| Age Served | Pregnant Mothers & Children: 0-3 years old | Children: 6 weeks – 8 years old | Children: 3-5- years old | Children: 0-3 years old | Children: 3-5 years old |
| Location of Service | Center or Home | Center | Center | Center or Home or Daycare | Center or Home or Daycare |
| Type of Service | Child Development Parent Involvement Family Support Individualization Socialization | Child Development Parent Involvement Family Support Individualization Socialization | Child Development Parent Involvement Family Support Individualization Socialization | Individual Family Service Planning (I.F.S.P.) | Individual Education Planning (I.E.P.) |
| Enrollment Slots | 12 | Varies by age group and space requirements | 32 | Unlimited | Unlimited |
| Cost | 0 | Sliding Fee | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eligibility Determination | Eligibility Priority Criteria Points: 1) Tribal Affiliation: PBP Enrolled Tribal Member PBP Tribal Descendent Member of Another Tribe Native American Descendent Non-Native American 2) Age of the Child: Prenatal-1 year, 1-2 Year Old, 2-3 Year Old 3) Special Circumstances: (Homeless, child care, returning, foster care, etc.) 4) Parental Status: Teenage Expectant Parent, Teenage Parent, Single Parent, Attending School or Training, Two Member Household 5) Residence Location: Reservation 6) Income Status: Income Eligible, Over Income | Eligibility Priority Criteria Points: 1) Tribal Affiliation: PBP Enrolled Tribal Member PBP Tribal Descendent Member of Another Tribe Non-Native American 2) Age of the Child: 4-5 Year Old, 0-1 Year Old, 1-2 Year Old, 2-3 Year Old 3) Parental Status: Teenage Parent, Single Parent, Two Member Household 4) Special Circumstances: (Foster care, homeless, special needs, etc.) 5) Residence Location: Reservation, Off Reservation | Eligibility Priority Criteria Points: 1) Tribal Affiliation: PBP Enrolled Tribal Member PBP Tribal Descendent Member of Another Tribe Native American Descendent Non-Native American 2) Age of the Child: 4 Year Old, 3 Year Old 3) Special Circumstances: (Foster child, single parent, teenage parent, child care, returning, etc.) 4) Residence Location: Reservation, Off Reservation 5) Income Status: Income Eligible, Over Income 6) Continuity of Care: Past Head Start Family Early Head Start Transition | Child with documented developmental delays | Child with documented developmental delays |

*All Center Base
services include
breakfast, lunch and a snack.

Contact
Cecily Wabaunsee or Natalie
McClane in the absence of the
contact persons identified
in the chart.





Bošho from Bořewatmi Těshēmwn

Text and photos by Sydney VanZile

Last article I wrote about the "Natural Order" of language acquisition and this time I will touch on the "Monitor Hypothesis."

This hypothesis is used to know what sounds right when speaking a language. It helps explain how the process works. When you acquire a language then the phonology, morphology, and syntax are acquired at the same time. These terms in simplistic definitions are as follows: phonology – sound system; morphology-grammar structure of words and categories they fit into such as verbs, nouns, etc.; syntax-grammatical relations between words and other parts within a sentence such as "these toys" where "these" is a modifier or it specifies what "toys" and there is the placement of "these" before "toys" as you would not say "toys these" in English. Think in terms of syntax as the rules to how a sentence order goes together.

When you acquire a language then you acquire these different areas and can use your internal monitor to know what sounds right. If you are an English speaker, then you would know that "He come yesterday" was incorrect and that it should be "He came yesterday." If you are a language learner vs. acquirer and have learned all the rules with the language you can use them but it takes time to process all the information and research has found that when put into a situation where speech is in a quicker flow then a person has difficulty in trying to check for correctness while trying to keep with the flow of the conversation. You can run into situations where you concentrate on how something is being said and not what is being meant from the conversation. If you don't know all the rules of the language then you end up with not enough information to use your monitor correctly.

In the areas of production of speech, then one who overuses their monitor might possibly have a result of halting speech or hesitation to enter a conversation due to wanting to say everything correct. Others who don't use their monitors well can have speech that is not very comprehensible and you wonder what the person was trying to say. The best use of the monitor is to check to avoid major errors but then to concentrate on the message being delivered.

In the next article the "Input Hypothesis" will be highlighted.

National Indian Education sponsors summit

I was recently able to attend the Native Languages Legislative Summit that was recently

sponsored by the National Indian Education Association in Washington, D.C.



Above, at the Summit meeting were Hawaiian supporters with Senator Inouye, far right. Two graduates, second and fourth from left, of the Hawaiian Immersion program are now attending college at Stanford and the University of Washington.

There are three native language bills pending before the 109th Congress. One of them is the Senate 2674, Native American Languages Act Amendments Act of 2006 (Akaka bill). The bill was introduced by Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) on April 27, 2006 and has four co-sponsors who are Senators Inouye (D-HI), Baucus (D-MT), Johnson (D-SD), Dorgan (D-ND). The bill would amend the Native American Languages Act to create a competitive grant program within the Department of Education to support Native Language immersion programs in Native communities that would be called language nests and language survival schools. It



Senator Akaka (D-Hawaii), left, sponsored Senate Bill 2674 Native American Languages Act Amendments of 2006. Unidentified lady on right.

would also allow for four unnamed demonstration programs in geographically diverse locations based upon eligibility criteria including

previous experience supporting language nests or survival schools. Another area of the bill would create alternative standards to the current standards of No Child Left Behind Act in the area of paraprofessional qualifications and performance assessment requirements.

The second bill H.R. 4766, Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006 (Wilson bill), was introduced by Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM) on February 15, 2006. The bill has one sponsor Representative Rick Renzi (R-AZ). This bill would amend the Native American Languages Act to create a similar grant program as the previous bill while specifying the age range of the language nests for children under the age of seven and their families. The survival schools would be for immersion programs for students in elementary and secondary schools. It would also allow for one unnamed demonstration program at a university based upon eligibility criteria and states the University of New Mexico as meeting this criteria. The demonstration program would then serve as a clearinghouse on immersion concepts and serve as technical expert to immersion programs, tribes and the Department of Education. This bill has been granted a field hearing and will meet in Albuquerque on August 31. Chairman Howard McKeon will preside over the hearing.

The third bill H.R. 5222, Native American Languages Amendments Act of 2006 (Case bill) was introduced by Representative Ed Case (D-HI) on April 27, 2006. It has no co-sponsors. It would create a similar grant program as mentioned before and allow for four demonstration grants to specific programs: Aha Punana Leo in consortium with other entities in Hawaii; Piegan Institute in Montana; the governing board of Window Rock Unified School District No. 8 and its Indian Education Committee for Tsehootsooi Dine Bi'olita in Arizona and the Alaska Federation of Natives in consortium with other entities for the Lower Kuskokwim School District and other sites in Alaska. This bill would also seek alternative standards to No Child Left Behind and would require that federally funded schools provide Native language classes to students when 15 or more parents of Native students request such classes. It would provide that institutions of higher learning accept secondary school study of a Native language to meet the entrance requirements and college credit requirements. It would provide

support for language nests and survival school in private and charter schools that are federally funded.

(The above information was taken in part from the NIEA Talking Points for the Native Language Legislative Summit)

I noticed that our own senators from Kansas had not weighed in on the bills so it would be good if we contacted them. For the tribal membership that live outside Kansas, please contact your senators to let them know how important the bills are for language revitalization.

Four bills to recognize Code Talkers

In addition, there were four bills for Code Talker Recognition Legislation. Two bills were for Native Code Talkers who served in any of the wars or foreign conflict and would receive either a commemorative medal or gold medal while the other two bills were tribal specific to Choctaw and Meskwaki. Each would award medals posthumously.



Honoring the Native Code Talkers (l-r): Clarence Wolf Guts (Lakota), Keith Little (Navajo), Representative Rick Renzi (R-Ariz.), Peter MacDonald (Navajo), Samuel Tso (Navajo), and Representative Kay Granger (R-Texas).

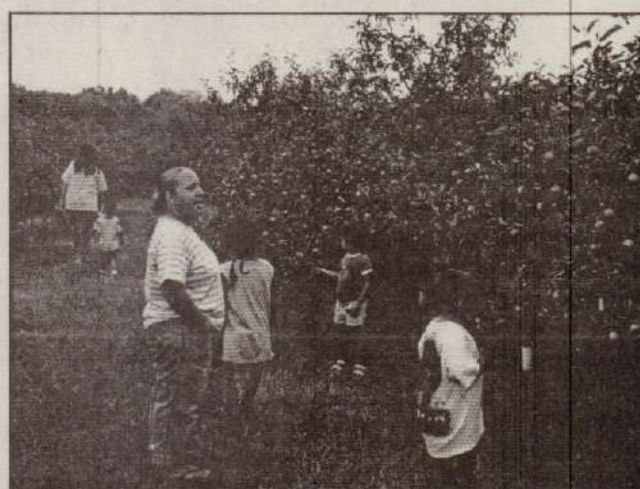
Other legislation issues

While this legislation is a step in the right direction, it was noted that the parts of the bills dealing with No Child Left Behind was a topic Congress was not ready to deal with. Also earlier this year the Hawaiians were seeking federal recognition and were turned down. Matters dealing with the Hawaiians were not in great favor at this point.

Summer Headstart/Childcare group tour the PBPB orchard



Staff from the Summer Headstart/Childcare took the children on an excursion to the orchard looking in search of ripe fruit. Staff photographed are l-r: Reina Rodriguez, Amanda Schultz and Sam Mitchell.



Reina Rodriguez, left, instructed the children to look for red apples but not to pick the fruit; this year there will be an abundance of apples.



Bill Wilbur, EPA, keeps the lawn trim at the orchard; he is seen mowing by the ripening blackberries.

Summer harvest with the Land Department: shuffling equipment



Carl Matousek, Land Dept. Acting Director, is seen "taking care of business."



John Levier drove the crew out to the field to pick up or to reshuffle the harvest equipment.



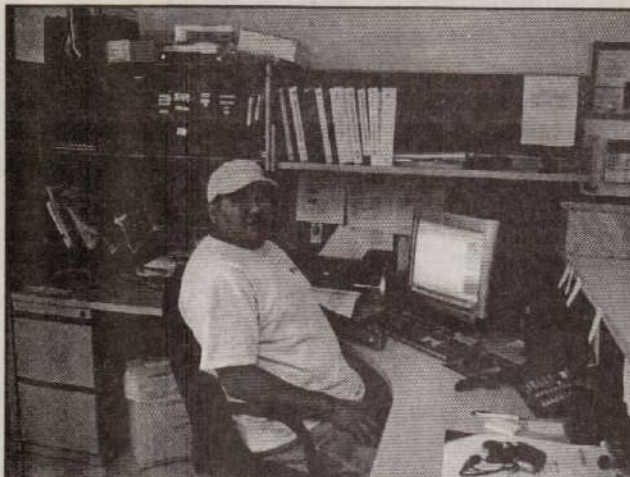
Part of the equipment shuffle, John Rupnicki, hauled the grain to the Land Dept.



Kevin Wood moved the combine from the field and is seen in front of the wind rower.



Chris DeCoteau is seen working on a tractor.



Chago Hale, contract worker, poses for the camera.



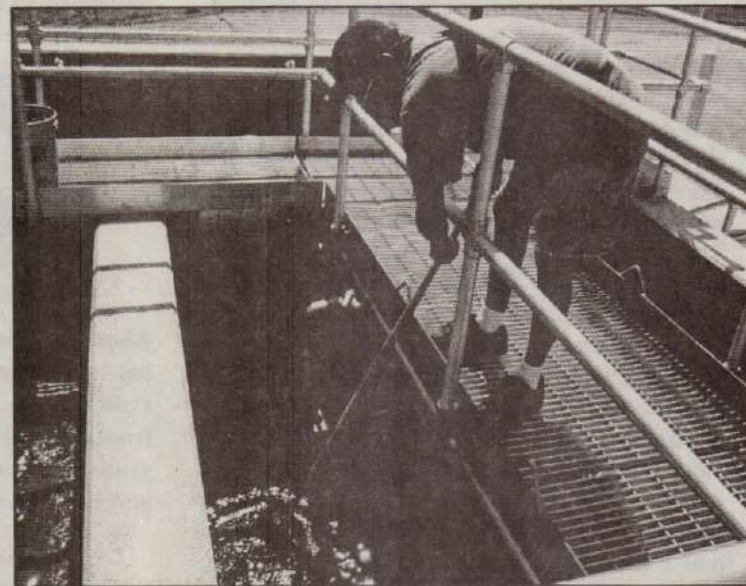
EPA and Maintenance Dept. in action



Roy Hoss, left, and Merle Green, right, conversed as they filled in the driveway with rock at the lift station located near the waste water treatment plant on K Rd.



A clogged pump brought Lloyd Harold, JCI Industries, to the K Rd. lift station located near the waste water treatment plant.



Vincent Hernandez pulled algae from a treatment basin at the K Rd. waste water treatment plant. Vincent purchased 12 goldfish to help remove the algae found in the clarifier basins; there are now over 200.

Photos by Mary Young



Sharon Bosse stands by the compost piles; proper temperature has to be maintained while the compost is being cured and Sharon will check it out occasionally.



Tom Jim, Maintenance Dept., prepared the ground for the compost and fertilizer at Prairie Peoples Park. The compost comes from the EPA Dept.



Dustin Francis, a Maintenance Dept. contract worker, hauled the compost to each of the newly planted trees at Prairie Peoples Park.

Surface and Ground Water Testing on the Reservation

Submitted by Sharon Bosse

Water quality is very important to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation both for the hunting and fishing needs of tribal members as well as part of developing the economic base for the tribe. Under the Federal Clean Water Act of 1977, an Indian tribe is sovereign for the purposes of delegating the authority to regulate water within the reservation boundaries. To establish water quality baseline concentrations with a goal of developing water quality criteria to help manage the water resources on the reservation, the tribe, in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), began a water quality monitoring program in 1996.

Water quality samples are collected from twenty surface water sites (see map at right) and eleven ground water sites to determine water quality conditions on the reservation. All surface water samples are analyzed for physical properties, nutrients, pesticides, fecal bacteria, and total suspended solids. All ground water samples are analyzed for physical properties, dissolved solids, major ions, nutrients, trace elements, pesticides, and fecal bacteria.

Water quality on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation generally meets water quality criteria established by USEPA.

- Surface water quality on the reservation is affected by agricultural runoff (triazine herbicides and fecal indicator bacteria); seepage from septic systems or sewage lagoons serving a rural population, and wastewater discharge from

documented point sources (dissolved solids and sodium). Sources of total phosphorus in streams can be attributed to both agricultural activities and human and animal waste.

- Ground water quality on the reservation probably is affected by agricultural practices with the detections of nitrite plus nitrate, and elevated dissolved solids and arsenic concentrations in the water likely is affected by dissolution of sedimentary rocks. Concentrations of dissolved solids and sulfate in some ground water samples exceeded their respective Secondary Drinking Water Regulations, and concentrations exceeded the taste threshold of the USEPA's Drinking Water Advisory Level for sodium. In the event that ground water on the reservation is to be used as a drinking water source, additional treatment may be necessary to remove excess dissolved solids, sulfate, sodium, nitrite plus nitrate, and arsenic. (U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey)

Sharon Bosse is the Environmental Technician in the Planning & Environmental Protection Department for the PBP. Sharon joined the department five years ago as the Administrative Assistant. In this new position, Sharon will be coordinating water and pesticide programs. This includes grant development, implementation and reporting. She will also be responsible for oversight of natural resource field programs and outreach, and environmental assessments and inventories. Please feel free to stop by and visit with Sharon.



Quality of Water on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation Northeastern Kansas, May 2001 Through August 2003
by Heather C. Ross Schmidt

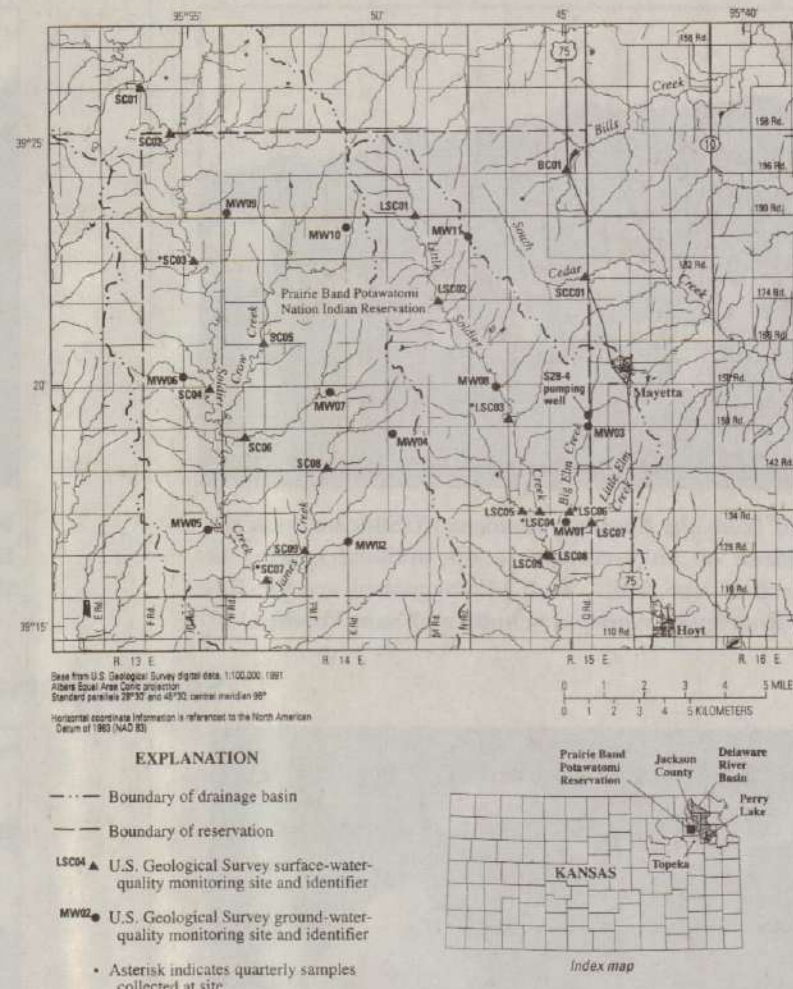


Figure 1. Location of water-quality monitoring sites on and near the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, northeastern Kansas.

Testing the Waters

Written and submitted by Megan Fisher

Haskell Indian Nations University students, led by Haskell Instructor Bill Welton and research assistant Megan Fisher, will be conducting bioassessments at three sites along Soldier Creek this summer. During the assessments, the students will survey the algae, insects, and fish species living in the creek. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) has contracted with the US Geological Survey (USGS) for chemical and physical testing of ground and surface water in and around Soldier Creek since 1996. This will be the first study of the biological communities in the creek. Chemical and physical testing by USGS provides a "snapshot" of water quality at the time of testing. Because insects and fish have life spans of months to years, bioassessments provide a picture of what

the water quality has been over time. Bioassessments are also indicative of the quality of the creek as fish habitat.

The project, which is funded by EPA, has two main goals. The first is to provide the PBP with a baseline assessment of the algae, invertebrates (insects, snails and mussels) and fish communities living in Soldier Creek. The information gathered can be used in the future to judge the affect that changes in the watershed, such as stream bank stabilization projects or changes in pesticide application practices, have had on Soldier Creek as a habitat.

The second goal is to give Haskell students hands on training in the tools and methods used to assess water and habitat quality. The students will also gain a greater understanding of how agricultural and industrial practices on the lands surrounding the creek affect water and habitat quality.



Haskell Indian Nations University research assistant Megan Fisher, top right, with Haskell students, (clockwise from left) Roberta Harjo, Jason Koontz, and Randa Mitchem, sampling Soldier Creek during a preliminary visit in April.



Answering the call

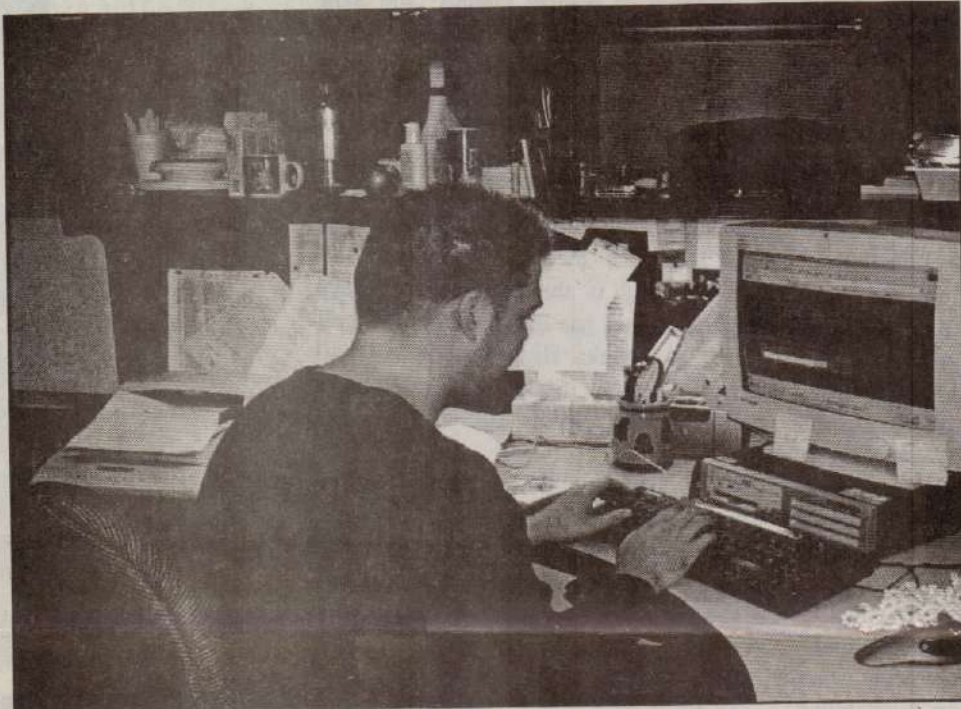
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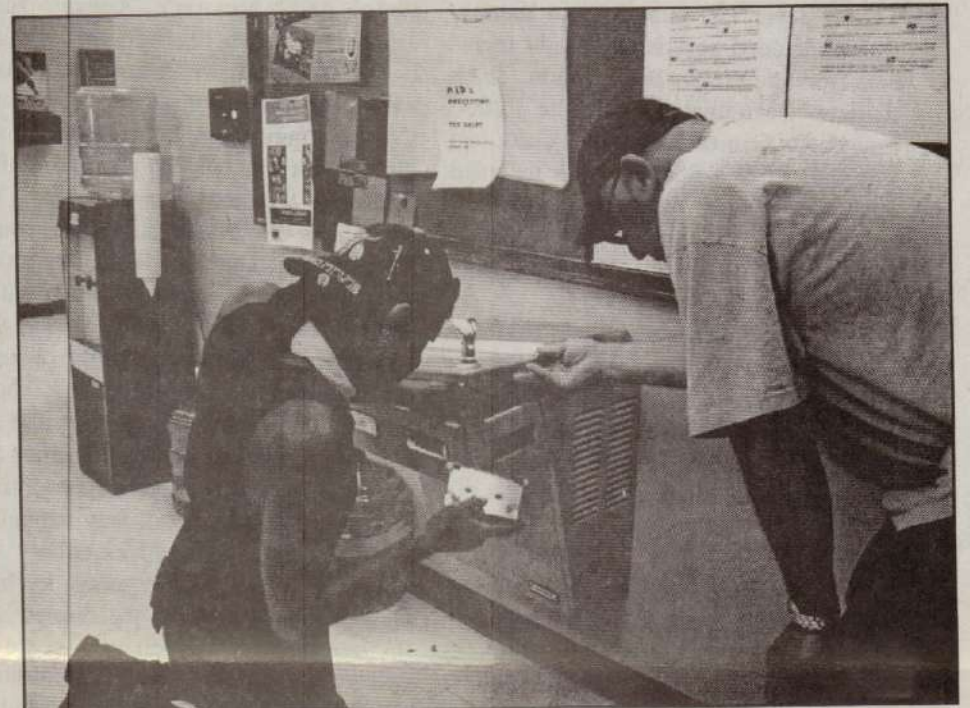
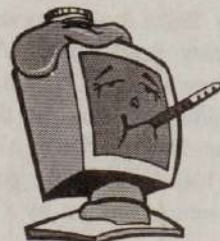
Officer Mike Boswell, who can be seen on the right side of the road answered the call by directing traffic after a truck stalled with a flat tire on 158 Rd.



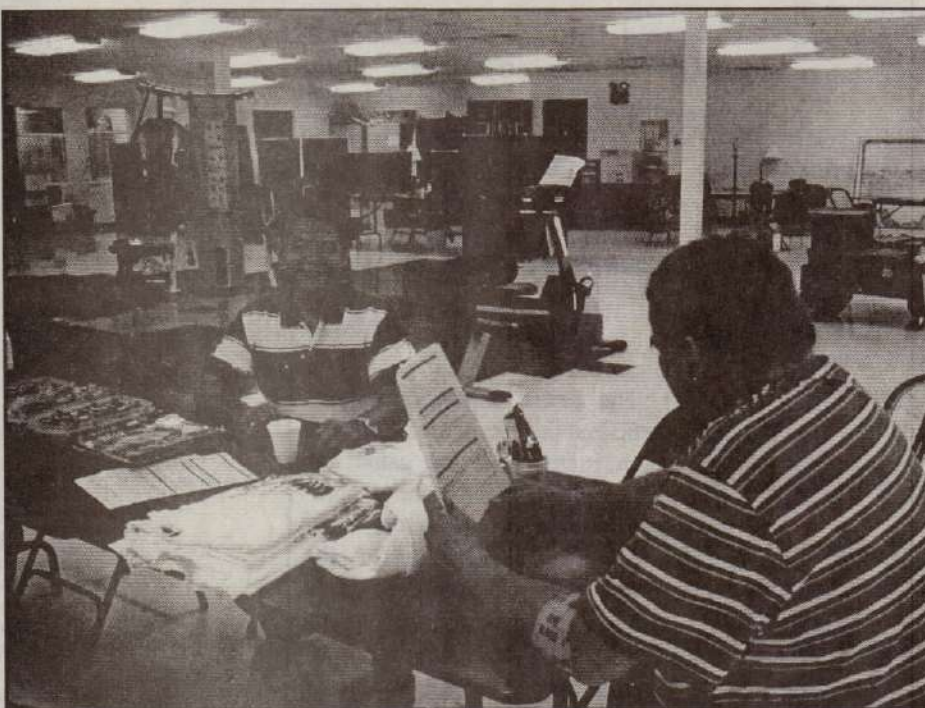
Scott Price, EMS, and other crew members had just answered a medical call at the PBPB Casino; he then proceeded to fill the truck up with fuel—to be ready for the next call.



Tony Scardina, Computer Tech, answered the call to investigate a computer problem experienced in the newsroom.



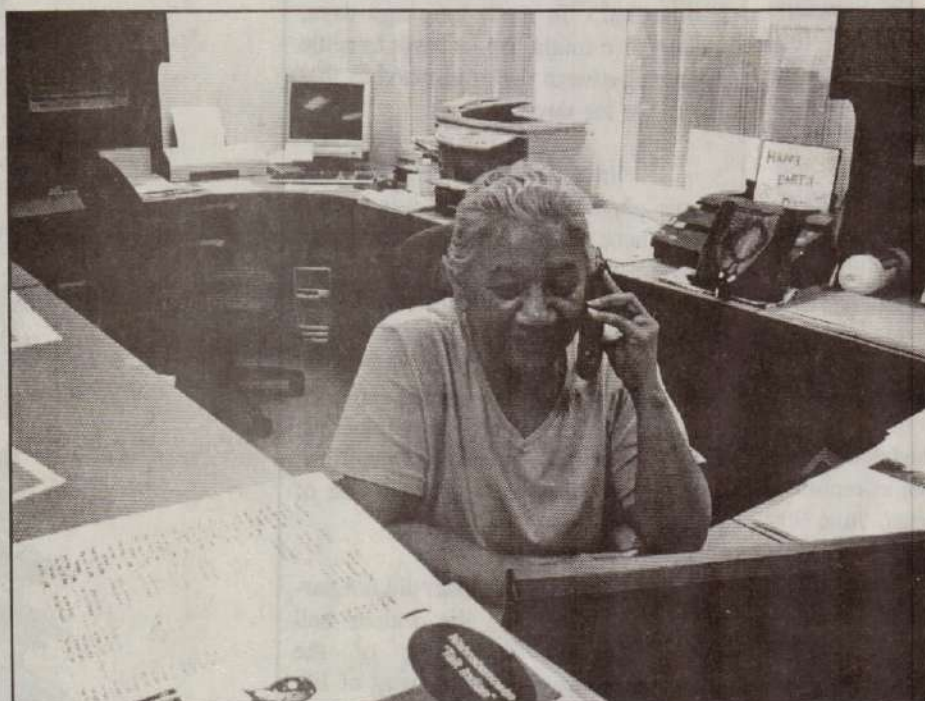
Perkins Whitetail and Gary Buskirk, Maintenance Dept. answered the call to repair a leaky water fountain in the We-Ta-Se building.



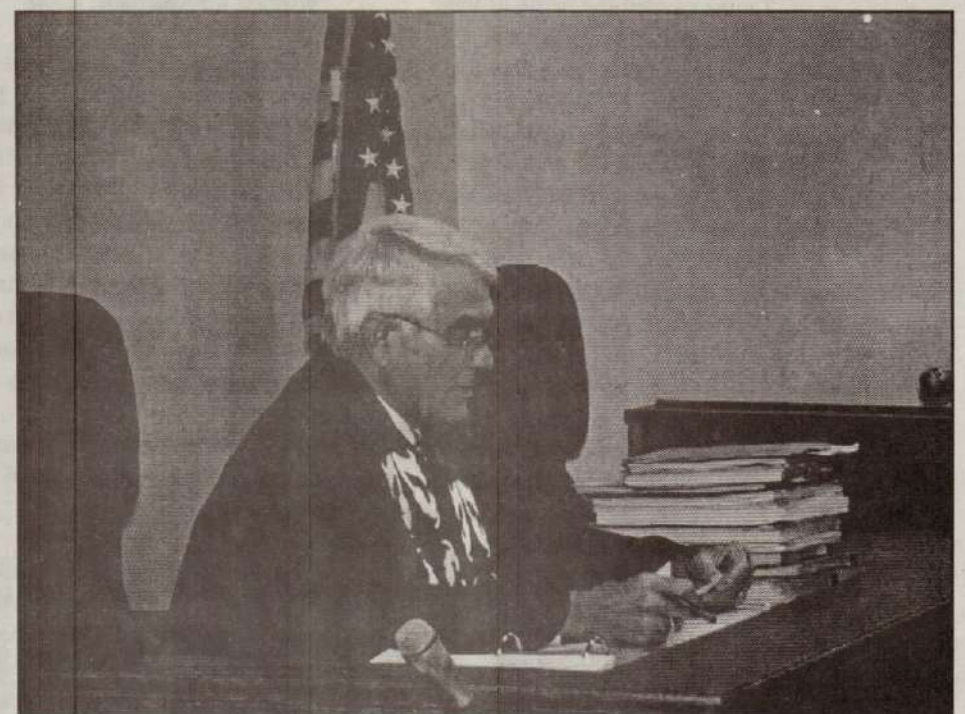
Francis Shopteese, We-Ta-Se Dept. and Calvin Evans, Gaming Commissioner, answered the call of being good Samaritans by giving blood at a community blood drive on July 13.



Mark Adame, Harrah's Table Games Assistant Director, answered the call by responding to questions by several concerned guests at the Casino; later Mark posed for the photo.



Nina Hinds, Language Dept., caught in action as she answered the telephone, possibly about the upcoming immersion class.



Monte Deer, PBPB District Judge, answered the call to justice by holding tribal court where he was hearing a case.



Team Kansas wins medals at 2006 Native American Indigenous Games

At left, Adele Thomas holds up a bronze medal that she won as a member of the Women's 20 Up softball team. With her is her son, Swede.

Photo by Cheryl Hopkins

Over 130 American Indians participate from Kansas

By: Gary Mitchell

Over 130 Indians from Kansas, which included approximately 40 members from the Prairie Band Nation, *Team Kansas* participated in the 2006 Indigenous Games in Denver, Colo., on July 2-7, 2006. Sports events included adult and teenage categories in basketball, softball, wrestling, volleyball, boxing and golf. Overall, 16 sports were available in which to participate.

The sports events were held at athletic fields in Denver and suburbs such as Aurora, Parker, Littleton and the city of Colorado Springs. The variety of geographical locations was confusing until the participants became familiar with the area.

Funding was provided by the Indian Nations of the Potawatomi, Sac and Fox and Kickapoo. In addition, many of the team members had fundraisers of their own to help defray expenses, but many came up short before the week ended. Since this was a first-time experience for most of the participants, they will have an idea of the costs for the next event in two years and can plan accordingly. Regardless of costs, however, the experience was priceless.

The opening ceremonies were held at Ivesco Field or Mile High Stadium, home of the Denver Broncos. The opening parade on Sunday included tribal elders, tribal leaders and military veterans leading in the athletes, estimated to be in the thousands. The parade lasted over two hours, which included a three-hour wait prior to the actual parade. Tribal Leaders such as Tex Hall, who led the North Dakota delegation and Joe Shirley, Jr., who led Team Arizona, were active participants. Many of the elders wore their tribal shirts and dress, and some even had full-headress. Maynard Potts, 90, of the Potawatomi, originally chosen to lead the Kansas delegation had last minute health complications, which prevented his participation. The parade was an impressive event. Most of the teams had matching walking suits with their names on the back. Indian pride was evident throughout the long parade and was a joy to witness.

Teams carried the name of their state instead of tribal designations. For example, *Team Kansas* had members from the Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Sac and Fox and many assorted tribes whose members live in Lawrence and Topeka. The sporting venture was the first time for Kansas tribes to participate in the games. Steve McDonald, who served as *Team Kansas'* contingent golf coach and the commissioner of golf for the games said of the games:

"I would like to thank all the athletes, coaches, chaperones, parents, grandparents and sponsors who participated in the Games for their dedication and effort, but most of all I would like to applaud, recognize, salute and especially thank Raphael Wahwassuck for his hard work, determination, hours of effort, tireless dedication and inspiration to the youth of our communities and the overall success of *Team Kansas* at the 2006 North American Indigenous Games

(NAIG). Also, I would like to recognize and thank our honorary athlete Maynard Potts and honorary coach Jerry Tuckwin—m'gwitch! From an organizational standpoint, we undertook this task with little time to prepare (as did the Colorado Indigenous Games Society) and did the best we could do with the limited resources we had to work with. We assembled the best coaches we could, who then assembled the best athletes they could, and we all worked together with a short-sided budget. It's a challenging task given the fact that all of the organizers (coaches, chaperones, and chefs) have full time jobs, plus the fact that this was our first effort as *Team Kansas*, and we didn't have any experience or a track record to fall back on. It was difficult to 100 percent organize, especially not knowing if we were going to have enough money to go to the Games right up until the very last minute; we did not receive a check from the PB Potawatomi until June 26th. The Games started on July 2nd. We did the best we could and for the right reasons...our youth. It's our hope that we laid a solid foundation for the future of *Team Kansas* and that our youth and adult athletes will be the benefactors of our efforts in years to come. The next NAIG are scheduled for 2008 in British Columbia! From a personal standpoint, it was an awesome experience that helped me grow as a human being as I experienced highs and lows throughout the entire process. Besides watching the wide eyed expressions on our young athletes' faces and seeing our athletes compete, my greatest joy was during opening ceremonies when the Team Kansas delegation marched into Mile High Stadium during the parade of athletes and the rain briefly stopped for a moment and paid its respects to our athletes and team!

The Games Begin

The games began on Monday at 8:00 a.m. *Team Kansas* (Boys basketball 15-16), which included local boys, Nyeh Waskeh LittleAxe, Evan Evans, Jaimie Farias, and Pam Johnson, lost to *Team Wisconsin* 41-36, but recovered to win three games in the tournament. Unfortunately, the team didn't qualify for the play-offs.

Women's Basketball Team

Team Kansas (Women's basketball team), which included local girls, Tara Mitchell, Ramona Nozhackum, Tarissa Danielson, and Melissa Haag, won their first game 60-30 over *Team Iowa*. Mitchell and Nozhackum play for the Royal Valley High School basketball team. Mitchell, All-League first team in the 2005-06 school year, averaged close to 10 points a game during the tournament, and Nozhackum helped the team with shooting and ball-handling. The games were a good learning experience for this young group and will serve them well in the future.

Danielson and Haag will join *Team Kansas* teammates, Amber Tecumseh, Margaret and Maria Stevens, and Honey Roundface at Haskell this fall. These last four players mentioned added stability, and experience besides speed, rebounding and scoring to *Team*

Kansas.

The women's team won four games over *Team Iowa*, two versus *Team North Dakota*, and *Team New York*. The women's team sustained three losses including a loss in the championship game 56-50 to *Team New Mexico*. They had lost earlier in the pool competition to the same team but by a score of 54-53.

Teams in this field included *Team Iowa*, *Team Arizona*, *Team North Dakota*, *Team New York*, and *Team New Mexico*. Some of these players had college experience, and one player from *Team Arizona* played for awhile on the women's basketball pro circuit. Their skill and experience showed throughout this tournament. Several of these women have made all-tournament in nationwide competition.

Besides gaining valuable experience, *Team Kansas* Women won silver medals for their effort—an outstanding accomplishment considering they were not listed as pre-tournament favorites.

Men's Basketball Team

Team Kansas Men were one of the early favorites and won their first game 103-93 over *Team South Dakota*. The Men's team went on to win five more games beating a tough Canadian team to get into the championship game. In the game against *Team Washington*, a heavy favorite led by Oklahoman Gary Parker, *Team Kansas* was not as prepared and had to settle for second place, but winning silver medals in the process. The silver medal represented another outstanding accomplishment considering the competition.

Wrestling

Team Kansas: William Evans has lived on the reservation all his life and has played sports most of his life, starting with baseball, and football, but he decided to concentrate on wrestling for the Indigenous Games. Sometimes confusion occurs in a competition of this magnitude, where there were over 7,000 athletes, and this happened to the wrestling competition where it was common to wait up to 11 hours between matches. But the wait paid off for William Evans, who won a gold medal in the 17-19 Men's Jr. Heavy-weight Division. During his matches, he defeated Shane Silennoon of New Mexico, Joe Rickard of New York, and James Ford of British Columbia. William will be a senior at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla. His coach for the games was Jason Ogden.

Gold medalists from Team Kansas

William Evans' gold medal was one of five won by *Team Kansas*, as reported in the *Topeka Capital Journal*, June 9th edition. The others were Justice Valdivia in the Boy's 13-14 golf event, Jaco Sanchez in the Boy's discus, Kyle Johnson won the 17-19 130-pound wrestling title, and the girls 17-19 won the Girl's softball tournament with a 6-0 record.

Other medal winners from Team Kansas

Other medal winners were for third place or bronze medals: Joe Sam Ross of the Kickapoo Tribe took a bronze medal for adult heavy-weight boxing. Many fans from Kansas watched Ross lose on a technicality, but before that he had the match under control. He was disappointed in the result but said he will win next time. Emily McDonald also won a bronze medal for Girl's 17-19 golf. Emily is the daughter of Steve McDonald and has had a successful golf career at Topeka High School and will attend Arkansas State University on a golf scholarship in the fall.

The women's adult softball team, coached by Don Don LeClere, won bronze medals. Team members included Josie Pahmahmie, Virginia and Dawn LeClere, Nichole McDonald, Allison Catron, Olivia Pewamo, and Adele Thomas.

The adult women's volleyball team also won bronze medals. They were coached by Carla Feathers and included mostly players from Haskell Indian University in Lawrence, Kan.

Although the competition was tough, the entire effort from *Team Kansas* showed the Indian world that there are top Indian athletes in Kansas, too.

Lacrosse: A sacred game of Indians

The *Denver Post* had an interesting article about the game, lacrosse. The article states how the game has been with and by Indians for generations and is the sport that most accurately reflects the heritage of the indigenous people: "Lacrosse was used by American Indians long ago to get the men of the tribe ready for war. They would play on huge swaths of land, sometimes with goals that were miles apart, to condition for battle. Games could feature hundreds of players at a time, with trees or rocks marked for the goals and deerskin used for the ball. In those long ago days, Indians also might use lacrosse to settle disputes between tribes in matches that could last for days."

"In our belief system, our people played before there was even a world here, New York coach Vince Schiffert said, "It was played by the people in the sky world, the people that created our Earth. That was one of the things that the people from sky world sent down here. It is a sacred game. It is also a medicinal game to help people help people. It is to help communities, to help them stay in a good frame of mind."

Although *Team Kansas* did not participate in lacrosse, the Indian ball game also is still part of the Potawatomi and Kickapoo way of life and this article represents an interesting example of what other tribes believe.



Indigenous Game Highlights

photos by Gary Mitchell, Cheryl Hopkins
& Ralph and Linda Tecumseh

Thousands of people attended the opening ceremonies of the Games held at Invesco Field in Denver. The Grand Entry parade included Indian dignitaries and Color Guards from across the Nation. *Team Kansas* consisted of assorted tribes from the state who all participated in the games. Many Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation families watched from the sidelines with pride. Below are a few photographs that were taken during the week from that special time.



Boys Basketball 15-16 Team



Wrestling 17-19 yrs



Womens Basketball 20 Up Team

There were five gold medalists from Kansas including tribal member William Evans for wrestling in the 17-19 Men's Jr. Heavy-weight Division



Boys Basketball 17-19 Team



Girls Volleyball 15-16 Team



Womens Softball 20 Up Team



Womens Volleyball 20 Up Team



Girls Basketball 15-16 Team



A message from some proud parents

We wish to congratulate all the participants that went to the 2006 North American Indigenous Games in Denver. Everyone did a terrific job representing Kansas. We are especially proud of the Women and Men's basketball *Team Kansas*. They made it to the championship play-offs but lost and came away with 2nd place and "silver" medals. You have not seen real basketball until you have seen all Native basketball played. Everyone knew that *Team Kansas* was in the house. We had a great time cheering and supporting these teams throughout the week. The only disappointment was the lack of support from our own Tribal Council. It is a shame Indian politics had a role in this. Our young people are our leaders of the future. We need to help, support and encourage them. They all worked hard, did their best and were proud of their Tribe and where they came from. Many thanks to you all for the fine memories of the Indigenous Games.

Ralph and Linda Tecumseh



New Surgeon General's Report Focuses on the Effects of Secondhand Smoke

By U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona today issued a comprehensive scientific report which concludes that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent. The finding is of major public health concern due to the fact that nearly half of all nonsmoking Americans are still regularly exposed to secondhand smoke.

The report, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, finds that even brief secondhand smoke exposure can cause immediate harm. The report says the only way to protect nonsmokers from the dangerous chemicals in secondhand smoke is to eliminate smoking indoors.

"The report is a crucial warning sign to nonsmokers and smokers alike," HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt said. "Smoking can sicken and kill, and even people who do not smoke can be harmed by smoke from those who do."

Secondhand smoke exposure can cause heart disease and lung cancer in nonsmoking adults and is a known cause of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), respiratory problems, ear infections, and asthma attacks in infants and children, the report finds.

"The health effects of secondhand smoke exposure are more pervasive than we previously thought," said Surgeon General Carmona, vice admiral of the U.S. Public Health Service. "The scientific evidence is now indisputable: secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance. It is a serious health hazard that can lead to disease and premature death in children and nonsmoking adults." Secondhand smoke contains more than 50 cancer-causing chemicals, and is itself a known human carcinogen. Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke inhale many of the same toxins as smokers. Even brief exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and increases risk for heart disease and lung cancer, the report says. In addition, the report notes that because the bodies of infants and children are still developing, they are especially vulnerable to the poisons in secondhand smoke.

"The good news is that, unlike some public health hazards, secondhand smoke exposure is

easily prevented," Surgeon General Carmona said. "Smoke-free indoor environments are proven, simple approaches that prevent exposure and harm." The report finds that even the most sophisticated ventilation systems cannot completely eliminate secondhand smoke exposure and that only smoke-free environments afford full protection.

Surgeon General Carmona noted that levels of cotinine -- a biological marker for secondhand smoke exposure -- measured in nonsmokers have fallen by 70 percent since the late 1980s, and the proportion of nonsmokers with detectable cotinine levels has been halved from 88 percent in 1988-91 to 43 percent in 2001-02.

"Our progress over the past 20 years in clearing the air of tobacco smoke is a major public health success story," Surgeon General Carmona said. "We have averted many thousands of cases of disease and early death and saved millions of dollars in health care costs." He emphasized, however, that sustained efforts are required to protect the more than 126 million Americans who continue to be regularly exposed to secondhand smoke in the home, at work, and in enclosed public spaces.

Tobacco is a gift from nature

By Dr. Terry Harter

Tobacco is a gift from nature. The plant has sacred value and the use of tobacco in ceremonial rituals should pose minimal harm to health. We have known for some time that the habitual daily use is harmful to the user. The Surgeon General has recently released the above statement regarding second hand smoke.



Chiropractic services offered at PBP Family Health Center



Jamie Mulanax, D.C.

Dr. Mulanax is a Hoyt native and a 1999 graduate of Royal Valley. She attended Fort Hays State followed by Cleveland Chiropractic College. She has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Human Biology and a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree. She is also board certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association for animal chiropractic.

Techniques used in her practice are as follows: Diversified, Activator, Sacral Occipital Technique, and Flexion Distraction.

Dr. Mulanax is also an adjunct instructor at the Massage Therapy Training Institute in Kansas City, Mo. where she teaches anatomy, physiology, pathology and nutrition.

Dr. Jamie Mulanax provides chiropractic services at the Health Center every other week. Call for an appointment at the PBP Family Health Center at (866) 694-6728. To reach her office in Topeka at 4525 SW 21st St., the number is (785) 272-4242.

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PBP Health Center Update



By: John Holtz, Health Center Administrator

Patient activity levels at the Health Center have continued to trend upward since 2005 including a 50% increase in patient visits and 38% increase in both lab tests and prescriptions filled. The Health Center currently averages 8,250 annual clinic visits, 9,000 annual lab tests and 47,750 prescriptions filled. It is anticipated that there will be a significant patient activity increase when the new Health Center opens. The Health Center currently has 2,496 active patients who have received services in the last three years; 1,515 patients are PBP members (61% of all active patients).

Health Center scheduled to open in September

Construction on the new Health Center continues to make steady progress and it appears that the Center will be open for services in September. An Open House Planning Committee has been formed to organize dedication and open house festivities. Stay tuned for more information about the opening of the new Health Center.

New Health Center service

This month our featured new Health Center service is Radiology. The Health Center will offer on-site computerized radiography (CR) which utilizes digital technology and will be performed by a full-time Radiology Technician. State-of-the art CR will streamline and enhance our diagnostic and treatment process and will greatly improve accessibility and convenience for our patients.

CR uses a standard X-ray machine. In CR, the image is exposed on a digital plate rather than on film. The digital image is then transferred to a reader, where the image is displayed on a monitor. This image being digital can be modified to adjust the exposure. Once the quality is approved the image may be printed on a film in a laser camera. The images may also be stored in an electronic format on CD and sent with the patients to an appointment with a specialist or can be emailed to a specialist.

CR also minimizes the need to retake film images, eliminates transportation of films and the bulky storage of X-ray films. The wet film processor is no longer required which eliminates maintenance, space requirements, and handling of hazardous chemicals along with the expensive operation of X-ray processors.

Community Service Committee

A new Community Service Committee has been established to improve coordination of services offered by health and human services programs and to improve services for community members. The Committee is chaired by Mina Neuburger, RN, Community Health Nurse. Programs participating in the new committee include Three Rivers Independent Living, the Elder Center, the Health Center, CHR Department, Social Services Department, Headstart and Early Childhood Education, and the Fire Department.

If you know someone who could benefit from services provided by tribal programs, please do not hesitate to contact one of the programs listed above.

Family Health Center (FHC)
510 Kansas Avenue, P. O. Box 190
Holton, KS 66436

Clinic Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
8:00 am to 11:30 am &
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Tuesday
8:00 am to 11:30 am
CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Phone: (785) 364-2176 ext. 222
Toll Free: (866) 694-6728

Pharmacy Hours

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8:00 am to NOON &
12:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday
8:00 am to NOON
CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON
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Toll Free: (866) 727-6330

A journey through breast cancer

By Arlene Wahwasuck

Nothing prepares one to hear the words: "You have cancer." I heard those words in May 2002 as I awoke from a breast biopsy. I was shocked and afraid. I burst into tears as the doctor held my hand. My immediate thought was death. The doctor said, "I'm going to tell your family." My daughters and I cried together.

I will share some of my journey through the diagnosis of breast cancer. I became interested in participating in a research project. I was confident I could not have breast cancer. No breast cancer was in my immediate family. I had breast-fed my children. Age and being a woman were my only risk factors. I had been doing Self-Breast Examinations (SBE) and had felt a lump in my right breast that I was concerned about.

The requirements to participate in the research project was to get a clinical breast examination and a mammogram. I completed both in March 2002. I was told by the clinician that examined my breasts that no lumps were found. The agency where the mammogram was done recalled me for further testing. The radiologist at the agency said I needed a needle biopsy of the area. I agreed to the needle biopsy. I was then given an appointment with a surgeon. I was not told why I had an appointment with a surgeon and I did not ask. I returned to my primary physician and asked for another opinion. I was sent to a surgeon in Topeka. The surgeon stated I did need a biopsy. He said his schedule was full, so I was given an appointment for the biopsy six weeks later.

During that six weeks, I was afraid and worried. I planted lots of flowers, busying myself with their care. The day of the appointment arrived. My daughters and I went to a Topeka hospital where the biopsy was scheduled. Upon surgery check in at the hospital, the nurse said, "Didn't you know your surgery was cancelled?" I again burst into tears. I was extremely agitated on my way home. I returned to my primary provider and asked for another surgeon. In the meanwhile, two months had passed since the mammogram.

The second time, I was sent to a kind, compassionate surgeon within the week. He examined my breasts and the mammogram and said to me, "Did anyone tell you, your mammogram is highly suspicious?" I replied, "No one did." I told him of my previous wait, so he arranged the biopsy within days. That was when I learned I did have breast cancer. My daughters and I were told the options I had for treatment. I chose to have a complete mastectomy. I was tested for cancer spreading to other body parts before surgery. No evidence was found. The mastectomy was done the following week. I was told I had no lymph node involvement, so chose not to have chemotherapy or radiation.

Before my surgery, my nephew, Louie Aitkens and his wife Liz called to say they were giving

a prayer supper for me. It was the day before my surgery. My friends and family were there to pray for me and offer their love, support and encouragement. What a blessing. The love and caring of family and friends was wonderful! Family and friends continued their love and support throughout surgery and recovery. The visits, flowers, and words of encouragement throughout my recovery meant so much to me.

This experience has taught me several things I would like to share:

- SBE is important! Learn how and when to do SBE from your health care provider.
- An annual clinical breast examination is important. Ask your provider if they have been trained to examine breasts.
- If you have had a mammogram, ask your provider to explain the results to you.
- Get a mammogram done at regularly scheduled times as recommended by your health care provider or the American Cancer Society (ACS).
- Don't wait for any length of extended time to have a recommended biopsy. Insist on a biopsy as soon as possible.
- Know the risk factors for breast cancer. Breast cancer does occur in young women and in women with no family history of breast cancer.
- Get a pap smear as often as recommended.
- Stop smoking!

Through my experience I have learned cancer is not a death sentence. One does need to listen to your body and report anything unusual to your health care provider right away. Know and follow the recommendations of the ACS for cancer warning signs.

Today, I continue follow-up as recommended by my physician. Today I am a survivor and a thriver. Currently, I am an advisory board member of the Four Tribes Women's Coalition (FTWC) and the Native American Cancer Research (NACR). I was recently appointed to the Native American Advisory Board of the Susan B. Komen Foundation. The mission of these organizations is early diagnosis and treatment of breast and cervical cancer. NACR addresses cancer in males. NACR has a website www.natamcancer.org. The website has information about cancer, how cancer affects Native Americans, and a survey for breast cancer survivors. I will soon have phone cards available for women who have had breast cancer and complete the short survey on the NACR website. Contact me for further information about NACR. If you would like the FTWC to provide your organization with breast cancer information, contact me at (785) 486-2902 or email me at ou812@rainbowtel.net. If you would like further information about the national organizations, you may contact me.

One of the visions of the former Prairie

Band Potawatomi (PBP) Health Committee was to have a mammogram unit at our new health center. An onsite unit would have reduced the barrier of travel and provided a convenient place for women to have their annual mammogram and clinical breast examination. Unfortunately, there are no plans to have a mammogram unit in the new health center. Cost seems to be a factor in this decision.

Breast cancer is no stranger to PBP members or to other tribal nations. Locally, the PBP has breast cancer survivors among our members. There are also members of the other tribes of northeast Kansas who have had breast cancer. Breast cancer and cervical cancer will continue to go undiagnosed and untreated as long as women neglect to have regular recommended examinations. Let us join the fight to eliminate cancer among our tribal members through early diagnosis and treatment. Our women are worth any cost to be free of barriers that will prevent access to quality health care.

Prediabetes

By Sebe Masquat, RN

Prediabetes identifies varying degrees of abnormal glucose regulation, like Impaired Glucose Tolerance (IGT) and Impaired Fasting Glucose (IFG). IFG is easier to diagnose because all you need is a fasting blood sugar check of 100-125. To diagnose IGT a 2-hour oral glucose tolerance test must be done - with a value of 140-199 at 2-hours. And of course there are other factors to consider when assessing a person's risk for developing diabetes, such as family history, having excessive weight for height, older age, delivering a baby weighing greater than 9 lbs. at birth, having a history of gestational diabetes, race/ethnicity.

Remember this: type 2 diabetes can be prevented in most people with lifestyle modifications!

2nd Annual Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children State Conference
Wednesday, August 23 2006
Wichita, KS

Registration deadline: August 16 at 4:30 pm
Register online: www.parstoepka.com



Welcome to the world!



Johnathan C. Rutherford

Born: June 17, 2006
Place: Ft. Riley, Kan.
Weight: 6 lbs., 3 oz.
Length: 18 3/4 inches
Parents: Robert and Darlene Rutherford
Brothers: Jeffrey and Michael Rutherford

Johnathan is the great-grandson of the late Thomas Jessepe

Thurman "Dutch" Keo would like to announce the birth of his new sister!
Ashton Raylynn Keo

Born: June 1, 2006
Place: Topeka, Kan.
Weight: 7 lbs., 4 oz.
Length: 20 1/2 inches



Parents: April C. Wahwasuck and James "Mokie" Keo

Grandparents: Raymond D. Wahwasuck Sr. and Debra Whitebird and Jim and Dennis Keo



Peggy and Joe Williams were married

at the
Brown County Courthouse
Hiawatha, Kan.

on

June 9, 2006

The couple resides in Horton, Kan. Joe is a tribal member and is the son of the late Hank and Erma Williams, Horton, Kan. Peggy is the daughter of Betty and the late Norman McKinney, Bedford, Ind.



Congratulations to
Lisa Slater & Mi-kes Potts
who were married on
July 15, 2006
Circleville Christian Church
Circleville, Kan.

Bride's parents: Larry & Terry Slater
Groom's parents: Dolly Potts & Benny Potts

Congratulations to Carol Shopteese on receiving a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) degree from Baker University, June 12.

She wishes to thank her family who have given so much to her through the years in order for her to complete her degrees as well as the PBP Education Dept., Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri Tribal Council, and extended family and friends for their support.



Congratulations to April C. Wahwasuck on receiving a Bachelor's of Science degree in Organizational Business Management from Friends University, May 12, 2006. She is the daughter of Deb Whitebird and Ray Wahwasuck Sr., Horton, Kan. who send this message to her:
"Congratulations!"
Love, Mom, Bob, Jr. and Shayla

Happy Belated Birthday Big Bad Bob!



Love,
Apes

Marcella Campos (La La) June 2 & Edgar Higine (Boo Boo) June 13

Happy 4th birthdays!



We love you both!

Love always,
mom, dad, aunts, uncles,
grandma, grandpa, sisters and brother



Happy 15th Birthday, Ry

July 11

Love,
the family
and
Booger & Bud

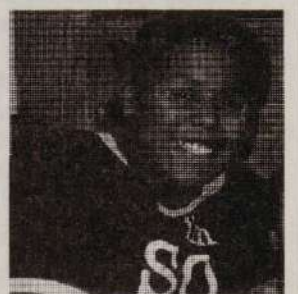
Happy 14th Birthday, AJ

on August 8



We love you!

From: mom and dad
(Marlena and Kevin Jordan) & Jaime, Marliisa and Kobe



Call for veterans!

In the continued effort to acknowledge all Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal members who may have served in the Armed Forces of America, the We-Ta-Se office asks you to forward a copy of the veteran's discharge papers (DD 214) and tribal enrollment number to the We-Ta-Se office for verification and future inscriptions to be added on the Memorial Wall.

Send information by September 22, 2006 to:
We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410
15434 K Rd.
Mayetta, KS 66509

or call (785) 966-2580
Fax: (785) 966-9853

Email: Franciss@pbpnation.org
or Jimd@pbpnation.org

The Veterans Memorial Wall is located in Prairie Peoples Park

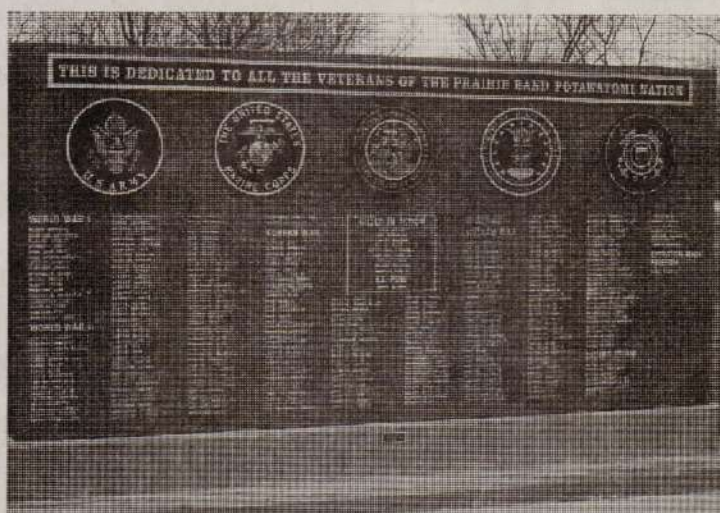


Photo courtesy of We-Ta-Se

For a list of veteran's names who are already on the wall go to www.pbpnation.org and look under the veterans link.

A message from the We-Ta-Se staff and Maintenance Dept.



It makes us sad to have to put this in writing. It is unfortunate that the Veterans Memorial has become subject to vandalism. We have had light fixtures broken, light bulbs stolen, feathers on the Eagle staff bent, mud thrown on the Memorial wall panels and benches and rocks continually kicked upon the walk ways.

So, we are reaching out to all our tribal members in hopes that we can curb future vandalism to our memorial by asking anyone who happens to see any misuse of the Veterans Memorial to please contact the proper authorities.

7th Annual Native Nations Law Symposium August 25, 2006

Sac & Fox Casino, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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email to lpeden@sacandfoxcasino.com

Lysette Morris selected July Artist of the Month



Lysette Morris, a tribal member from Mayetta, Kan., was selected the Artist of the Month for the Jackson County (Kan.) Arts Council and the *The Holton Recorder* recently. Her work seen, at left, consists of traditional Native American designs done in colored pencils on a black background. Her work is presently on display at Charlie's, a downtown coffeehouse, in Holton, Kan.

A thank you message from Helen Slattery, Director of Parr Recovery House

The 2005 goal set for Parr House was to involve the family members of the men who are clients at Parr House. We have been striving to include the family groups for supportive treatment in our clients' recovery process monthly. On July 8th we held a family picnic at Banner Creek Reservoir and around 50 people attended. A presentation on "Understanding Alcoholism and Drug Addiction and Family Roles" was given and we had a nice meal. It was a wonderful day and good for the staff and clients to work together to put on the event. We cooked together and played recreational games. It appeared meaningful to the clients to know that their families still care and love them and are encouraging them to remain alcohol and drug free so they can become successful in the community. We all are very grateful for everyone's support. The healing has just begun and the promises of recovery will take place with progress. Thanks again to those family members for all the support. The next Parr Family Day will be held in the latter part of August.



BPN Early Childhood Education Center is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Pathways to our Future Early Childhood Education Conference August 7, 8, 9, 2006 Harrah's Convention Center & Hotel Mayetta, KS 66509

Call Natalie McClane at (785) 966-2707



Save the date!
October 27-28
Diabetes Conference
Working together for balance

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino
Mayetta, Kan.

This conference is a cooperative effort of:

- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
- Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri
- Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
- Haskell Health Center

Contact Sebe Masquat at (785) 364-2176 ext 231
(Major funding provided by Association of American Indian Affairs)

Look for information in the next issue of the *Potawatomi News* about the 2006 Potawatomi Gathering to be held July 27-July 30 in Dowagiac, Michigan hosted by Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



Summer Enrichment Program provides jobs, fun, and learning all at the same time

Submitted by: Kristen Aitkens, Summer Youth Program Coordinator

The Summer Youth Work Program is halfway finished for the year. The program conducted interviews and hired 61 students this year. The first session started on June 5th and completed their session on June 30th. Something new to the program this year was that all students were required to attend weekly workshops. This gave the students an opportunity to walk away with some new knowledge. Topics included: professions in healthcare, communicable

diseases, and interviewing skills. The kids were also given an opportunity to attend a short presentation on methamphetamines; attendance at this presentation was optional, but over half of the workers attended that day. Also, as part of the program students were required to submit a short article on their experience with the program this year.

I just want to thank all of the workers for their participation this year, and to wish them all GOOD LUCK with your upcoming school year!

Here's a list of youth who were in the first Summer Enrichment Session



Carrie Garrison
Evan Evans
Tiffany Jim
Taylor Miller
Jon Needham
Brittany Lake
Jamie Greemore
Tara Mitchell
Shanna Greemore
Jaime Farias
Tamara Pahmahmie
Jake Rodewald
William Evans
Krystle Wahweotten

Emily Catron
David Jim
Eric Otero
Crystal Mzhickteno
Ramona Nozhackum
Philip Jim Jr.
Alan Lewis
Alex Rupnicki
Sarah Catron
Nolan Pahmahmie
Damian "Sock" Johnson
Rusty Potts
Tyler Shobney
Ryan Kingfisher

Students share work experience by expressing their thoughts

Students were asked to write articles about their summer work experience that are offered below. Students had the option of not having to include their names so they could give an honest account as long as there was no profanity included. Those wishing not to disclose their names are listed below as anonymous. Articles also have not been corrected for grammar.

Anonymous

I think this summer was a little funner than last years. I worked at the elementary school with the CLC. I really enjoyed it a lot. I learned some neat little things too about being older. When you are older and bigger, the kids will listen to what you have to say (most of the time.) There are some exceptions though for the ones who think they know it all. I think these workshops were a great idea, and what they were over too. I learned a lot about doctors and just the medical field itself. I also learned some things I kinda knew but didn't know about the different things in relationships. I didn't know they were that complicated. Also, I may have learned one or two things about sex and its diseases. Not much, but now I know there are 27 of them. I knew most of the other things we went over about it.

Taylor Miller

I learned a lot from the health center. Like thing about Diabetes and about medical records. And other thing like that and I got to work with some of the nurse. They told me what I need to do to get in to college. Like what class I need to take in high school and what class I will need to take in college. They told me how many years I got to take of college to be what I want to be. It was really nice work up here and I hope I can work up here next year.

Anonymous

I enjoyed working this summer. I had a great working staff. I gained experience in working in an office. I answered phones, filed applications, and organized tick-

ets. I also learned how to input data in a computer system. I learned skills that will help me in the future. The workshops helped a lot also. I learned about interviewing skills, nursing and STD's. Overall I'm glad I got the opportunity to work in this program.

Alex Rupnicki

This summer I worked in the HR office. It was a really good learning experience for me. Working in the HR office you learn a lot. Some of the things that you learn how to do is make copies, faxes and talk with people. I liked working in the HR office even though I had to file a lot. It was a good experience for me, and I will be able to use what I learned for the rest of my life.

Anonymous

Hi, I worked at the Boys and Girls Club. I thought that it was a great experience because I got to work with kids. I learned that it's not as bad as I thought it was going to be because I normally don't like to watch my little brothers. I thought that Kristen was a good boss because it seemed that she cared about the program and the workers. I thought that the workshops were a good idea. I learned a lot from them.

Jamie Greemore

It was a great experience working for the PBPNation. I can use my experience in the future. Thank you for letting me work in the enrollment department. The main objective of this department is keeping everything filed properly and everything is confidential in there.

Anonymous

This year at building maintenance I learned how to

clean a toilet. I worked at 8 places on the rez. At those buildings we had to take out trash, clean bathrooms, mop, vaccum, sweep. I enjoyed working for building maintenance it was fun until I had to clean the toilets and vaccuming. Only things I didn't like doing was the workshops because I don't like to sit still for too long.

Ramona Nozhackum

Hello, my name is Ramona Nozhackum. I am writing in reference about this summer's youth work program. I had the pleasure of working at the PBP Tribal Court. My supervisors were Royetta Rodewald and Marilyn Brewer. I enjoyed working at my site and having fun with these ladies. I learned a lot about our judicial system out here on our reservation. I was even able to sit in on the actual court hearings that happened when I was working during the first session. I also learned to work on the computer with the HCSS program. Organizing and updating cases and I filed the cases and put them in chronological order. I really enjoyed working here and learning about our legal system and what goes on in the inside. It may even influence my decision in the future about my career. I am very appreciative of this opportunity that has been given to the adolescents of our tribe. It is a great experience for us and gives us something to do during the summer and gives us a little extra cash to put in our pocket. So, I'd just like to say Thank you.

Anonymous

This summer I worked for the summer youth program. I was hired at the CLC program up in Hoyt. The CLC program was pretty fun it also was kind of

hard because you had to watch little kids who you didn't know. But after awhile it was pretty easy job playing with the kids all day and it is definitely worth the money. And I look forward to working next year.

Emily Catron

My name is Emily Catron. I participated in the Summer Youth Program. I worked at the Boys and Girls Club. I think this job was a good learning experience from the interview to the very last day at work. While on the job I learned various skills from communication to dealing with kids. I would definitely participate in this program, if offered again next year. This was my first job and I now feel more confident and capable of one day being a good employee in a major business.

Crystal Mzhickteno

I really enjoyed working this summer youth program. This was my first year working with the program and I'm glad it happened but I wish I worked in the previous years. I learned things from the workshops, things such as about diseases, I also learned from my work experience. I worked at the PBP Child Care Center. I mainly worked in the infant room with the babies, but I also worked with the Toddler I & II classes. I'm glad I worked at the child care center because that's what I want to do in the future, I want to work w/kids. Well over all, I think the Summer Youth Program is good for the youth, I hope its still going on so my little sisters can learn from this like I have!

Sock Johnson

This summer I worked at Road and Bridge for fourth year in a row. I haven't learned anything new the past two years when I was at the shop. This year we had workshop sessions for the first time. They was boring but I learned a lot from them. I learned how to improve myself for a interview. This may be my last year working for the summer youth, but its been fun.

Pam Johnson

Sup my name is Pam Johnson. The job that I work at is the Commodities. What is really impress me is that I never know that there was so much people that need food. And it feels good to deliver food for the elders, let them talk to you about the old ways. What I think about the summer program it is pretty cool, I love to work, it will let me do something in the summer instead of causing trouble.



Anonymous

I worked at the Kickapoo boys and girls club this summer. I thought it was one of the best jobs a person could work for a summer job. I got to work with other staff, and I got to play with kids all day. I learned a lot working with kids, you have to watch them every second or they might hurt themselves, but all in all it was a very nice job. I plan on working summer youth as long as I can. I would like to thank every one for given me this great summer job.

Krystle Wahweotten

I think the Prairie Band Potawatomi Summer Youth Work Program is a very good work experience. We learn a lot, and it's fun! This year we had something different. Kristen put together workshops. At first I thought they were going to be boring. I'll admit they were, but I learned a lot. I was assigned to the Boys & Girls Club. There were 5 youth workers all together. And I was put at the front desk. I was kind of upset at first, b/c I'm not a sit-at-the-front-desk kind of person. I did get to meet a lot of people! It wasn't fun when I was sitting at the desk all day while the other workers were leading the kids and having fun. Other than that, my assigned work site was a good learning experience.

Tamara Pahmahmie

I believe that the Potawatomi Summer youth program has opened several doors to a few major opportunities

that only a few native american youth can experience. It is a nice program that prepares youth for all possible situations. It also prepares them for future success. My job as an administrative assistant has helped prepare me for my future profession. I learned how to work with a telephone switchboard system, and it helped me work in a public environment that has a positive effect in the community.

David Jim

My personal experience with the summer youth program has change my life forever. It has taught me responsibility. I have learned how to get jobs through interviews. I worked with Raphael with little kids & learned to take it easy on on them, like in dodge ball. I think whoever set up this program & giving me these life changing experiences.

Trevon Dick

This program was fun, because I worked at the Kickapoo Boys and Girls Club. This was my first year on the Potawatomi Summer Youth Program. I liked working, because I got to play with kids and make shoneyas at the same time. I plan on working next year, because this was a new great experience and I had two supervisor name ThunderChild (TC) and Kristen Aitkens. I hope next year will be the same.

Ted Pahmahmie

This summer I worked at the Road n Bridge. It was a good experience, I learned how to build fences, & work the buffalo. I really liked doing the things we did out there, I didn't want to work anywhere else. I plan on working there the rest of summer youth.

Tara Mitchell

During this summer youth program I learned a number of things. In the past 3 years I have worked at Social Services, Human Resources, Boys & Girls Club and this year I worked with Verna Simon and Tracy Stanhoff. In this office I learned how to file, type in dates and how to work with computers a little more. At our workshops I learned different kinds of occupations in the health fields that I didn't even know existed. I also learned about communicable diseases and teen hormones, which was somewhat an awkward discussion. The most recent things I learned was how to present yourself in an acceptable, friendly manner during an interview. I would like to thank everyone involved in the summer youth program for giving me this opportunity to learn while making money.

Carrie Garrison

This program is really good for the kids who can't apply for a job because their either too young or they don't want to work for a year round. I personally thought it was fun and I thank the people that put the time & patience putting in for us kids. It shows how much the tribe cares for their future leaders. My work experience was great working at the clinic, I got to work with a lot of people, I like it when I got to follow the nurses around and seen what they did. I got to work in the pharmacy and count pills. I didn't expect to wear scrubs but we had to, when they told us, I understood that it made us look like a part of the team. In a clinic

I learned that you see a lot of stuff, and no matter what you can never say anything. Well this summers work experience was great and I would do it next year. Kristen did a great job being the director for the summer youth program.



Brittany Lake

I learned a lot in this past month in the summer youth program and along with the workshops we had. The main thing I learn was how to give a proper interview, but the most fun thing that I learned this summer was that if you really like your job and the people you work with, you will never want to leave. I worked at child care, and I mostly helped in the infant room. I helped make bottles, put them to sleep but my most favorite thing to do was to make them smile. I love the feeling that you get when you know that you put that smile on their faces. So I would like to thank the people who gave me this exciting job! And I hope I can work there next year.

Alan Lewis

Let's see I had a lot of fun, this would have been my first summer working here & I have to say it was pretty cool. I worked at the maintenance shop. I worked with Aaron Hale, he was cool, but this job did have its downsides. I had to clean buildings well that is work though right, but the only bad thing was that we had to clean the prairie peoples park before the pow wow & the bathrooms was nasty, but hey Im still here, & I also learned a lot from the workshops that we had. But yeah it was all fun it was interesting & I liked workin for the summer youth program & I look forward to coming back again next year.

Bill

This summer I worked at the Boys and Girls Club. At first I did not want to work there when I got assigned, but after the first week I liked it. I worked arts and crafts in the morning. In the afternoon we played dodgeball and worked the game room. I learned how to work with kids. I learned responsibility from being the group leader. I found out how to watch them. I found out in a interview that if you don't tell them what you want to do you will get stuck with something else.

Anonymous

This summer I worked for Gaming Commissions. I learned a lot in the short month I was there. I met new

people and also learned more responsibility. I learned better social skills, communicating with people I don't know, and I also did work on the computer. I had a fun time working at Gaming Commissions. I liked the Summer Youth Program and learned a lot. This was the first real job I had and I fell like I can get a job anywhere now. One thing I really liked this year was the workshops every Wednesday. My first thought about the workshops was it would be a long boring day, but I actually learned a lot and am glad we got to go.

Ryan Kingfisher

The Summer Youth Program has helped me feel more grown. This year I got to work at the Kickapoo B&G club. At the B&G Club I have learned how kids react to each other and how much fun they can be. Through this program speakers have come to teach us about school and sexual diseases in the U.S. We have also been taught about how drugs can ruin peoples lives. The first session has taught me a lot of things in how to do interviews and get a job. Oh year I also worked for the first session to get fireworks and have the chance to have my own money. I really appreciate being able to work for Summer Youth and learning how to watch kids and care for them. I'm glad I was able to work with kids and have a lot of fun.

Shanna Greemore

This summer I worked for the summer youth work program. We had to go to interviews to see what job we got. I got the job at bingo. There I worked at the snack bar as a cashier. I got along with mostly all the staff it was a great experience. I learned how to run the cash register & I had to take orders & sometimes we would bring the food to the customers or call out their names. Every Wednesday we had to go to workshops. The first workshop was about nursing & we had nurses come in and talk to us about our future careers. The second time was about sex education; the third was about going threw interviews. They were all really interesting & I learned a lot of new stuff.

Tyler Shobney

I'm Tyler Shobney and I have learned so much and have experienced so much stuff I never even knew existed. I think this is a great experience that every one can and should be able to experience this. Plus for the future this will help us get a even better job because we always have this experience. I think we should keep this summer youth work program.



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