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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Tribal Officials Meet with Governor Bill Graves

*A brief 50 minute between Tribal Officials and Governor Bill Graves and his staff was an opportunity to educate, discuss issues, negotiate and to prove an old political adage "all politics is local" is still true.*

By Gary E. Mitchell

Badger Wahwassuck, Jimmy Potter and I had the honor recently to meet with Kansas Governor Bill Graves.

Governor Graves is a tall stately looking politician who would look comfortable in front of a college class, but who also has the look of a man who has had to weather more than a few political storms.

This informal, get acquainted type meeting, was arranged by Brad Hamilton of the Governors Office, and focused on general points of interest to both entities.

To start off the meeting, Governor Graves was given a copy of the Potawatomi's latest publication entitled the Resource Directory—a summary report of tribal programs, building developments and tribal goals.

He listened intently to a brief report of how the tribe has benefited from gaming through improved services and infrastructure improvement.

Throughout the session, the Governor leafed through the publication and at one point said "his governmental agencies can learn a lesson from this work."

The Governor called himself a "lame-duck governor," since he is in last half of his term, was

impressed with recent donations such as the one to the local school system. It was explained to the Governor how the tribe is willing to engage in intergovernmental cooperation to improve the lives of people on the reservation, both Indian and non-Indian.

While taxation is a least favorite topic of most people, Governor Graves insisted on hearing on how the tax situation on gasoline and cigarettes is progressing.

And after hearing the tribal response of how talks and negotiations have stalled, the Governor said, "That's what happens when you get too many lawyers involved."

But, he alluded to how he would try and prod the state tax people to get back to the negotiating table and craft a solution that will satisfy both sides of this debate.

A more controversial topic that Governor Graves wanted to explore is the land-into-trust issue. This of course involves land bought by the Tribe and once it is taken back into trust is taken off the county tax roll.

This is a topic that invites local state politicians to use as a political tool for more votes in the next election and to drive a wedge into every tribal-state negotiations. More often than not, it is pointed out how Indians are depriving the county of needed tax dollars. This is a reason why the cross-deputization talks have stalled.

The Nation has taken the position that the safety of all residents is the foremost goal of the tribal government and how the Nation is willing to commit its police force to promote this ideal. The

Governor was reminded how this is still the position of the Nation.

The Tribal representatives advised the Governor of several initiatives that will benefit all people including a 2001 Road Project. This will black-top seven miles of roadway on the reservation. While this project will cost the Nation over two million dollars, it will cost the tax-payers of Jackson County zero tax dollars.

In his straight-forward approach, Governor Graves wanted to know the position of the Nation on a local tribes attempt to give up casino gambling on their reservation and go into a joint-venture with the State at the Woodlands Dog Racing track in Kansas City, Missouri.

It was explained by the tribal officials that such a Kansas City move had been analyzed and would bring little economic impact or change to the Nations current gaming facility.

But it was also relayed to the Governor how any land taken back into trust after 1988 that is intended for gaming has to have the approval of the Governor and, in effect, he would have the last word.

This particular situation will also require legislative approval and will take some time. The stated position of the Nation is to only advise caution to the other tribes in their pursuit of economic dreams.

On a closing note, the chairman reminded the governor of how past Governor Finney had issued a proclamation recognizing a government to government relationship between the State of Kansas and the Potawatomi Nation.

The Governor promised to consider issuing an updated proclamation in the future.

For a first encounter, this meeting was positive step to establishing a true government to government relationship.



Governor Bill Graves

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
General Council Meeting  
Saturday, July 21, 2001  
PBPB Bingo Hall  
16277 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas 66509



### AGENDA

1. Registration opens @ 8:00 a.m.
2. Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.
3. Invocation
4. Tribal Chairperson Comments – Badger Wahwasuck
  - (a) Redi-Mix
  - (b) Recommendation on Harrah's Management Fee
5. Secretary's Report – Steve Ortiz
  - (a) Minutes approval
  - (b) Update PBPB Student Service Plan
6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Potter
  - (a) Feasibility Study on Casino Expansion
  - (b) Update on Management Contract Agreement
  - (c) Revenue Allocation Plan Report
  - (d) Investment Update
  - (e) Financial Report
7. Housing Plan – Jackie Mitchell
8. Three (3) Year Audit update – Rey Kitchkumme
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

## Banner Award for \$50,000 Contribution

Topeka, KS (June 21, 2001) - - The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was recently honored with a 3rd Annual Banner Award from the Kansas Capital Area Chapter (KCAC) of the American Red Cross for their \$50,000 contribution for disaster relief to the American Red Cross.

The Banner Award recognizes those who exemplify the highest principles of the Red Cross mission, which stress coming together and helping those in times of crises.

The contribution from the Nation went to assist the tornado victims in Hoisington, Kansas. On April 12, a tornado touched down, disrupting the lives of 3,000 residents, destroying 300 homes, claiming one life and injuring several others. The PBPB Nation Tribal Council moved quickly to help aid their recovery and presented a check to KCAC 48 hours later.

Tribal Council Chairman Badger Wahwasuck said the decision to contribute was simple. "We were fortunate to be in a position to help those in need; we're confident we could count on the residents of Kansas to assist us in a time of need. We support unity and a far-reaching network of family and friends."



PBPB honored for the \$50,000 contribution to the American Red Cross. (L to R) Steve Ortiz, Gary Mitchell, Jackie Mitchell, Jim Potter, and Badger Wahwasuck. Tribal Council accepts the 3rd Annual Banner Award from the Kansas Capital Area Chapter (KCAC) of the American Red Cross.

(Photo submitted by Jack Huyett)

## Okla City IHS Area officials being called in to hear patient complaints

By Mary Young

Oklahoma City Area Office officials are being called upon to hear patient complaints. A meeting is being set up to meet at the PBPB Bingo Hall on a Wednesday with a date to be announced. At this meeting, group supporters are requesting written documentation be presented to substantiate the complaints/issues. Gloria Holder, Director of Division of Contract Health Services, is requested to attend this meeting.

PBPB Tribal Council is aware of patient complaints. Badger Wahwasuck, PBPB Tribal Chair, has received numerous letters of complaint regarding healthcare, lack of health care, and debt collection notices.

In a letter to Dr. Richard Harris, dated April 28, 2001, Chair Wahwasuck outlines a brief summary of complaints:

- Problems obtaining several medical records on timely basis, compromising the continuity of care to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Members.
- Neglecting to communicate to referral agency a Tribal Member's allergies, in which case the allergies were serious and if the allergen was given it could have resulted in the death of this Tribal Member.
- No proper instructions to the Tribal Member for preparing for a certain test, resulting in delay in receiving a necessary diagnostic test.
- Perceived neglect by your staff by a Tribal Member, the Tribal Member and a referral agency staff member was unable to reach you or your assistants to inform the referral agency of diagnoses, current medications, allergies, and pre-medication prescribed for the test ordered. The Tribal Member's perception increased her anxiety, delayed her diagnostic test and contributed lack of trust of the Holton I.H.S. staff as competent providers of health care.

- No follow-up on a 1-2 year old medical bills resulting in adverse credit reports for Tribal Members' with medical bills Holton I.H.S. staff indicated would be paid. These 1-2 year-old bills are causing members of the PBPB great inconvenience. One member was incarcerated since a medical bill was not paid.
- Refusal of dental funding for dental treatment of a Tribal Member with the diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus (DM) and a tooth infection. Inadequate dental care for dental infections could result in this member's diabetes advancing to an uncontrolled status, resulting in further deterioration of health.

The letter expanded on item six: "The PBPB allowed designated federal funds for a PBPB Diabetes Program to be administered by the Holton I. H.S. The PBPB was never consulted regarding the spending of these funds. Furthermore, I have not seen the proposal for expenditure of the Diabetes funds. It is my understanding that a certain amount of the Special Diabetes Funds appropriated by congress were committed for dental care. The Special Diabetic Funds are exempt for contract Health Services (C.H.S.) guidelines. Therefore, if members of the PBPB need emergency dental care and are receiving health care from the Holton I.H.S., I expect them to receive the dental care necessary to restore them to health and avoid future diabetes complications."

Chair Wahwasuck further wrote that the "Tribal Members of the PBPB are deserving of quality health care provided by caring, compassionate health professionals. Because the I.H.S. is a federal agency under the Health and Human Services, I am bringing the concerns of your constituency to your attention. I hope you share my concerns for the health and health care of the PBPB Members."

Chair Wahwasuck concludes with the following statement: "These concerns are creating unnecessary inconvenience to the member's of the PBPB. I am requesting your prompt attention to these frustrating and potentially life threatening problems. Let me know when and how these problems have been addressed and resolved."

As of today's date, there has been no response.

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## Wisconsin Trip in May

By Gary E. Mitchell

The Tribal Council had planned for many months to visit Prairie Band Potawatomi members in Wisconsin and to conduct a listening conference.

This finally came to fruition and resulted in a one-day meeting May 12, 2001.

Reports were given by council members. Reports similar to ones given at the last general council meeting.

For example, a report on the proposed housing plan was given by Jackie Mitchell, council member; a financial report by Treasurer Jimmy Potter; and an update on the Eye-glass program by Steve Ortiz, council member.

A video taped earlier by the Constitutional Revision Committee was also shown to the 40-50 members present.

### Skunk Hill Issue

One emotional issue was the Skunk Hill debate. This long-time problem for members in Wisconsin involves land that used to be a ceremonial ground and a burial ground, but due to non-payment of property taxes changed to non-Indian hands. Today, it is controlled by Wood County.

Recently, the county proposed to cut 1,500 trees at the Park but that was stopped when local resident opposed the notion.

A recent editorial from a conservative newspaper called for the land to be returned to the rightful owner—the Indian people who lived there many years ago. Sev-

eral tribes have laid claim to this hill including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk and the Potawatomi.

The members asked for support from the Prairie Band Potawatomi. One member asked the Nation to buy the hill back outright.

This may be the only alternative, if the local group agreed to sell, since this issue is nowhere near settlement and the local officials are unwilling to compromise.

### Housing Concerns

Other topics focused on the housing plan and some of the questions were:

- If members don't pay then they shouldn't be put back on the list for later consideration;
- A need for a priority system to include senior citizens and a special consideration because of their later years;
- Set up partnerships with other tribes to ensure inspections comply with existing codes;
- Try and learn from the mistakes other tribes have made in the housing arena;
- Suggested modular homes as a quick fix, especially since they are build better than they used to be;
- Succession questions and how will that be handled;
- Have a housing fair to get the best price;
- And other technical questions regarding perk-test, inspections, etc

The program and its presenta-

tion was well received and the tribal members present want more information as time goes on.

### Blood Quantum

Another emotional issue brought forth in this meeting was the recent change mandating a 1/4 degree Potawatomi requirement for membership in the tribe. Many voiced concerns about not receiving notice on the secretarial election and the possible long-term demise of the tribe if this isn't changed in the future.

### Satellite Office

The issue of a satellite office located in Wisconsin became a topic. This proposed office was to dispense tribal information and for health referrals.

This proposal was voted down in a past general council meeting. Some members at that meeting said would cause a chain-reaction of other areas in the country who would also want a satellite office.

The tribal members want this issue brought back to the table in the future.

### Conclusion

The tribal members did appreciate the council coming to Wisconsin to listen to the concerns they voiced at this meeting.

A line of communication is now open and the council anticipates a follow-up meeting in June with the Wisconsin group. Other meetings with tribal members in other parts of the country is also possible, if requested.

## 2001 Road Reconstruction Project Underway

by Gary E. Mitchell

On April 24, Hamm Asphalt of Perry, Kansas was the low bidder on the 2001 Road Reconstruction Project. Hamm Asphalt projects they can complete seven miles of roadway for \$2,013,248.74.

Hamm won over competing bids with Shilling Construction of Manhattan, Kansas and Kansa of Topeka, Kansas.

Clearing work will start during the week of May 14 and the entire project is to be completed by October 1, 2001. As with all road projects, the problem for completing on time is the weather and the relocation of utilities.

The first road in this reconstruction project is M Road, the one that goes to the Pow-Wow Grounds (Peoples Park), but not scheduled to start until June 12 or after this years pow-wow.

Kansas Department of Transportation technical specifications will be used on construction methods and materials.

Bartlett and West Engineers will have an inspector on the project to check submittals for conformity to the design concept of the project. Although the contractor is responsible for all asphalt-testing, Bartlett and West will do sample testing.

The work days will last from 7 am to 5:30 pm, five days a week. For local residents, there will be traffic control and the entrances to homes will generally remain open. At times though, they may be closed for paving for four hours at a time or when the AB3 rock is curing our (water has to evaporate and once that is done, it is a better road). These are only precautions since traffic will only hurt the product.

This is the first year of a five-year Road Reconstruction plan for the improvements of the Reservation road system and is funded from casino revenues.

## Brief Updates

Submitted by Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member

### Tribal Council Visits Wisconsin Nation Members

On May 12, Tribal Council representatives went to meet with tribal members at Wisconsin Rapids. This meeting was planned to provide a forum for discussion on tribal issues. Subjects included finance, housing, vision plan, constitutional changes, and Skunk Hill. Jim Potter, Treasurer, gave an overview of the April general council financial update. Jackie Mitchell provided a housing update, Steve Ortiz reviewed the vision plan and a short video about the constitution was reviewed over lunch.

Open discussion included Skunk Hill. Skunk Hill is a bluff that was home to tribal members. During the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Skunk Hill was taken away from individual tribal ownership for unpaid taxes. Wood County gained possession of the hill, renamed the hill Powers Bluff, and developed the area into a winter recreational facility with skiing. Numerous Wisconsin tribal members and members of other area tribes were very concerned about the development occurring in this area. They requested another meeting on June 2 to discuss this issue. Tribal Council representatives listened and agreed to support the members on June 11 at a Parks meeting.

At the June 11 meeting, the Wood County Parks and Forestry Committee and the Prairie Band Potawatomi representatives verbally agreed to work together to preserve the cultural and historical significant areas of the bluff. It was a good day for the tribal members that have worked toward this goal for many years.

Congratulations to all tribal members for these accomplishments especially the Wisconsin members. It has been a great lesson in working together to accomplish goals. On behalf of the PBP Tribal Council, it was especially good to get to know the tribal members in this area. We have made new friends and will continue this work on this very important issue.

### CASINO NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

Tribal Council has been busy with negotiations on several fronts including negotiations with Harrah's Prairie Band Casino; General Council will be presented with a recommendation for the continued partnership with Harrahs for the next 5-year contract. It has been a challenging matter and the Tribal Council appreciates input from the Gaming Commission, the Management Committee and tribal members.

### SHAB-EH-NAY LAND RECLAMATION

In addition, meetings with Liberty Alliance and the tribal D.C. lawyers continue in the land claim in Illinois. A bill was introduced in Congress to basically refer all land claims to the Interior claims and tribes could not make land settlements receiving only cash settlements. This bill would affect all Indian tribes. Roy Ogden, Jim Potter and Jackie Mitchell assisted in getting a resolution of support from the National Congress of American Indians opposing this bill at the May meeting.

### BUILDING COMMUNICATION BRIDGES WITH COUNTY AND STATE CONTINUES

On the local area, Tribal Council representatives have been in a series of meetings with the Jackson County Commissioners. Issues are numerous with the first priorities being Roads and Bridges and Zoning. Other topics will include emergency services such as police, fire, and emergency services, taxes, and cooperative initiatives.

By beginning these discussions, a new era of cooperation can begin between the county and the tribe. In addition, Badger Wahwassuck, Gary Mitchell and Jim Potter have met with Governor Graves to begin dialogue dealing with tribal/state issues. All of the issues are important but of greatest importance is the fuel and cigarette tax issues. The right to tax at the convenience store and businesses on the reservation would provide revenue for continued support of tribal governmental needs including roads and emergency services.

### HOUSING

The proposed housing plan was introduced to tribal membership at the April meeting and a finalized plan will be presented at the July meeting for approval from the general council. Negotiations have continued with Denison State Bank and other lending institutes to assist in this project.

*Thee Tribal Council continues to work toward resolution of all of these issues. Each victory that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation accomplishes protects the sovereignty of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. It is a very exciting time for the nation and we can all be proud of what is happening with the nation at this time. If you have any questions about any of these issues, please call any of the council. Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member 785 966 4016 or toll free at 877 715 6789. Email at jackiem@pbpnation.org. Thank you for your continued support and allowing me to represent you.*

## County, Potawatomi agree to work together

By Gary E. Mitchell

In a follow-up meeting on June 11, Bob Birmingham, archeologist from the Wisconsin Historical Society gave a report on archaeological and historical study on Power's Bluff County Park or sometimes referred to as "Skunk Hill, that was more effective than 18 months of negotiation.

Prior to the 6:30 meeting, a group of Potawatomi said they would be satisfied if the Wood County Parks and Forestry Committee stayed away from the south slope of the park and developed the north slope.

Birmingham's one hour report effectively satisfied both sides in this long debate.

His study concludes that there are no grave sites on the north slope of the park which would pave the way for economic development.

But his study said the south

slope had evidence of a community burial ground along with ceremonial grounds. Birmingham recommended the area be catalogued as burial places under Wisconsin statute 157.70 to ensure maximum protection.

In the historical part of his presentation, Birmingham said Skunk Hill was the heart of the Indian community.

Many of the Indian people who lived there were Prairie Band Potawatomi who came back to Wisconsin after removal to present day Kansas.

In 1913, there were 100 people living on the hill. Over the years, it was the most documented area with over 100 photographs which is unusual in Indian settlements.

The basis for the study revolved around a) forest/oral history; b) shovel-testing to look for soil disturbances or to look for drastic changes; c) look for visual depressions in the area or activity

areas; and the testing found no cultural aspects on the north slope.

It was fairly evident that the Wood County Parks and Forestry Committee wanted to avoid expensive litigation on this issue.

In fact, they advocated for compromise by limiting the use of the south side and develop the north side.

Lance Pliml, committee chairman said much of the controversy, in the last 18 months came from misinformation.

"The committee realizes the necessity to recognize and preserve the presence of the Native American community," said Pliml.

In the end, since this is now reaching a compromise stage, the Park and the Indian community will pursue developing an interpretative site on part of the south side.

**JUST A LITTLE LESSON IN OUR LANGUAGE**, per suggestion of Jim McKinney and with the assistance of Maynard L. Potts, please look at the page numbers. Jim suggested this be done; Maynard aided in the spellings.

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Second line is spelling per Maynard. Third line is phonetic interpretation per me, Ma dos (Doris.)

### Prairie Band Potawatomi

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866 966-2242

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866 966-2411

**Boys & Girls Club**  
866 727-6242  
(866 PBP-NBGC)

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- Bottle rocket issue "unresolved" on tribal reservation
- Tribe weary of "patching" constitution
- Proposed plans to build a diamond interchange at U.S. Highway 75

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## Tax agency settles case with ex-attorney

*Settlement: Former employee drops whistle-blower lawsuit after negotiations*

By Jim McLean  
The Capital-Journal

The state's tax agency has reached a settlement with a former department attorney who challenged his dismissal.

David Prager III, of Topeka, was fired as the Department of Revenue's chief tax attorney in May of 1997, approximately five months after he sent a memo to Gov. Bill Graves charging that former Revenue Secretary John LaFaver and other agency officials had illegally settled tax disputes with large corporations.

Prager wrote the memo after he was publicly criticized for helping to create what a national business magazine said was a hostile business climate.

Attorneys for businesses audited by Prager said that he was overly aggressive.

LaFaver called Prager's allegations about the department "mere fantasy." He said Prager's communique to Graves constituted gross misconduct because it disclosed privileged information about taxpayers.

But Prager, in lawsuits filed in state and federal court, insisted his client was the state of Kansas, not the revenue agency.

He said the state's whistle-blower law prohibited the department from firing him for reporting what he believed to be illegal activities.

During a State Civil Service Board hearing last March, Prager said, "I wish to be vindicated and have my honor and dignity affirmed through these proceedings."

The board declined to order the department to reinstate Prager.

Portions of Prager's federal lawsuit were dismissed. And Shawnee County District Judge Terry Bullock dismissed all of his state complaint.

But last spring, the Kansas Supreme Court reinstated two of the seven counts in the state lawsuit and sent the case back to the lower court for trial.

Rather than go to court, the department negotiated a settlement.

"All of the contested matters between David Prager and the Kansas Department of Revenue have been resolved," said Shirley Sicilian, the department's general counsel in a brief written statement on Monday. "Appropriate documentation is being prepared and all lawsuits will be dismissed." Spokesman Scott Holeman said the department wasn't at liberty to disclose the settlement amount.

A lawyer in the attorney general's office who handles open records cases wasn't immediately available to comment on whether settlements paid with state funds can be kept confidential.

Reached Monday evening, Prager, who now serves as counsel for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian tribe, confirmed that a settlement had been reached but declined further comment.

Prager is the son of former Kansas Supreme Court Justice David Prager.

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## Tribe wins round in vehicle tag fight

*Appeal: State loses bid to lift 1999 injunction against enforcing rules on Potawatomi*

By Robert Boczkiewicz

Special to The Capital-Journal

DENVER -- Potawatomi Indians in Kansas won a preliminary court victory Monday in a battle with state officials over recognition of the tribe's license plates and vehicle titles.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals preliminarily ruled against the Kansas Revenue Department and Kansas Highway Patrol, which don't recognize the validity of the tribe's vehicle plates and titles.

The appeals court upheld a preliminary injunction against the state agencies. The temporary injunction bars enforcement of state vehicle laws against 20 Potawatomi who were issued tribal plates or titles before the injunction was issued Oct. 13, 1999.

The ruling sets the stage for a decision by Senior U.S. District Judge Dale E. Saffels in Topeka on whether the state will have to recognize the validity of plates and titles issued by the Prairie Band of Potawatomi, which began issuing them in 1999 for its 500 members on the reservation and tribal government vehicles.

Saffels issued the injunction to bar enforcement of state laws against tribal members until that

issue is resolved in court.

The state appealed and lost in Monday's 3-0 decision by the six-state court based in Denver. The tribe's 121-square mile reservation and headquarters are in Jackson County.

Both sides said the decision is a setback for the revenue department and highway patrol beyond the limited effect of the injunction. The agencies lost some of their basic arguments, attorneys said in telephone interviews.

"There were significant questions of state sovereignty versus tribal rights," said revenue department lawyer John Michael Hale. He said "big chunks of the case" would have been resolved if the appeals court had decided those questions rather than returning the case to Saffels to settle the basic issue.

"The state statute does not provide for recognition of license plates issued by the tribe," Hale said.

David Prager III, Potawatomi general counsel in Mayetta, said Kansas recognizes the plates of other states and other countries, so the tribe, as a sovereign entity, wants its plates recognized.

"This (case) is an important issue for tribal sovereignty and tribal rights to self-government," he said. "The tribe offered to provide its registration information to the state of Kansas for inclusion in its motor vehicle records, but the state refused to enter it on its computers."

Despite the state's argument about its sovereignty, the appellate judges said Saffels was right in concluding that "the threatened injury to tribal sovereignty outweighed the potential harm to state sovereignty."

"Federal Indian law is replete with examples in which state law has had to accommodate tribal sovereignty," the judges said.

## Tribe weary of "patching" constitution

By SANDRA M. SIEBERT  
Recorder Staff

You can patch an old pair of jeans only so many times before you need to go out and buy a new pair.

That analogy was used to describe why the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation is looking at a new constitution. Members of the tribe will meet at the bingo hall near Mayetta next week as part of a series of educational workshops on the constitution.

The current Prairie Band Constitution was drafted in 1975, but was essentially a modified version of the original constitution drafted as a result of the Indian Reorganization Act in 1934, said Venida Chenault, chairman of the constitution committee.

Since then, the constitution has been amended a number of times, Chenault said.

"It's become increasingly clear to the membership that it was kind of like patching an old pair of jeans," Chenault said. "You can only do so much patching before you have to buy a new pair of jeans."

The model used to develop the

current constitution, Chenault said, created a governmental structure that "we feel sets up tribes for failure."

That structure has no separation of powers and puts all the power into the hands of a few, she said. The new constitution is not just a "patched" version of the old. Although some sections will remain the same, Chenault said, it will (if adopted) reorganize the tribal government creating separation of powers in three branches and councils: executive, legislative and judicial.

Creating a new constitution has been a lengthy process. When appointed to the seven-member constitution committee in October 1999, Chenault said she thought it might take about three months.

The committee met, sometimes weekly, until December 2000 before it had a draft ready to present to the membership. Since then, the committee has held educational workshops, locally and as far away as Wisconsin Falls, Wis., where a fair number of Potawatomi members live. Copies of the proposed constitution also have been distributed

to members. In a departure from past constitutional changes, input is being sought from the general membership.

"Before, we never had input from the community. We felt it was important that our members have a role, and the opportunity to make recommendations," Chenault said.

"We wanted to have a real open process," that provided explanations," she said.

The suggestions will be collected until October. If committee members see a recurring theme, those recommendations will be incorporated in the proposed constitution, she said. Following that, an election will be held.

However, it may be another six months to a year before the election can occur, Chenault said.

The existing constitution may have helped the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation re-establish itself in 1975 (after the constitution and tribal government were abolished in 1970 because of a dispute with the Bureau of Indian Affairs).

But with the tribe's expansion and the new demands on the tribal government, the old constitution no longer "fits," Chenault said. And like a worn out pair of jeans, it must be replaced.

The new constitution, Chenault said, will help the tribal government to "operate more efficiently and be more accountable and protect the interests of our children and grandchildren."

members. The 3 tribes are looking at going down under the current casino operations. She said they've been watching the state slots legislation for years now - lot of opposition there - but last year everyone saw the budget crunch. The state is hurting for money too. If they were to ever pass state gaming, the Kickapoo tour buses would be greatly affected.

Continuing, Ms. Bear said there is "nothing definite yet." There are still a number of questions that have to be answered about new compacts, trust property status, etc. She reminded everyone that Joan Finney originally wanted the 4 Tribes to work as a unified government and set up the casino in Wyandotte County.

Joan Rebar, Sac & Fox Council Member, added that Wyandotte is setting up a grand tourism/entertainment attraction center. The casino would complete the evening entertainment aspect of the plan.

Ms. Bear said dollars would be earmarked to the state to keep out state gaming and that it's a win-win situation for everyone. Mr. Hein concluded that he must be kept informed, as "ethically, I have to be able to jointly support your issues." Ms. Rebar said they had not talked to the Potawatomis or attorneys yet.



PBPN Tribal Members protest in front of the Holton I.H.S. Clinic on 100 W. 6th Street, Holton, KS on June 21, 2001. (L to R) Dora Pelcher, Myra Matchie, Marji Heim, and John Matchie. More than 20 protesters attended the rally.

(Photo submitted by PBPN staff)

### I.H. S. Protest Continued from page 1

Twenty-three protesters assembled in front of the Holton I.H.S. to bring attention to what they believe are valid issues. Myra Matchie stated that she was seeing Dr. Harris for various physical ailments until he sent her to contract services to see a psychiatrist. Myra eventually sought other medical help whereupon the diagnosis was to have a knee replacement. Lucy Nocktonick was to have a dye injected for a sonogram. Information that she was allergic to the dye was not written on her chart; this would have had adverse consequences should the procedure have been conducted.

Arlene Wahwasuck is a strong advocate for the PBPN. She is aware that there are more than two unhappy employees at the Holton I.H.S. Clinic. She is a member of the Health Board and gives suggestions. Arlene states that every suggestion that she offers, no one will listen. Arlene has a medical background and is quite capable to understand those who seek medical assistance. Arlene was significant in writing the letter to Dr. Harris for Chair Wahwasuck.

Dr. Harris contends that the protest developed from "disgruntled employees that do not like change." He further stated that in regards to employee discipline, "if the employee is not fulfilling their job, the clinic has to move forward...former management looked the other way and things got out of hand."

Dr. Harris "observed the personnel for 3-4 months upon his arrival to see how things were done" prior to making his changes in the Clinic.

Josephine Bellonger, I.H.S. Social Service worker, Union Steward and government worker for 28 years, is concerned that there may be retaliation on her part of bringing issues to the public. As the Union Steward, employees talk to her about various topics. The main issue stems from his management and leadership style, failing to acknowledge the employee's voices on issues of concern. She also receives patient complaints.

In regards to the downsizing of the Contract Health Services in Holton I.H.S. Clinic, when the Kickapoo Nation pulled out of Holton to open their own health care facility, Dr. Harris relayed the information from the Oklahoma City Area Office that

"the size of the Holton facility does not warrant additional personnel." Deb Whtiebird, Director of the Kickapoo Nation Health Clinic said that "there is a massive amount of work that the Contract Services has to do such as handling the volume of referrals, backtracking to do, make sure that insurances have been paid and all the resources have been exhausted. Although their clinic is smaller than the Holton clinic, they require two employees on occasion."

"The partnership between the PBPN and the Holton I.H.S. Clinic has been wonderful, helpful and supportive," states Dr. Harris. He further states that "the PBPN has temporarily furnished a contract help person and the Clinic is hoping to receive two more personnel from the Potawatomi for a two-year agreement. He would like every tribe represented (the Iowa and Sac and Fox) as tribal personnel."

Dr. Harris has been at the Holton Health Service Unit for nine months, and states that he has met most of the Short Term Goals for the first year that he has set and that there has been an improvement. One Long Term Goal is to become completely independent from Oklahoma City Area Office in regards to budgetary responsibilities such as planning and spending. Dr. Harris stated that Oklahoma City handles all budget responsibilities and the Holton office has a minor budget.

To assist in the billing process, the Clinic has contracted Infinity.

The Holton Health Service Clinic has received a Special Diabetic Grant for Indians Virtual Private Network computers. The purpose of the grant is primary prevention, to reach the children and adults that do not have diabetes. The grant is an educational tool. One site is the PBPN Boys and Girls Club. The goal is that by the time the student graduates from high school, 10-20 hours will have been learning about diabetes and sharing the information with family members. David Cornelius of the Holton I.H.S. Clinic is in charge of the grant and implementing the program.

For more information about Indian Health Services, check out their website at the following address: [www.ihs.gov/AboutIHS/index.asp](http://www.ihs.gov/AboutIHS/index.asp). As a federal health provider and advocate, the I.H.S. goal is to raise the health status to the highest level for the American Indian.

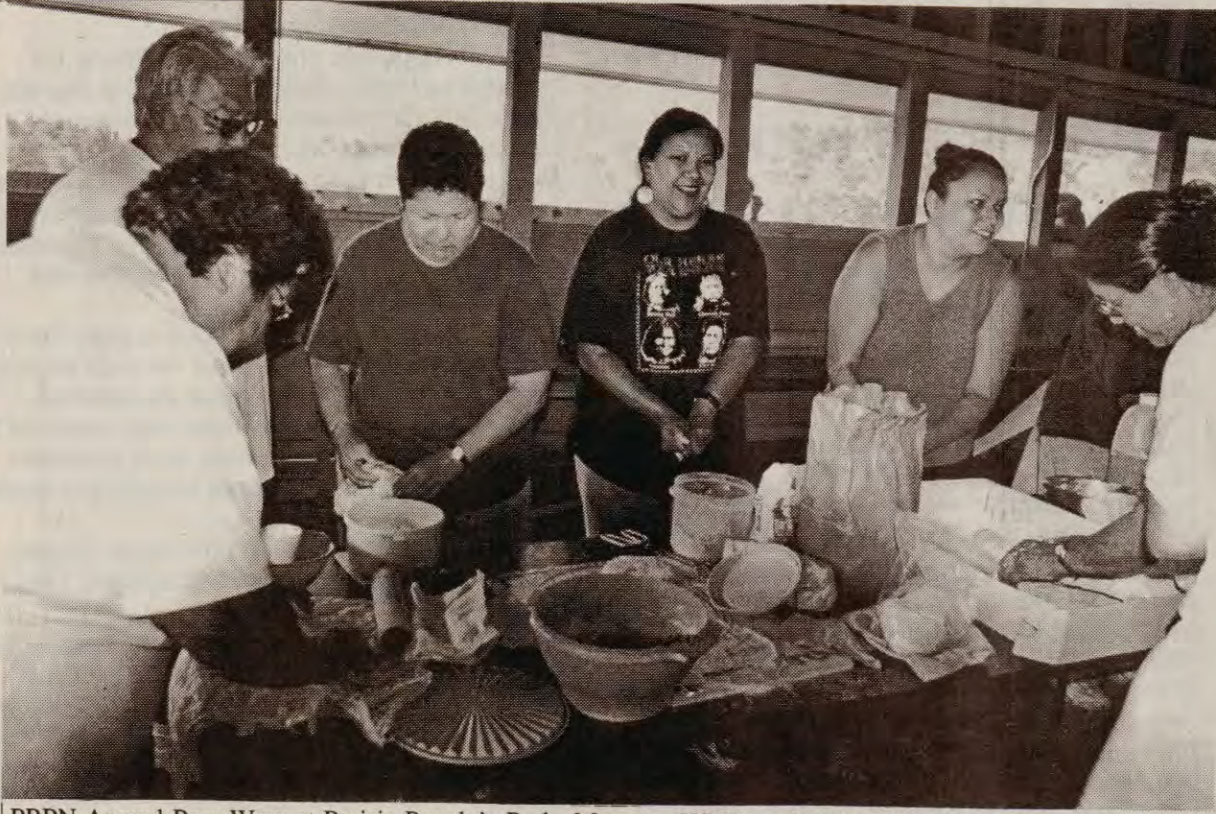
## 3 Northern Indian Kansas Tribes Look at New Casino Venture

Doris A. Potts  
June 18, 2001

Silence and stoned faces filled the room during a meeting with Ron Hein, Attorney & lobbyist for the Indian Nations in Kansas as Mr. Hein point-blank asked the tribes where they stood on the issue of Indian Gaming in Wyandotte County. He wanted everyone to be on the same page when it comes to his issue stance concerning lobbying efforts. To this point, he said it is rumored that the 3 northern tribes (Iowa, Sac & Fox, and Kickapoo) are talking about starting gaming in Wyandotte County.

Nancy Bear, Kickapoo Chair, broke the silence as she explained how the elected leaders are charged to look out for the welfare of their





PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. One of the main events at the pow wow is the Frybread Contest. The judges get to taste all of the contestants entry, sometimes they have to keep re-tasting to make the final decision.

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. The Wellness Walk took place early Saturday morning (9:00 a.m.).

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Host drum group, Little Soldier Singers. They are a Traditional Northern style singing Drum Group from Mayetta, KS and consists of Tribal Members. They organized in 1972 as Little Soldier Creek Singers.

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Participants in the Wellness Walk.

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Joe Hale, Sr., Lead singer to the Little Soldier Singers.

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)



Sharon Anderson and Anthony Thompson delight in an evening at the Pow Wow. Tony returned after 20/30 years, looking the same!



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. The new playground at the pow wow ground. The equipment was jam packed throughout the pow wow.

(Photo submitted by PBPN staff)

Press Release, May 24, 2001

### CW Construction Services, Inc. (CW). Was honored and given superior ranking as one of the fastest growing companies in the State of Florida for 2000.

Cecil V. Key-O-Kum Walker Owner and President of CW Construction Services, Inc. is a 1970 graduate of Holton High School, an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and best of all, the son of Vestina Nonken of Holton, Kansas.

CW Construction Services, Inc. was ranked as the 5<sup>th</sup> (fifth) fastest growing company in the State of Florida, by the State of Florida, University of Florida and Delloitte & Touche accounting firm.

CW has increased their revenues by an average of 1,147% of growth per year over the last three years. This is outstanding. The average growth of a construction company is 15 - 20% a year. Mr. Walker still owns and controls 100% of the corporation. No outside venture capitalist or angel, investors have been utilized throughout the existence of CW Construction Services Inc.

To his credit, Mr. Walker and CW Construction Services, Inc. have also received the following awards for the year 2000 and to-date:

Small Businessperson of the year with 19-25 employees in Florida.

#2 Native American Business of the Year by the National Indian Business Association.

Outstanding Native American Business of the year, Smithsonian Institute.

Minority Small Business Advocate of the year for Florida by the United States Small Business Administration.

Build Central Florida Award for the Lake Mary Center shopping mall by the Associated General Contractors for light to heavy vertical construction. Build Central Florida Award for the Army Corp of Engineers 10,000 foot waste storage lagoon by the Associated General Contractors for heavy horizontal construction.

Nominated for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

CW Construction Services is a design-Build General Contractor who also provides full turnkey Construction Management Services and pre-engineered metal buildings with a Butler metal building distributorship. Their projects have included airports, casinos, resorts, theme parks, prisons, NASA, Military Installations, office buildings schools universities, retail store, restaurants, shopping centers, warehouse distribution centers to name a few.

Another great milestone for CW is, on October 14, 2001 CW Construction Services, Inc. will celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in business.



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Vestina Nonken was the Honored Elder at the pow wow. Her son Cecil is also the owner of the CW Construction Services, Inc.

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)





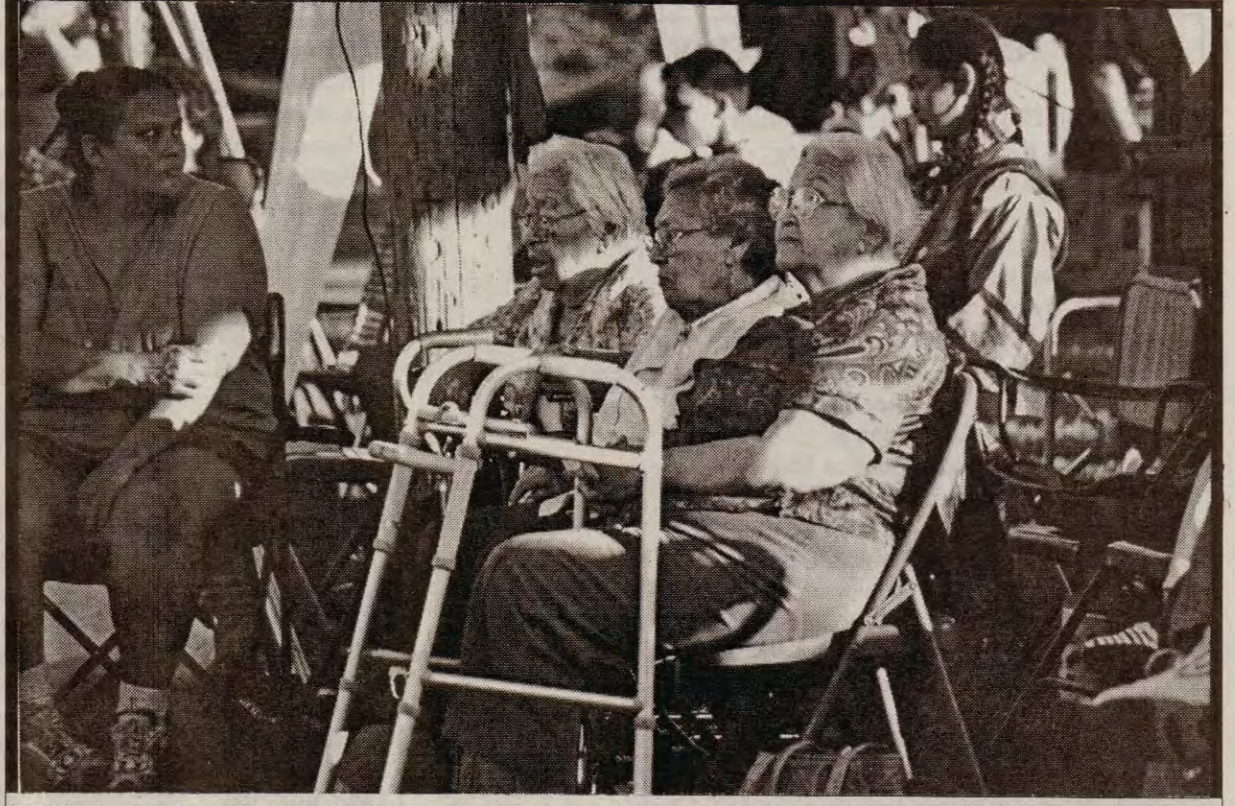
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PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS. Grand Marshall's Ralph "Porky" and Linda Tecumseh hamming it up in front of the camera. Pow wow started Friday, June 8 through 10th, 2001.

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Tribal elders enjoying the pow wow. (L to R) Jane Puckkee, Sarah Patterson, and Mercedes Degand.

(Photo submitted by Micki Martinez)

## 2001 POW WOW ANOTHER FUN- FILLED SUCCESS

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001 the Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow Celebration was held at Prairie people' Park, Mayetta, Kansas. The Pow wow Celebration was mainly sponsored by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the 2001 Pow Wow Celebration Committee.

A capacity crowd of 2,400 attended the 3-day Celebration, which included regular performance sessions, Wellness Walk consisting of 1.5 mile course, Parade, Fried Bread Contest, Contest Dancing, Drum Contest, Combined 49/Round Dance Contest, and a spectacular Fireworks display.

This year there was 11 arts/crafts vendors and concession stands. The Pow Wow participants also enjoyed the newly paved blacktop roadway into Prairie People's Park, compliments of the Prairie Band Potawatomi nation.

Overall, the Pow Wow attracted over 225 dancers, but the contest dance competition consisted of 157 dancers, from 34 Tribes across the United States. Keith Buskirk, Grez Suzie, and Krista Catron were the local tribal member winners from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

The Fried Bread Contest winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Roselyn Hale, Prairie Band Potawatomi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bernadette Jacobs, Black-foot Nation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Julie Masquat, Prairie Band Potawatomi
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Pearl Parnell, Ho Chunk
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Laverne Hale, Prairie Band Potawatomi

The Pow Wow Committee wishes to say "thank you" to all the Sponsors, Adult/Youth Volunteers, who were the backbone of the Pow Wow Celebration.

### Quote of the Day

It's not your blue blood, your pedigree or your college degree. It's what you do with your life that counts.

-Millard Fuller



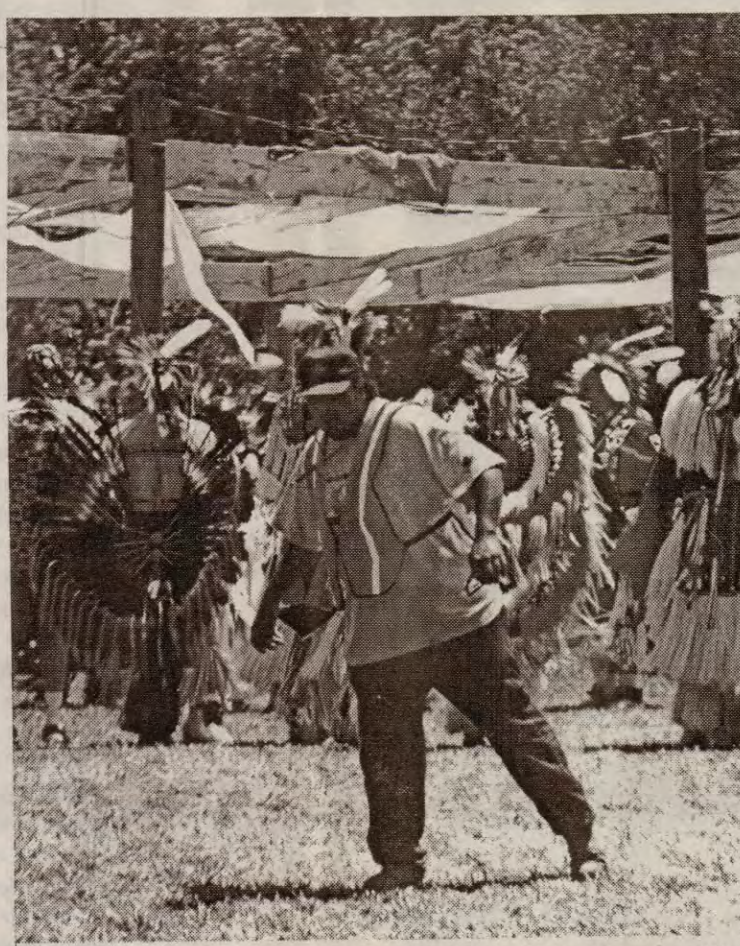
PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Tribal Chairman Badger Wahwasuck.



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Danielle Brown helping out at the concession stand, she's starting early to be a helper.



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Participants during a contest dance.



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Wamp Shoptee taking a break to dance to his favorite drum.



PBPN Annual Pow Wow at Prairie People's Park, Mayetta, KS, June 8-10, 2001. Albert Nocktonick— Exhibition Dance during the pow wow.





## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Allen, Judith Phipps	General Studies
Bailey, Daryl R.	Engineering
Baucom, Karan Hartman	Liberal Arts
Cale, Jen R.	Theatre
Carlton, Robert S.	Culinary Arts/Business Management
Cooper, Steven D.	Liberal Studies
Cox, Joyce Huhs	Nursing
Cryer, Donna Emerick	Dental Hygiene
Degand, Gregory L.	Business Education & Liberal Arts
Denning, Natalie L.	Accounting
Dyer, Daniel T.	Natural Science
Emerich, Kelly McNeil	General Studies
Gunn, Melissa Blandin	Business
Hale, Lawrence E.	Applied Science (2)
Ippolito, Mary Alcuran	English/Business
Kennedy, James P.	Computer Science
Kirkles, Carrie Phillips	Office Administration/Medical
Kittleson, Antoinette Hale	Business Administration
Lee, Vanessa Zoret	Exercise Physiology/Nutrition
Liscano, Valerie C.	Accounting
Lynch, Ronald W.	Electronic Technology
McDonald, William M.	Metallurgy & Welding Technology
Murrell, Bethany Craven	Arts
Nioce, Tricia A.	Legal Assistant
Ogden, Pamela S.	Business
Patterson, Shannon L.	General Studies
Pewamo, Olivia M.	Computer Information Systems
Phipps, Robert T.	General Studies
Potts, Verna M.	Biology
Reed, Shawn Patterson	General Studies
Rosenthal, Jonathon	Engineering
Sato, John F.	Medical Laboratory Technician
Stauffacher, Deborah A.	Marketing
Steward, Larry G.	Motor Vehicle Technology
Stich, Joan Hedrick	General Studies
Tecumseh, Frank L.	Computer Information Systems
Wamego, Daryl F.	Art/Graphics
Whitaker, Wilma Darling	Fine Arts
White, Kim Steward	Legal Assistant/Paralegal
Yoshida, Joy Seymour	Legal Assistant
Young, Elizabeth A.	Child Care Administrative/Family Resource
Zack, Milissa Hutchison	Police Science

## BACHELOR DEGREES

Abele, Steven C.	Mathematics
Abrams, Russell R.	Finance
Aikin, Scott	Wildlife Biology
Aitkens, Kevin	Education, Psychology, Physical Education
Amour, Diane L.	Social Work
Anderson, Alan	Textile Marketing
Anderson, Sharon	Animal Science & Industry
Andrew, Darrell J.	Physical Education/Special Education
Andrew, Doug D.	Physical Education
Arce, Joshua L.	Social Work
Bankert, Nicholas	Spanish
Bankert, Scott D.	Business
Barnes, Cynthia	Social Welfare
Barr, Terri Kern	English
Battese, Frank Mitchell	Sociology/Business Administration
Bentley, Mark	Business Administration
Bohlken, Carolyn A.	Management Information Systems
Bohlken, Craig	Chemistry
Buckley, Maria Kabance	Nursing
Burns, Philip D.	Business Administration
Cale, Kateri M.	Performing Arts
Cantrell, Joel	Business Administration
Carlton, Barbara E.	Management/Hospitality
Carr, Willilam J.	Psychology
Chenault, Venida S.	Social Welfare
Chouteau, Camilla Wishkeno	Social Work
Clark, Marlene Graveen	Elementary Education
Clemence, June Whitepigeon	English
Coffin, John D.	Fine Arts
Connor, Clyde J.	Music Education
Cornelius, Carrie	Education
Darling, Nedra	Public Administration
Davis, Debra Horn	Nursing
Davis, John A.	Electrical Engineering
Davis, Kristopher	Business Administration
Delge, Dennis	Social Welfare
DeMontano, Marty Kreipe	Painting
Dimeo, Julie Carr	Biology
Dixon, Joyce Bender	Vocational Education
Dolese, Stefanie Buxton	Accounting
Duensing, Amy K.	Nursing
Eteeyan, William	Radiology
Evans, Anita Pahmahmie	Physical Education, French
Eyrich, Patricia Sheppo	Sociology
Fleming, Ona L.	Elementary Education
Gaborialt, Alina	Fine Arts
Girani, Lisa Nadeau	Nursing
Greemore, Crystal	Sociology
Greene, Jennifer Walsh	Elementary Education
Grenz, Susan	Social Sciences
Grinnell, Fred G.	Political Science
Hall, Derek D.	Mathematics
Hall, Lilybell Redlightning	Accounting
Hall, Timothy W.	Geology
Hamuud, Harrison	Education
Harjo, Roman L.	Business Administration/Business Management
Harrington, James E.	Architecture
Harrington, Jim E.	Architecture
Hernandez, Peter J.	Native American Studies
Hodahkwen, Marnie Johnson	Business Administration
Holmes, Nelda Sheppo	Indian Studies/Liberal Arts
Houston, Peggy Nioce	Sociology/Anthropology
Hubbard, Galenna	Elementary Education
Hubbard, Sean	Education
Jackson, Dawn	Biology/Medical Technology
Jensen, Jack E.	Biology
Jensen, Mike A.	Animal Science
Jessepe, Melvin H.	Substance Abuse Counseling
Jones, Crystal Aitkens	Criminal Justice
Kabance, Galen	Geology
Kabance, Jeff	Education
Kabance, Jon F.	Human Nutrition

Kabance, Joseph W.	Sociology
Kabance, Kell	Business Administration
Kabance, Kevin	Environmental Design/Sculpture
Kabance, Kristie	Business Administration
Kabance, Maria	Nursing
Kabance, Wesley	Liberal Arts
Keesis-Heter, Natalie D.	Communications/Public Relations
Kelly, Joy Wishkeno	Nursing
Kelly, Patricia Kreipe	Theatre Arts
Kelly, Tom	Nursing
Kennedy, Randal	Accounting
Kern, Mark E.	Business Administration
Kiyukan, Dorothy Lewis	Psychology/Human Services
Kourtis, Linda	Psychology
Kruizenga, Yvonne Clemence	Health Studies
Kurtz, Teri Kabance	Business
Kwinn, Brigitte Wahwassuck	Math Science Engineering
Lang, Donna Andrew	Early Childhood Education
Lapovich, Walter S.	Electrical Engineering
LaRue, Jeannine Blandin	Zoology, Chemistry
LeClere, Bernard	Education, English, Theater Arts
Leonard, Tracy M.	Accounting/Business Administration
Lokotz, Yvette Camacho	Sociology/Human Services
Lundin, Denise	Elementary Education
McClammy, Tamara Lewis	Criminal Justice
McClure, Windel	Psychology
McCune, Susan Kern	Life Science
McDonald, Constance L.	Business Administration
McDonald, Jolene	Speech Communication
McKendree, Mary Grinnell	Nursing
Mellor, Elizabeth	Political Science
Mitchell, Beverly	Community Psychology

Mitchell, Gary E.	Political Science
Mitchell, Jackie	Early Childhood Education
Mitchell, Mary Wabnum	Sociology/Anthropology Concentration
Murphy, Wendy Delg	Nursing
Mzhickteno, Deborah K.	Psychology
Mzhickteno, Jim T.	Biology/Liberal Arts
Mzhickteno, Mel Hicks	Business Administration
Nadeau, Susan J.	Journalism/Spanish
Nazario, Janet Nioce	Nursing
Nespor, Molly Mellor	Education
Nioce, Amanda J.	Accounting/Business Administration
Nioce, Frank A. II	Psychology
Nioce, Lenora E.	Criminal Justice
Nioce, Marvin	Sociology
Nioce, Paul	Business Administration
Nocktonick, Tammy	Criminal Justice
Nolet, Dana Magnauck	Occupational Therapy
Oldham, Jerry	Economics/Finance
Oldham, Sharon	Business Administration
Oldham, Suzanne	Health Professions
Orlowski, Donna Grinnell	Education
Ortiz, Dominic	Accounting/Business Administration
Ortiz, Stephen E.	Accounting/Business Administration
Pahmahmie, Wade	Business Administration
Pahmahmie, Zachary	Art/History
Perdue, Rachel L.	History
Peters, James H.	Natural Science
Phillips, Kristie A.	Pharmacy
Potts, Doris	Organizational Management & Leadership
Preston, John T.	Political Science
Rheurk, Lisa Wishkeno	Nursing
Rice, Shirley	Social Welfare
Rosenthal, Judy	Psychology
Rupnicki, Rachel	Veterinary Science
Russell, Jon	Elementary Education
Sayler, Barbara	Social Work
Sheets, Jodie Shopteese	Elementary Education
Shohn, Vernon	Social Work
Shopteese, Tom	Criminal Justice
Shunatona, Gwen	Social Sciences
Smith, Kevin	Church Ministries
Stanhoff, Tracy E.	Journalism/Public Relations
Stich, Debra J.	Chemistry/Health Care Administration
Stricker, Christine Willoughby	Communications/Public Relations
Summers, Edward G.	Education
Thomas, Eugene A.	Business
Thomas, Phylis Wahwassuck	Criminal Justice
Thorpe, Marchita	Elementary Education
Tuckwin, Leslie	Fine Arts
Tuckwin, Lisa	Natural Resources
Vega, Paul	Criminal Justice
Vega, Ruth A	Criminal Justice

Wabaunsee, Ahshani	Education
Wabaunsee, Frances E.	Elementary Education
Wabaunsee, Gayle R.	Psychology
Wabaunsee, James	Exercise Science
Wabaunsee, Nicole	Psychology
Wabaunsee, Rissa M.	History
Wabaunsee, Will	Education
Wabnum, Anjanette M.	Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education
Wahwassuck, Joseetta	Nursing
Wahwasuck, Arlene Shipshee	Nursing
Wahweotten, Angela Greemore	Education
Wahweotten, Michael	Psychology
Walker, Shawn	Criminal Justice
Walsh, Nancy Nadeau	English Literature
Wamego, Edith	Criminal Justice
Webster, Rachel LaClair	Liberal Studies/Elementary Education
White, Diana K.	Finance
Wieder, Catherine Carr	Nursing
Williams, Clarrita	Business Administration
Wilson, Mary Kreipe	Mathematics
Wood, Lisa Wishkeno	Nursing
Yoshida, Kenneth J.	Math/Computer Science
Zakar, Leah	Nursing

## POST MASTER DEGREE

Wahwassuck, Joseetta E. (Family Nurse Practitioner)

## ED.D. DEGREE

Wabaunsee, Rissa M. Education Leadership &amp; Policy Studies

Celebration Pow Wow for the Child Care & Headstart Graduates! (L to R) Marcus Catron, Micaella Wamego-Martinez, Garrett Rodewald, Raeven Wishteyah, Jalen LeClere.  
(PBP staff photo)

## College Scholarships

Available for 2001/2002 School Year

Two \$15,000 scholarships are available to Native American (minority) students interested in obtaining a Master's Degree in Regional and Community Planning from Kansas State University. To be considered for scholarship and Master's program you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. This is an excellent opportunity for Tribal students!

*What is Planning? From ACSP Choosing a Career in Urban and Regional Planning*

- *Influencing & responding to a wide variety of changes in a neighborhood, city, region, reservation, or world*
- *Developing plans and policies to meet social, economic, environmental, and cultural needs in the face of societal forces*
- *Identifying problems and opportunities, evaluating alternative solutions or plans, and communicating your findings in ways that allow citizens and public officials to make knowledgeable choices about the future*
- *Types of planning – Land use planning, environmental planning, economic development planning, transportation planning, housing, social, and community development planning.*

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Kansas State University

Fall semester starts August, 2001!

## MASTERS' DEGREES

Abele, Steven C.	Mathematics
Abele, Vicki L.	Administration of Justice
Abrams, Russell R.	Finance
Amour, Diane L.	Community Counseling/Education Psychology
Barnes, Cynthia A.	Social Welfare
Battese, Frank M.	Social Work
Carr, William J.	Psychology
Chenault, Venida S.	Social Welfare
Clemence, June Whitepigeon	Elementary Education
Coffin, John D.	Fine Art
deMontano, Marty Kreipe	Ethnohistory/Native American Indians
Fleming, Ona Mzhickteno	American Indian Education
Hernandez, Peter J.	Public Administration
Jensen, Mike A.	Animal Science
Jones, Crystal Aitkens	Criminal Justice
Kabance, Galen	Guidance
Kelly, Joy Wishkeno	Social Welfare
Kiyukan, Dorothy Lewis	Guidance & Counseling/Educational Psychology
Kourtis, Linda	Rehabilitation Counseling
Kurtz, Teri Kabance	Finance
Kwinn, Brigitte Wahwassuck	Systems Engineering
LaRue, Jeannine Blandin	Education - Secondary and Science
LeClere, Bernard	Education - Secondary English
Lokotz, Yvette Camacho	Management & Organizational Behavior
McDonald, Jolene	Education
McKinney, James N.	Religious Education/Divinity
Mitchell, Gary E.	History
Mitchell, Jackie	Early Childhood Education/Special Education
Mzhickteno, Deborah K.	Counselor - Education
Nadeau, Susan J.	Latin American & Iberian Studies
Nespor, Molly Mellor	Education Administration & Supervision
Ortiz, Stephen E.	Business Administration
Perdue, Sue Knight	Community Counseling
Preston, John T.	Government
Sheets, Jodie Shopteese	Elementary Education
Shunatona, Gwen	Educational Administration
Smith, Kevin	Vocal Performance
Stich, Debra J.	Health Care Administration
Wabaunsee, Rissa M.	Adult Education
Wabnum, Anjanette	Leadership in Teaching/Administration & Supervision
Wahwassuck, Joseetta E.	Nursing
Wahwasuck, Arlene Shipshee	Nursing
Wilson, Mary Kreipe	Statistics
Yoshida, Kenneth J.	Computer Science





YOUR VOICE  
IS YOUR VOTE!!!

Doris A. Potts

In a joint effort attempting to get more of the general membership involved in the voting process, we asked the Election Department to pull statistics together so that we can all get a feel of where the voting concentration is geographically.

For those of you that are considering running for office, this will aid in your campaign work also. *(One Gaming Commission slot will be filled in February 2002. Positions of Chairperson, Secretary, and 1 Council Person slot will be filled in July 2002.)*

Finally, we hope it will prompt others to VOTE. Your vote is your voice. If you don't voice your choice by voting or running for office, you don't have a right to change, complain, or criticize

how your government is functioning.

Soon a Secretarial Election will be called for on the Proposed Draft Constitution that has been in progress since October 1999. See the Time Frame required in that process. We have put together the Election Results of the last constitutional amendments for your review.

The face of our PBP Nation's future is rapidly changing as witnessed by our last secretarial election. Figures show that very few people voting on an issue can change the enrollment process. Later, nation/tribal members, ask "What happened to our blood quantum requirements?" Wake up! There was a call for a vote on that issue and you didn't cast your votes!

Encourage all family members and friends to vote and participate in these governmental processes such as the Constitution workshops. Know your government and your rights. You can help make improvements by becoming involved.

Tribal Council Election  
Results of July 19, 2000

Registered Voters.....2,014  
Number That Actually Voted.....954

Only Major Voting Statistics  
Listed

Kansas	550
Wisconsin	50
California	47
Oklahoma	35
Missouri	34
Texas	26
Nebraska	18
Michigan	17
Arizona	14
Colorado	14
Washington	14
Idaho	13
Iowa	13
Oregon	11
Nevada	10

Secretarial Election

What is a secretarial election? "Secretarial election" means an election held within a tribe pursuant to regulations prescribed the Secretary of Interior as authorized by Federal statute. In most cases, Secretarial Elections involve the initial adopted of tribal constitutions or federal charters of incorporation, and amendment or revision of those documents.

How is this election different from tribal elections? Only tribal members who register for a specific Secretarial election are entitled to vote in this election. This sometimes causes confusion when tribal members who are registered to vote in tribal elections assume that they will be permitted to vote in the Secretarial election as well and fail to take the actions necessary to register.

One of the chief reasons for requiring registration for each Secretarial election is to have a realistic number on which to make the determinations of the sufficiency of the number of ballots cast. These determinations are based upon the number of tribal members registered for that one election. Unless the constitution requires otherwise in the amendment article, at least 30 percent of the members entitled to vote (registered) must cast their ballot in order for the decisions made at the election to go into effect, once they are approved by the Secretary of Interior.

The election board, upon receipt of authorization to conduct an election, shall notify by regular mail all adult members of the tribe, who to its knowledge are eligible to register to vote, of the need to register if they intent to vote.

This statute provides that within 180 days after the date of a tribal request on a new constitution is received and within 90 days after the date for an amendment is received the following actions will take place:

1. Secretary shall provide technical advice and assistance requested by the tribe or as the Secretary determines may be needed.
2. Secretary shall review the final draft of the constitution or amendment to determine if any provision is contrary to applicable laws.
3. Secretary shall notify the tribe in writing at least 30 days prior to calling of the election if the proposed new or amended constitution is contrary to applicable laws.

Gaming Commission Election  
Results of February 23, 2001

Registered Voters.....2,035  
Number That Actually Voted.....811

Only Major Voting Statistics  
Listed

Kansas	463
California	44
Wisconsin	41
Oklahoma	35
Missouri	25
Texas	22
Colorado	14
Michigan	14
Arizona	12
Idaho	12
Illinois	11
Minnesota	11
Nebraska	11
Nevada	11
Washington	11

Voting Results of May 2000  
Constitution Amendments

Registered Voters.....1,900

Signed up to Vote  
Per Secretarial Regs....632

Number of Actual  
Votes.....299

Secretary shall approve the constitution within 45 days after the election is held unless the constitution or amendments is contrary to applicable laws. Failure to approve or disapprove within 45 days results in approval being considered as given.



James Mills, DCI, discusses Enrollment headaches in Indian country.

Prairie Band Potwatomi Tribal Council  
Resolutions 2001

The following list of Resolutions are from January 9, 2001 to June 14, 2001. For further information regarding resolutions and minutes of either General Council Meetings or Tribal Council Meetings contact the Secretary's Office at 785/966-4014.

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PBP-2001-024	Attorney Contract/MSAJ 2001	03-01-2001
PBP-2001-025	Enrollment/(9) new members/8/8/2000	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-026	Enrollment/(6) new members/9/5/2000	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-027	Enrollment/(8) new members/10/10/2001	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-028	Enrollment/(12) new member/11/15/2001	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-029	Enrollment/(10) new members/01/04/2001	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-030	Burial Plan draw down	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-031	Education Plan draw down	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-032	Contract w/21 <sup>st</sup> Century Native Americans	03-02-2001
PBP-2001-033	Discretionary Grant/	03-06-2001
PBP-2001-034	Land Sale/Tract PT-74/13Ac/BIA Lease Sale	03-06-2001
PBP-2001-035	Land Sale/Tract PT-94/134Ac/BIA Lease Sale	03-06-2001
PBP-2001-036	Approval of Non-Profit Corporation Act for BPBN	03-06-2001
PBP-2001-037	Land Purchase/Jacob Plants/80Acres	03-07-2001
PBP-2001-038	Land Purchase/Jacob Plants/40 Acres	03-07-2001
PBP-2001-039	Attorney Contract/Dorsey & Whitney, LLP	03-07-2001
*PBP-2001-040	ANCAI delegate to ASAP Advisory Board	03-07-2001
*PBP-2001-040	Language Preservation Project 2001-2004	03-14-2001
PBP-2001-041	BIA Grant/design (2) bridges	03-15-2001
PBP-2001-042	Head Start Grant/90CI0192-07	03-15-2001
PBP-2001-043	Early Head Start Grant/90YC0182-04	03-15-2001
PBP-2001-044	Bureau of Reclamation/Water supply needs assessment	03-16-01
PBP-2001-045	Attorney Contract/Shefsky & Froelick, LTD	03-27-01
PBP-2001-046	Employee Contract/2 <sup>nd</sup> amendment/Hairrah's/PBPBingo	04-03-01
PBP-2001-047	Engineering Contract/Southwood Estates, Phase II	04-03-01
PBP-2001-048	Land purchase/Kansas land property/3 acres	04-04-01
PBP-2001-049	Land purchase/Kansas land property/6.7 acres	04-04-01
PBP-2001-050	Land/Right-of-way/\$500. budgeted	04-04-01
PBP-2001-051	Intertribal Transportation Association	04-04-01
PBP-2001-052	KAIAC delegate - Rey Kitchkumme	04-17-01
PBP-2001-053	Easement/Bridge/I Rd.	05-22-01
PBP-2001-054	Land purchase/Shobney Land/80 acres	05-22-01
PBP-2001-055	Right-of-way on Allotment Land/Road Project	04-18-01
PBP-2001-056	Land Purchase/Klein Property	05-22-01
PBP-2001-057	Grant/Indian Highway Safety Program	05-22-01
PBP-2001-058	Contract/Bartlett & West/2 <sup>nd</sup> phase/Roads	05-22-01
PBP-2001-059	Bartlett & West/change order/Treatment Plant	05-22-01
PBP-2001-060	Hamm Quarry Contract/7 miles of asphalt	05-01-01
PBP-2001-061	Personnel Manual Amendments	05-01-01
PBP-2001-062	BPBN Planning Board-appointment/Tim Ramirez	05-08-01
PBP-2001-063	Grant/School Violence Prevention	05-08-01
PBP-2001-064	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-065	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-066	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-067	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-068	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-069	Pending Approval	
PBP-2001-070	Land Purchase	
PBP-2001-071	Land Purchase	
PBP-2001-072	Land Purchase	
PBP-2001-073	Land Purchase	
PBP-2001-074	Consent Agreement/Child Placement	06-14-01
PBP-2001-075	Agreement/Operate Child Care Placement Agency	06-14-01
PBP-2001-076	Work Force Investment	06-14-01
PBP-2001-033A	Amendment to PBP Resolution # 2001-033	06-14-01
PBP-2001-077	Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines Manual	06-14-01
PBP-2001-078	Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement	06-14-01

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Elections today.

ENROLLMENT  
DEPARTMENT  
WORKSHOP

Doris A. Potts  
June 6, 2001

"The people are the foundation of a Tribe. Without the people (enrollment), the Tribes will no longer exist." That was basically the closing comments of Mr. James Mills of DCI, Director of Training. Mr. Mills specifically targets the area of enrollment issues although he teaches many areas. Mr. Mills was brought in for a training session as directed by the Enrollment Review Committee to make corrections on the Base Roll, also called the "40 Roll."

Mills described the "40 Roll" as a general census taken by the government in 1937. It simply listed all of the Indians living in the area, their verbally stated degree of native blood, and their tribal affiliation. That Base Roll also lists and specifically identifies the original allottees. The original allottees were members who received an allotment of land through the Allotment Act of 1887 - also, known as the Dawes Act.

The Dawes Act, also called the Allotment Act, was designed to assimilate Indians into the mainstream of American life by breaking up tribally owned reservations and tribal organizations. Each individual tribal member was given an allotted share of land for private farming and became a citizen of the state. The Dawes Act partially succeeded in breaking down the tribes as many lost their property due to being unable to pay the property taxes on their land.

In 1934, the Indian Reorganization Act was created, nullifying the Allotment Act. The Indian Reorganization Act created government systems for Indian tribes, issuing template constitutions for tribes to pattern their governments after. This was the beginning of the Indian enrollment process.

Native nations are the only race of people that are required to establish blood quantum for membership requirements. It can be documented that this was actually a form of government's attempt to force the Indian to do away with us - by us. By continuing to intermarry, we become more and more diluted until we are non-existent as a native nation as mandated by our enrollment requirements.

Mr. Mills pointed out that our current constitution has incorrect information in that document. But, it is clarified in the Enrollment Ordinance. An important point to be noted here is that those two references are distinctly different documents. The original allottees and Base 40 Roll are not the same list. *The original allottees are from 1887 land allotment or Dawes Act. The Base 40 Roll is the 1940 Census Roll taken by the government.*

The Constitution Committee is currently conducting workshops for new proposed amendments to the Nation's constitution. The enrollment section was not addressed in these amendments, per attorney advisement, since it was just recently voted in on May 2000. In recent constitution workshops, Nation members are strongly voicing their displeasure of the new ¼ Prairie Band blood requirement.

It is time to address any issues that we want amended, as Secretarial Elections are a time-consuming process.

Mills went on to say that Enrollment Departments throughout Indian country are experiencing major crises in their offices due factors such as: office turnovers, recordkeeping, favoritisms resulting from tribal/personal politics, illegal add-ons to the rolls, and some tribes have more than 1 base roll. He said that some tribes have just given up and say, "Everyone on the Base Roll is full blood and go from there." This tends to rattle some.

Reflecting on the purpose of this meeting, what do we do to make corrections on the Base Roll as directed by the Enrollment Review Committee?





## Prairie Band Potawatomi—Looking Back to See More Clearly Into the Future

Doris A. Potts (Ma Dos)

The Potawatomi Gathering is fast approaching—August 2 – 5, 2001. Are those traveling plans all made? Definite decisions and plans have to be made now! We want to see a record number of Potawatomi in attendance at this year's Annual Gathering. This year is a bit memorable in the fact that 7 of the Bands have each hosted a Gathering and we are now where we first gathered at Wasauksing First Nation located at Parry Island, Parry Sound, Ontario Canada which began in 1994.

In this article, I have attempted to contact each Band to gather interesting information so that I could set a conversational arena, a common circle that we once long ago all shared.

This is an observation of only my Band, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, but it has been noted that we are getting away from the original intent of these Gatherings. Traditionally, Potawatomi bands gathered every summer for festivities that included renewing friendships, visiting relatives, welcoming new members (babies), competitive games of skill, eating, sharing and for ceremonies.

This annual gathering was also a time for the coming-out ceremony for young people that had become of mating age. To ensure that there would be no inter-mating in the clan system, the young people wore some type of insignia that indicated their clan. Under the watchful eyes of the elders, courtships began.

These Annual Gatherings ended with the forced relocation era.

In 1989, a group of 5 Potawatomi Band leaders (our leader was George Wahquahboshkuk at the time) met to discuss questionable land ownership that the University of Notre Dame resides on. Student, Patti Brown, while writing her thesis "Education and the Potawatomi" discovered through extensive research that no record of land transfer or that this territory was ever given up. All evidence showed that this was still Potawatomi land.

As a result of Patti Brown's work and the concerted efforts of the 5 Potawatomi Band leaders, a scholarship program was established for Potawatomis. One of Note Dame officials was "who qualifies as Potawatomi?" and other issues and differences had to be resolved. That is an interesting question for most Native nations today, too – not just Potawatomis.

At a meeting in 1993, Steward King relayed a request from the elders of the Canadian band for another gathering, to lay aside politics and find out who we are as a people and a nation. It would be a "time to visit, share time and the old ways." In 1994, that elder's request became a reality in Wasauksing territory as 7 of the Potawatomi bands reunited.

### PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOM NATION

An interesting fact that is now occurring with the Prairie Band is that we are "exploring an effort work with the State Board of Education or education-oriented legislators to develop a program to insure that textbooks and educational curricula includes Indian history and other Indian involvement in the state and country. (See related story in this paper relating to this very fact.). This is a great start and can be truly sensational if we can begin to educate our youth of our real history. That history will be based on the documents which convey what the real intent of the government was and their cruel and illegal manipulations to control the indigenous people..

It has been repeatedly said that "history repeats itself." By learning about our history, perhaps, we can learn from past mistakes. We can be stronger in our allies. Those allies can be started with our numerous Bands of Potawatomis. We can see from the Black culture that there is more power in numbers and that we, too, have to stand strong for our beliefs. In those alliances, we must continue to be mindful and selective with traditionalism at the forefront of our decisions. We have to rise above the tactic of "divide and conquer" and begin the healing of our past oppressive history.

Today, the Prairie Band Potawatomi are viewed by other Potawatomi Bands as "ultra conservatives," refusing to give up our traditional ways that were given to us by the Creator. Let's just revisit how and where that perception arrived.

Driven by strong forces, leaders such as Wahquahboshkuk and Masquas attracted a large group of followers in the late 1800s, in opposition of missionaries, formal education, and the government's allotment program. This group was viewed by government officials as "superstition, ignorance, and sloth, as arrayed against religion, education, and industry." My dad tells me the story that was passed down to him about how Masquas just cried because of the illegal ways that the lands were being taken away.

Many of us Prairie Band are proud that we disallowed "our ways" be taken away, because we'll always be Nesh nah bah ek, no matter how we change our life. To the outsider, it has been said that the Drum way is not our way. Our way really is with that special connection with the Creator; no matter where you are at on the face of Mother Earth. If you have the Creator at your soul's center, you are in good with the Creator.

My dad teaches me that the Drum way was given to the Sioux woman because it was the government's intent to kill all of the Indians. The Creator came to her, blessing her and giving her this way of worship, the Drum way. It has been said that the drums would all travel South and they would settle there. They are now home.

It was also said that the small drums and the big drums would meet here and that has happened. This is not written anywhere, but all of the followers are today still blessed with the spiritual acceptance that the Creator came to us in time of need. It was not our time to be destroyed on the Creator's very own sacred land. We have never claimed this land as "ours." That has always been the *wap schkin muh skot* teaching, ownership of land. We respected it as belonging to the Creator and the Creator provides for our needs in every conceivable form.

We were put on this earth with a very simple plan. We all know that plan; it doesn't have to be told to anyone. We were all given a mind, spirit, body, and soul and we are all placed on a common ground beginning at birth, the sacred Mother Earth, to respect all the divine natures given us by the Creator.

The complexity of that very simple plan is to be able to continue to survive as a strong people in today's world and still maintain those "ways passed down to

us." Elders tell us that we must respect all ways because they are all good ways. The Prairie Band are only becoming stronger in the Drum way and will continue to follow these ways; it's all about having faith and that personal relationship with the Creator.

That leads right into the next subject—native languages. It's hard to forgive and have respect for the very people that have beat our language out of us. Two generations ago, our families began refusing to teach the native language to the children because they didn't want them to suffer the brutalities that their parents endured by talking the native language.

Missionaries were notorious for beating the children for speaking the native tongue. We were taught that we had to be conforming to their standards and that meant their language, their religion, and all of their greedy ambitions. Now, today, we are being told that we still have to conform to their established rules that continue to filter down through our Casinos because they don't want us to have too much now.

Today, our greatest struggle is to revitalize the language. A major portion of the PB Potawatomi is totally saturated into assimilation and colonialization, viewing the language revitalization as a fruitless effort. Then we have factionalism groups who say their teachings are the correct ways of teaching the native language. Do we continue to start and support new groups or what? I don't have that answer. I only have questions with no answers. I feel like Masquas at this point as I could just cry over the loss.

Once again, it almost has to go back to teaching the youth. Long ago, it was beat out of our youth. If it can be negatively beat out, it surely can positively be taught again. Learning foreign languages in today's world is viewed as an empowering attribute for anyone willing to put forth the effort. It has to start somewhere.

The youth have always depended on the elders to provide for them. Maybe, now the power is back in the hands of the youth along with our watchful guidance to learn and revitalize the language, the very distinct and sacred gift given to all cultures of mankind.

## Potawatomi Fire Still Burns – the Journey Continues

By Doris A. Potts

"Take 1. Take 2. Take 3. It's a go," is the line intermittently being heard around the Reservation these past several weeks. PBP Nation has contracted with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Native American, a native-owned video production crew from Phoenix, AZ, to produce and write a video brochure. The project began in mid April and will be wrapping up by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The video brochure will be an easily accessible tool in which various sectors of the Nation can use to educate non-members and members alike about the Nation's history and growth before and since the Casino. Roy Track, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Native American, said the video brochure is being approached with a "then and now" theme.

The video will open with a prayer in the Nation's native language by Vice Chairman Gary E. Mitchell, followed by a history sketch. Next will be a showing of the live buffalo herd and then to the buffalo head on display at the Casino. The symbolism there is survival of a Nation. History tells us that the buffalo were once our mainstay to survival and as a Nation we continue to respect them for what they've done for us. Today, we continue to respectfully care for our buffalo herd.

## Travelling to Canada – 2001

By Stewart King

The Canada/USA border is considered an open border. Entry by most people of Native ancestry has never been a problem for those of us who have been crossing for many years. You should state your nationality on request as "North American Indian", and proceed to answer questions as presented to you without hesitation. These are not difficult or lengthy questions, and unless you arouse the suspicion of the primary customs officer you should be cleared very quickly. It is only when you cause this primary customs officer to suspect you, will you be directed to a designated parking area where you will be interrogated further by a senior and more experienced officer, and possibly searched. Your tribal registration card is always handy to bring along with you.

Entry will be prohibited should you be carrying any illegal narcotics or firearms. Canada has a strict Firearms law in place prohibiting their possession in most cases. A zero tolerance level is maintained for all narcotics. The finding of even one seed is reason for denial of entry. It is also important to retain all prescription drugs in the original containers as dispensed by the pharmacy with your name and label intact. In most cases, convictions for a simple "Drinking while under the influence of Alcohol" are

## Recommended Routes to Parry Sound

By Stewart King

### (A) Entry at Detroit (Ambassador Bridge or Tunnel)/ Windsor, Ontario.

Eastbound to London and Toronto via Highway #401. Just west of Toronto proceed onto the eastbound ETR (ETR #407 - Experimental Toll Road – Free to out-of-province vehicles) #407 and exit onto Highway #400, northbound, in Toronto.

### (B) Toronto to Parry Sound.

Highway #407 will keep you from horrendous traffic conditions in Toronto should you take Highway #401 directly to Highway #400 northbound (Big Mistake!). Take Highway #400 northbound, past Barrie and then proceed from there to Parry Sound northbound. Highway #400 becomes Highway #69 about 50 miles south of Parry Sound. At this point it becomes a two-lane highway. From this point on you will experience road construction for road widening.

Under normal conditions travel from Windsor and Sarnia, to Toronto is about five hours.

Toronto to Barrie is under one hour. Barrie to Parry Sound will be two hours plus.

Rush hours in Toronto are weekdays 7-9 AM and 4-



Tribal Council in session as film crew wait for an opportune moment of taping a meeting segment.

The video crew will then focus on specific program areas that were prioritized by Tribal Council which include: Child Care, Elders, Fire, Police, EPA, and the Language. The PB Potawatomi Nation has had to struggle through the basics of improving the overall infrastructure before approaching the beginning and advance stages of economic development growth.

That is another key reason for developing this video – to promote the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The Potawatomi Nation has to be able to tell the general public and the business world, "Come check out our community. We have great opportunities here." This video brochure will serve as that catalyst to entrepreneurs as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is currently at the threshold of economic development.

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and the Nation's Human Resource departments have jumped on this marketing bandwagon and will be using this as an educational tool for non-tribal member employees. Many employees like to know what this native nation is all about and where we originally came from.

In essence, this film will be able to say exactly that, "We were once the three fires and we continue to keep the fire burning. We are a thriving and surviving force of native people. Unified, we will continue to build our community to meet our people's needs." Without this reservation land base, we are not a Native Nation. The Tribal Council and supporters continue to build up this reservation community

not a reason for denial. I have been advised by counsel that entry into the USA is much more stringent as opposed to coming into Canada. Tolerance for many lesser offences is much more liberal than what would be enforceable for US entry.

It is possible you may wish to obtain additional information for yourself or tribal members on this, however. The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) can be accessed on the Internet at [www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca](http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca). It may be prudent to have your Tribal Attorney do this research for you.

For many of you, crossing the border should not present any problems or difficulties at all; we have been crossing for many years. My own personal experience in about 30 years has been the case of a young summer student serving as a customs officer or possibly new recruit. In these possibly three instances, I was questioned briefly by a secondary officer and was allowed to proceed. In one instance, I was asked to open my trunk for viewing, but there was no search. It is our understanding that Canada would most likely, not institute a policy to get tough on Potawatomis at this time, just because of our Annual Gathering.

The reason for this statement is to reassure those who have raised this concern, and that you may wish to confirm this with the Canadian authorities prior to your departure for your own peace of mind.

6 PM. Friday and Sunday Nights are usually congested on all highways.

### (C) Entry at Port Huron, Michigan/Sarnia, Ontario via Bluewater Bridge.

This is the recommended route to avoid traffic congestion at Detroit and Windsor. Proceed on Highway #402 to Highway #401 to just west of London. Highway #401 will take you to Toronto. Follow instructions as directed from Toronto to Parry Sound.

### (D) Entry at Buffalo, New York/Fort Erie, Ontario via Peace Bridge

Proceed to the QEW (QEW - Queen Elizabeth Way) to St. Catharines, across the Burlington Skyway (do not go into the City of Hamilton), continue eastbound on the QEW to Oakville, exit from the QEW onto ETR Highway #403/407 northbound. Remain on ETR #407 eastbound, and exit onto Highway #400, northbound in Toronto. Follow instructions as directed from Toronto to Parry Sound.

### (E) Entry at Niagra Falls, New York/Niagra Falls, Ontario via Rainbow Bridge.

Proceed directly onto the QEW to St. Catharines and follow instructions as noted directly above.

Travel on the QEW (Queen Elizabeth Way), can vary. From the border points at New York it may take anywhere from two to four hours to Toronto. This is a very busy and narrow four-lane highway taking you through a very populated region of Ontario.

## A Call for Caterers

By Rey Kitchkumme

The Nation holds four quarterly General Council meetings annually. Lunch is provided at each meeting to approximately 400 participants. The quarterly sessions are working meetings due to time constraints. Therefore, during the lunch period the General Council meeting is in session and tribal members will need to be served on time and able to move through the buffet line quickly and return to their seats.

If you are interested in submitting a catering bid for any of the regularly scheduled meetings we are requesting that you include the following items: set-up and breakdown, menu items, soft drinks, serving and eating supplies, clean-up, and finally the total cost.

Bids submission are due 30 days prior to each General Council meeting which is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each quarter (Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct.). Tribal Council will thereafter review all bids and select a caterer.

Your bid can be forwarded to Council Member - Rey Kitchkumme by mail, fax, or hand delivered (on or before the due dates) to: 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509 or fax 1-785-966-4021.





### Allocation of funds to non-tribal members To Chairman Wahwasuck

My name is Leslie Ann Morgan an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi. I have just received my Prairie Band Potawatomi Newspaper and I am extremely dismayed to read the news of our tribes' donations to various organizations. It is not only reprehensible to give away money to non-tribal people but that as members of this tribe we have no vote on these matters. These donations have a tremendous financial impact on our tribe and we have been left no choice about these donations. How dare you squander our future on donations with "no strings attached".

Whatever happened to taking care of our own people first? I live in poverty with my five children in a city just outside Los Angeles, CA. The cost of living, gasoline, electricity, food, clothing is constantly rising not only here but also all over the country. The Bush administration has made it clear he has no concern for the condition of the American people; his philosophy is less government is better. Now I read how we as Potawatomis are more concerned with School Districts, \$200,000 and Tornado victims, \$50,000 and golf programs, \$3,000. All given with NO STRINGS ATTACHED!!! The recipients of these donations can do whatever they please with OUR money with NO accountability to anyone for what they actually do with the money. Since when did our tribe become so foolish to believe we can afford to assist non-tribal communities and organizations? When our ancestors were starving did anyone dare to send us money or even give us food or housing? How do you think our people became so historically impoverished? Tell me when the American Red Cross ever fed a homeless Indian? What a luxury for some high school students to be able to pick up a golf club when my children worry about if they will be able to eat lunch.

It is easy to understand that all this financial grandstanding is a Public Relations ploy designed to make it appear that the Potawatomis are contributing to the community that is patronizing our casino. I think it would be better PR to demonstrate our commitment to our own Potawatomis, to improve our lives.

I would like a decent house for my children, when can I get the money for that from the tribe with no strings attached? To quote the article about the golf program "I thought it was outstanding, especially right after they had already given the school district \$200,000. There were no strings attached to either donation, and the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation has only the best interest of the kids at heart." What about MY kids? Can I merely write a letter to the tribe and receive money with no strings attached? For us to receive a ONE-time assistance to pay utility bills, and \$25.00 gift certificate to the grocery store, we had to get approval from the Tribal Council. Stupid me I thought you had to work and earn money. I work very hard to support my family, seven days a week at a Hospital. I take call which means I have to leave in the middle of the night to go to the hospital to help the sick. The next day I report to the same job despite having spent half the night at work. And what has the tribe done to help my family and me? We receive a paltry \$2,600 a year (taxable to me) and yet our tribe can give so much to non-tribal people. Furthermore, why are we tolerate all this administrative nonsense if we felt that the tribe was acting responsibly with our money and providing for our own members needs.

Chairman Wahwasuck, we elected you as our leader and trusted you to act responsibly for the needs of OUR people. You seem to forget that we are a poor tribe as long as one of us, and believe me there are more than one of us, is suffering in poverty or other unfortunate condition. We say and believe that as Indians we never forget, and we remember what we have suffered historically however, you have forgotten where we have come from. You have forgotten that the Casino came from the blood of our ancestors from our grandparents, brothers and sisters who are no longer alive to enjoy the benefits of the Casino. We elected you and we can impeach you very easily because of your forgetfulness and irresponsibility.

Finally, stop giving away our money to non-tribal members without seeking a full vote of all tribal members. Stop trying to make the Prairie Band Potawatomis appear to be wealthy and generous to NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS for the sake of Public Relations.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Ann Morgan

### Chair Badger Warmly Received at Shabbona, IL Restaurant Grand Opening

By Doris A. Potts

Chair Badger Wahwasuck traveled to Shabbona, IL on May 18 to attend the grand-opening ceremonies of the Pokanoka Restaurant, co-owned and operated by Dennis Sands, Board Member of DeKalb County and Gary Burg. The Pokanoka Restaurant was named after the late Shab-eh-nay's wife, Pokanoka. Shab-eh-nay, a Potawatomi, was a friend to many of the non-Indian families in the DeKalb area.

The little town of Shabbona was named after Shab-eh-nay as he is well respected by the townspeople, having saved families from Black Hawk in the 1800s. The PB Potawatomi Nation is currently seeking to reclaim ownership of this particular land piece. As reported in January General Council

## OPINION / LETTERS

### Expenditure of Tribal Monies

My name is Darlene Dyer Stanhoff, granddaughter of Frances Stewart original enrollee, I am a tribal member number #### and I live in Norwalk, California. I would like to question the practice of giving tribal money to districts and people, without a full vote from the membership. I do not believe that \$200,000 should have gone to the school district (Royal Valley) or \$50,000 to relief for the Hosington tornado. The tribe is giving more money to non-members (non-Indians) than we as tribal members are given. The per capita payments are almost non-existent in comparison to the money given away. We are not receiving any help at all for a better life. The money could be used for education, small business start-ups and better housing and medical care even if we do live off the reservation. We did not choose to live off the reservation, at the time our parents were starting a family there were no jobs on the reservation. They had to leave in order to make a living for their families. I believe that the governing of the tribe is not to the benefit of all the tribal members and that there should be an accounting of the money by an outside accounting service and if needed, outside counsel. This letter should be published in the newspaper and all other tribal members who live off the reservation should band together and find a solution to this very real problem.

[Holton Recorder May 17, 2001]

### Aid needed locally

Dear editor,

The following letter was written as a third person on behalf of a Potawatomi tribe member.

It was noticed in The Holton Recorder that the Potawatomi Tribe was contributing \$50,000 to the Hoisington recovery effort.

However fine this contribution may be, there still remains the fact that there are many on the reservation that could receive some assistance.

Due to recent storms and high winds, there are many on the reservation who have sustained damage to their houses and property and are in a low income category.

Why would the Council, with all their knowledge, even consider the export of funds when so many local members are in need of assistance?

Oliver "Bud" Wardlow

Acknowledged by Mary Wabaunsee  
Potawatomi Reservation

Hi Doris,

I'm sending this to you for your review regarding sporting events. In the last PBPN, there was an article regarding the forming of a National Junior Golf Association for Native Americans. It was also given some air time at the Pow-wow as well. In behalf of Native American tennis, I would like offer some information about their national organization and maybe generate some interest here. Tennis is an inexpensive sport. For twenty dollars, you can purchase a tennis racquet and a can of tennis balls at any local Wal-Mart. It would be nice if we could build a tennis court on the Rez. There is a tennis organization that is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year called the North American Indian Tennis Association (NAITA). They hold a National tennis tournament every year at a different city nationwide. NAITA has been recognized by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) for the last six years and has been assisting NAITA in the development of tennis throughout Indian communities and reservations. NAITA was recently featured in Tennis Magazine. This year the National tournament was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the LaFortune Tennis Center hosted by the Standing Tall Tennis Association, a local Indian tennis group, over the Memorial Day Week-end. An avid tennis player myself, I entered the tournament. They held an excellent tournament. Tennis players from Tribes all over the U.S. competed for honors in different divisions. I entered the Mens' Singles 45 years and over event. My son, Jeremy and I were there for four days. I was fortunate enough to make it to the finals on Monday and played well enough to bring home the Championship trophy. I was one of two Potawatomi's there. The other Potawatomi was from Michigan. I was proud to represent our tribe and look forward to defending my title next year in Phoenix, Az.

meeting, the Solicitor of the Dept. of the Interior issued an official opinion "that Prairie Band is the rightful beneficiary of the lands originally reserved for Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band under the 1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien."

Chair Badger reported that he, along with 3 County Commissioners and the Mayor, gave opening remarks. He informally discussed the Shab-eh-nay land issue with the group and felt the responses were favorable for the Potawatomi. The general concern of the residents was maintaining their current living status.

The townspeople voiced that they've been watching the Potawatomi activities very closely such as the donations to the tornado victims and local schools. As a result, they see this as a positive for them in that it will create business and employment opportunities in their area.

James P. Dowd, local bookstore owner and author of "Built Like a Bear," spoke to Badger, informing him of his life-long research of the Potawatomi tribe. He has a room full of research materials that

## "What does it mean to be a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation member?"

Venida S. Chenault

There are many challenges facing tribes such as the Prairie Band Potawatomi, but perhaps one of the biggest issues confronting our future relates to membership in our Nation. Membership discussions raise many puzzling questions and spark fierce debates as we struggle to find answers that work for the Nation and our individual family circumstances. As the debate about membership continues, it is important that members ask themselves, what does it mean to be a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation? Often times, our discussions of membership center on our rights, but too often, we forget to think about our responsibilities to the Nation and how decisions made now affect our shared future.

These important questions require careful thought because they have the potential to impact our survival in many ways. We are federally recognized as a tribe for several reasons that include: having a land base and being a culturally unique and distinct people. In addition, we have a functioning tribal government that exercises its rights of self-governance or sovereignty and self-determination. Decisions made about membership have ripple effects for our land base, our culture and long term priorities for our tribal government.

As I've stated on many occasions, I believe the heart of our Prairie Band Nation is located on our reservation. I believe this because first of all, this is where our land base exists. This is where tribal members continue to carry out responsibilities to our many traditional cultural practices and to carry on the language. This is where the tribal government has the authority to govern by exercising its jurisdiction as a tribal government. This doesn't mean that our traditional ways or languages can't or don't exist off the reservation but there are cultural caretaking and governing responsibilities shared by the community that should be respected. This also doesn't mean that members who live away from the community are not carrying out the ways or that these members have less value than those living on the reservation.

In the past, the majority of our members lived on the reservation or in surrounding communities. With the boarding school movement and emphasis on assimilation, the relocation policies of the 1950's and the often illegal and forced adoptions of our children prior to passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, the diversity or differences in our membership has only increased. Tribes across the nation are struggling with issues related to membership because we have experienced many of the same struggles.

Membership issues get even stickier for tribes with profitable gaming enterprises. These tribes have seen their membership rolls and the demands for services explode. The revenues produced from gaming have

been used to fund tribal governments, social welfare and education programs and other vital infrastructures of tribes as required by law. At the same time, these tribal governments are being expected to assume enormous financial responsibilities for members, often far exceeding what we expect of our local city and county governments. Most of us wouldn't dare demand a per capita payment from our local county or city government but we expect it from tribal governments. In some cases, the growing demands for increased per capita have bankrupted tribes and eliminated all programs and services.

It is not unusual for members who see their tribal governments growing to question the accountability with which tribal revenues are being spent. For example, the tribal council has been criticized for donations to the Royal Valley School District and to the Red Cross for assistance to a community devastated by a recent tornado. What many members don't realize is that under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, tribes are required to designate 1% of their gaming revenues to charitable non-profit causes.

Monty Deere, Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Regulatory Board, in a recent presentation at Haskell Indian Nations University, encouraged tribes to use their charitable donations strategically, in ways that benefit perceptions of tribes with local communities, given the growing anti-gaming, anti-Indian sentiment that exists. The community and region struck by the tornado comprise a large percentage of current casino patrons, making it both compassionate and wise to help. Clearly, tribal members do not want revenues that ensure the future viability of the Nation spent foolishly but it must also be remembered that those elected are accountable to federal and state regulations, as well as the tribal membership.

In the Proposed New Constitution, responsibilities of citizens of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation were drafted. These include: 1) to vote in Nation elections and participate in Nation government 2) to contribute to and support the unique cultural, economic, political, social and spiritual communities within the Nation; 3) to learn the Nation's culture, history and language; 4) to be self-sufficient and to be generous to those who cannot be self-sufficient and 5) to have pride and respect for one's self, children, family and Nation.

As we consider changes in membership and enrollment, I would hope we'd continue to ask ourselves, what does it mean to be Prairie Band Potawatomi and what are my responsibilities as a citizen of this great Nation?



he would like to donate to someone. Badger said we are leaning toward starting our own museum and that this collection would be warmly received.

Concluding the day with a "3-dancer" pow wow performance, the crowd of 200-250 conveyed their desire to have a regular pow wow at some time in the future, sponsored by the Potawatomi Nation. Mr. Sands donated a large portrait of Shab-eh-nay to the PBPN and it is now in the lobby of the PBP Nation Government Center.

The Prairie Band are considering a stop at this location on the way back from the Annual Potawatomi Gathering. It is been said that this entire area is an incredibly beautiful site.

### A Thought on Editorials

Just a thank you note to those of you that submitted the above listed editorials. Our staff just recently attended the Native American Journalists Association Conference in Buffalo, NY and an issue that was immediately addressed by guest panelists was in reference to editorials.

Guest panelist and Editor of the Cherokee Advocate, Dan Agent, said anyone is allowed to express their political opinion as long as they put their name to it. Usually, that changes the political dynamics. He said if they aren't committed enough to their cause by putting their name to it, it deserves to be thrown in the trash.





## GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

### Victoria Mattwaoshshe

HOYT—Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church nine miles west of Mayetta for Victoria Mary Mattwaoshshe, 82, Hoyt, who died Monday, May 7, 2001, at a Holton nursing home.

She was born July 30, 1918, in Mayetta, to James and Charlotte Nocktonick Wabaunsee. She was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Tribe. She had owned and operated an Indian fry bread stand near Mayetta.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church west of Mayetta.

She married Lorenzo D. Mattwaoshshe on Sept. 21, 21, 1940, in Holton. He died Aug. 7, 2000.

Survivors include a son, Joseph Herman "Jay" Mattwaoshshe, Mayetta; two daughters, Charlotte D. "Charlie" Valdez, Hoyt, and Wilma O. Skenandore, in Wisconsin; two brothers, Will Wabaunsee, Hoyt, and Kendall "Babe" Wabaunsee, in Montana; six grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and 21 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Shipshew Cemetery west of Mayetta. Mrs. Mattwaoshshe will lie in state until 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Parish rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the parish hall at the church.

### Ilona Delgadillo

LAWRENCE—Ilona Theresa "Meeks Sas Quah" Delgadillo, 50, Lawrence, died Monday, May 28, 2001, at a Lawrence hospital.

She had worked at Hallmark Cards in Lawrence.

She was born March 25, 1951, in Topeka, to Walter and Lucille Mahkuk Delgadillo. She lived in Lawrence for 10 years but had lived most of her life in Lecompton, where she attended elementary school and graduated from high school. She attended Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence.

An infant son preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Ashley Warren Whitelighting, Lawrence; her companion, Bill Barker, Lawrence; three brothers, Denny Delge, Topeka, and Walter Delge and Pat Mahkuk, both of Mayetta; five sisters, Eileen Delge and Marilyn Delgadillo, both of Lecompton, Ione Childers, Perry, and Betty Rice and Margret Mahkuk, both of Topeka; and one grandson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Parker-Price Mortuary Chapel, Topeka. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Lecompton. She will lie in state after 3 p.m. today at the mortuary, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Ilona Delgadillo Memorial Fund, in care of Ashley W. Whitelighting, 319 California, Lawrence, 66044.

### Michael Mulanax

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Michael Lynn Mulanax, 54, formerly of Topeka, died Sunday, June 24, 2001, at a Memphis, Tenn. Hospital.

Services are pending with Mercer Funeral Home, Holton.

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## Tim Oliver, EAP, accepted into honor society

On March 29, 2001 Tim Oliver received written notification that he was accepted to CHI SIGMA IOTA Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society at Emporia State University. The initiation of new members to CHI SIGMA IOTA will take place at Lauder Alumni Center, on May 11, 2001 at 5:30 p.m.

Presently Tim resides in Horton and is working on his second graduate degree this time in Community Mental Health Counseling. He received his Master in Social Work in May 1980 from Arizona State University.

Tim recently received a letter of invitation from Mr. Barry S. Kast; Administrator for the Oregon Dept. of Human Services, Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division dated November 2, 2000 to be part of the Oregon Mental Health Delegation to the People's Republic of China. The trip took place on March 15-27, 2001. The selection of the 15 delegates was based on their background, experience and expertise.

In the letter to Tim dated November 2, 2000, "In March 2001 People to People Ambassador Programs will send a Mental Health delegation to China consisting of professionals, consumers, family members and advocates from Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. This delegation will explore many dimensions of the mental health system in China including policy, administration, training, treatment and the relation of mental services to general health care." Delegates will meet with key leaders in Chinese and mental health organizations.

One of the highlights of the project will no doubt be the visit to the Dept. of Psychology and Psychiatry at Xi'an Jiaotong University. The following professional meetings and exchanges will be included in this delegation.

\*Visit the Health Care Research Center of Beijing Medical University - this is China's leading mental health institute.

\*Visit the Guizhou Mental Hospital in Guiyang—they specialize in child abuse and depression.

\*Learn about China's participation in the World Health Organization's "Mental Health Survey."

Due to scheduling problems with employment and school, Tim was unable to be part of the traveling delegation. In the future if another invitation is offered, according to Tim, "I will make all efforts to be a delegate."

### Wilburn Wabaunsee

HOYT—Wilburn "Will" Wabaunsee, 64, of Hoyt, died Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Wabaunsee owned and operated Wabaunsee Dry Wall for 34 years. He served in the Army and later in the U.S. Army Reserve XVI Corps until December 1965.

He was born Feb. 28, 1937, in Mayetta, the son of James and Charlotte Nocktonick Wabaunsee. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1957.

Mr. Wabaunsee was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta and the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Tribe. He was a third-degree knight of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 4219. He also had served on the Royal Valley School Board 337 in Hoyt, as well as on boards for I-CARE- in Topeka, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Housing Authority, Indian Parent Committee J.O. M. Title IV, and the Indian Center in Topeka. He served on the Tribal Council and the Church Council, and he was involved in the Selective Service.

He married Drusa Masquat on Feb. 24, 1962, in Mayetta. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Lil Will Wabaunsee, Holt, Mich.; four daughters, Carrie O'Toolé, Mayetta, Elizabeth Tye, Holton, Shawna Wabaunsee, Hoyt, and Ah-Sha-Ni Wabaunsee, Holt, Mich.; a brother, Kendall "Babe" Wabaunsee, St. Ignatius, Mont.; and nine grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta. Burial will be at Shipshew Cemetery west of Mayetta. Mr. Wabaunsee will lie in state until 3 p.m. today at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton and after 5 p.m. today at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, where a parish Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

### Madrid, Cecilia

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D.O.D. 05/30/01

## We-Ta-Se pays tribute to those who served

By Roy A. Hale

Post 410, WE-TA-SE, entered the Armed Forces Parade at Topeka, Kansas, on Saturday morning, May 19, 2001. We had sixteen Legionnaires marching about seven blocks and also we entered our decorated van in the parade. The weather was beautiful and pleasant. Thanks to all that helped and those that participated in this annual parade.

Our faithful Post 410 Legionnaires return again for our military services at the Reservation cemeteries (nine cemeteries) on Memorial Day services, May 27, 2001. We proceeded to the cemeteries to pay tribute to all the Veterans honoring those that were killed or passed away. As usual, the traditional early morning breakfast was served at the Jackson's home. Thanks for the wonderful breakfast, and thanks to all the volunteers for their help on this holiday weekend.

Potawatomi Prairie Band Nation, 2001 Pow-wow celebration was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. After several late spring rains that continued every day or so, finally quit raining just before the pow-wow, and thus permitting workers to finish their jobs in preparation for our annual pow-wow. We had nice weather for three days of celebration, camping, visiting, seeing relatives and old friends and making new ones. pow-wow attendance was great and everyone had a good time.

## Social Services Department

Well another half of a year has come to pass and the Social Services Dept. is expanding rapidly. Kelly Greemore has joined us to do her internship for Manhattan Christian College. She is seeking a degree in Family Ministry. Welcome to Kelly. We have also added Glenna Harper to our staff. She comes to us from Utah. Glenna has a Masters degree in Social Work and is a welcome addition to our staff. She will be working as a Social Services Worker. She will mentor ITM clients, and help individuals seek benefits from SSA, SRS, and the VA.

The Vocational Rehabilitation staff is here to help rehabilitate people with disabilities regain skills to reenter the work force in a productive manner. James Wabaunsee and Edie Wamego-Martinez attended a Diagnostic & Statistical Mental Disorder IV workshop in Wichita & a Social Security Work Incentives workshop in Hutchinson recently. They are near finalization of the MOU with the State of Kansas. This is exciting since we are the only local tribe in Kansas who has a Voc Rehab dept. one of 65 in the nation.

Our office will also soon be connected to a modem with the State of Kansas Department of Labor. This allows information access to all available state jobs in the area. What a wonderful thing to happen for all of our clients seeking employment without success in the past, but today will have the opportunity to succeed.

Another terrific event for Social Services is that we are a child-placing agency with the State of Kansas. We have the capability to place children in licensed foster homes off the reservation as well as on, which is what we currently do. What an accomplishment for the PBPB is the only Tribe in the State of Kansas who is allowed to do this.

A Bully prevention Program grant was submitted,



PBPB Buffalo.

(Photo by PBPB staff)



PBPB Buffalo.

(Photo by PBPB staff)

This year's pow-wow honored two veterans which both are members of the Potawatomi tribe here at Mayetta, Kansas.

Lance Corporal Victor Hale, U.S. Marine Corps, lived on the Potawatomi reservation and Topeka area before enlisting in the Marine Corps. Corporal Hale was killed in action in 1968 on a special mission at ASHAU Valley, South Vietnam. Three brothers, Cecil Hale, Phil Hale, and Joe Hale, Sr., one sister, Lorene Hale Thomas, survive Corporal Hale. Victor Hale's name is on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, Washington, D.C., also on the North Topeka Vietnam Memorial and the Memorial on Washburn University campus in Topeka, Kansas.

Richard Adame, Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army, is a Potawatomi tribal member and is retiring from the military service soon. Sergeant Adame has received several medals for Valor and Meritorious Service while serving in Desert Storm. Sergeant Adame's mother LaVera "Babe" Adame lives in rural Mayetta, Kansas.

Congratulations to SFC Richard Adame, who will soon be retiring after 20 years in the military service and welcome back to civilian life.

Post 410 and all the Potawatomi tribal members appreciate having these two Native American Veterans, Victor Hale and Richard Adame recognized in our program at our pow-wow celebration. We all salute both of these veterans for their accomplishments and service to our country.

## PBPB Buffalo Bartered for Seed Corn

By Mary Young

"One Eye" fell as Chair Badger Wahwassuck took aim and fired. The PBPB buffalo had been nick named "One Eye" because the eye was scarred. This particular buffalo had been chosen as a part of a barter exchange between the Kickapoo Nation and the PBPB for seed corn.

Once the buffalo had been shot and fell, the other buffalo standing near by immediately rallied around One Eye, nudging him to get to his feet. At the same moment, the Road and Bridge (R&B) crew rushed to get "One Eye" on the flat bed truck before the herd became too antsy; their tails were already raised in the attack position. After "One Eye" was removed from the field, the remaining buffalo hovered where their comrade fell and many began to butt heads. The females had left the area with their calves once the shot rang out but later returned.

Prior to the shooting, the buffalo herd had been fed but they sensed that something was going on. They seemed to be protecting and shielding "One Eye."

There are about 70 buffalo in the pen on the PBPB reservation. There are about 12 to 13 new calves and 2 or 3 more are expected. Last year 9 calves were born.

What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset.

-Crowfoot, Blackfoot warrior and orator

## Wildland Fire Management

By Mary L. Young

In comparison to a control burn and the 13-wildland fires in Kansas that burned 232 acres, there have been 28,668 fires involving 522,668 acres between January 1 and May 14, 2001 throughout the United States reports the National Fire News.

Control burns on the reservation have burned 2500 acres as of May 10, 2001 says Joe Morris, a PBPB Fire fighter. Joe is currently working on a BIA contract to get a Wildland Fire Fighting Program started has been finalized.

The goal is to establish a hand crew that would allow the PBPB firefighters to respond nationally throughout the United States to contain a wildland fire. A wildland fire is an uncontrolled fire located in a forest, grassland, brushland or cropland.

The potential crew would be in the cutting line or mop-up stage. The cutting line would be to get the fire under control and the mop-up means that after the fire has been controlled, they would make sure the fire is safe before they left by checking the constructed or natural fire barriers used to control the fires.

Fire management agencies begin to gear up as summer approaches; and depending on the rain these past months, precipitation and snow levels have been below normal. The dryness produces drought conditions that would be ripe for fires. Fire management planning is essential and a priority to the safety of the firefighter.

Joe has worked with the Nevada Department of Forestry and has experience as a crew boss and a Type II hand crew. He is a member of the Choctaw Nation.





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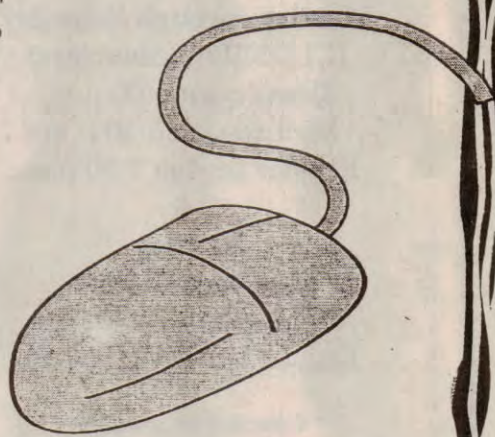
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PBPN Fire Fighter, Joe Morris. Joe has been instrumental in obtaining a BIA contract for a Wildland Fire program.

(Photo PBPN staff)

### American Indian holiday proposed

By David Melmer

Indian Country Today staff 6/27/01  
WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. House of Representatives passed by unanimous consent a resolution to recognize American Indian day as a holiday. Rep. Joe Baca, D-Calif., introduced the measure, the first step in designing the special holiday. The resolution asks schools to recognize contributions American Indians have made in the history, culture and education of the country. "This is why I'm proud to be a member of the congressional Native American caucus. Native Americans have shown their willingness to fight and die for this nation in foreign lands. They honor the American flag at every pow wow and at many gatherings and remember all veterans through song, music, and dance. This is about proud Americans who have given so much to this country," Baca said. Not only is an American Indian day holiday proposed, but Congress also sent a message to the schools that history of the American Indians must be taught and that what is taught should precede the first contact with the Europeans. Congressman J.D. Hayworth, R, Ariz., said, "If we are what we learn, if what is passed is prologue, then this is a laudable goal and something this House of Representatives should heartily endorse and pass overwhelmingly because the First Americans should not be forgotten. "Their legacy of honor, not only in armed conflict, but in so many different endeavors of human experience cannot be treated as some sort of novel concept, something that need be shuttled off on the shelf, to be thought of almost as trivia. It is central to our American experience," Hayworth said. The resolution does not offer any leads as how schools will accomplish a more American Indian-friendly curriculum, it

merely stated they should.

"That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Nation's schools should honor Native Americans for their contributions to American history, culture and education," the resolution stated. Baca said the resolution was a step toward seeking an American Indian holiday. It will be similar to legislation he introduced in California.

"We need to educate and sensitize our nation to all that Native Americans have done for this nation. We need to take up the cause of Native American sovereignty," Baca said.

"This resolution is about justice. It is about schools respecting Native Americans; and it is very important when we say respecting in schools. When a child goes to school, he or she wants to make sure that they are honored and respected with dignity," Baca said.

The resolution speaks to contributions to the United States by tribal members and Indian country in general. A great emphasis was on the patriotism shown by American Indians at pow wows and other gatherings where the American flag is honored in song and presence. The resolution calls attention to contributions American Indians made in the armed forces by volunteering and serving at higher percentages when compared to other ethnic groups.

It also recognized the feeling American Indians have toward the earth and the environment. Those traits and the history of the nations will be part of the education in the schools across the country, as put forward by the resolution.

"As a teacher of American history, it is important that our schools embrace our collective history, including our nation's history before the Mayflower landed. Throughout our nation's history, Native Americans have demonstrated selflessness and heroism that is sadly reflected too little in our history books," said Rep. Betty McCollum, D, Minn.

### PBP Nish-Nah-Bah 2001

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Crystal L. Aitkens Jones

Crystal L. Aitkens Jones, daughter of Kevin Aitkens (Topeka) and Norma Stark (Mt. Clemens, MI), graduated on May 12, 2001, receiving her Masters in Criminal Justice from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM. She, her husband Henry and daughter, Peyton, are in the process of moving to Buffalo, NY, where Henry will be entering Law School at The University of Buffalo this fall. Crystal is presently seeking employment in her field. Henry is from the Heida tribe in Washington. Crystal and Henry met while they were both attending Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence.





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Potawatomi Nation Members  
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**Greetings!** We are seeking historic photos of Rocky Ford for a study we are doing on change over time in the Big Soldier Creek stream channel. The photos should include a picture of the falls and plunge pool below the falls in addition to any photos of the stream banks that might be serving as a backdrop in the picture. It would be ideal if we had some photos dating back 50-60 years. We ask that you call Greg in the Planning Department @ 785.966.2946 and we will arrange to pay to have them copied or to borrow them to have them copied. Whatever the arrangement, we will take good care of them so that you get them back in as good condition as when they were loaned to us. Thank You!

## RECIPE CORNER

By Mary Young

Although World Diabetes Day is recognized on November 14, many live and are aware of diabetes every day. The following are two recipes from "The New Diabetic Cookbook" by Mabel Cavaiani.

## Chicken and Broccoli (Diabetic)

Yield: 1 serving

1 tb Cornstarch  
1 tb Sherry or fat-free chicken broth  
2 tb Soy sauce  
1/2 c Fat-free chicken broth  
1/8 ts Ground ginger  
1/8 ts Garlic powder

2 medium-size chicken breast halves without skin or visible fat 1 tbsp. Vegetable oil 1/2 c sliced onions 2 cups (6 oz.) frozen broccoli cuts 1/2 cup fat-free chicken broth Combine first 6 ingredients and mix until smooth to form a marinade. Bone chicken breasts. Freeze bones for later use in broth and cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. Place in marinade and refrigerate for 1-4 hours. Drain well, reserving marinade for later use.

Fry chicken in vegetable oil in heavy frying pan until clear and firm. Remove chicken from frying pan with a slotted spoon, leaving as much of the fat as possible still in the frying pan. Add onions and broccoli to the fat in the frying pan. Slice any larger pieces to about 1/2-inch thickness. Cook and stir about 1 minute or until broccoli is thawed.

Add broth to vegetables, mix lightly, cover, and simmer for 5 minutes or until the broccoli is crisp-tender. Add marinade and cook and stir over moderate heat until sauce is thickened and clear. Add chicken and reheat to serving temperature. Serve 2/3 cup per serving over rice.

Nutritive values per serving: 194 CAL, 9gm CHO, 20gm PRO, 8gm FAT, 1212mg NA without rice. Food exchanges per serving: 1 vegetable, 3 lean meat. Low-sodium diets: Substitute 1/4 cup lemon juice for soy sauce and use 1/4 tsb. Thyme instead of the ground ginger.

## Cherry Pie and Whipped Topping-Diabetic

Yield: 1 serving

## Pie

Prebaked single pie crust  
2 cn 16 oz. Unsweetened red cherries  
1 c Liquid from the cherries

1 tb Cornstarch  
1/4 ts Almond flavoring  
1 c Sugar substitute

## Whipped Topping

1/2 c Instant dry milk  
1/2 c Cold water  
2 tb Lemon juice  
2 tb Sugar  
1/4 c Dry sugar substitute (OPT)  
1/2 ts Vanilla

**Pie:** Drain cherries well, reserving 1 cup liquid. Set cherries aside and combine 1 cup liquid and cornstarch. Cook and stir over moderate heat until thickened and transparent and the starchy taste is gone. Remove from heat and add sugar substitute, almond flavoring and cherries. Taste and add more sweetener, if desired. Cool to room temperature. Spread filling evenly in crust. Let set at least 15 minutes.

**Topping:** Combine dry milk and water and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Beat at high speed for 4 minutes. Add lemon juice to whipped milk and beat at high speed for minutes. Stir in the sugar and sugar substitute while it is being beaten. Add vanilla to whipped topping and refrigerate until use.

## Tuna Salad

Yield: 6 servings

1/2 c Low-calorie mayonnaise  
2 tb Lemon juice  
2 tb Green onions; chopped, tops and all  
2 cn 6-1/2 oz. Water-packed tuna  
1/2 c Celery, chopped

Combine all ingredients and toss slightly before serving. Serve on a bed of shredded lettuce.

Nutrients per serving: CAL 131, FAT 4g, CHO 35mg, Carbohydrate 1g, Sodium 413mg. Exchanges: Meat 1, Fat 1.

Source: "There is life after lettuce" by Pepper Dorcholz et al.

CAL=calories; CHO=cholesterol; PRO=protein

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

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