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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

It's finally ours!

Nation owner of Prairie Band Casino & Resort



Cars were jammed into the parking lot and lining the sides of the entryways on Grand Prize Day at the new Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Over 9,000 people visited the Casino on July 7 to try their luck at winning a 2007 Ford Harley Davidson truck and in other casino promotions. That evening country singer Randy Travis also gave two concert performances to sold out crowds.

Photo by Mary Young

By Suzanne Heck

A week of celebratory activities took place from July 1-7 when the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation officially took over management of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort from Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., *Kansas Casino Corporation*.

On July 1 a ceremonial baton pass was held in front of the Casino to officially announce the changeover (see story below) that was followed by a thank you reception for Harrah's dignitaries and business associates that the Tribe had

worked with through the years.

At the ceremony Tracy Stanhoff, tribal chairperson said, "It is now time for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to assume management responsibility for our casino resort. It's been a wonderful partnership and we have a beautiful resort gaming facility to show for it--the best in the Midwest. Today, we say farewell to the past and begin a new and exciting journey, yet another important step along our Nation's continued path toward self sufficiency."

On July 4 tribal members and their fam-

ilies were treated to a barbeque dinner, some family activities and a fireworks display (see below and on pages 6 and 7).

Concluding the week was Grand Prize Day on July 7 when all players at the casino received a chance to enter the 777 Truck Giveaway with a drawing held later that day and when the two Randy Travis concerts were performed.

Harrah's managed Harrah's Prairie Band Casino for nine years. The property, that has always been owned by the Prairie Band

Potawatomi Nation, includes a casino, hotel, three restaurants, convention center and RV Park.

Added amenities to the casino since the changeover include a new gift kiosk available in the hotel lobby and casino player promotions including a Superstrike Mystery Jackpot and a Prairie Band Players Club. For more information about the casino go to www.pbpgaming.com or call 1-888-PBP-4WIN.



Tracy Stanhoff resigns as Tribal Chair

Tribal Council announced in a press release on July 20 that Tracy Stanhoff resigned as tribal chair.

Tribal Council Vice Chairman Rey Kitchkumme, who is acting chair said, "We were surprised by her departure. During her tenure the Tribal Council oversaw the changeover from Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., to our own tribally-managed casino now known as the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. In addition, the Tribal Council has other economic development programs in the works. On behalf of the Tribal Council we wish Tracy well in her future endeavors."

The release also stated that an election for a new Tribal Chair will be held in the future.

Tracy Stanhoff was appointed Interim Tribal Chair by the Tribal Council in January,

2006 following the resignation of Zach Pahmahmie. She was elected to the position by a vote of the membership on July 24, 2006 and sworn into office on August 1.

Stanhoff has been residing in Topeka but is from the Los Angeles area where she owns and operates an advertising/graphic design business. She has a journalism degree from the University of California-Long Beach.

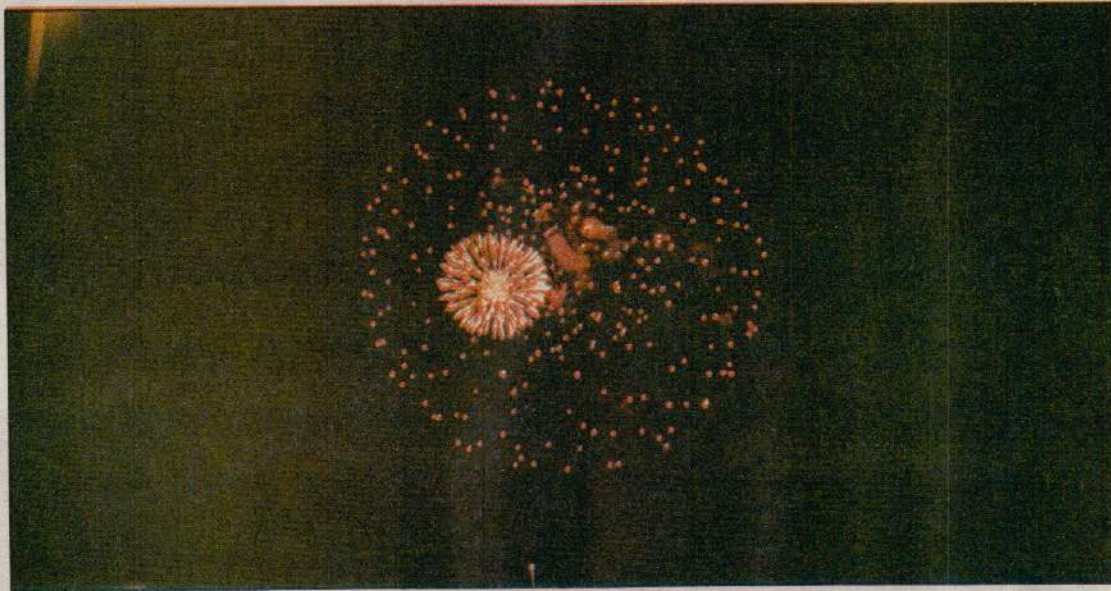
Members of the Tribal Council besides Kitchkumme are James Potter, secretary, Ryan Dyer, treasurer, Jackie Mitchell, James Wabaunsee and Junior Wahweotten. The Tribal Council is elected by the tribal membership in four-year staggered terms.

Baton pass ceremony marks official casino management changeover

RIGHT: Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Council chair (left) and Mike Kenny, senior vice president and general manager of Harrah's (right), hold up the baton that was used to mark the official management changeover. In the background on the left are Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council member, and Jim Potter, Tribal Council secretary. Jim gave the invocation at the ceremony that was held in front of the casino.



Fireworks Extravaganza



Fireworks were shot off on the reservation as part of the Nation's 4th of July festivities that were held as part of the celebration of the Tribe taking complete ownership of the casino. After a barbeque dinner many tribal families gathered together to watch the fireworks display. Other people in the area also watched the spectacular event on the casino grounds or from their cars.

Photo by Mary Young

On July 1 Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., *Kansas Casino Corporation* formally handed over management of the casino to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation at a baton passing ceremony that was held in front of the casino.

Members of the Tribal Council and Gaming Commission stood alongside Chair Stanhoff during the ceremony and Mike Kenny, senior vice president and outgoing general manager of Harrah's Prairie Band Casino, was on hand to pass the baton to Stanhoff.

Kenny spoke at the ceremony and publicly thanked the tribe for the past nine years.

Chair Stanhoff said, "Today is a great day and one that will go down in the history of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation."

Stanhoff also introduced the new management team of the Prairie Band Casino &

Resort. Dan Kennedy was named as the General Manager and Peggy Houston was mentioned as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Executive. Houston and Kennedy were previously known as the Casino Transition Team and worked for several months in ironing out the details of ensuring a smooth management change in daily operations at the casino.

Several media representatives were on hand to record the historic event and all three Topeka (Kan.) television stations covered the news that evening on their newscasts.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the casino's convention center to thank Harrah's and other service groups who had done business with the former management operation.

Jackson County resident wins Harley-Davidson Ford truck in special casino promotion

Dixie Wege, Hoyt, Kan. was the winner of the 777 Truck Giveaway contest held on July 7 at the casino.

Wege drew ticket number 24 and selected the key that ignited a 2007 Ford Harley-Davidson F-10 truck. The truck, that was displayed in front of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort for several weeks, was valued at almost \$39,000.00.

Shortly after winning Wege exclaimed, "I can't believe this. I probably won't be able to sleep

tonight."

The 777 Truck Giveaway contest was just one of the special casino promotions held during Grand Re-opening Week that ran from July 1-July 6. Firecracker Cash and Superstrike Mystery Jackpot were other promotions offered with the latter being available until September 4.

For more information call 888-PBP-4WIN or go to website: www.pbpgaming.com.



Farewell letter to the Nation from Tracy Stanhoff



Dear Tribal Members:

Again with a heavy heart I write to you. This month is my final letter to the Nation in my role as the Tribal Chair. I have resigned from this position as of July 20, 2007.

This is a very historic time in our Nation's existence. We had a wonderful, successful, earlier than planned casino transition to self-management saving all of us millions of dollars in fees and lost revenue. We also continue to negotiate on the Shab-ch-nay Reservation re-jurisdiction project. And we have now completed our Tribal Section 8(a) application for submission to the U.S. Small Business Administration which is a significant milestone in our effort to diversify our business enterprises.

However, I cannot unfortunately continue in my role as Tribal Chair due to significant "core value" differences with the rest of my Tribal Council associates. Therefore, since we have completed a substantial portion of the aforementioned projects and the casino transition is complete to the outside world, now is a strategic time for my departure, hopefully lessening any outside negative publicity which could damage our Tribe's efforts.

I THANK YOU all for electing me to serve in this position, which I believe will be one the best jobs I will ever hold. I am thankful for all of the support that I have been honored to receive.

I also hold a special place in my heart for all of the ELDERS who supported me, educating me on our Tribe's past and especially those who have shared some of my family's history with me - I am overwhelmed.

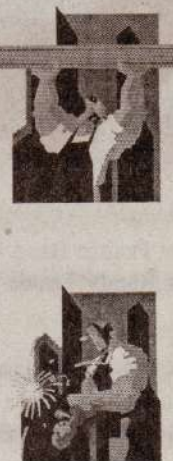
Bottom line is, that I am proud of the progress that was made here during my tenure. I worked daily to "move our Tribe forward" without personal agenda. My 18 months in office brought the Tribe much success.

I have left a "road map" that I hope the Tribal Council will continue on regarding several projects that I had hoped to complete such as: the historic complete re-acquisition of our lost Shab-ch-nay Reservation and establishment of a new gaming facility; the developing of the 75 highway/150th Road interchange; the actual "operation" of our 8 (a) firm and the fight of state-gaming here in Kansas.

For those of you who supported my recall, I can only pray that you will stop the non-sense and lies that you perpetuate to bring our Nation down. We need to continue moving forward. I hope and pray that my successor can reinvigorate a change to our Tribal Council system that continually treats the Chair's position with contempt, dislike and disrespect all leading to a final ineffectiveness.

Tracy Stanhoff

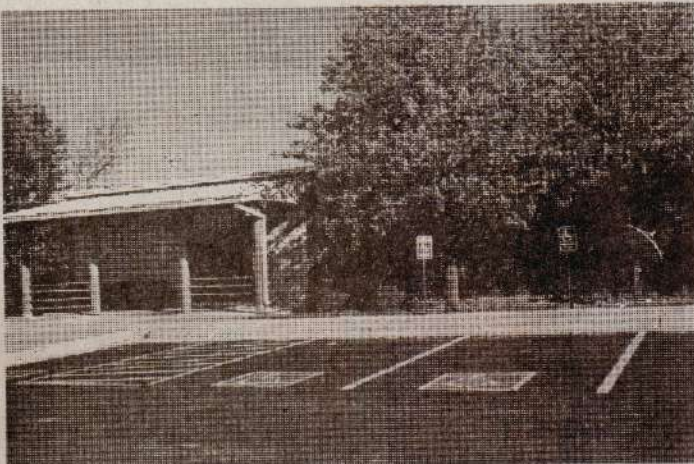
New sign, new look, new us



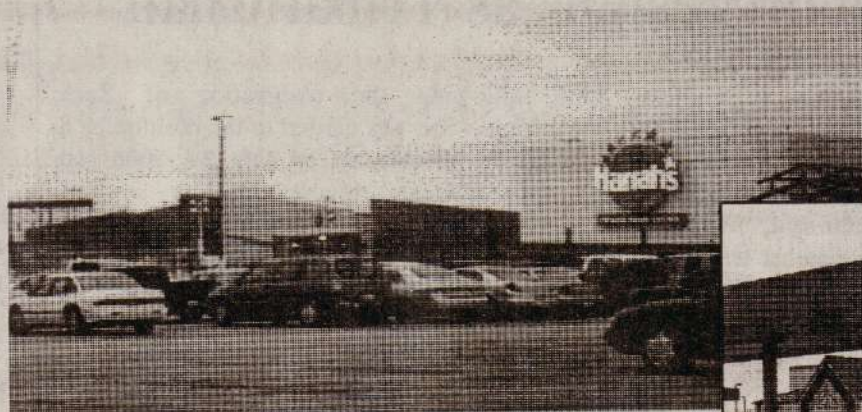
The old Harrah's Prairie Band Casino sign that used to point the way to the casino at 150 Road and U.S. Highway 75 was replaced recently with the one above. The left photo shows the new Prairie Band Casino & Resort logo being installed that was placed on the left side of the billboard and the photo, right, shows how the sign looked after a reader board was installed. The reader board changes frequently and advertises important promotional messages about the Casino and upcoming concerts and events. The men seen in the left photo are sign installers for Acme Outdoor Advertising in Kansas City.

A little casino history

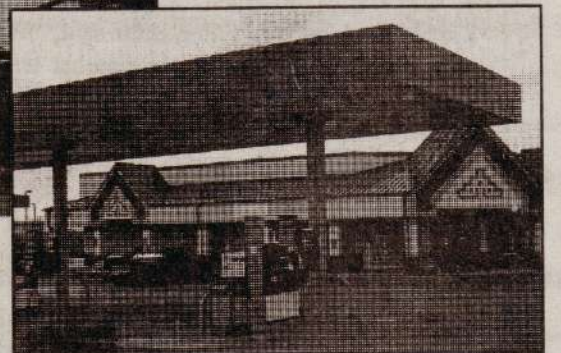
1997 Casino begins at Bingo Building



In 1998 a larger building is constructed on 150 Road and becomes Harrah's Prairie Band Casino.



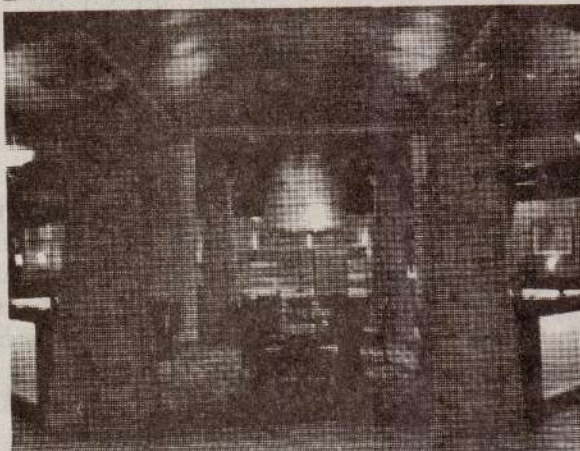
Nation Station Convenience Store is built near north end of casino grounds.



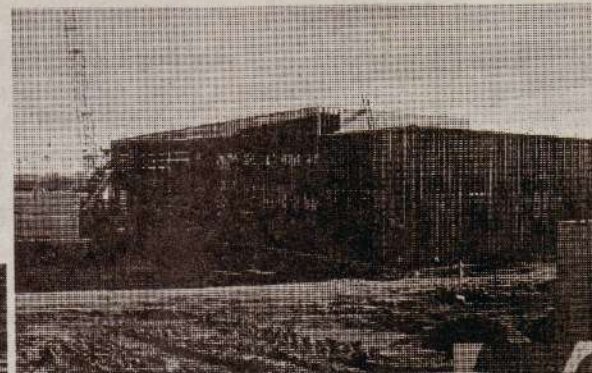
Casino is expanded in 2003-2004 and creates bigger and better facilities



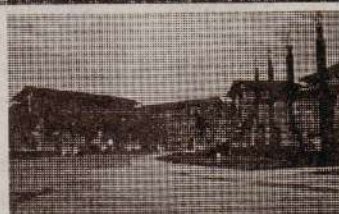
Three Fires Steakhouse adds elegant restaurant



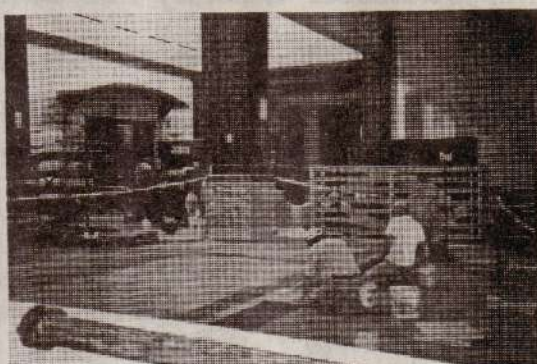
Hotel being constructed
Convention Center with interior and exterior designs based on Potawatomi traditions



Casino at Christmas 2005



New hotel lobby being constructed



Prairie Village Gift Shop opens; later becomes Buffalo Grill



RV Park gets built behind casino

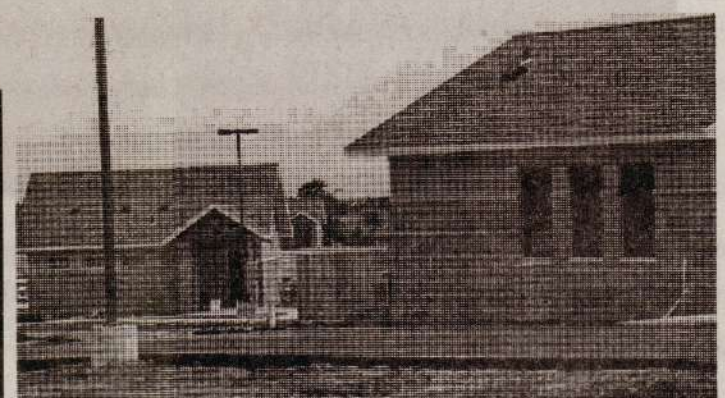




Photo gallery of Prairie Band Casino & Resort employees "on the clock and off" at the tribal party on the 4th



Photos by Mary Young



Some Prairie Band Casino & Resort directors and staff

ABOVE: Dan Kennedy, *Tracy Stanhoff, and *Peggy Houston at the reception after the Baton Pass Ceremony.

RIGHT: Sheryl Blue and *Steve Ortiz at work on the 4th of July for the Casino's Marketing Department.

BELOW: *Frank Tecumseh and *Roman Harjo both relaxing after the Baton Pass ceremony. Frank is director of Human Resources and Roman works in Hotel Management.

*PBPN tribal member



Management Team

- General Manager-Dan Kennedy
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Executive-Peggy Houston
- Assistant General Manager of Operations-Chris Stevenson
- Director of Security-Mike Jackson
- Director of Services-Bob Bergquist
- Director of Marketing-Steve Ortiz
- Director of Casino Marketing-John Tuckwin
- Director of Human Resources-Frank Tecumseh
- Human Resources Gaming Enterprise Consultant-Karla Bylund
- Marketing Gaming Enterprise Consultant-Darrel Kaymeyer
- Legal Counsel Gaming Enterprise-Lance Hendrickson
- Financial Gaming Enterprise Consultant-Cindy Pauls

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Prairie Band Potawatomi college interns working at Prairie Band Casino & Resort



LEFT: Four young Prairie Band Potawatomi men are interning this summer at the casino. From left to right are William Mitchell, Joe Mitchell, Justin Pahmahmie and Noah Wahquahboshkuk.

RIGHT: Working at the new gift kiosk located in the hotel of the casino are William Mitchell (left) and Noah Wahquahboshkuk (right). For a complete story about the casino intern program see the next issue of the *News*.





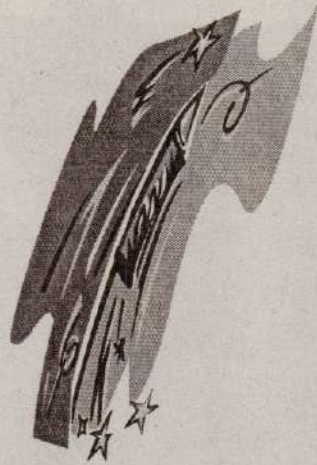
Department & Program News

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Snaps of Tribal police and fire department at July 4 celebration



Sharing the 4th of July with his family was Lance Wishkeno, fifth from left, who was on duty for the Fire Department.



Photos by
Suzanne Heck
and
Mary Young



A Prairie Band Potawatomi youth was having fun visiting with Tribal Police Officer Larry Rodecap at the 4th of July celebration.



Steve Cook is all smiles after going through the buffet line during the 4th of July celebration. Steve works for the Tribal Police Department and is also a tribal member.



Bowie, the tribe's new drug dog, was a hit with the children during the 4th of July celebration. John Hurla, not in photo, is Bowie's handler.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BRIEF



FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN
JUNE 15, 2007 - JULY 12, 2007
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING
ALARMS:

On 6-29-07 at 6:52 p.m. units responded to 18867 P Rd. for a vehicle fire in the passenger compartment. Units arrived to find a fully involved vehicle fire. Mayetta F.D. was already on scene and attacking the fire. Units assisted Mayetta F.D. in extinguishing the blaze. Cause of the fire was determined to be improper car stereo installation.

On 7-6-07 at 12:37 p.m. units responded to 11655 166th Rd. for a hay bale fire. Units arrived to find a smoldering hay bale. Fire extinguished, cause of the fire was determined to be careless ignition of fireworks.

Public Assist:
06-20-07 at 8:55 a.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 16281 Q Rd. at the PBPB Government Center.

Calls to Prairie Band Casino & Resort:
Fire Alarm - 2
Standby Event - 2
EMS Calls - 3

Other Alarms:
EMS Calls - 30
Medical Assists - 46
Lifeline Alarms - 0
Good-Intent Call - 10
Standby Alarm - 1
Fire Alarms - 0



Medical Services. The department received a

Awards and Recognition

On June 27, 2007 the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department received its' annual ambulance service inspection from the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services. The department received a

commendation for being 100% compliant with all state regulations and guidelines. The inspector in his inspection summary stated, "The Service is in Great Shape!" Very few services in the state receive a 100% rating and we're proud that it exemplifies our department of "Extraordinary People providing Extraordinary Service."

KANSAS FIRE SERVICE Training: Special Training:

Twelve members of the department attended the University of Kansas Fire Service Training, Fire Officer I Course. This week long course is for employees who aspire to the position of company officer. Current fire company officers will use it to remain informed about essential and innovative management, leadership, and human relations concepts.



On Wednesday July 11th the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department hosted a Multi-Lead Medics workshop for Acute and Critical Care Providers at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.



Bob Page, standing, presented at the Multi-Lead Medics workshop.

This course was presented by internationally known speaker, instructor, author and paramedic, Bob Page. This workshop is designed to help paramedics, nurses and doctors learn how to quickly and accurately interpret 12-Lead EKG's. Students in attendance came from services and hospitals that serve Northeast Kansas. Approximately 50 students attended the workshop. The workshop was sponsored by the Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Jackson County Ambulance Service, Life Star of Kansas air ambulance, Midwest Lifeteam air ambulance and Zoll Medical Corporation. PTFD Paramedic Scott Fleming coordinated the event.



Over the past few months the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department has had several promotions and several new hires. We would like to take an opportunity over the next few months to introduce these folks to you in the News and commend them on their accomplishments.



Assistant Chief Larry Woltje

Assistant Chief Woltje is 37-years-old and has been in the fire service for nineteen years. During which nine and half years he was with the Dodge City Fire Department and attained the rank of Engineer (Apparatus Operator/Driver). While in Dodge he obtained certifications as a Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor and Apparatus Operator. He also obtained an Associates of Arts Degree in Business through the Dodge City Community College.

Assistant Chief Woltje has been with the PTFD since August 2001. For approximately three and a half years he continued to live in Dodge City and drive the approximately 588 mile round trip and staying with relatives in Kansas City during his tour. (A tour is three 24-hour shifts with a day off in between and then getting four days off after the third 24-hour shift.) During his transition time before being able to move to NE Kansas he recalls his travels back and forth to Dodge were plagued with trying to stay awake, hitting a deer and several other riveting stories.

Assistant Chief Woltje states he is very glad to have made the move from Dodge City. He said he feels a great sense of pride and job satisfaction in his work here. Larry and his wife Heather live in the Topeka area and have four children.

In 2002 Larry Woltje was promoted to Lieutenant and on April 16, 2007 promoted to Assistant Chief. When asked if there was anything he would miss about being part of the line personnel he replied, the 24-hour shift comradery. With his new position he says he's never bored and his greatest challenge is future budget concerns. He said that if you have a complaint "The buck doesn't stop here, but at least it slows down!"



Firefighter/EMT Joe Sam Ross

Joe Ross is a "rookie" with the PTFD. Joe has been in the fire service for four years. Joe comes to the PTFD from Kickapoo Tribal Fire Department where he served as a captain. He is certified as an EMT, Firefighter I & II, Hazmat OPS and holds a red card as a Wildland Firefighter.

Joe says he enjoys working for the PTFD where its' a bigger department, has more organization and he enjoys getting to run more calls. Joe states "I feel like I really make a difference." Joe lives on the Kickapoo reservation where he remains a volunteer on the fire department. In his off time he enjoys playing basketball, target practice, outdoor activities and trains as an amateur boxer. Joe's future goals with the department is to obtain his EMT-Intermediate certification, become certified in swift water rescue, continue up through the ranks in wildland firefighting with an ambitious goal of someday becoming a paramedic.

We're proud to have Firefighter/EMT Joe Sam Ross as a member of our department.

Whatever fun activities you have planned, we hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

From the PTFD

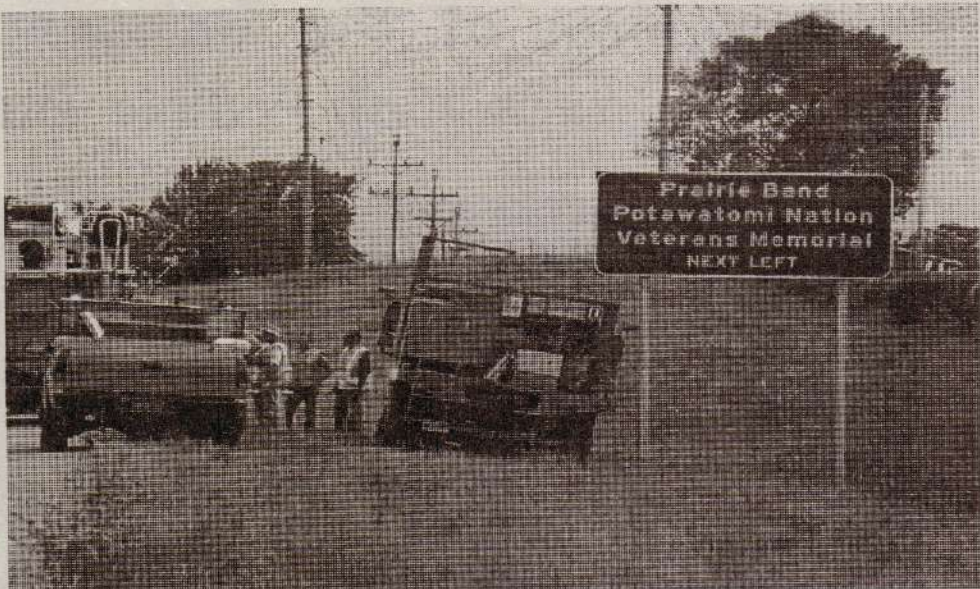


We-Ta-Se holds
unveiling ceremony
of Veterans Memorial
highway signs

three signs approved by Kansas
Department of Transportation

LEFT: From left to right are Andy Mitchell, Emery Hale, Francis Jensen, Milton LaClair (blocked from view) and Leroy Mzhickteno at the unveiling ceremony held June 26 at the Government Center.

RIGHT: Workers from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) actually putting up the sign on U.S. Highway 75 a couple of days later.



Tips on staying cool
in the
summer heat

- drink water often
- stay out of the sun
- heed the warning signs for heat exhaustion:
 - 1) headaches
 - 2) nausea
 - 3) dizziness

If someone is overcome by heat but alert and wake get them to a cool or shady place at once and give them a half-glass of cool water every 15 minutes.

In an emergency call 911
or
Tribal Dispatch
at
966-3024

What do you think?

This month's survey was on issues of language and culture impacting the early care of young children. Once a month during a weekly director meetings, Cecily Wabaunsee, Early Childhood Education Center Director, asks directors in attendance to fill out a written survey about how they feel about various child-related issues.

Below are the true/false questions that were asked and the results of those who responded.

Culture is not as important in the first years of life when children are learning language. True/False

100% said False

False - For young children, literacy, language, and culture are inter-related. Through literacy experiences, children see the values and beliefs of their culture presented in a positive and nurturing light. Language is an important expression of culture. While young children are learning their home language, they are mastering the knowledge and skills that form the basis of their cultural identity.

Children risk losing cultural identity when cared for outside the home if forced to speak a language other than their home language.

True/False

10% said False
90% said True

True - Language is one form of communication and is embedded into cultures. It is a very powerful way in which culture is expressed and shaped. Families and communities pass the language and culture down to their children. From families, young children gain a feeling of

belonging, a sense of personal history, the joy of shared meaning, and the security of knowing who they are and where they come from.

It is not important to support children's culture when being cared for outside the home.

90% said False
10% said True

False - Supporting a child's culture is very important even when being cared for by someone who is not of the same culture or background. Children build their basic senses of trust, security, and stability on cultural foundations learned at home. Therefore, when being cared for outside the home the same continuity, consistency, and respect for their environment of their cultural foundations are essential to their growth.

Before infants speak, it is not necessary to tell stories or sing songs in the child's home language.

20% said True
80% said False

False - Children are able to absorb information and store it long before they actually speak words. Activities such as telling stories, singing, and rhyming support language development and are enjoyable to them. Not only do they like it, it supports their connectedness with their home culture.

Information taken from *Culturally Sensitive Care and Caring for Infants in a Bilingual Child Care Setting Developed Collaboratively* by West Ed and California Department of Education Sacramento 1995.
Submitted by Edie Wamego-Valdivia



ABOVE: Standing next to an automotive tester that is available for sale is Walt Racker who works in the PBP Purchasing Department.

We've got a deal for you!

Surplus property of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is now being offered for sale via an online internet auction.

Interested bidders are encouraged to browse www.GovDeals.com and place their bids online. No cost to register and bids are open to the public.

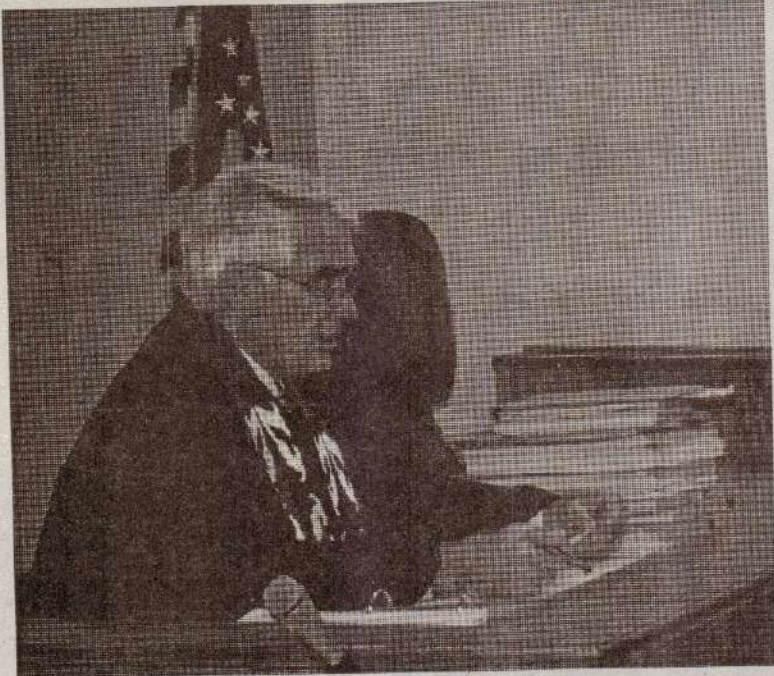
To find the merchandise listed click on "advanced search," select "Kansas," then "Prairie Band." Items are listed for 1-2 weeks, so arrangements can be made for you to view the merchandise on site if sufficient advance notice is given.

Contact Walt in Purchasing Department at 785.966.3938 for details.

www.GovDeals.com



Tribal Judge Montie Deer
leaving position with Tribal Court



Montie Deer will leave his post with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court the end of July. He has been a judge for the court for almost two years and in addition to his regular work has given presentations at Alateen meetings and at the annual Native Nations Law Symposiums that are held in northeast Kansas each year.

Photo by Mary Young

Cook
your favorite
dish
and bring it
to the
birthday and
potluck
dinner
on
August 16
at the
Firekeepers
Elder Center
15372 K Road
Mayetta, KS
66509



Potawatomi Fire
Keepers Elder Center

Monday	Tuesday
Liver & Onion Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Roll - Fruit	Spaghetti & Meatballs Brussels Sprouts Peaches & Cottage Cheese Garlic Bread - Salad
Thai Beef Stir-Fry Brown Rice Oriental Vegetables Roll - Toss Salad	Smoke Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Potato Salad Fruit Medley
Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Egg Noodles Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit - Fruit	Chicken Fried Steak Potato & Gravy Steamed Zucchini Roll - Carrot Salad
Breakfast for Lunch Sausage and Bacon Scrambled Egg Biscuits & Gravy	Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Roll - Fruit Salad

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

August 2007

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheeseburgers Tator Tots Green Bean Casserole Fruit Salad	Pork Chops Potato & Gravy Corn Succotash Dinner Roll	Ham & Beans Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad Cornbread
Baked Chicken Rice Pelfo Steamed Spinach Roll - Fruit Jell-o	Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich Baked Potato Chips Green Bean Salad Banana	Salmon Patties Scalloped Potato Steamed Broccoli Texas Toast - Fruit
Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Louisiana Green Beans Roll - Spinach Salad	Birthday Dinner and Potluck Indian Taco Cake & Ice Cream	Turkey Casserole Steamed Carrots Pea Salad on Spinach Biscuit - Fruit
Chili & Hot Dog Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Jelled Grape Waldorf	Parmesan Chicken Stuffed Baked Potato Broccoli Normandy Roll - Cottage Cheese	Fish Sandwich Tomato Soup Chefs Turkey Salad Mixed Fruit Cocktail
Chicken Beef Fajitas Refried Beans Spanish Rice Tomato Salad	BBQ Pork Sandwich Baked Fries Macaroni Salad Mandarin Oranges	Corned Beef & Cabbage Boiled New Potato Green Beans Roll - Fruit

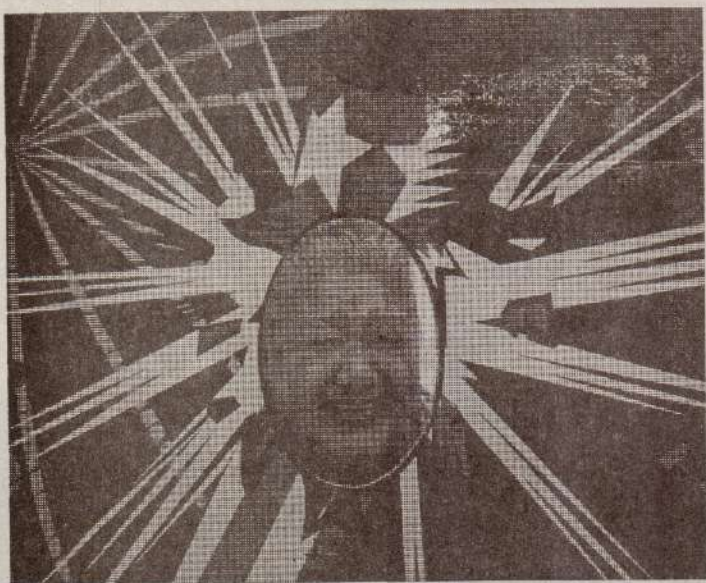
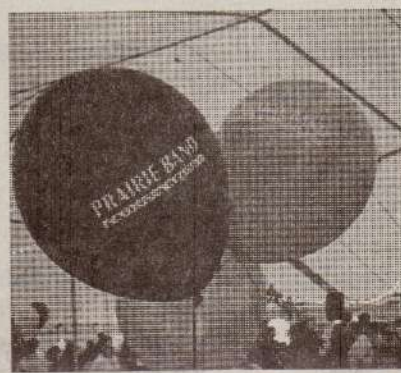
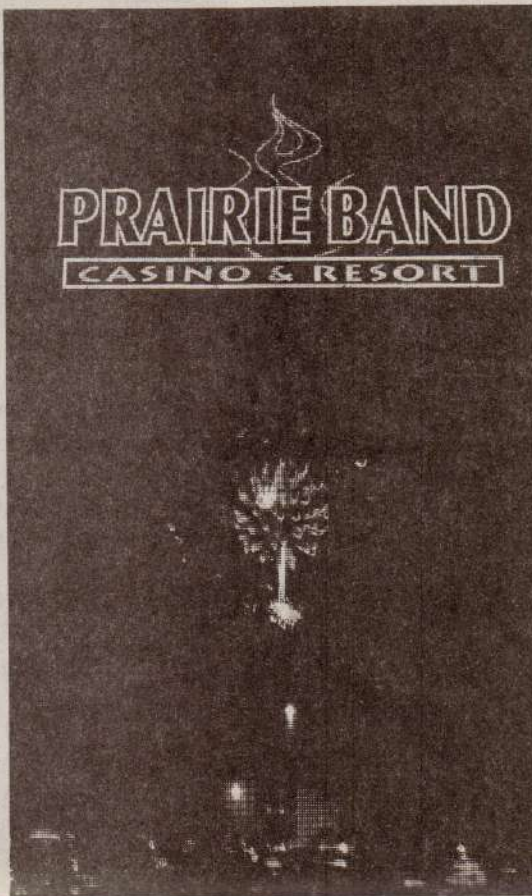
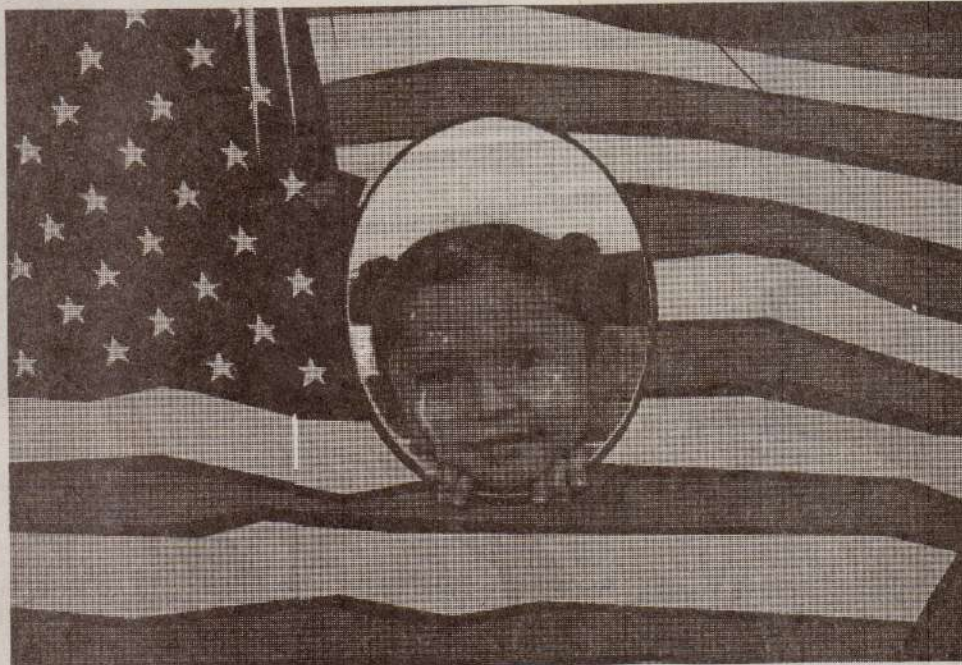
Native Seniors 50+ Free
Adult \$3.50
Child \$2.50



4th of July Celebration

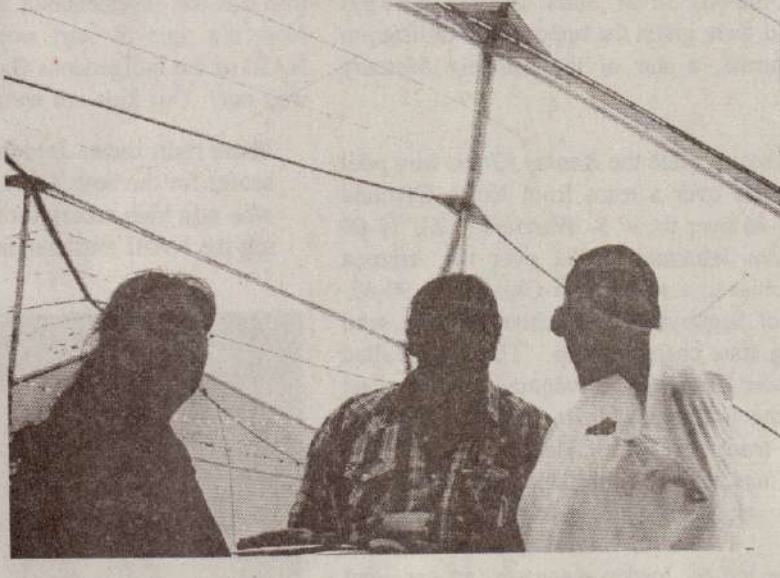
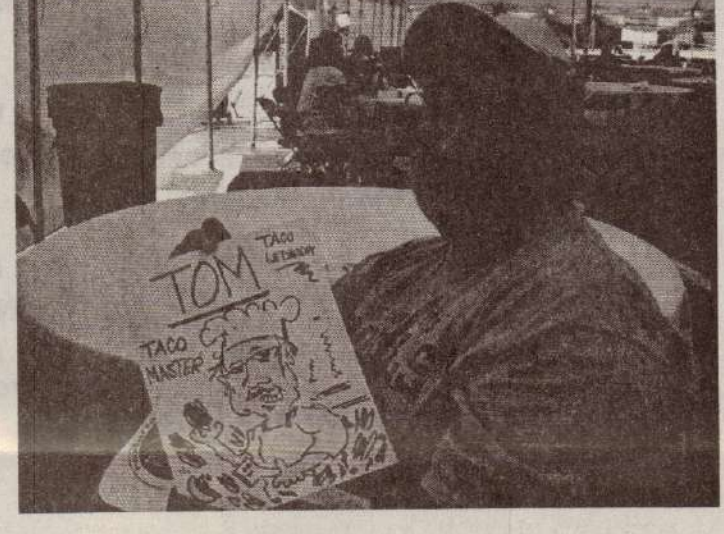
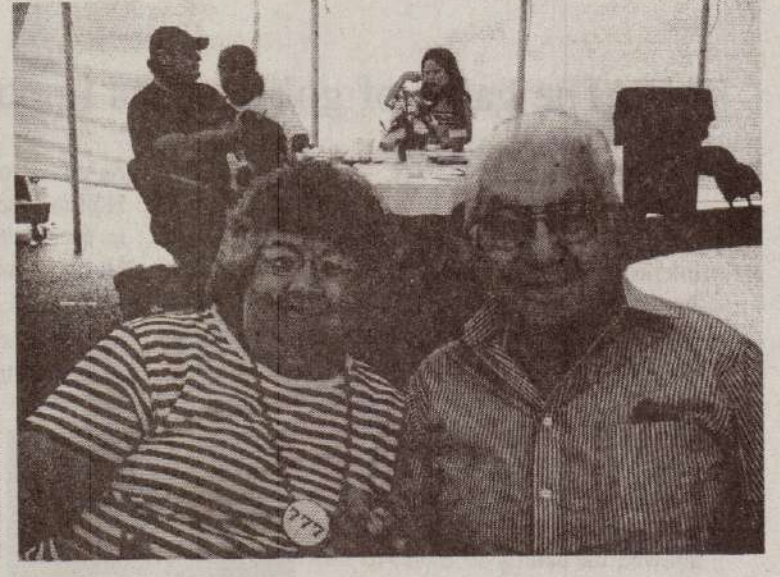
Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Happenings at the Independence Day barbeque dinner and celebration of Prairie Band Potawatomi self-reliance





Community enjoys pre-fireworks festivities





Prairie Band Potawatomi youth news

The game of golf teaches important life lessons

By Carol Shopteese

Charissa (Se-Be) Jessepe, 17, became interested in golf when the Native American Junior Golf Association (NAJGA) began giving golf lessons to Native American children on the four reservations five years ago.

We were told Charissa was a natural and had a perfect golf swing. Her lessons piqued our family's interests and we began to learn the terms of golf like birdies, bogeys, etc. Golf allowed the family to travel to new places, to meet new people, and to make new friends. Charissa and I fell in love with the Tewa golf course in Santa Fe, N.M. and I took her back there on her birthday when she turned 15 to play on the beautiful course. The mountain air was fresh and the plateaus were breathtaking. We also still yearn for Albuquerque with its magnificent mountains.

Another time, the men's golf coach from K-State talked with the NAJGA kids and I was impressed. He told them they could play like Tiger Woods, but if they didn't have good grades in high school, he wouldn't consider them for a golf scholarship. He reiterated that good grades were a sign of discipline and he knew that if they could make good grades, then they'd become disciplined golfers. The message has stuck with Charissa because she continues to be a top honor student.

Regarding Charissa's golf, I often walk the 18 holes with her at tournaments while her dad, grandmother or other relatives are "the runners" during the tourneys keeping a cart stocked with food, water, sun block, etc. for us. I walk to keep myself fit and to keep Charissa and her golfing partners fed and hydrated.

A typical golf day begins at 5 a.m., arriving at the course by 6:30 a.m. and warming up until the 8 a.m. start. The day usually ends around 6 p.m. which gives us many hours of family togetherness.

Charissa has made par at the golf course



Charissa Jessepe

on many occasions. For example, she attends Holton High School and was recently highlighted in the *Holton Recorder* as the top scorer for the Holton Junior Varsity team and she would have placed 4th man on the Holton Varsity team that day. She is able to compete with men due to her ability to drive long distances from the tees.

Charissa also has days where she struggles at golf but she always finishes a tournament due to her tenacity and integrity.

Golf may not be as exciting as volleyball, basketball, or baseball, but it has taught Charissa and our family some good values. It is a game that challenges the individual in each and every round. When the game is over there's usually some light-hearted teasing from friends and teammates, food and fun, and the knowledge that you finished in spite of adversities such as bunkers, trees, heat, rain, etc. It's taught us all an important life lesson—not everything may go the way you want it to, but you pick up and keep going.

This just in!

Charissa Jessepe took a gold medal in the 15-17-year-old Girls Division at the Sunflower State Games in Topeka, Kan. Nolan Pahmahmie took a bronze in the 15-17-year-old Boys Division.

Congratulations to Andrew Wahweotten on graduating from basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station!

From your family



Jessie Murray salutatorian at Fort Peck Community College

Submitted by Theresa Murray

Jessie Murray, a PBP/Assinibione/Sioux, was salutatorian of her graduating class at Fort Peck Community College, Poplar, Mont. last spring.

She plans to finish a degree in Broadcast Journalism and minor in Law this coming fall in Missoula, Mont. She said that she attributes her interest in writing to author Rodney Stanton who is also one of her professors.

Jessie was a cheerleader in high school and active in basketball, volleyball and baseball. She also participates in pow-wows as a fancy shawl dancer and has represented pow-wows as a princess a few times.

She is the daughter of Robert and Theresa (Jessepe) Murray and granddaughter of Joseph and Constance (Magnauck) Lewis and LeRoy Jessepe Sr.



Prairie Band Potawatomi strong! Delia 5-6 year-old T-Ball team



Back row l-r: Dugout Coach Kelly Mills, Head Coach Mario Kitchkummie, Komesh Spoonhunter, Pak Hale, Kobe Mills, Keesis Potts, Mzhickteno Kitchkummie, Asst. Coach Sam Potts. Front row l-r: Knowee Potts, Marliisa Jordan, Jaiana Blakemore, Kobe Jordan. Not pictured are Bem-We-Tek Hubbard and Jaden Blakemore.

The 2007 Delia 5-6 year old T-Ball Team players, coaches and parents wish to thank the PBP Gaming Commission for their support.

Photo submitted by Rebekah Jones

Potawatomi basketball in the summer of 2007

By Gary Mitchell

For a group of Potawatomi basketball players, the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) in Phoenix, Arizona, didn't have the expected results, but they had the satisfaction of knowing they had played hard and by the rules – the wins and losses were what they were.

But, first a weather and a people report. The summer months of Arizona can see temperatures rise to 122 degrees, but it was only about 109 degrees on average the days the kids were there, and for sure the heat could take your breath away. The kids would find out why people vacation in Phoenix in the winter time.

There were close to 95 Indian boys and girls teams from all over the States and Canada. The kids were high school age and were very young looking. It made a person wonder about their home lives, where they came from, how they live on their rez, their home environment, their trials and tribulations, what the future holds for them and what they had to do in order to get to Phoenix to play basketball. All that aside, they were the best from their reservations and that counts. Now back to basketball.

Clearly, for the Kansas teams five wins and three losses is not a bad effort considering the competition level. Going into the tournament, of the two teams the girl's team, called *Kansas Hoop n' It*, was projected to go further in the tournament. They had done well in previous tournaments in Oklahoma and Kansas City. With the addition of two guards from Oklahoma, the guard situation had stabilized in those tournaments and it was easier to break the full-court press. In the game of basketball, as the competition gets better the full-court press kicks in more. The top team's employed this concept for quick scores and, of course, wins.

In addition, the front-line for the team included a solid and experienced group. They were led by Tara Mitchell, Lois Stevens, Kiti Mirada and backed up by Sydney Jessepe. But, even the best laid plans can go astray. One of the point guards didn't show up and that absence came back to haunt the team. The girls did open the tournament pool play with a convincing 58-39 victory over an Arizona team, but the bottom fell out after that. The full-court press of the next two opponents caused turnover after turnover leading to two losses

in pool play and eventual elimination from the tournament. They lost out advancing to the single elimination portion of the tournament by only a few points.

Tara Mitchell, who will play college ball in Kansas City next year led the girl's team in scoring with 20 points a game and had a high game of 26 points against a team from Salt River, Ariz. Lois Stevens will play for Haskell Indian Nations University next fall. Other scorers were Kiti Mirada with a 7.1 point-per-game (ppg) average and Sydney Jessepe scored 7 points a game. Other *Kansas Hoop n' It* team members were: Ashton Tiger who will play at Oklahoma Baptist University; Mona Nozhackum, Kendra Haag and Cham Pahmahmie. The girls were coached by Charles Nez and Melissa Haag. The team also watched the *Phoenix Mercury* of the WNBA play the San Antonio Silver Stars at U.S. Airways Center and were given the opportunity to listen to Diana Taurasi, a star of the *Phoenix Mercury* team.

The boy's team called the *Kansas Kings*, won pool play victories over a team from North Carolina 75-46; 68-46 over the *P.S. Warriors* (AZ); 72-64 over *Native Warriors*; 58-52 over the Arizona Boys and lost to a team from Oklahoma, 90-67, made up of Sequoyah High School players, who had won a state championship. This team called *For the Love of the Game* eventually took second place in the tournament losing to the Cheyenne Arapahoe team also from Oklahoma 74-66. The *Kansas Kings* achieved the honor of getting into the final eight in a 50-team tournament.

They were led by Jordon Kapayou, an excellent player who will play at Haskell next year. Jordon averaged 22.2 points per game with a high of 26 points. David Martin scored 14.6 points per game and is only a sophomore at Jackson Heights next year. His high game was 21 points. Kwaki Hale averaged 8.4 points per game and Shawn Keich averaged 7.8 points per game. William Evans scored 6.8 points per game while providing a strong rebounding presence for the team. Other members of the team were B.J. Fasthorse; Tony Grier; Nyeh Washkeh Littleaxe; Evan Evans and Authi Parker. The boy's team was coached by Shane Negonsett and junior manager Isiah Potts.

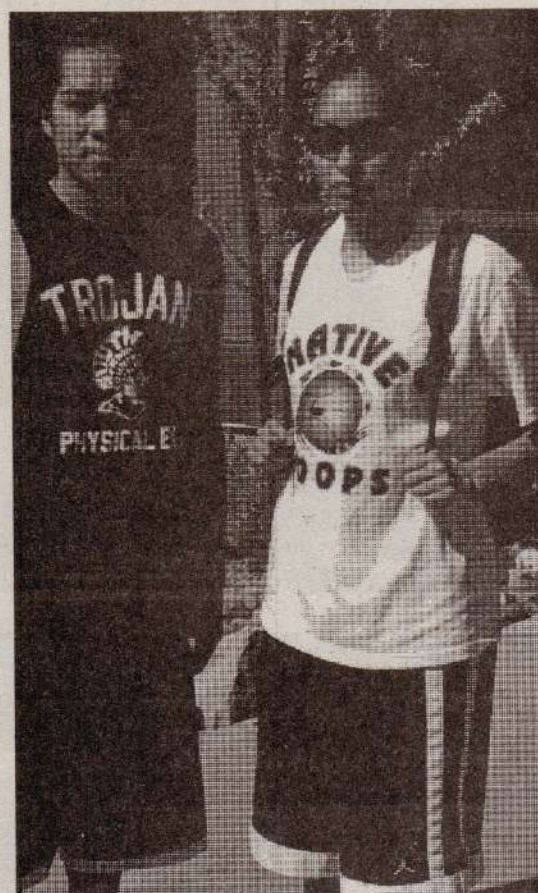
The experience of playing this type of competition will only help each player in the long run. Now they know what they have to do to improve and

what they have to do next time they face this type of competition. They represented the Potawatomi well. College recruiters were there and made contacts with many of the players, so the exposure factor can lead to better things for these players.

Spending a week in Phoenix, Arizona didn't come cheap. Joanna Mitchell, Doris Potts, Voncile Mitchell, Lindy Tecumseh, Frank Parker and many others worked extraordinarily hard to raise money at food stands and raffles to make it all possible. Family support is alive and well on the Potawatomi reservation. In addition, many kind sponsors, including the Tribe, stepped up and made generous donations and many more Potawatomi tribal members bought raffle tickets. Not enough thanks can be said to all these people.

What all that hard work and generosity translated into was the experience of a lifetime for the kids. Now it's time to start working for next year's NABI or the Indigenous Games in Canada. And, why not? Our kids are worth it.

Photo right shows Jordon Kapayou who was high scorer for the boys (22.2 ppg) with Tara Mitchell who was high scorer for the girls (20.0 ppg) during the NABI tournament.



At the Grand Canyon: Left to right: Melissa Haag, Kek Mitchell, Kendra Haag, Pat-ko-shuk, Luis Ortiz, Tara Mitchell, Nyeh Washkeh Littleaxe, Kwaki Hale, Authi Parker, Isiah Potts, William Evans, Cham Pahmahmie, Evan Evans.

photo submitted by Gary Mitchell



PBPN Summer Youth Program

By Melinda Williamson

This summer was my first time coordinating the summer youth program and it has definitely been an experience! The kids have been a lot of fun to work with and their great personalities have kept me entertained as well as kept me on my toes! Our first session was successful and ran from June 4 through June 29. The second session began on July 2 through July 27. This year we offered eight-week positions to 17 and 18-year-old workers with nine of them taking that opportunity. Workers were placed in various positions within the tribe, viewing and assisting in day-to-day operations.

All of the youth workers attended weekly workshops. The PBPN Alcohol and Drug program gave presentations about alcohol

and drug prevention to youth who were involved in both sessions of the summer enrichment program. Workshops about methamphetamines, alcohol and marijuana were presented along with activities like "Data Line Up," "Molecules," and "Barnyard Scramble," to name a few.

In addition, they attended a Job Preparation Workshop where they learned in-depth fundamentals for applying, interviewing, and obtaining employment.

Also on tap following the last session was a field trip planned to PowerPlay in Kansas City.

Upon completion of each session, the youth workers were required to submit a power point presentation on their experience in the Summer Youth Program. These presentations can be viewed on the education website at www.pbpnation.org.



Right: Youth workers were helping feed the buffalo on July 9. In the dark shirt is John Needham and in the light shirt is Pam Johnson. Another youth worker that was there but not in the photo is Wa Masquat. Boney Pahmahmie, Road and Bridge Department, is standing near the buffalo.

Left (l-r): Youth worker Albert Belair and Bruce Weber of the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection collected recyclables at the Government Center.



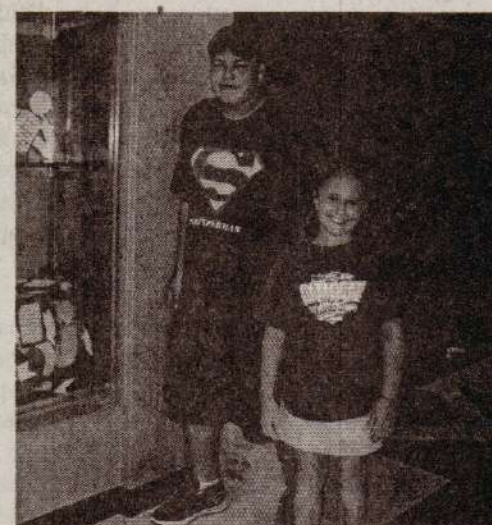
Above: Youth worker Emily Catron posed with two children in the Head Start room at the Early Child Care Center.



Above (l-r): Youth workers Tyler Shobney and Aaron Barber helped repair equipment at Road and Bridge.



Right: Youth worker Pat Mills kept track of the youth at the Boys and Girls Club. The girl is unidentified.



Florida church group volunteers at Boys and Girls Club



A church group from Florida volunteered at the PBPN Boys and Girls Club the first and last week of June. They helped construct the playground located behind the Boys and Girls Club and other activities included a Vacation Bible School (VBS) and a soccer clinic. Left, back row (l-r): Daniel Goombi, tour guide and sponsor from Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU), Danielle Battaglia, Nancy Squitieri, with The Crossing Church group from Florida, and Francis Shopteese and Jim Darnall, We-Ta-Se. Front row (l-r): Jessica Squitieri, Hayley Battaglia, Amy Clark, and Richard Battaglia. As the tour guide, Daniel gave them the grand tour—the buffalo, and going to all the departments and programs on the reservation.



Right: Dirt being hauled for the new playground at the Boys and Girls Club.



Section 184 Indian Housing

Loan Guarantee Program: securing the future of Indian housing

The information is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Native American Programs, Office of Loan Guarantee.

Homeownership in Indian Country

In 1992, Congress established the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program. The program was designed to offer homeownership and housing rehabilitation opportunities for eligible Native American individuals, families, tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (including Indian Housing Authorities) on their native lands and within approved Indian area as defined in HUD P.I. H. Notice 2004-19.

Section 184 Program Highlights

- Nationwide program on trust land, allotted trust or fee simple land within an Indian operating area
- Refinancing available
- New and rehab loan guarantees available
- New construction
- Loan limit—150% of FHA limit
- Low down payment
- No maximum income limits
- Flexible underwriting
- 1% guarantee fee at closing
- Assumable
- Secondary market potential

- 100% guarantee to lender
- How Does Section 184 Work?**

HUD guarantees the mortgage loan made to eligible borrowers. The loan guarantee assures the lender that its investment will be repaid in the event of a foreclosure. The borrower pays a 1% loan guarantee fee at closing, which may be financed in the mortgage or paid in cash. The borrower applies for the loan with a participating lender and works with the tribe and the BIA if leasing tribal land. The lender then evaluates the necessary loan documentation and submits the loan for approval to the Office of Loan Guarantees (located in Denver, Colorado) for underwriting and a formal commitment, unless the lender is an approved direct guarantee lender.

Who is Eligible for a Section 184 Loan?

- Any Native American or Alaska Native that is a member of a federally recognized tribe or an Alaskan village
- An Indian tribe
- A Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE)
- An Indian Housing Authority (IHA)

For more information, contact:
PBPN Tribal Housing Department
(785) 966-2756

Office of Native American Housing
(202) 401-7914

Elder Chat meeting

By Mary Young

An Elder Chat meeting was held June 20 at the Firekeepers Elder Center with approximately 25 attending for a question/answer and informational meeting with Tribal Council.

Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chairperson, conducted the meeting that began at 12:30 p.m. Tribal Council leaders Jackie Mitchell, Rey Kitchumme, Junior Wahweotten, Ryan Dyer, and James Wabaunsee were on hand to answer questions.

Tracy gave an update of the various projects Tribal Council had been working on prior to the Elder Chat meeting:

- Since the Nation won the tag case in the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (February 6) and with the State of Kansas having to recognize the Nation's tags, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed to connect the tribe's database with the state.
- Also, the jurisdiction issue was going well with Shab-eh-nay.
- Attendance at the National Congress of the

American Indian (NACAI) conference. Tracy suggested the elders make an appointment with Tribal Council to make sure they are in the office; with their many activities, they may be out of the office.

After Tracy's opening remarks, she went to the individual tables and asked each member what their concerns were.



Above (center back): Tracy Stanhoff, opens the Elder Chat meeting.

The following are some of the concerns: housing and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) questions, screen doors requested, prescriptions ready on time for pick up or delivery, proper expiration date on meds, rations for campsites during the pow-wow,

mowing needs, guard rails on the overpass on 150 Rd. to the casino and the reopening of the bingo hall.

The meeting adjourned around 1:30 p.m.



Homebuyer and homeowner's fair a success!

Eight individuals completed the classes offered and received a certificate at the "first homebuyer and homeowner's fair" held July 11 at the PBP Bingo Hall. The classes offered were Homebuyer 101, Anatomy of credit, and Maintaining your mansion provided by Housing and Credit Counseling Inc. (HCCI). Nine free credit reports were also issued.

HCCI and PBP Housing co-sponsored the fair. Jennifer Hale, National Programs Specialist, coordinated the event for the PBP Tribal Housing Department.



Above: The "Homebuyer 101" Workshop conducted by Hugh Hannagan, Coordinator for Housing and Credit Counseling Inc. (HCCI) in progress. HCCI also offered a handout, "Home Ownership: real help, real choices," to help choose local lenders. Others in the photo are unidentified.



Above: Walter Glaudé, Consumer Credit Counselor at the Housing and Credit Counseling Inc. explained how to obtain a free credit report, and to build or rebuild credit history. He also gave a packet to the participants that contained samples of letters and a questionnaire to see if you are at risk for credit problems.



Above (l-r): U.S. Bank members, Dennis Thurman, Loan Officer, Shelley Ramos, Branch Manager, David Krough, Regional Manager of Kansas and Missouri, and Terry Neher, Senior Relation Manager shared information about U.S. Bank's programs. Currently, they are working with the Nation on the Section 184 Program (above left).



Health/Community Notices

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Rabies

By Terry L. Harter MD
Prairie Band Health Center, 11400 158 Rd.
P. O. Box 249, Mayetta, KS 66509

The County Health Department has just confirmed the presence of rabies in two skunks in Jackson County. In both cases the skunks were killed by dogs and sent for testing at Kansas State University. The dogs involved are being monitored. These two episodes serve as a warning that the rabies virus is here and can pose a threat to domestic animals and humans.

Rabies is a viral infection that attacks the nerves and brain. It is usually transmitted by saliva from an animal bite. The wild animals most likely to transmit rabies are bats, skunks, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, bobcat, and other carnivores. The domestic animals most likely to contract rabies are cats, dogs, and ferrets. The most concerning are stray or wild cats and dogs. Bites from domestic livestock, rabbits, and rodents such as mice, squirrels, rats, beaver, or woodchuck are very unlikely to be a risk for rabies infection.

Rabies can cause infected animals to behave erratically and attack anything that comes near them. It can also cause paralysis. Both types of infected animals are extremely contagious and are dangerous to be near. If you see an animal behaving erratically keep your distance and call the local law enforcement or a veterinarian to have the animal evaluated.

All bites should be cleaned thoroughly with soap and hot water at the time of the bite. All animal bites should be seen by a health care provider. All animal bites should be reported to local law enforcement. Your health care provider can help determine if rabies prevention vaccinations are needed.

Rabies is a fatal disease. There is no cure for rabies after the disease starts. Rabies vaccination started as soon as possible after rabies exposure is the only way to prevent the development of the disease. There are effective rabies vaccines for domestic animals. I encourage anyone with cats, dogs, or ferrets to have their animals vaccinated for rabies and follow their veterinarian's advice to keep their animals fully protected.

Health Center's diabetes program recognized as an "outstanding model program"

Steve Corbett, diabetes project manager, for the PBP Health Center learned earlier this week [July 9] that the Health Center's diabetes program was chosen as an "outstanding model program" by the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP). The AAIP makes two such recognitions each year at its annual meeting. Steve will be making a presentation in Nashville, Tenn. to the AAIP about the past and upcoming conference.

Based on the report to the AAIP on how the Health Center's diabetes program used the grant award, the AAIP Stakeholder Advisory Group recommended that diabetes program be one of this year's outstanding model program recipients.

Last year the Health Center was a recipient of one of the Diabetes Community Mini Grant Awards; the monies went toward the 2006 conference, "Working Together for Balance" held October 27 and 28 at Harrah's Prairie Band Potawatomi Casino/Convention Center. Outstanding presenters were invited to the conference; over 100 people attended the two-day conference. See below for information on the upcoming conference.



The health conference planning committee met on July 17. Above, clockwise: Corinna Green, Lily Hall, Agnes McKinney, Sebe Masquat, Bev Holly, Richard Pruiksma, and Steve Corbett. Not in photo, Mary Young.

Save the date!

2nd Annual Working Together for Balance Conference

November 17, 2007
PBP Casino & Resort

More information to follow

First American Indian dentist honored



Above: Dr. Jessica A. Rickert and Dr. George Blue Spruce. Photo submitted.

The Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID) held its annual conference in Minneapolis, Minn. on June 9. The first American Indian dentist, Dr. George Blue Spruce, Jr., was honored with a dental scholarship established in his name at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Blue Spruce is a member of the Laguna Pueblo. Dr. Jessica A. Rickert is the first American Indian female dentist (photo at left) and is a tribal member.

The next annual meeting will be held in June in Arizona.

Important Reminder:

If you need to cancel or reschedule a dental appointment, please call and give us at least 24 hours notice so that your appointment time can be assigned to another patient on our waiting list. You can reach the dental office by calling 1-866-694-6728 and pressing 4 for the dental office or locally calling 966-8290 and you will be connected directly to the dental office.

Your assistance with timely cancellations will help other patients and assist in the efficient operations of your dental program.



2007 4th Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference

October 10-12, 2007
Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri

Visit www.nationaldec.org for more information or visit www.ksmethpreventionproject.org

Registration: \$200. Deadline to register is September 28. A limited number of scholarships are available (see scholarship page).

Hotel: A limited number of rooms have been reserved for conference attendees. To secure your accommodations, please contact directly at (816) 421-1234 and mention "NADEC." Room rate until September 9.

Hotel parking: On-site parking fee.

Community notices

Have you got talent?

Upcoming talent show.
Seeking theme of 50s, 60s, 70s

Ages from 35 years and up

Show planned for sometime
in November
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

Organizational meeting:
August 27, 5:00 p.m. at the
Rock/Community Building

Tryout times to be scheduled during
organizational meeting.
Amateurs give it a try. Come join in
the fun and let's make this work.

Sing, lip sync, dance,
play an instrument or other talents

Shawnee County Allied Tribes 17th annual traditional Inter-tribal pow-wow

August 31
September 1-2

Lake Shawnee
Topeka, KS

Concessionaires contact:
Mike Ballard 785-272-5489
Email: cmballard@aol.com

Sobriety Pow-wow

September 20
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Bicentennial Center Arena
800 the Midway
Salina, KS 67402-1727

For more information contact:
Newman W. Hunter Health
316-262-0517

July
Apté Nibén Kisès
Mid Summer Moon

Church of the Coming
King
Rev. Leo Strathman
1308 Roanoke St.
Seneca, KS 66583
785-336-2655

Invitation
to hear
Timothy and Vira
Herring

"How to Survive
the End Times"

August 5 at
9:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

All welcome!

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma

Annual fall reunion
October 26-28

Radisson Hotel
10918 E. 41 St.
Tulsa, OK
918-627-5000
800-333-3333

For more information contact:
Loretta (Burgess) Bradford
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Email: dushkut@cox.net
Flo (Tanner) Spotted Bear
918-948-2505

Nishnabemowèn "Talk Indian"

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Bay Mills Community College
Immersion Program

Instructors:
Barbara Nolan
John Paul Montano

Class schedule for
Instructor Training component:

9/6 to 9/9
none

9/13: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9/14: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9/15: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

9/27: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9/28: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9/29: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Class schedule for
Immersion component:

9/6: 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/7: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/8: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/9: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

9/13: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/14: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/15: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/16: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

9/27: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/28: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/29: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
9/30: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Mayetta, KS 66509
785-966-2138
785-966-0117

Pathways to Our Future Early Childhood Education Conference

August 13 and 14
at
Prairie Band Casino & Resort
Conference Center

For details
Call Natalie
at
785-966-2527



Caregiver Support Group

PTFD will teach
First aid

August 20
at 2:00 p.m.

Firekeepers Elder Center
15372 K Rd.
Mayetta, KS 66509

Any questions, contact:
Nancy Stegman
Caregiver Coordinator
11400 158 Rd.
Mayetta, KS 66509
785-966-8305



Message Board



Joey



Brandon



Brenda

Happy Birthday
Brandon Laclair, July 22

A message from mom

"I know we haven't been as close as we use to be. Things have really changed since my incident but I am trying to make us happy again, however, I can only do so much. You know I am always there for you and I love you very much. I hope we can be as close as we once were."
Love, mom and Joey



Message from a proud mom

Knowee, my son,
you make me proud every day. You are going to be a GREAT baseball player someday-it's in your blood! I believe you are going to be great at whatever you choose to do in life. With lots of love, Mom

Congratulations to the Delia Baseball Team on a successful season!
-Tracy Rogers

Letter to the Editor

Seven weeks ago I wrote and hand carried a complaint to Chief Grant of the PBP Police Department regarding an encounter with one of his officers. I found this officer's rude, arrogant, and uncalled-for behavior quite objectionable under the circumstances. In conversations with other Tribal members, this type of behavior is not uncommon. Even the chief said that he had gotten complaints before about his particular officer. I explained to the chief that I had a copy of my complaint that I was hand carrying to Tribal Council, just so he knew I was not going behind his back. The chief said that since I brought the complaint to him in writing that he would respond in kind, in writing.

I then proceeded to the administration building and was lucky enough to catch Chairman Stanhoff where she also listened to my concerns, and said that she would get back to me.

My main concern, which I took care to explain to both the chairman, and the chief, was the attitude, and lack of respect that the officer had. Since these people work for us, in our world, they need to quit treating us all like the dregs of humanity.

Well, our answer came in writing this week in the form of a Summons to Court, and my husband and I are being charged with Refusing to Aid an Officer, and Obstructing Justice.

Apparently this administration thinks that we live in some kind of police state! There are a lot of members out there who have had these same issues. If you are interested in changing our world to where our police force is for protection and service, rather than intimidation and persecution, please contact me at 785-771-2373 or better yet, send me your story. My address is 7472 142nd Road, Delia, KS 66418.

Thank you,
Laura Abeyta

Dear relatives and friends,

Thank you for the flowers, cards and telephone calls while I was in the hospital.

Julia Ann Lewis



Ganiit'ek

(those who are born)

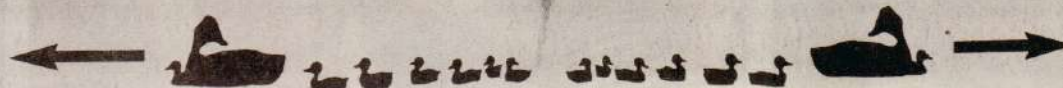


Welcome
Gabriella Hi'ilani Murray
Born: February 19, 2007
Wt: 7 lbs. 12 oz.
Ht: 19 in.

Parents: Isaac and Cira Murray
Grandparents: Robert and Theresa (Jessepe) Murray

Welcome
Matthew Ray Buskirk
Born: June 14, 2007
Wt: 9 lbs. 2 oz.
Ht: 21 in.

Parents: Gary and Jenny Buskirk



Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)

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Happy birthday to Clifford Jessepe
On August 31
"I'll be 55 years old"

Happy Birthday
Warren

August 11
How many
candles?

With love, your mom, bro and
nephew



Birthday Wishes
Happy 30th
to
Gabriel Martinez
July 1
Love,
Dad, mom, and Daniel



Happy Birthday
August 25
to
Warren

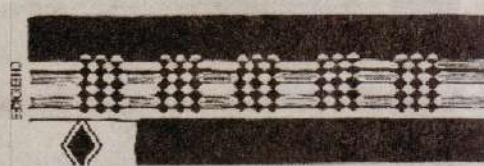
Love
Sydney
and
the
boys



Thank you

I would like to personally "Thank" We-Ta-Se, for appearing and representing all Indian Nations and veterans at the funeral of my Father, Jarrett C. Finch. It was a great honor for them to be there, to honor my Father as a veteran and a Cherokee. There is a great amount of respect for this group of veterans in my family. I and my family were very, very impressed for what you do for us. Thank you for honoring my Father.

Mina Neuburger



Thank you

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Tracy Stanhoff and our Tribal Council for their condolences. I especially would like to thank my Grandmother Vivian Gonzales, Mary Young and all my cousins who in their love supported me through the passing of my mother Verna Marie Shegonee Rodriguez. At difficult times like these, we are sometimes forgetful of all the blessings that we share as a people. Having the financial support of our government is a great benefit, especially when there are those of us, who can not afford to travel out of state to attend a funeral. The benefits I receive from my Nation are a blessing and I am grateful for every single thing I receive.

Donica L. Nanez



Kamboit'ek (Those who died)

Wesley "Wab sia" Wishkeno



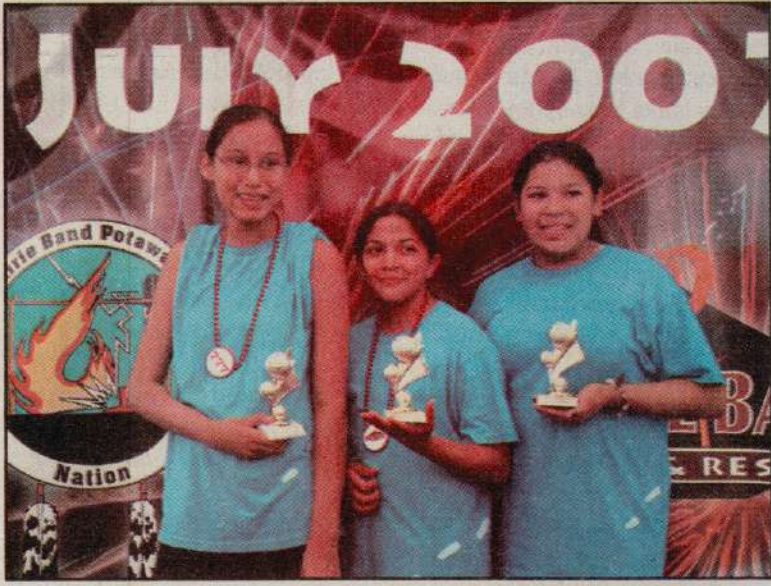
Wesley "Wab sia" Wishkeno, 91, Topeka, died July 5, 2007, in Rossville. He was born Aug. 9, 1915, on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, the son of Arthur and Sara Wapp Wishkeno. He graduated in 1940 from the Haskell Institute in Lawrence. Mr. Wishkeno served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an independent painting contractor and retired from Kansas State University in 1992. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Drum Religion and Valencia Neighborhood Association. He married Nettie "Ko is kwe" Keesis on Dec. 15, 1945, in Topeka. She died Jan. 20, 2000. He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Virginia Cadue and Alethia Bidwell; and two brothers, Calvin Wishkeno and Ivan Wishkeno Sr. Survivors include a son, Lance Wishkeno, Topeka; four daughters, Camilla Chouteau, Audrey Simon and Nan-y Llamas, all of Topeka, and Bernadine Wishkeno, Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Mary Wishkeno Delg, Lawrence, and Wilma Wishkeno Anquoe, Kansas City, Mo.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three adopted children, James Hale, Judy Wabaunsee and Rosalyn Hale, all of Mayetta. Drum services were held July 8 at the Danceground Building. Burial will be held July 9 at Wishkeno Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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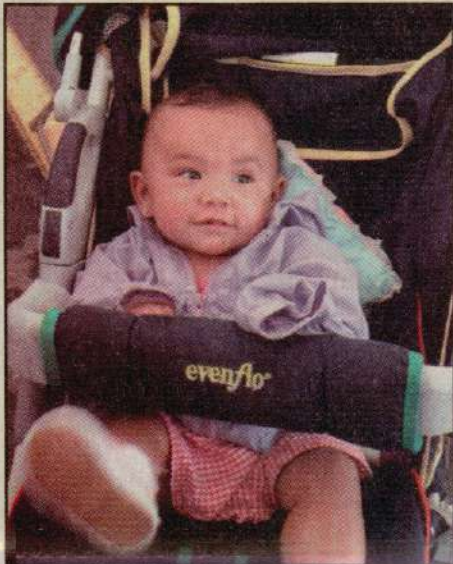
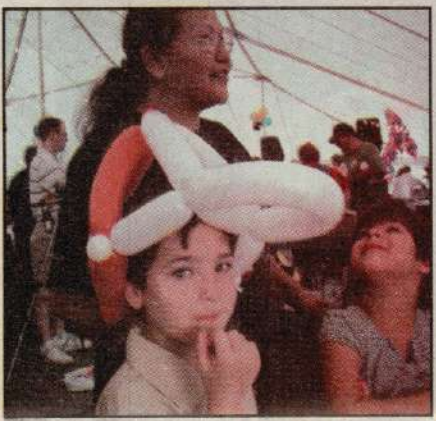
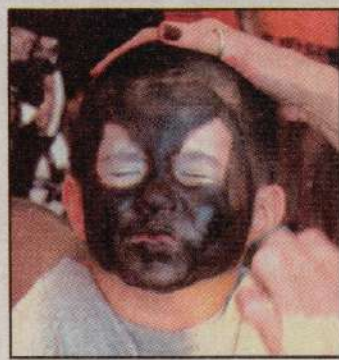


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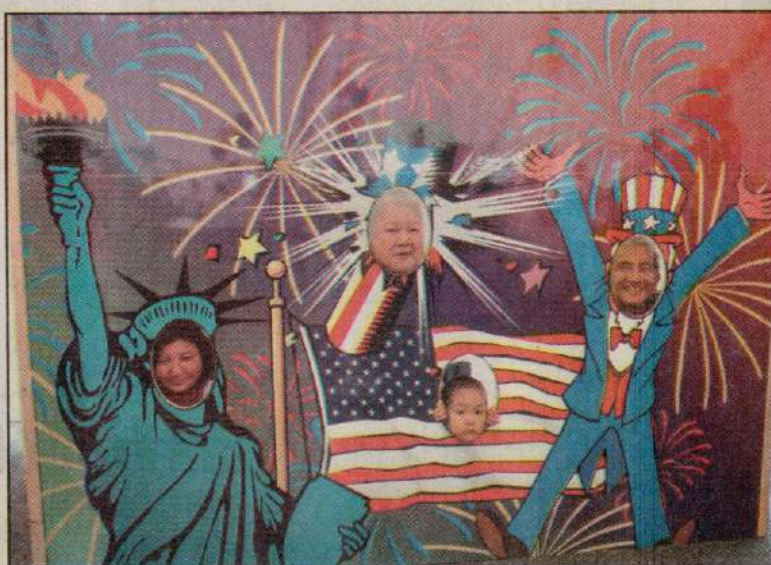
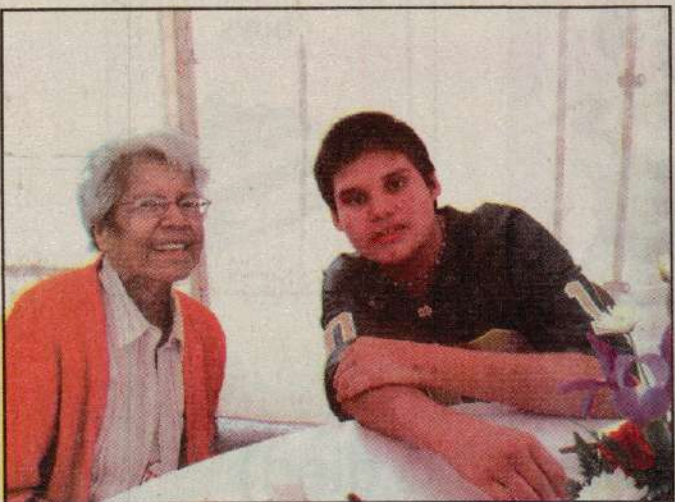
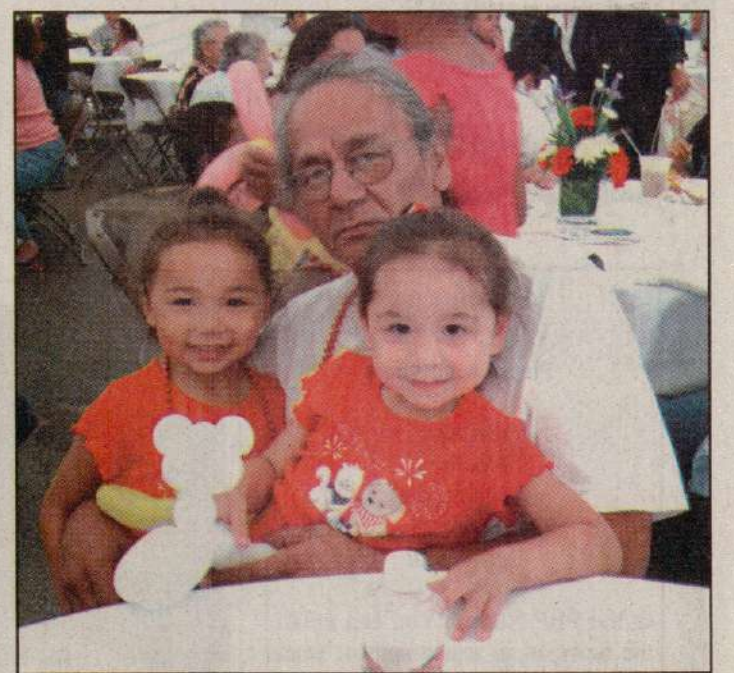
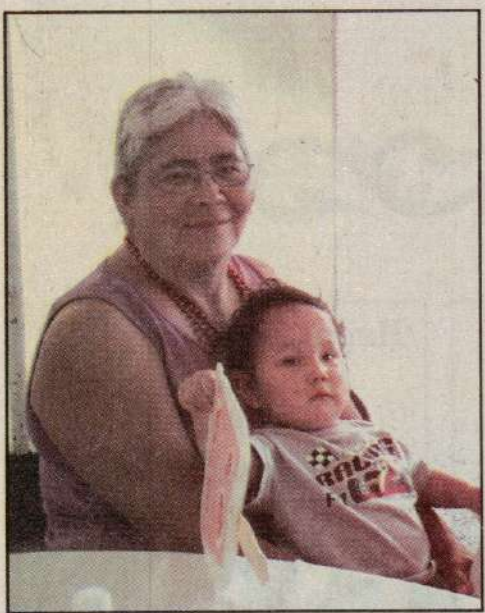
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4th of July tribal party
at the Casino



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