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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Progress, progress, progress! An overview of governmental projects

By Suzanne Heck

It's been a busy summer so far with lots of work being done for the Nation and many events taking place.

Construction projects like the Indian Health Center, the Casino interchange, and the Prairie Ridge modular housing addition are nearing completion, along with the renovation of the Rock/Community building that is being redesigned to make it handicap accessible.

In other news, candidates are campaigning for Tribal Council elections, the Tribal Council has been busy with the Shabbona land acquisition, and Casino transition. Under the direction of General Manager Richard Rooth, PBPB employees are preparing organizational profiles for their departments and programs and planning their budgets for next year.

In addition, the Gathering committee is finalizing plans for the trip up north at the end of July and the pow-wow committee has just completed

another successful pow-wow this year.

Also, the Boys & Girls Club has held many new summer activities and events. Energy is running high because several youth plan to participate in the Native American Indigenous Games scheduled in Denver in July.

Overall, the Nation appears to be humming along and working hard for its people and future.

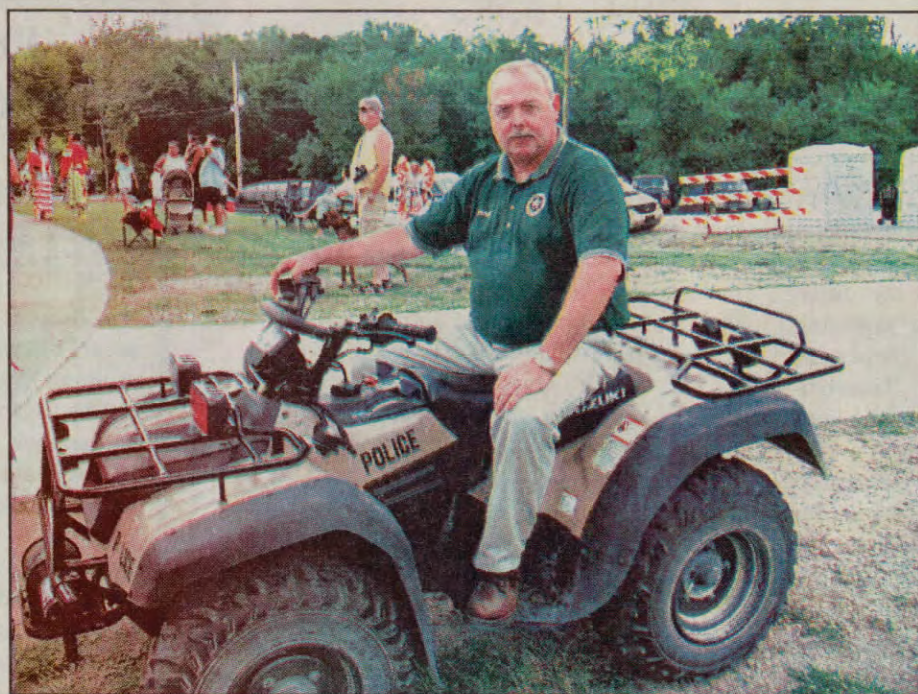


This photo shows the rotunda and the stone/brick exterior design of the new Indian Health Center scheduled to open late August. See page 9.



The casino interchange overpass bridge now reaches all the way across Highway 75.

The photograph (right) shows Sam Grant who was recently selected as the Tribe's new Chief of Police. Sam began working for the Tribe in 2000 shortly after retiring from the Kansas Highway Patrol. His first position with the Tribe was as a patrol supervisor and in 2003 he was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police. Sam is seen on a four-wheeler at the PBPB pow-wow held June 9-11 in Prairie Peoples Park.



The old McCauley house that used to be located on 158 Rd. on the reservation was used as a training ground for area fire departments on May 13. Tim Flanary, Assistant Chief of the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Dept., told the News that the structure burn allowed firefighters to learn about the process without the pressure of having to extinguish a fire in an emergency situation. Seven firefighters from Potawatomi, five firefighters from Hoyt, and two firefighters from Kickapoo were involved in the day-long exercise.

Photo by Mary Young

Don't worry!  
The fire was  
only a training

Potawatomi  
Tribal Fire Dept.  
Kickapoo  
Tribal Fire Dept.  
and  
Hoyt  
Fire Dept.  
worked together  
during the  
training exercise

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire  
Department/EMS staff  
teaches several classes a year  
in its training room  
at the Fire Station

## Tribal Council election getting close!

offices of chair, secretary, and one member to be decided July 24



Tribal Council candidates who participated in the candidate forum on June 3 were from left to right front row: Jim Darnall, Tamara McClammy, Roy Ogden, Benny Potts, and Warren Wahweotten, Jr. On the back row left to right was George Wahquahboshkuk, (not present when the photograph was taken), Mamie Rupnicki, Tracy Stanhoff, Joshua Arce, James Potter, Carrie O'Toole and Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis. Two other candidates, Badger Wahwasuck and Bobby Cadue, were not present at the forum.

Photo by Mary Young

Tribal Council candidates were able to voice their views on issues and their platforms at a Tribal Council candidate forum held on June 3 at the Bingo Hall.

There were 32 people in attendance who listened to candidates answer questions that were drawn from several questionnaire boxes that had been previously placed in public buildings on the reservation. Candidates also responded to questions posed from

the audience.

Members of the Elections Department moderated and served refreshments during the forum.

Ballots were mailed to registered voters on June 12 and will be counted on July 24.

Profiles of candidates are also in this issue of the News on pages 3-6.

## First Native American recovery house for women now located on PBPB reservation

By: Suzanne Heck

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation made history by becoming the first Oxford House in the world to house Native American women who are in recovery from alcohol and drugs.

A house, that is owned by the Tribe on 174 Rd., was leased to the Oxford House organization on June 5 and will be used to help PBPB women who are in recovery from alcohol and drugs. Presently, there are two women already living in the home that is self-run and managed by the resident's themselves.

The idea to place an Oxford House on the reservation came from a committee comprised of PBPB's Kathy Slimmer, Elaine Mzhickteno Barr, and Rey Kitchkumme, and Charles Bartlett who is with the Kansas Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS).

According to Paul Malloy, founder of Oxford Houses in 1975, there are 1,234 Oxford Houses worldwide that have over 10,000 people living in them. Houses are linked together by chapters and the PBPB Oxford House is the ninth home included with the Topeka chapter.

Sarah Binkley, who is an Americorps Vista Volunteer from Topeka,

helped open the PBPB Oxford House; an organization called the Friends of Recovery



The home above is owned by the Tribe and has become an Oxford House.

is the supporting agency for the 47 Kansas Oxford homes and are based in Kansas City.

To learn more about Oxford Houses  
go to:  
[www.ksoxfordhouse.org](http://www.ksoxfordhouse.org)  
[www.oxfordhouse.org](http://www.oxfordhouse.org)  
[www.friendsofrecovery.com](http://www.friendsofrecovery.com)



A signing ceremony with Oxford House and the PBPB took place on June 15 in the Tribal Council chambers. From left to right, front, are Lori Molina, Chair Tracy Stanhoff, and Kathy Slimmer. Back row, left to right, are James Wabaunsee, Jackie Mitchell, Kathleen Thomas, Sarah Binkley, Ryan Dyer, and Abigail England. Molina and England are current residents at the house and Thomas and Binkley officially represented Oxford House. Stanhoff, Wabaunsee, Mitchell, and Dyer are on the Tribal Council and Slimmer is a social worker for the PBPB Social Services Department.





## June Message to the Nation from Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff



June has been a great month for the Tribe. The Tribal Council has been very busy with many meetings and diverse tasks and on behalf of the Nation:

- Vice Chair Rey Kitchumme and I attended a lawn party at the home of Governor Sebilus, informally speaking with the Governor regarding our Nation's interests and the need for a formal summit with her – stay tuned.
- Our Casino transition team has made important strides in the transition process, the Nation has selected several systems to take over "back of the house tasks" including payroll and purchasing among many other functions – we are on schedule for a great transition.
- The pow-wow went extremely well, congratulations to all of our dance and drum contest winners and a big "thank you" to our pow-wow committee and the numbers of volunteers who helped make this event a great success – I especially enjoyed the special Elder and veteran honoring and the bright smile of our Prairie Band Potawa-

tomi Princess, Brittany Pelkey.

- Strategic planning continues for our Shabeh-nay Reservation with Tribal Council taking many steps to ensure proper development is undertaken - updates on our activities will be forthcoming.
- Tribal Council continues to monitor the building of our new health clinic building – what a beautiful facility it will be – in anticipation of the opening, I toured our old facility and the new facility to fully focus on the improved level of health services that the Nation will be able to provide to our people once the new facility opens.
- We held a "Town Hall" meeting for our Wisconsin Rapids membership – we had a wonderful turnout of members who were apprised on our national tribal member programs, updated on our Casino transition and provided information on the Shabeh-nay Reservation purchase – another highlight of the trip included a visit to Skunk Hill where we toured Powers Bluff Park and the Prairie Band Potawatomi grave sites, dance circles and historic markers in the park.
- I also attended the National Congress of American Indians Mid-year Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan – this confer-

ence featured Tribal Leader-Scholar sessions and I was extremely proud of our tribal member, Dr. Venida Chenault who presented at a general session on her studies of violence against Native women.

- I am always available on an appointment basis to discuss anything a tribal member has on their mind, please call Verna Simon at 785-966-4008 to set up an appointment.

Please note, our next Elder's Chat will be presented in a roundtable format and will be held at the Elder Center on June 26 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am – if you are an Elder join me in this quarterly chat to address the thoughts of you, our Elders.

Please remember to exercise your right to vote in our tribal elections. I am sure you will agree, the right to vote is one of our most important privileges as a Prairie Band member and ensures that your voice will be heard.

In final, I continue to be humbled by the confidence and faith you all have shown me as fellow members, let's keep working on this positive vision.

We're Moving Forward,  
Tracy Stanhoff

## Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC) to conduct mock disaster drill



The Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC), a group of BPN inter-departmental leaders and representatives, is getting ready to hold a mock disaster drill on July 20.

The purpose of the group is to prepare for managing emergencies on the reservation.

The drill, that will replicate responding to a large scale tornado disaster, is being designed by Bill Brubaker, Northeast Regional Coordinator for Kansas Homeland Security, who has been working with TERC the past few months. He will bring a crew with him on July 20 to evaluate the Tribe's community preparedness effort.

Fire Chief David Price, of the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Dept., and Assistant Fire Chief Tim Flanary, are heading up preparation plans for the exercise. In addition, TERC's core command team that

is comprised of staff from Road & Bridge, Finance, Housing, Planning & Environmental Protection, BPN News, Harrah's Casino, and the BPN Administration, are also making plans to participate in the drill. Other TERC members are expected to participate that day.

TERC was established in 1998 as a means of developing a BPN emergency management plan in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency situation on the reservation. The group meets periodically to share information and to promote training. Outside groups involved in TERC are Jackson County Emergency Services, the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army.

Most of the Tribe's emergency personnel will be involved in the drill including Fire/EMS crews, Tribal Dispatch, and officers of the BPN Tribal Police Dept. Mock evacuations of some of the community centers are planned as part of the exercise as well as testing the Tribe's communication channels and equipment and other emergency materials.

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Update: new email  
address



Lenora Dickens, owner of Stamping with Lynnie: Stamping' Up, has a new email address: lynniedickensl@bellsouth.net

## Free Credit Report

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank



No, this is not a gimmick. The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act require the three major credit reporting companies (Experian, Equifax, or TransUnion) to give, at the consumer's request, a free credit report once every 12 months. Consumers will need to provide their name, Social Security number, date of birth, and addresses for the last two years. There are three ways to access your credit report. You can request it by phone at 1-877-322-8228 or online at [www.creditreport.com](http://www.creditreport.com) or complete an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mail it to PO Box 105281 Atlanta, GA. The Annual Credit Report Request Form is available at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

As mentioned in last month's article, your credit report will contain four categories of information: 1) identifying information (not used in credit bureau scoring), 2) public records and collection items, 3) inquiries over the past two years, and 4) trade lines.

**THE ONE ITEM YOU WILL NOT GET WITH YOUR FREE CREDIT REPORT IS YOUR CREDIT SCORE.**

### CORRECTING ERRORS

Your first step in correcting an error is to write the consumer reporting company, informing them what information you think is inaccurate. Your dispute letter should clearly identify each item on the report you are disputing, explain why you dispute the information and request that it be corrected. Include copies of documents that support your position. Keep a copy of your letter and the supporting documents. It is also smart to send your letter by certified mail. Then you can document when the letter was received.

The consumer reporting company must investigate the items in question – usually within 30 days – unless they consider your dispute frivolous. The reporting company will forward the relevant data you provide to the organization providing the information. The

information provider reviews the information, they report back to the consumer reporting company. When the investigation is complete, the consumer reporting company must give you the results in writing and a free copy of your report if the dispute results in a change.

If an investigation doesn't resolve your dispute, you can ask that a statement of dispute be included in your file and in future reports.

### CORRECTING TRUTHS

What do you do if the negative information on your report is accurate?

Wait!

Only the passage of time can assure its removal. Delinquent payments, even when they are later caught up, will remain on your credit report for three to seven years from the date of the missed payment. Collection accounts (accounts a creditor turns over to collections once the payment is three months past due) will remain on your credit report for seven years from the time the first payment you missed was due. If you pay off this account, the collection activity will remain on the report for seven years, but should be marked "paid collection". Chapter 7, 11, and 12 bankruptcies stay on credit reports for 10 years from the date of filing. Chapter 13 bankruptcies stay on your credit report for seven years after discharge, which usually occurs three to five years after filing.

There is some good news about blemishes on your credit report. Although negative information stays on your credit for up to 10 years, creditors are far more interested in your present circumstances than what happened to you four to ten years ago. That doesn't mean your credit scores will change overnight. In a given three-month time period, only one in four people will have a change of 20 or more points in their credit score.

As always, if you have any questions on this topic or suggestions for future articles, please contact me at [rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com](mailto:rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com).

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## Harrah's PB Casino Events Center Summer Spotlight Series

Christopher Cross  
to perform  
on  
July 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.  
doors will open for general admission  
seating at 7 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale  
at the Casino's Buffalo Grill  
or online at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

Admission: \$20





# Tribal Council Election Highlights and Candidate Profiles

## Election Highlights

- May 26, 4 p.m. Last day for members 18 years of age or older to register to receive a ballot for this election, if not already registered.
- June 12, Ballots mailed to registered voters only
- July 24, 9 a.m. Last day for ballots to be received at Mayetta Post Office

(The Elections Office has recently switched office space with the Executive Director's Office within the Government Center).

### Editor's Note:

Below are the photographs and profiles of Tribal Council candidates who are running in the Tribal Council election to be held on July 24, 2006. Three (3) members of the Tribal Council: Chairperson, Secretary, and one (1) Council Person will be elected. The term of office for each position is for four (4) years. Each candidate listed provided their own profile for the *News* that will run concurrently in the May and June issues. In the interest of fairness to all candidates and because the *News* does not have paid advertising no political advertising will be accepted.

## Tribal Council Chair Person (vote for one (1))



Mamie Rupnicki



Position Paper by Mamie Rupnicki

I do know that health concerns are a major issue with tribal members and that tribal members are left out of the loop of their service, I hope to rectify this problem if I become the chairman of PBP Nation and to keep the tribal members informed, not only with State initiatives but also on the Federal level. They are cutting the budgets of tribal programs. I have not seen any paper work where the Tribal Council has written or spoken against these issues. I will pursue and speak out against all legislation that has a negative impact on the PBP Nation and try to bolster the issues that benefit the PBP Nation as well. One of the issues, the IMM accounts, has been unresolved for our tribal members for too long, and must be addressed. We need to be involved with any legislation that has an impact on Indian country. I feel that we need to give proper presentation and have strong representation on all consequential issues that affect our people.

If I am elected, I will make our issues known and acted upon. This is also what I need to accomplish for myself and hope the rest of the Tribal Council will develop their personal governance. I believe it is a personal responsibility to share guidance and concern through effective leadership to enhance the well-being for all individual tribal members to impact the tribe as a whole. Through integrity and service to the Prairie

Band Potawatomi Nation, I am dedicated and secure in the success for my leadership for the Nation as a whole.

**Editor's note:** The PBP News was notified after the April issue was published and distributed that material in this section was plagiarized. To keep the integrity of the newspaper, the News staff pulled said material. The following was removed: "Code of Personal Governance, Pursue service and excellence by; Act with integrity and probity by; Account for my own performance by; Engage appropriately with others in decision-making by; and Develop myself by." The material, almost verbatim, was taken from the "Delivery Through Leadership: NHSScotland Leadership Development Framework" found at the [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/06/28112744/27487](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/06/28112744/27487) website.

The PBP News contacted Mamie Rupnicki and her comments were as follows: "I feel like I am at a loss and bamboozled. I'm not out to blame anybody and I'm just sorry. I do support what is required of me and just want to get past what's happened and go beyond -- the previous is past and I'm going to move on."



Tracy Stanhoff



### Accountable, Accessible and Progressive - Tracy Stanhoff

I was humbled and honored to be sworn in as Interim Tribal Chair of our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on January 19, 2006.

On my Prairie Band side of the family, I am from the Darling family line. My grandmother, the late Elsie "Sally" Stewart Dyer was born and raised on the Prairie Band reservation in Kansas. Both my grandparents Elsie S. and Van H. Dyer (Choctaw/deceased) were graduates of Haskell. My great-grandmother, Frances Darling Stewart (Prairie Band), was a member of the Drum religion, lived and farmed on her Prairie Band reservation land allotment.

For over 18 years, I have built up - arguably, the largest American Indian advertising and graphic design firm in the country. In my absence from the daily operation of my business, my second in command or most senior level executive in the firm has been operating it while I have served the Nation as Chair.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Long Beach where I was honored as the outstanding graduate in the Journalism - Public Relations department. I also completed the Minority Business Executive Program at the

Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. As well as numerous other industry-related continuing education courses.

I am a firm believer in contributing to both American Indian business and community based organizations and have served in leadership roles on many board of directors and by donating time to represent American Indian business owners nationwide.

I am the honored recipient of numerous awards on behalf of my business and community involvement - advocating on behalf of our Native peoples in both economic and social arenas. In April 2006, Fortune Magazine is featuring a short article on my contributions to Indian Country in their special section on Indian Gaming and new American Indian leaders.

Most importantly, I have contributed to the growth of our Nation as our interim Chairperson in the following areas:

- increased communications from the Tribal Council to our people (on-going)
- moving forward on our Shab-eh-nay reservation project
- effectively managing the Casino Transition from Harrah's to Prairie Band Entertainment Corporation management with transition plan agreement completed and Section 17 corpora-

tion submitted to the BIA (on-going)

- direct engagement to oversee improvement in our tribal programs, visiting departments to determine their history while examining future needs and direction
- initiated an "Elder's Chat" program
- working on a long-range vision or plan for the tribe to present to fellow Tribal Council members and our General membership for input
- addressed accountability and responsibility in our government operations
- engaged and enjoyed the community events that are happening on the reservation
- facilitated Tribal Council and the Constitution Committee in moving Tribal Constitutional Amendments forward to the BIA for Secretarial election

In closing, a heartfelt thanks to all who have invited and included me in the community events and programs. I truly enjoy working for our people - you all have inspired me to continue the work we have only begun.

We're Moving Forward,  
Tracy Stanhoff



George Wahquahboshkuk

Thanks to Jake Huyett of Jones & Huyett for providing some of the candidate photos

I'm running for PBP Tribal Chairman with 12 years experience on the Tribal Council; 11 years as Tribal Chairman where I helped to usher in Bingo and Class III Gaming, and our Law and Order Code. To assure that these are a success in justly serving all the people, we need truth and honesty in our government. I bring that, along with my past Tribal Council experiences, as well as my solemn commitment to the people of the PBP Nation. To do for them with all the resources and time available, in the betterment of their lives.

Most people know me, as I have lived here most of my life and served in the Marine Corps for six years with an Honorable Discharge and numerous medals for service in the Marine Corps and combat in Vietnam. I was married 23 years and have seven children, two who are adopted. They are Sheila, Samantha, Georgia, Noah, Levi, Michelle, and Marcus. I also have eight grandchildren and I am divorced but not really looking at this time for a mate. A!

Due to some service-connected injuries and disabilities my percentage of disability is 100%. In the

last election I had someone check for me in Washington or wherever on what my status as a 100% disabled veteran was. Some are classified as Non-Schedulers and Schedulers. Schedulers can work where Non-Schedulers can't. Found out the day after the filing deadline, I am a Scheduler so I didn't get to run. But I can assure you that I am in this election to win and to be an implement of good change in our tribal government for our people.

My belief is that the people when they are in an official General Council body are the voice of the people. The General Council has inherent powers...some not yet brought up or used yet covering anything not covered in the Tribal Constitution.

### EDUCATION

We need to have our own schools to assure that our culture and heritage is preserved through education. It is a small part of the Kansas history taught in the schools. Schools for the grades of kindergarten through eighth grade would further be equipped with knowledge they would not have gotten in the conventional public schools, with more one-on-one teacher and pupil time.

Set up tutor programs for them through kindergarten through high school. So when they are ready for any college or university in the nation. We need to focus on the future of our Nation and those children that will have to step forward and be our leaders in the future.

### OFF RESERVATION MEMBERS

One thing I mentioned some time ago was for the members in the outlying areas to be served better with a plan I have, which by the way, is being looked into by the Navajo Nation to address those members that live off the Navajo reservation. I firmly believe that everyone should be taken care of. We have the means and the ability to do it...it just needs to be done.

I need your vote to help make things right for the people.

George L. Wahquahboshkuk  
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**Don't forget to mail in your vote for Tribal Council!**





## Tribal Council Secretary (vote for one (1))



Joshua Arce

Greetings readers and voters!  
My name is Joshua Arce and I am a candidate for the secretary position. I would like to have your vote in the upcoming election.

I am a proud Potawatomi and would like the opportunity to serve our Nation in its government operation. I clearly understand that being a sovereign nation is more than using a brand of shingle. Sovereignty means functioning as an autonomous government, and making decisions for our members to insure future success and survival. I am committed to our Tribe, our people, our land, and our rights.

I descend from the Thomas family. I am Thunder Clan. I have earned an associate's degree from Haskell Indian Nations University, and earned a

bachelor's degree in Social Work and my Juris Doctor in Law from the University of Kansas. Now I would like to bring my education and my organizational tools to work for our Tribe. I feel confident that my leadership skills will be useful to the Nation in its government operation. I am also confident that my legal education will be useful when analyzing complex problems that face the Tribe, reading contracts, and negotiating with state and federal agencies.

I could spend time touting my achievements and awards, but I would rather be clear and to the point. I want your vote, I want to work as the Potawatomi Tribal Secretary, and I want to lead this Nation forward.

If elected, I pledge to uphold all duties

assigned to the secretary position under our constitution, I pledge to be accountable for my decisions, and I promise to keep the best interest of the Potawatomi in mind at all times.

I am committed to being an asset to our tribe, I am committed to youth education and development, and I am committed to serving our Nation with respect and integrity. I would be honored to be elected and it would be a privilege to serve the Potawatomi Nation. I am the right candidate for this position; please vote for me in the next election.

Thank you.



Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis

### I GREET YOU WITH A WARM HEART AND A HEARTY HAND SHAKE.

Hi, I'm Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis, and I am running for tribal secretary. I am the daughter of Julia Ann Lewis and the granddaughter of David Lewis and Minnie (LeClere) Lewis of Soldier, Kansas. I am "Wiche Quah" a Thunder Clan member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

I have traveled back and forth for many years, as it has always been my intention to move back to our reservation, and bring a type of professionalism that promotes integrity and trust.

I am computer knowledgeable, flexible, quick, dependable, energetic, and open to learning new trends. The qualities and skills I possess make me vigilant and watchful when it comes to the needs of our people. I have worked all my life and I am willing to commit to giving this job 100%. I am familiar with the responsibilities of the secretarial position and Tribal Council, and I understand the importance of

communication, accountability, and having the minutes ready immediately to our members.

I have worked at a tribal school for fifteen years, and during this time I have come to appreciate all the responsibilities that each position holds. This is why I believe I would make an outstanding tribal secretary. I earned a master's degree in Educational Psychology and Guidance & Counseling from the University of South Dakota. My undergraduate degree is in Psychology and Human Services. I have received numerous awards and recognitions. Some of those awards include: National Indian Educator of the Year Award, the South Dakota Indian Educator of the Year Award, SD Governor's Executive Proclamation declaring October 28th "Dorothy Kiyukan Day" in the state of South Dakota, along with many other awards & recognitions. I have had numerous speaking engagements, as I strongly advocate a drug & alcohol free life style.

I am currently a high school counselor at Marty Indian School and a college instructor. I am the

former president of the South Dakota Indian Counselor's Association.

I am a punctual, honest, hardworking professional; and I am knowledgeable about our culture and traditions. I would bring to the council strong leadership competencies, solid judgment, trouble-shooting and decision-making abilities. I am unique, as I am my own person, who has patience and I have the ability to make my own decisions. I believe in shared decision making, as well as teamwork. And as a team member, I would keep our tribal interest at heart at all times and work hard to do the very best that I can. I would like to say, "Good Luck" to the other candidates and thank you to those who continue to support me. With this in mind, I respectfully ask for your vote and support in the upcoming elections.

VOTE "Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis"  
for  
Tribal Secretary

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Carrie O' Toole

Hello All Prairie Band Potawatomi Members,

My name is Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole, the oldest daughter of Drusa Masquat Wabaunsee and the late Will Wabaunsee. My grandparents were Jim and Charlotte Nocktonick Wabaunsee and Bob and Carrie Puckee Masquat.

I have been happily married to Jim O'Toole for over twenty years and we have four beautiful children: Kateri, Chris, Kavan and Lara, as well as five nieces and nephews. We all live in and around Mayetta. My early years were spent in Hoyt with my brother Will and three sisters Elizabeth, Shawna and Ah Sha Ni.

My education extended from being a Royal Valley High School graduate to attending: Emporia State University, Washburn University, Highland Community College and Haskell Indian Nation University. The knowledge pursued during this time at college was diverse: elementary education, psychology, business and casino management with varied training opportunities with past employ-

ment.

My current employment is at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino as a Regulatory Compliance Clerk, and previous employers include Koger Variety Store, Integrated Application Technologies; Sales Executive with gaming software, Prairie Band; Gaming Commissioner, PBP Nation; Receptionist and Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson, Bingo Hall; Floor Walker, Harrah's; Beverage Server and the Housing Authority as Occupancy Specialist.

Over the years I have volunteered and been involved with many community interests by holding office positions in the Tribal Educational Parent Committee for JOM, Title VII and Impact Aid for 14 years. As well as volunteering for the Mayetta Volunteer Fire Department for eight years. We are members of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Snows Church. While a Commissioner I served as a representative for the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators Board.

Most of all I value and support my family, children, nieces and nephews and their extra-curricular activities.

While being involved with family activities, it keeps me in touch with diverse members of the community on a personal level.

Serving the Tribe and all its members is my priority. Our continued tribal success depends on positive progressive thinking with widespread tribal cooperation, ensuring that our rich history and traditions remain intact. Our obligation to enhance economic development while identifying and controlling critical costs must continue in order to set realistic goals for the Nation. Clearly the improvement and effectiveness of communications and interactions with each other will always play a part in our future as well as education. I would encourage all tribal members to strive for continuous improvement in both on the job and classroom training.

I am asking for your generous support and your vote to serve the office of Tribal Council Secretary. Thank you in advance for participating in the upcoming Tribal Council Election and feel free to contact me at [carrieo56@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieo56@yahoo.com) or my cell number 785-608-1504.



James Potter

### Jim Potter For Tribal Council Secretary

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who supported me in this last election. The election is one of the instruments by which you the individual member have to set the course for our Nation and participate in our democratic structure of government. This is one principle I have always upheld and will continue to do so as an elected official or otherwise. Our Nation's Constitution identifies these rights that we as a people have in ARTICLE IX - POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT.

I want to make reference to another Section of our Constitution that pertains to the position I am requesting your support for.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of all meetings and prompt and efficient handling of all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Tribal Council and General Council. The Secretary, under the direction of the Chairperson, shall notify all committees of their appointments and shall maintain custody of the records and all papers of the Tribal Council and the Nation. The Secretary shall maintain a correct list of all members of the Council, and shall authenticate all accounts or orders of the Council. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, shall call the meetings to order until a Chairperson pro-tempore is selected, and shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence, as directed by the General Council and the Tribal Council. At the expiration of the term of office the records and all papers in the Secretary's possession shall be turned over to the newly elected Secretary.

This portion of our Constitution pertains to the responsibilities of the officers of our Tribal Council and more specifically the Tribal Council secretary position. I have served you, the people of our great Nation, for nearly 10 years now and have always taken my responsibilities as a representative and elected leader for our people with the highest regard, respect and have considered myself most privileged in being able to do so. At one point in my career I had the wonderful opportunity to work side by side with other individuals who labored to draft amendments to the Constitution and send those

amendments through the approval process; amendments that were necessary to continue governing our people and the people to come, in the most fair and uniform manner as our vision into the future could foresee. At times in the past when faced with a very difficult decision that would effect the welfare and future of our people, I would look initially at two places for answers: First to our Creator for guidance and secondly to our Constitution for the wisdom and foresight from those who had come before us. Should you support me in our upcoming election and I become the Tribal Council secretary I will continue this same practice in providing governance for our Nation and people.

In the past, I gave you data by which to judge who would be the best candidate. I'll not take your valuable time nor bore you with the same information. For those who are interested in this information you can find it on my web site, my blog site or contact me and I will send it to you directly and answer any questions you may have.

I would like to explain to you why I have an interest in pursuing the secretary position on the Tribal Council. The position is extremely critical to the appropriate operation of our tribal government in its service to our membership. It serves as a central, official and focused communication point between our Tribal Council and the tribal membership. It is the recorder, the archive, the reporter, and the librarian of all historical tribal government documents. As you can see from some of the examples of what I feel are the responsibilities of the position, I have an extensive understanding of what the Secretary's position involves. This being said, I'm compelled to request your assistance in obtaining these responsibilities in order to continue the proper and appropriate operation of our Tribal Council secretary's office. Additionally, should I obtain these responsibilities, I feel it necessary to develop a method by which to disseminate information about actions taken in our Tribal Council and General Council meetings and make this information available to all of our membership, no matter where you may reside. In today's age of technology this should be a relatively simple matter.

As many of you know, I'm a lifelong resident of the reservation and Mayetta, Kan. area. I was born and raised here. This is my home and I don't plan on leaving it in the future. My commitment is to all of our people, the tasks that

need to be executed to fulfill that commitment has to occur from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I will always be a watchman for our people whether elected or not, although I feel the best situation is to be that watchman, as an elected official.

Much concern and attention has recently been placed on our future Economic Development endeavors and yes, we should continue to pursue these endeavors with the proper and careful due diligence they deserve in the best interest of our people. I have heard from many directions that our Nation has been described as a "multi-million dollar corporation." I beg to differ. We are not a corporation; we are a nation of people with the same rights and privileges as any other nation. If anything, we are a Nation with multi-million dollar business operations and holdings. Corporations have one objective, to make money for their owner or owners with no regard for cultural beliefs or values. Due diligence is a business practice that is used to determine whether a business venture is in the best business interest of the company. We need to keep that in mind as part of this "weighing in process", whether the venture is also in the best interest of future generations maintaining their traditional, cultural values and beliefs. I will seek to keep these very important national treasures in place for future generations, as our elders did before us, and still provide a secure economic future for our people.

If elected I will continue these personal characteristics and principles in the leadership and as a representative of our Nation in the most fair and uniform manner possible and would be honored and unselfishly willing to do so.

I respectfully request your support and vote in this next election and pray the Creator will take care and guide you and your families.

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Cast  
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the  
Tribal Council  
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### Tribal Council secretary candidates continued from page 4



Badger Wahwasuck

Once again elections for Tribal Council are here and I want to encourage all tribal members to make sure they are registered to vote, and get out to vote.

I would like to remind everybody that no matter where you live the members of Tribal Council are your representatives and those of us running for office should be aware we are to represent you, the tribal members. With that, I would concur with Council woman Mitchell to be careful who you put into office, but I would also encourage tribal members to take that a step further and be careful who you put back into office.

I am a strong supporter of the "sunshine law" that the Federal government implemented, and that law is that the people have a right to know what is happening within their government and especially what motions the Council Members presented and how they voted on issues.

The PBP Nation has a lot of laws and ordinances in effect that most tribal members are not aware of. If a law or ordinance has an impact on the tribal members I feel there should be a public comment period and public hearings if need be.

Previously I had the opportunity to serve as Tribal Chair for 18 months and I learned a lot from experience and from mistakes. We all make mistakes at some

time or another, but the important thing is to admit our mistakes and to correct them. One of my mistakes was to fall into the idea that Tribal Council has to be a team; that is definitely not so. As Tribal Council members we have to work together and be willing to oppose each other in debate, work towards a solution that is beneficial to as many tribal members as possible.

Many tribal members have asked me to run for the position of Chair. The reason I declined is that I have a tremendous amount of respect for Mamie Rupnicki and I feel that she is better suited for Chairperson as she has established herself as a strong leader... That was another mistake I spoke about and now I hope to correct it by offering my support to her, and I hope the tribal members who voted for me as Chair, will offer her their support.

A little about myself. I am 56 years old and I have been happily married for 33 years. My wife Karen and I have four children ages 26 through 35 and we raised four adopted boys. In total we have 16 grandchildren.

I have been alcohol free for 32 years. Although I do not have a college degree, I have the experience, knowledge, and love for our people. I raised my family in Arizona and Nevada. In Arizona I

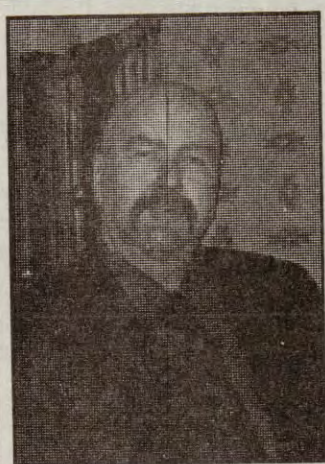
worked as an alcohol and drug counselor for the Traditional Indian Alliance. I was the Executive Director of the American Indian Association of Tucson; our family has had a wholesale business for 25 years selling Native crafts and producing Native music C.D's and tapes.

I worked in the motion picture industry for about six years as an actor/stunts. I was the founder of the Southwest Indian Actors workshop and I served on the Arizona Board of Stunt/and Safety for the Screen Actors Guild.

If elected to serve as your tribal secretary I will present your needs to the rest of Council and I will debate the cause as your representative, not as a member of a team. Tribal secretary is a position that is 24/7, 365 days a year, and my home phone, cell phone will be published in the tribal newspaper for all tribal members to reach me, if needed. I will work with the Tribal Council, and respect them as long as they work for you, your elders, and your grandchildren.

**Get out and vote for your representation.**

## Tribal Council Person (vote for one (1))



Bobby Cadue



Hello, my name is Bob Cadue and I am seeking a seat on our Tribal Council. I am the son of James "Hambone" Cadue Jr., grandson of James Cadue Sr. and Anna Matchie, great-grandson of Patrick and Nancy Matchie.

Why am I seeking this seat on the Tribal Council? Because we need change. I see the need and obviously so do a great many more tribal members. The last General Council meeting I attended, spoke that fact loud and clear. The only way to change things is a vote for the right people. *Are you happy with the way things are today?*

We need people on our Tribal Council that understand business the way it works off of the reservation and that the vote of the General Council should not be ignored. Great leaders of the past are remembered as great leaders, not because they did only as they wished, but because they put their people first and foremost above themselves. I may never be considered a great leader, but I understand the concept that made them what they were and will follow it. I am not seeking fame or fortune, I want to see a better future for our Nation.

The last time I ran for a position the question I was most asked was, "What have you done for The people?" My answer: Not as much as I would like to have,

but I did try to raise awareness within our populace and I worked with other tribal members to research as much as possible when questions were raised. Thousands of dollars were spent, as well as thousands of man-hours, not just by myself but many of us, all of this before and during our "fraud audit" and we are still looking for answers.

Since the last election my work in the transportation industry has taken me thousands of miles from home for weeks on end, but I still keep in touch with people who are concerned for our future who live nearby, as well as some who live across the country.

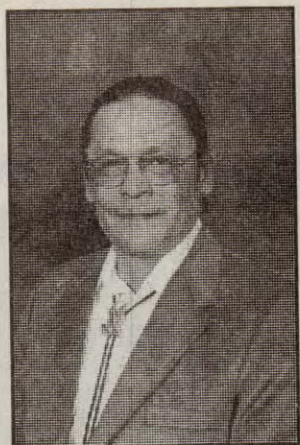
I have traveled through nearly every Indian reservation in this country west of the Mississippi River as well as some east of it. Some are underdeveloped and make us look good, but there are some who have far surpassed us in economic and social development. With our centralized location we should be far more profitable than we are now. We are no longer just a Tribe, we are also business owners. We need to diversify so we do not have all of our eggs in one basket. We need profitable business and the people to operate and oversee those businesses.

I have spent 27 years in business management, positions of leadership or self employment. I presently

own and operate Indigenous Trucking LLC, a trucking company that operates from the midwest to the west coast. I believe in an honest day's work for an honest day's wage. Some of my present business days are as long as 18 hours and some times more. If elected I will keep to the same work ethic I put into my own company and, my company will not profit from my council position.

You will not see bumper stickers with my name on them, nor will you see a bunch of campaign signs. I will not waste my money on such things due to the fact that 97% of all signage is wasted. *Elections should not be bought by who spends the most money on advertisements.* I can speak to everyone through this paper and I want you to know that I will not waste my money or yours. I am a member of The Conservative Organized Potawatomi Party. I am a conservative/utilitarian person, meaning if it's not broke don't fix it, but if it is broken fix it right the first time but do it for a decent price. It is a firm belief of mine that we are all equal as members of the PBP Nation and should all have the same benefits and opportunities.

If you have questions for me before the election I can be reached at 785-383-7963.



Jim Darnall

Dear Fellow Members of our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation:

It's election time again and we have the opportunity to select three of the seven members of our governing body, the Tribal Council. The goal of all voting members of our Nation should be to elect leaders with integrity. Knowledgeable people who will make decisions that will benefit all of our members. I am therefore declaring my candidacy for Council Person.

The enumerated powers of the Tribal Council are great and all positions carry a great deal of authority. However, all of the decisions made by the Tribal Council must be within the policies and guidelines established by the General Council and must benefit all members of our Nation.

There have been many instances when all mem-

bers of our Nation have not been given equal opportunity to benefit. I know that you have heard Tribal Council members before make specific promises that they cannot keep, but the following are promises that I will make to you if elected:

- When important decisions are made, the General Council will be involved. You will not learn of the Nation's involvement in multi-million dollar projects from the news media.

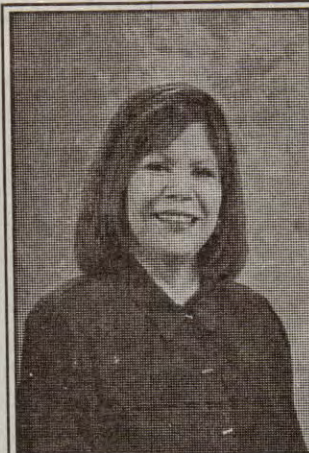
- My decisions will be made on the needs of all tribal members and how these decisions will affect all the member's lives. I will not make decisions that circumvent policies to the benefit of my family and friends.

Whenever I have the authority in a hiring decision, INDIAN PREFERENCE, will be enforced for qualified applicants and I will work to make it mandatory for all qualified candidates for employment. I will excuse

myself from the decision-making process when the issue involves a member of my immediate family. Only in this way can we give all our tribal members the equal opportunity they deserve.

Most of you know me and I look forward to meeting those who don't. I have worked for the Potawatomi Nation for 14 years. I am a veteran of the Vietnam War. I am employed at We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 where I serve as liaison officer. As an active legion member, I serve in the color guard and am privileged to take part in veteran memorial services and in pow-wows.

I will appreciate your support for Council Person. To vote is a privilege. Research the candidates carefully and use your vote wisely.



Tami McClammy



***"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." - Albert Einstein***

Hello,

My name is Tami (Wah-sesh-mo-quah) Lewis McClammy. I am asking for your support in the upcoming tribal election. I would first like to thank those that have served and are currently serving our country both abroad and stateside. I come from a long line of veterans and understand their sacrifices. My great grandparents are Grant Magnauck, veteran WWI & WWII, and Madeline Tomey. My grandparents are Joseph Lewis, veteran Kansas Army National Guard, and Constance Magnauck Lewis. My parents are Charles (Magnauck) Lewis, veteran Vietnam, and Christine Lewis. My husband is Will McClammy, veteran Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and my children are Stephanie 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Courtney 10<sup>th</sup> grade and Ashley, currently deployed with the Kansas Army National Guard (108<sup>th</sup> Aviation) in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom.

My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Washburn University, and a master's degree in Business Management, Baker University. I am currently employed at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino. My reason for filing my candidacy is simple; I have a vested interest in the Tribe's success in all of its endeavors and I want to be an active component in that facet. I pride myself on being an objective, fair minded individual. I have never been swayed by the popular contention. Instead, I rely on my own morals and convictions to guide me in my decisions. I have always taken a systematic approach when making a decision. I weigh all options and look at "what" the problem is and not "who" it is.

I support Indian preference in upper management training programs to ensure a smooth transition from Harrah's to tribal management in January of 2008. I believe that tribal employees are a key ingredient in the continued success of our gaming interests and should be given the proper tools to develop. I am an advocate for full

disclosure on all issues in regard to current business ventures, future acquisitions, and financial holdings. I encourage economic development for Indian owned businesses on the reservation as a way to provide a stable economy for the surrounding area. I also support franchising with outside businesses to assure that we are not solely relying on the current trend in gaming to continue. I assure that the expenditures will be administered with the utmost discretion. I believe that the annual tribal operating budgets should reflect anticipated revenues and expenditures for the FY(fiscal year); posted for public notice; and made available for General Council review (30) thirty days prior to expiration of the FY. I support the formation of an ethics commission & ethics code that will govern the conduct of tribal officials.

In conclusion, I believe in a "full days work" to earn a "full day's dollar" and if elected I will be at the disposal of all tribal members when needed. Thank you and please exercise your right to vote in the upcoming tribal election.



Roy Ogden

Dear family, friends, and fellow tribal members,

I am Roy Ogden and am running for tribal office. I would like to let you know a little about me. I will also share some of my views regarding the prosperity of our Tribe.

I was born and raised on our reservation here in Mayetta. My wife Shirley and I have raised six children here. We have several of our children and grandchildren still living in this area.

I have served as a councilman for our Tribe, been a commissioner for Jackson County, served on USD 337 school board for six years, and currently serve on the board for NEK-CAP. I have coached or been an assistant

coach for baseball/softball for 32 years. I served in the United States Army for two years and was stationed in Germany.

I am a man of strong belief and am willing to stand up for what I believe in. I feel that we have some very good opportunities. As a Tribe we can do a lot for our people if we take the time and effort to utilize and plan for our future. We need to do for our fellow tribe's people, but we also need to make investments that will continue to provide for our young people. I have a great deal of concern for the welfare of our Tribe when Harrah's management leaves.

We need to make provisions now or we will lose some of that benefit. We need to hire quality skilled pro-

fessionals. We need to invest in employees whom are trained management personnel. By hiring qualified people we are able to keep the revenue and benefits that we now have. The casino is a resource that needs to be managed very closely to keep as a benefit. We should still have this as a benefit for years to come. Our children should be benefiting from the casino, if managed properly.

My goal is to keep the current programs we have. We need to plan for the future. We have some very good ideas. Given as a team of council members that can look ahead and plan for the future we should be able to continue prospering.





## Tribal Council Person vote for one (1)) (continued)



Benny Potts

Bo Sho.

My name is Benny Jo Potts, called *Banjo* by many, and I am blessed with the Nesh Nah Bah name of En weh Sah of the Thunder Clan. I am a candidate for the office of Council Person in the upcoming tribal council election.

To share a bit about myself, I have had the great fortune of being raised by two of the wisest elderly ladies on the Potawatomi Reservation - Ko Yeh (Rose Potts, grandmother) and Meeks (Cecelia Jackson, biological aunt/adopted mother). I speak of them first because they bestowed upon me the virtues that are truly representative of what it means to be a Prairie Band Potawatomi person.

I served as a Council Person during the years of 1995-1999. I know for a fact that there should always be a balance of individuals in the leadership roles. I have been raised on this reservation and am representative of keeping intact our original ways and possessions. I have seen our Nation progress as a result of our pros-

perous casino. There is no doubt that we have a very rough road ahead of us with two major challenges facing us with our casino transition and the new clinic- both of which I support.

The casino transition success should always be at the forefront of our leaders' minds as it is our major revenue source. However, during our successes, we should never forget who we are and what we are really about. We must always keep in mind how it was before our casino days; we were about simple survival! There may come a day when we will once again have to depend on living off the land!

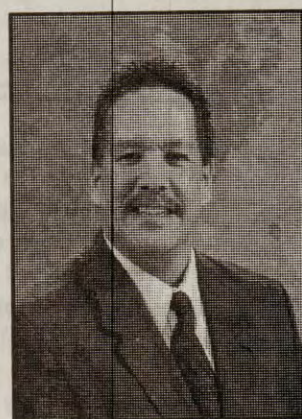
With that in my mind, I strongly support maintaining and continuing to gain possession of the entire reservation land base, continued research, of our water rights, care of our graves and repatriation, and the resurgence of our language. One has to actually be a part of a community to truly appreciate these areas.

The Rock Building, developed with intrinsic beauty and one of the few remaining historical buildings

on our reservation, is an ideal site for a museum. We have artifacts that should be returned to our Nation but no appropriate storage location for these historical treasures. We have an abundance of artistic talent in our members that would have a display location for their works within the confines of such a building.

I strongly believe that we must take better care of our own people through the hiring of more of our tribal members for all job openings on the reservation. I believe that Tribal Council must take the necessary measures to encourage a more active tribal membership participation in tribal council meetings as declared in our Nation's constitution. I believe that all tribal council meetings should be held *on* the reservation and that *members should feel welcome to attend these meetings.*

Our reservation and its people are the reason for our continued survival, progress, and success. Keep our reservation voice strong by keeping your vote here on the home grounds.



Warren Wahweotten, Jr.

Bosho, Tribal members,

My name is Warren A. Wahweotten Jr. and most of you know me as "Junior". My Indian name is Kohn-Mon of the Bear Clan. My wife Gina and I have lived on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation for twenty years. We are blessed with six beautiful children.

I have a diversified work history on and off the reservation. For example, I worked for 13 years off the reservation in the construction field. I then went on to work on the reservation with our Tribe's gaming enterprises. I held positions with the Tribe's class II - gaming operation at Potawatomi Bingo as a security guard/custodian, pull-tab supervisor, and assistant bingo manager.

Next, my class III gaming career involved working at both our temporary and permanent casinos. I gained experience here as a lead cashier, dual-rate table games supervisor, table games supervisor, assistant table games manager, table games manager, and games shift manager, employee relations manager and finally I worked as the food & beverage manager for

our casino. I also had the honor of serving as a tribal management committee representative until August 2005. I am currently employed as a gaming commissioner for the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas.

It has been a fast track, progressive learning experience for me to have worked in the various management capacities at the casino. This experience has taught me the many different aspects and responsibilities that are important to the successful operation of our tribal enterprises. I also believe that both my management skills and experience give me special ability. I know that I can be an asset to the Tribe while serving as a Tribal Council member.

I have been privileged through the years to be involved with many different activities and events as a member of the community as my wife Gina and I chose to live and raise our children here on the Potawatomi reservation. Therefore, I am well aware of the every day needs of our families. I was not raised on the reservation, so I can also relate to Tribal members who live off the reservation as well. All Tribal members on and off the reservation are important to our Nation's suc-

cess.

I also think about our elders and what they have taught us. They are the ones who worked through many rough times and good times and through their hard work, they have laid the foundation for what we have today. Now it is time for us to take care of them. It is equally important to provide for our youth, as they are the ones who will carry on our ways for generations to come. Let us continue to support them, as there are many opportunities for them to succeed in life.

I would appreciate and respect your vote for the Tribal Council position. I will work hard for the Potawatomi people of today and tomorrow. I will never forget the great Potawatomi's that have gone before us. It is in my sincerest hopes and prayers to make them proud, as they were proud to be Potawatomi.

Megwetch,  
Warren A. Wahweotten Jr.



## Spotlight on Nation Station

By Don June, Tribal Business CEO and Helen Sumner, Economic Development Specialist

Through the years, many of the tribal members and other customers have shopped at Nation Station. This tribal business convenience store began in 1999 as the third business of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Today, Nation Station offers daily lunch specials, frozen food items, snacks, beverages, gasoline and diesel fuel, and other items.

### Nation Station Management and Employees

Currently, Nation Station is managed by Mark Matchie a tribal member and the store has ten employees who are mostly tribal members. Often one can observe lots of activity at the convenience store and "behind the scenes" work that is being done to serve Nation Station customers.

Mark said that as manager he is excited about where Nation Station is headed as a business and he is glad that he will be a part of the store's future. In the past few months Mark said that he has been working on specific tasks with the PBP Economic Development Department staff to advance the Nation Station as a convenience store.

After becoming employed at Nation Station, Mark said that he attended several business training sessions like "Understanding Financial Statements" and "Management and Leadership Skills for First Time Managers." He noted that this training will assist him in knowing about the administrative and operational features of the business.

Mark noted that he is continually learning the responsibilities of running a convenience store. He said that the most enjoyable part of his workday is the interaction he has with customers and employees. He truly enjoys his work both in and out of the office.

### Nation Station Is Undergoing a Business Improvement Initiative

Nation Station is undergoing various approaches to improve the business. Don June has outlined strategic changes to bring about improvement within Nation Station. He has carefully noted the following in Nation Station Business Improvement Initiative:

- **Customer Relations Management**—Relationships with our customers are crucial within the convenience store industry. The Nation Station employees will have training to enhance their customer relations

skills.

- **Business Strategy**—Our primary focus will be on the action of the business direction for Nation Station. In order to do this, we have begun to assess and collect baseline sales data. This will build a base which can be used to initiate plans and evaluate past and future Nation Station sales.
- **Market Strategy**—Nation Station has the unique opportunity to be one of a few convenience store businesses located between Topeka and Holton on Highway 75. There is a continual need to assess how Nation Station can maintain its competitiveness in the marketplace for the purpose of how and to whom the sales will be directed.
- **Advertising/Signage**—Soon there will be a new Nation Station advertisement sign on Highway 75 and 174<sup>th</sup> Rd. The new sign will permit drivers traveling southward to be aware that there is not only the PBP Casino, but also a convenience store a few miles ahead. Additionally, there will be a new sign placed outside of Nation Station that will direct customers to this business.
- **Financial Planning**—It is management's responsibility to set forth business policies that promote a profit. This plan describes the need for positive cash flow to sustain the business through its daily operations and through its down season.

"The convenience store business (or any business) deals with sales and gross margins," Don June said. "For example, our greatest sales are fuel, but it is also one of our lowest margins. Therefore, we don't really make money on gasoline, unless we can achieve significant sales like over \$7 million per year. Then we must spend it as wisely as possible."

In addition, he said, "The higher the gross margins the better because sales can be lowered to achieve the same results in profitability. Higher margin products are needed to help Nation Station become a better business. With proper management of costs while gaining higher sales, Nation Station will best benefit the membership."

"I have confidence that our Nation Station employees from Mark Matchie to all our clerks give us just what we are looking for," said Don June.



Customers can fuel up with gasoline or diesel (above) or go inside (below) and buy the daily lunch special.



In the mornings (above) donuts and coffee are available and (below) an ATM machine and gift items are also available.



### Nation Station

Located near  
Harrah's PBP Casino  
on 150 Rd.



**Hours:**  
Sunday—Thursday  
6 am—9 pm  
and  
Friday—Saturday  
6 am—10 am

Stop by and say hello!

Photos by Mary Young



Meet the people who make it all happen: front row, l-r: Martha Valdivia and Tom Hernandez and back row, l-r: Kim Simon, Marta Doughty, Aaron Mzhickteno, Brenda Darnall, and Mark Matchie, manager. Brenda McClure unavailable for photo.





## Rez Snaps



The Road & Bridge crews continue to improve bridges and roads on the reservation. This work was being done on N Rd. between 150 Rd. and 158 Rd.



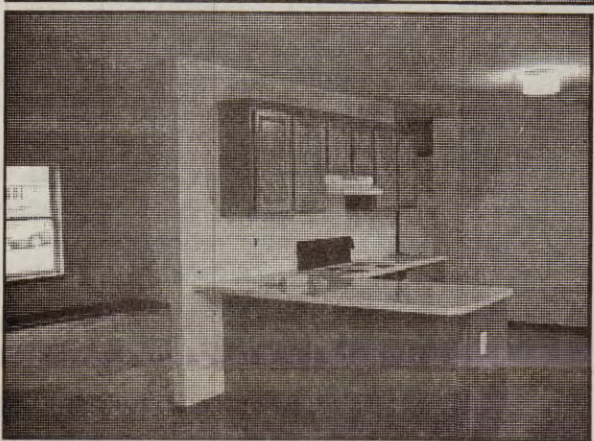
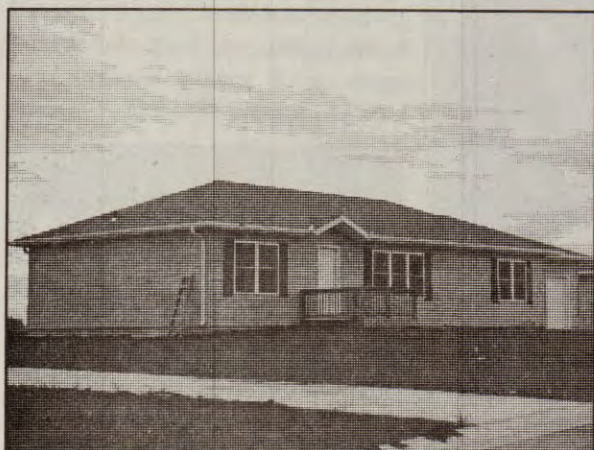
Rick Swogger, left, and Lawrence Woltje, right, of the Potawatomi Fire Department are seen above serving lunch to Marilyn Brewer, Tribal Court, during an open house at the Fire Station that took place during EMS Week in May.



These men from We-Ta-Se Post 410, Tribal Police and the Tribal Fire Department commemorated Flag Day during a flag retirement ceremony at Prairie Peoples Park on June 14. On the front row kneeling from left to right is Randy Smith, Doug Schreiner, Scott Price and Jim Darnall. In the middle row is B.J. Darnall, Sam Grant and Emery Hale. On the back row, left to right, is Marcus Koch, Russell Whiteside, Scott Fleming, Francis Shopteese, Benny Potts and Francis Jensen.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

## Modular homes getting ready for move in



By Suzanne Heck with photos by Mary Young

Fourteen homes will soon be occupied by Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members who are scheduled to move into the homes this fall.

Liana Onnen, Assistant Director of Housing, told the News that there were families, elders, and singles moving in to the homes.

"It's a nice mixture of folks," she said, "and they are going to have beautiful homes to live in."

Presently the homes are going through final inspections by contractors, various housing authorities, and the PBP administrative staff.

The 1500 square foot homes are manufactured and were placed on foundations. They have three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an attached garage. They are located at 158th and L Rds. in the Prairie Ridge Complex along with two apartment units, some duplexes, and a community center.

The photo (top left) shows the exterior of one of the new modular homes. The photo below shows the interior of the home taken of the kitchen and living room area.



## Education Department offers computer workshops

The Education Department is sponsoring computer training sessions in the Government Center's computer lab this summer. Roberta Jolly, a lecturer from Washburn University's Continuing Education program, is seen (right) teaching a workshop on Microsoft Word to some employees. Workshops on Excel and Access are also being offered this summer to help workers hone their computer skills.



## Bošho from Boŭewatmi Tēshēmwn

By Sydney VanZile

We have been very busy in the department with an assortment of activities. Our language calendars with the theme of "Old Home Places" are ready so if any of you want a calendar, please do not hesitate to contact the department.

Two types of beading classes were held over the late winter and spring. One class was beaded appliqué on velvet and the other class, taught by Cindy LeClere, was bias beading. There were several students who completed their projects and are now starting more on their own. We are going to take a short break but will be starting in mid-July for a moccasin class. This class will be taught with the old style of Potawatomi moccasin. Call the department at 785-966-2138 if you want to be included in this class.

In the last article we talked about Second Language Acquisition and the "acquisition vs. learning" theory. Steven Krashen is the linguist that started the theory of Second Language Acquisition.

One of the points to learning language is that babies learn in a "natural order." This order shows that babies first produce sounds with vowels and later add consonants beginning with

the lips like "p" "b" and "m." When babies use these sounds then we think they are trying to talk when they babble with "ma, ma, ma, ma." Other sounds come later like "r." Another point is that in the construction of speech, statements come before questions and positive statements like "I want a cookie" come before negative statements like "I don't want a cookie." Through research, the "natural order" was found to happen also when a person acquired a second language. It is not the exact order of the first language acquired but is determined by the second language acquired. So in most of our cases, the order that we acquired English does not transfer over directly to Potawatomi. In the case of "language learning," there is no natural order since the "learning" sequence is determined by the teacher. This is in part why students have a language retention value that is less than when language is acquired. Since this is a newer area to be studied, linguists have not sorted out all the "natural order of acquisition" in order to develop materials to follow that order. There is also some thought that that would not be useful since then it would be like a "learning" sequence and not a true form of acquisition.

Next time we will speak about the "Monitor Hypothesis."

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Two types of beading classes held over the late winter and spring:

1. Carol DeWitt worked on a bias beading project and shows off her finished product in photo #2.
2. Carol DeWitt wore her finished project.
3. A beaded appliqué on velvet purse was completed by Imelda Jessepe.

Photos submitted



## Kickapoo Elders Council of Oklahoma visited the PBP



Left to right is Marjorie Kirk who is the chairperson of the Kickapoo Elders Council and Sue Johnson, treasurer. The Kickapoo Elders Council is located in McLoud, Okla.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

A large group from the Kickapoo Elders Council of Oklahoma visited the PBP on their annual trip that they took this year to Kansas. The group arrived on June 7 and stayed at the PBP Casino during their trip. On June 8 they

lunched at the Firekeepers Elder Center with some Prairie Band Potawatomi friends and relatives. They planned to attend the PBP pow-wow and other area casinos the rest of the time during their stay.

Potawatomi Fire  
Keepers Elder Center

# July 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Louisiana Green Beans Garden Salad / Bread	<b>Closed Independence Day</b>	Brunch for Lunch Scrambled Eggs, Bacon Hash Browns, Fruit Biscuit & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Sandwich Potato Salad Mandarin Oranges Potluck Beans / Roll	Catfish Nuggets Red Beans & Rice Steamed Squash Dinner Roll
Pork Chop Casserole Hashbrowns Mixed Vegetable Wheat Toast	Swedish Meatballs Fettuccini White Sauce Green Beans Fruit Salad / Roll	Chicken Stir-fry Brown Seasoned Rice Zucchini & Carrots Fruit Salad / Roll	Smoked Roast Beef Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Garden Salad / Bread	Tuna Pasta Casserole Carrots Tossed Garden Salad Whole Fruit / Biscuit
Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Succotash Salad / Bread	Ham Crossants Tomato Soup Broccoli Carrot Salad Cheese & Crackers	Meatloaf Potatoes & Gravy Brussels Sprouts Carrot Salad / Roll	Oven Baked Chicken Cheesy Rice Casserole Steamed Broccoli Fruit Salad / Biscuit	Fish Sticks Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Salad / Rolls
Cheeseburger Baked Chili Fries Vegetable Medley Orange Segments	Chicken Fajitas Rice and Beans Tomato Salad Fruit	Liver & Onion Potato & Gravy Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll	Turkey Sandwich Potato & Gravy Macaroni Salad Cheese & Crackers	Baked Fish Sweet Potato Gratin Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll

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

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

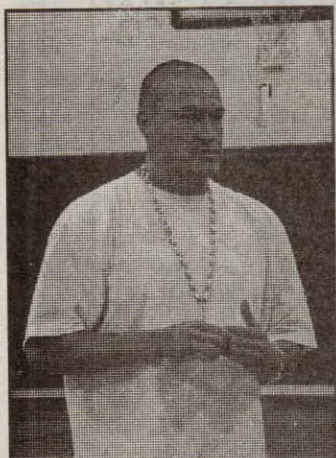




## Boys & Girls Club News and other student news

### Native American Music "Artist of the Year" Litefoot visits Boys & Girls Club

By: Suzanne Heck



*Litefoot is delivering motivational messages to Native American youth across the nation on the Reach the Rez Tour*

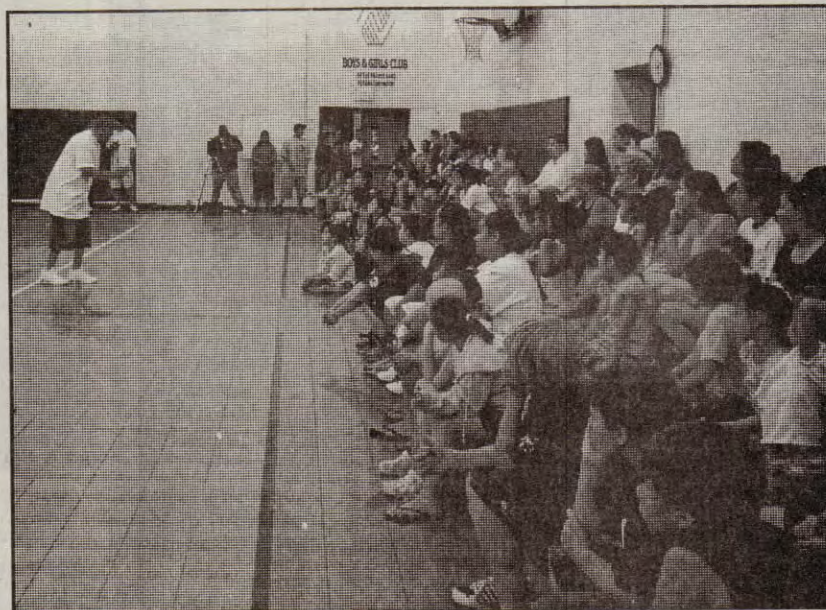
Litefoot, a well-known Native American performer, spoke to approximately 70 children at the Boys & Girls Club on June 6 as part of the Reach the Rez nationwide tour that is designed to empower youth in developing healthy lifestyles in Native American communities.

Litefoot's stop at the Prairie Band Reservation was number 107 of over 200 that are taking place across the United States. The tour began in February and is scheduled to run until October.

Litefoot's message to the children was to stay healthy and to think and act from the heart. He told the kids that they could do anything they wanted to do with their lives and that they could be as successful as him with drive and determination.

Litefoot is a movie actor and has appeared in "The Indian in the Cupboard," and "Mortal Kombat: Annihilation." He was recently named "Artist of the Year" at the Native American Music Awards and has his own record label called Red Vinyl Records. He also has several clothing lines including the popular Native Style™ brand.

Litefoot is a Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma tribal member. He arrived at the Boys & Girls Club along with his crew in a custom built tour bus and truck specifically designed for the Reach the Rez tour. Sponsors for the tour include the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma and Damier Chrysler.



### Team Kansas /PBPB gets ready for 2006 North American Indigenous Games in Denver

Team Kansas includes 151 athletes, coaches, chaperones and honorees, many who are Prairie Band Potawatomi.

Many tribal members will be a part of the approximately 8,000 athletes competing in 16 different sports for gold, silver and bronze medals at the 2006 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) or "the Olympics for Indian People" that will take place in Denver from July 2-9.

Over 50,000 spectators are expected to watch the sports competitions throughout the week and some PBPB families are planning vacations during that time.

The Ralph Tecumseh family plans to travel to Colorado to watch their daughter, Amber, coach and play in the Basketball for Women's 20-Up category along with Tarissa Danielson, Tara Mitchell and Ramona Nozhackum. Anita Evans will be a chaperone for the Games and get the chance to watch her sons, William and Evan, compete in wrestling and basketball respectively. DonDon LeClere will coach Adele Thomas, Virginia LeClere, Josie Pahmahmie and Dawn LeClere in the Softball for Women's 20-Up category.

Other Team Kansas coaches who are affiliated with the Tribe are Cheryl Hopkins (Volleyball for Girls 15-16), Stephanie Greemore (Volleyball for Girls 13-14), and Mario Kitchkumme (Basketball for Girls 15-16).

The Golf Team also has several PBPB players on its roster including Alex and Emily McDonald, Charissa Jessepe, Nolan Pahmahmie and Justin Pahmahmie.

Other Potawatomi and members of Kansas tribes,

too numerous to mention, are also involved in one way or another in the Games.

Youth athletes will stay in the athlete's villages that will house many tribal nations together and competitions will be held at Mile High Invesco Field. A Cultural Village that is designed to showcase native culture and entertainment will also be a part of the Games. The Cultural Village will be located at the Denver Performing Arts Complex.

Raphael Wahwassuck and Steve McDonald are Team Kansas' Chef de Missions and have been planning the

**Team Kansas' honoree is Maynard Potts and Jerry Tuckwin is an honorary coach**

Games for months. A kick-off pep rally was held at Royal Valley High School on June 19 to cheer the athletes on.

Steve McDonald said, "Many of our athletes are on a journey towards achieving personal excellence as human beings. The Games are an integral part of that journey, rewarding participants for their dedication, inspiring spectators to support future generations, and creating a positive impact for all."

For more information about Team Kansas and the Games go to [www.naig2006.com](http://www.naig2006.com).

(Thanks to Steve McDonald for contributing to this article)

### Other tidbits



John Holtz, director of the PBPB Family Health & Wellness Center gave a workshop on future careers in the health care field and other topics to 28 student workers on June 14. See photo at left.



Above is a class that was taught at Ben-no-tteh Wigwam last year.

There were 120 youth who attended the first day of the Summer Enrichment Program at the Boys & Girls Club scheduled to run from June 5 to June 26. The program was held in conjunction with Royal Valley School District.

The Education Department announced that there are 33 students working the first session of the summer youth program that is currently in progress on the reservation. Youth have been placed in departments and programs like the Tribal Council, Road & Bridge, and the Boys & Girls Club. Approximately 30 students are signed up for the next summer session that begins in July.

The Ben-no-tteh Wigwam held an Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Meeting/Public Hearing on June 2 at the Child Care Center. At the meeting they showed a power point presentation about the child care program and discussed policies and procedures and health and safety plans. In addition, a sliding fee scale \$10 monthly increase is planned.

### Congratulations!

Six tribal members and employees receive masters' degrees from Baker University



Above is left to right: Coleen Thomas, Virginia "Osh" LeClere, Roman Harjo, Ruth Vega Harjo, Frank Tecumseh (tallest in back) and Eugene Thomas.

All of these tribal members are utilizing their education to help the Nation. Coleen is the head of the Boys and Girls Club, "Osh" is head of the Department of Planning & EPA, and the other four graduates are employed at the PBPB Casino: Ruth is a manager in marketing, Roman is a manager in the hotel, Eugene is a supervisor in table games, and Frank is a manager in human resources.

Submitted by Linda Yazzie

### Congratulations and way to go!

Melissa Lewis on graduating from your school program.

We love you very much and take care.

Love,  
Candi and family

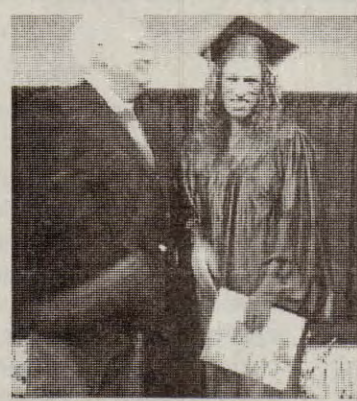


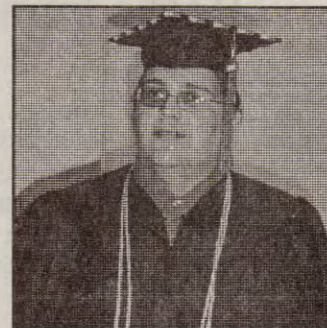
Photo by Mary Young

**Congratulations to Janice Ownby on earning an MSW from the University of Kansas**

*I would like to thank the tribe for all their support toward my education.*

Janice Ownby

### Congratulations Tug!



**Jacob Wamego graduated cum laude from Washburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in History**

We are so proud of you!!!

From your family



**Sarah Peters is a soccer star**



1st team

- Topeka All City Girls
- KSCA All State Girls
- CenKSCA All Region Girls
- All League Centennial League

She is a junior at Topeka West High School and has played soccer since she was 4 years old. She has helped her school soccer teams place in several competitions.

Daughter of  
Larry & Deb Peters



**Congratulations to Wallace Perrote**



**Certified to be a Naval Aviation Water Survival Training and Navy Lifeguard Instructor from the Naval Survival Training Institute He is stationed on Whidbey Island, Washington**

**More 2006 PBPB Graduating Seniors**

- Dana Shopteese
- Stephanie Shopteese
- Tiffany Marshno
- Joaquin Garcia IV
- Richard Parker, Jr.
- Amber Clarke
- Lucas Hawke

(Provided by the Department of Education's Student Services)

**Congratulations to Emily McDonald**

- Topeka High School
- 4-year Kansas 6A All-State Golf Achievement
- 4-year Varsity Golf letterperson
- Recipient of full-ride golf scholarship to Arkansas State, NCAA Division I



**Exert your right to vote in the upcoming election!**





## Health Center scheduled to open late August

By John Holtz, Clinic Administrator

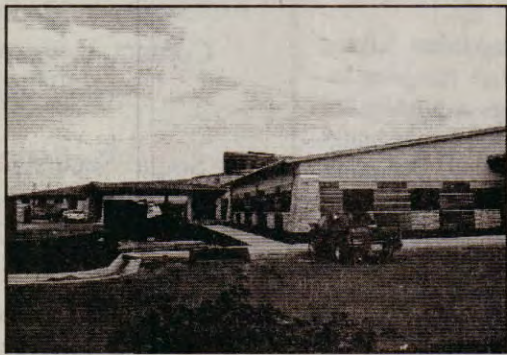


Anticipation and excitement are building daily as we get closer to the date for moving to our new Health Center. We are currently scheduled to begin patient services in the new Health Center in late August. In the August edition of the Prairie Band Potawatomi News, we will provide additional information about the opening date of the new Health Center, new services and open house festivities.

Several job openings are available for the new services which will be offered in our new Health Center. Current job openings include: dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, optometrist, optometry assistant and licensed clinical social worker. Please refer to the Prairie Band Potawatomi website, [www.pbpnation.org](http://www.pbpnation.org), and look under the Human Resources link for our job postings or call Terry Smalley at the Health Center (785.364.2176 x239).

### Health Careers

Recently I had the opportunity to host a career planning workshop focusing on health careers for the Summer Youth Work Program participants. A second career planning workday will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>.



I would like to briefly share with you information about careers in healthcare. Healthcare is the largest and fastest growing industry in the United States and world-wide. The aging of our population and continued medical advances will continue to dramatically increase the demand for healthcare and career opportunities in the field. Job opportunities range from entry-level positions which provide on-the-job training to professional positions which require extensive education and training. There are literally hundreds of healthcare occupations and professions from which to choose.

In addition to the enormous growth rate and

variety of healthcare positions, there are also a wide variety of location options including clinics, like our new health center, doctor's offices, nursing homes, hospitals, home health, etc. Once you have obtained a marketable skill in health care you can work just about anywhere you choose - our health center, Topeka, Kansas City, London, or anywhere you can imagine. Competition for talented health care professionals is also increasing compensation at a faster rate than other industries.

Perhaps, even more important than the positive employment outlook for health care, is the sense of personal satisfaction that health care professionals enjoy in serving other people to improve their health status. The joy and fulfillment experienced by health care professionals is an important reward for most health care professionals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like assistance with a career in health care or if you have career planning questions. I truly enjoy assisting people to find or prepare for their dream career.

### Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Update

More than 38 million people with Medicare - 90% of eligible enrollees - are now receiving comprehensive prescription drug coverage. The average premium in 2006 for beneficiaries is less than \$24 and 87% of all enrolled beneficiaries chose a plan that offers expanded coverage including no deductibles. In addition, almost 10 million low-income beneficiaries are getting comprehensive drug coverage for little or no cost. Approximately 75% of the Health Center's eligible patients have enrolled in a prescription drug plan. Please contact Rubina Eteeyan (785.364.2176 x226) for information about enrolling in a prescription drug plan or other coverage programs.

## Breastfeeding

By Terry L. Harter, MD  
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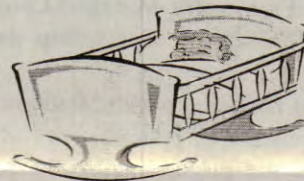
I recently attended a conference titled An Update on Indian Health. The conference covered a wide range of topics related to health and health care. One of the topics covered was the effect of breastfeeding on the long term health of infants.

Breastfeeding has long been promoted as a more natural and healthy method for feeding babies. We have known for some time that breast milk provides the child with some of the mother's immunity to diseases. We also know that breast milk has the ideal combination of nutrients for growing babies.

Over the years several studies have been done comparing breastfed to formula fed babies. Some older studies suggested that breastfed babies had fewer problems in school and scored higher on intelligence tests. Recent studies have shown that breastfed babies are at lower risk of developing diabetes later in life and that they are at lower risk of becoming obese. A new study showed that breastfeeding mothers also had a significant reduction in their risk of developing diabetes later in life.

These studies indicate that breast feeding is a win-win proposition for both the infant and the mother. I encourage all women who are considering pregnancy to consider the results of these studies and to make every effort to breast feed for at least six months.

I would like to add a little housekeeping before I sign off. The activity level at the Health Center has been up in recent months. We currently have a problem of up to one in five people not showing up for or canceling scheduled appointments. We currently make an effort to contact people to remind them of their appointments. Please help us by letting us know if you cannot make your appointment. We can then give the appointment time to someone else and reduce the waiting time for scheduled appointments. Thank You.



## TRIBAL HEALTH SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED IN JULY

The Prairie Band Health Board has authorized a tribal health survey to be conducted in conjunction with the next General Council meeting in July. They recommend that all members attending the meeting complete the survey. The more tribal members who complete the survey, the more accurate the information will be. The results of the survey will be presented to the Council.

The survey will be administered by the Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition, who are working with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Cancer Prevention and Control Department. The goal is to have one member of each household fill out the survey.

The purpose of the survey is to obtain anonymous information about the health status of tribal members who live in the contract health service delivery area. This information will be used by the Prairie Band Health Center staff and the tribal leadership to improve and increase the health resources available to tribal members.

There will be a small incentive for those who complete the survey. Look for the survey table with the Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition banner before the General Council meeting starts on July 15.



## Substance Abuse - Substance Addiction What is the difference?

By Mina L. Neuburger, RN, Community Health Nurse  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center

Not everyone who uses drugs becomes addicted, but what about using them to the point of abuse? Substance abuse at all levels can be dangerous.

An elderly person using drugs or other substances becomes abusive and categorized as a "disorder" when the use begins to cause continuing or growing problems in the user's life. Examples of these problems can be missing work, driving under the influence, legal problems, and problems with relationships.

Dependency becomes more noticeable when they continue the pattern of drug use no matter if there are significant problems in their life. Signs of chemical dependency include withdrawal of society and activities, increase in the tolerance to the substance, inability to quit, withdrawal symptoms, continuing to use even though there may be negative consequences in their lives.

Definition of an addict - a person who is controlled by a drug or substance.

### DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?

Ask yourself these questions published by Narcotics Anonymous.

- Do you ever use alone?
- Have you ever substituted one drug for another, thinking that one particular drug was the problem?
- Have you ever manipulated or lied to a doctor to obtain prescription drugs?
- Have you ever stolen drugs or stolen to obtain drugs?
- Do you regularly use a drug when you wake up or when you go to bed?
- Have you ever taken one drug to overcome the effects of another?
- Do you avoid people or places that do not approve of you using drugs?
- Have you ever used a drug without knowing what it was or what it would do to you?
- Has your job or school performance ever suffered from the effects of your drug use?

- Have you ever been arrested as a result of using drugs?
- Have you ever lied about what or how much you use?
- Do you put the purchase of drugs ahead of your financial responsibilities?
- Have you ever tried to stop or control your using?
- Have you ever been in a jail, hospital, or drug rehabilitation center because of your using?
- Does using interfere with your sleeping or eating?



Mina L. Neuburger, RN

- Does the thought of running out of drugs terrify you?
- Do you ever question your own sanity?
- Is your drug use making life at home unhappy?
- Have you ever thought you couldn't fit in or have a good time without drugs?
- Have you ever felt defensive, guilty, or ashamed about your using?
- Do you think a lot about drugs?
- Have you had irrational or indefinable fears?
- Has using affected your sexual relationships?
- Have you ever taken drugs you didn't prefer?
- Have you ever used drugs because of emotional pain or stress?
- Have you ever overdosed on any drugs?
- Do you continue to use despite negative consequences?
- Do you think you might have a drug problem?

If you answered yes to some of the above questions, you may want to seek further help. Understand that the help you receive is always kept in strict confidentiality. If you need or know of someone who is in need of help but afraid, please let us know. We will obtain all the information that is needed for counseling and treatment for you.

## ATTENTION

### PARENTS OF ALL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

**SCHOOL HAS JUST ENDED BUT WE  
NEED TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR !!!**

**Please call now to arrange an appointment  
time for updating your child's immunizations.**

**We will be moving soon and time will be coming  
to an end before you know it, so call now  
and make your appointment.**

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center  
785-364-2176**

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

### Clinic Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday  
8:00 am to 11:30 am &  
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuesday  
8:00 am to 11:30 am  
**CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Phone: 785-364-2176 ext. 222  
Toll Free: 866-694-6728

### Pharmacy Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday  
8:00 am to NOON &  
12:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday  
8:00 am to NOON  
**CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Phone: 785-364-2176 ext. 227  
Toll Free: 866-727-6330

**Diabetes Conference  
Save the Date!**

**Working Together for Balance**

**October 27-28  
Harrah's Prairie Band Casino  
Mayetta, KS**

This conference is a cooperative effort of:

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

For more information contact Sebe Masquat at  
785-364-2176 ext. 231

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## PBPN Clinic's Managed Care Services

### Description of medical priority levels

#### Emergent/acutely urgent care services

**Definition:** Diagnostic or therapeutic services that are necessary to prevent the immediate death or serious impairment of the health of the individual, and which, because of the threat to the life or health of the individual, necessitate the use of the most accessible health care available and capable of furnishing such services. Diagnosis and treatment of injuries or medical conditions that, if left untreated, would result in uncertain but potentially grave outcomes.

- Emergency room care for emergent/urgent medical conditions
- Emergency inpatient care for emergent/urgent medical conditions
- Renal replacement therapy, acute and chronic
- Emergency psychiatric care involving suicidal persons
- Services and procedures necessary for the evaluation of potentially life threatening illnesses or conditions
- Obstetrical deliveries and acute prenatal care
- Neonatal care

#### Acute Primary and Preventive Care Services

**Definition:** Primary health care that is aimed at the prevention of disease or disability. This includes services proven effective in avoiding the occurrence of a disease (primary prevention) and services proven effective in mitigating the consequences of an illness or condition (secondary prevention).

- Non-urgent preventive ambulatory care (primary prevention)
- Screening for known disease entities (secondary prevention)

#### Chronic Primary and Secondary Care Services

**Definition:** Inpatient and outpatient care services that involve the treatment of prevalent illnesses or conditions that have a significant impact on morbidity and mortality. This involves treatment for conditions that may be delayed without progressive loss of function or risk of life limb, or senses.

- Scheduled ambulatory services for non-emergent conditions
- Specialty consultations in surgery, medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, ophthalmology, ENT (ear, nose, throat), orthopedics, and dermatology

- Elective, routine surgeries that have a significant impact on morbidity and mortality
- Diagnostic evaluations for non-acute conditions

#### Chronic Tertiary Care Services

**Definition:** Inpatient and outpatient care services that (1) are not essential for initial/emergent diagnosis or therapy, (2) have less impact on mortality than morbidity, or (3) are high cost, are elective, and often require tertiary care facilities.

- Rehabilitation care
- Skilled nursing facility
- Restorative orthopedic and plastic surgery
- Elective open cardiac surgery
- Organ transplantation

#### Excluded Services

**Definition:** Services and procedures that are considered purely cosmetic in nature, experimental or investigational, or have no proven medical benefit.

- All purely cosmetic (not reconstructive) plastic surgery
- Procedures defined as experimental by the Managed Care Committee
- Procedures for which there is no proven medical benefit
- Extended care nursing home (intermediate or custodial care)
- Alternate medical practices (e.g., homeopathy, acupuncture, chemical endarterectomy, natureopathy)

#### Managed Care Services: Waiver

I understand that I am being referred for a Health Service(s) that is not available at the PBP Family Health Center, and that this Health Service(s) is not covered by the Managed Care Services funds for the reason(s) checked below:

- Patient lives out of the Managed Care Services delivery area.
- Patient does not have proper documentation on file, i.e. address verification.
- Patient did not notify Managed Care Services of ER stay or visit within the 72-hour period.
- Patient did not comply with Managed Care Services requests or policies.
- Patient did not respond within 30 days of request for information needed.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Do you know what is available to you when it comes to needed support? Here are some of the resources that could be of use to you:

**Community Service Program (CSP):** Helping tribal members with medical bills, members with insurance coverage up to \$1500, members without insurance may be eligible for up to \$4000 based on availability of funds; help with braces for 18 and under up to \$2000; Lifeline for the disabled and elder; tribal members with a critical or terminal illness will be considered for payment of medical bills up to a maximum of \$10,000 based on availability of funds. All efforts should be taken to have bills paid by other sources or efforts taken to apply for other forms of medical insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Healthwave, private insurance or self-pay. Bills must be submitted within 365 days of date of service and name of patient on the bill must be the enrolled member. Payments will only be made to the medical provider. Payments WILL NOT be paid for cosmetic surgery or procedures, court fees, interest or collection fees. Call CSP at The Social Services Dept. at 785-966-2932 or toll free at 888-966-2932.

**Three Rivers Inc. PBPN Independent Living Program:** Can help you with such things as Information & Referral to services available; Independent Living Skills Training such as budgeting, comparison shopping, personal grooming, helping make out bills on time, etc.; lending medical equipment at no charge to persons in need of such items; helping fill out paperwork for Medicaid, Medicare, etc.; screening persons for eligibility for Medicaid Waiver programs; helping persons with disabilities apply for Kansas Accessibility Modification Program to see if eligible to get funds to modify your home to make it accessible for you. For these and other services please call Jeanie Combs at 785-966-0174.

**Family Violence Prevention Program:** Can help you with crisis counseling; advocacy; information & referral; assistance in filing for Protection from Abuse; transportation; support services for individuals in area shelters; assistance in filing for Crime Victims Compensation Claims. If you have experienced physical, emotional or sexual abuse please call 785-966-0173 or toll free 866-966-0173.

**PBPN Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program:** Can help assist you in gaining and/or maintaining appropriate employment if you have a physical or mental impairment that makes it difficult for you to get or keep a job; provide services to prepare for, get, keep or regain employment; some of the services available through VR are: counseling and guidance, physical and mental restoration services, vocational and other training services, maintenance for additional costs incurred while participating in rehabilitation, transportation in connection with the rendering of any VR service. To see if you are eligible for these and many other services call VR at the Social Service Department at 785-966-2932 or toll free 888-966-2932.

### Website addresses and telephone numbers of interest

Medicare  
www.medicare.gov  
(800) 633-4227

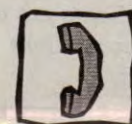
Medicare  
Contact Medicare or your local SRS office

Social Security Administration  
www.socialsecurity.gov  
(800) 772-1213

Administration on Aging  
www.aoa.dhhs.gov  
Eldercare locator: (800) 677-1116

Federal Citizen Information Center  
www.FirstGov.gov  
(800) 333-4636

Women's Health Information  
(888) 232-3228



## Community Notices

### A message for veterans!

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide one year of free credit monitoring to people whose sensitive personal information may have been stolen in the recent data incident. For details go to [www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov) for more information or call toll free: 1 (800) 333-4636 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EDT) Monday-Saturdays.



### Come join your fellow Senior Citizens for low impact water aerobics

Tuesdays & Thursdays

June: noon - 1 p.m.

July & August: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Boys & Girls Club swimming pool

For safety of the children at the Boys & Girls Club, a simple background check is required. Forms will be provided.

Sponsored by PBPN & Rural Interdisciplinary Training/KU Medical Center



Keep members informed. Send it to the News

### Come join the walkers in the 100 Mile Club

Prizes for walkers!

Early Birds: 7:30 a.m. Mondays & Wednesdays  
(meet at the Firekeepers Elder Center)

Night Owls: 7:30 p.m. Sundays & Wednesdays  
(meet at Prairie Peoples Park)



Questions: Call Paula Hopkins at (785) 966-4032 or (785) 383-5844 or email at [phopkins@pbpnation.org](mailto:phopkins@pbpnation.org)

Oklahoma State University Gerontology Institute invites nominations for

### Outstanding Elder for Service

The 8th Annual American Indian Elders conference committee invites nominations for one man and one woman from the PBPN who have shown outstanding service or achievement for the tribe.

8th Annual American Indian Elders Conference  
September 6-8, 2006  
Clarion Hotel  
Oklahoma City, OK

website: [www.ches.ikstate.edu/gi/calendar.html](http://www.ches.ikstate.edu/gi/calendar.html)

Nomination forms for men and women are available at the Firekeepers Elder Center and due on August 7, 2006 to the address on the nomination form.

The Tribal Police Dept. has received a mini-grant from the Kansas

Methamphetamine Prevention Project to help fund awareness presentations

The grant was made available through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

### Scholarship Opportunities

#### American Indian Fellowship in Business Scholarship

Deadline: August 4, 2006

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development awards scholarship to American Indian college or graduate students majoring in business. Scholarships are awarded at the Indian Progress in Business Awards Banquet (INPRO) at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

INPRO 2006 will be held on September 21, 2006. Scholarship recipients are provided airfare and lodging to attend INPRO. Recipients must be available to attend the event.

Three to five fellowships will be given to American Indian college students who are majoring in business in their junior, senior or master level of study. Must be enrolled full time during 2006-2007 term.

Applications for the Fall 2006

Sharon McClane Educational Scholarship now being taken until July 12

Contact Willy McClane (785) 986-6564

### PBPN Job Opportunity

**Firefighter/Paramedic:** For detailed job description go to [www.pbpnation.org/hr](http://www.pbpnation.org/hr) or call toll free (866) 694-3937. Closing date: July 7, 2006. All qualifying candidates must be available for testing on July 22, 2006. Send resume/application & 3 letters of professional reference to PBPN Human Resources, 16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS 66509. Fax: (785) 966-3062. PBPN offers excellent benefit package and INDIAN PREFERENCE IS EXERCISED.

(Submitted by Human Resources Dept.)



### Kickapoo Pow-Wow Days

July 14-16

Kickapoo Reservation  
Horton, Kansas

For more information: [kickapoopowwowdays@hotmail.com](mailto:kickapoopowwowdays@hotmail.com) or call daytime for Michelle Thomas (877) 864-2746 Ext. 233 or in the evenings for Merle Green (785) 966-2466

### Important dates to remember

- July 3-4 PBPN government offices closed for Independence Day
- July 15 General Council Meeting
- July 24 Tribal Council Election
- July 27-30 2006 Potawatomi Gathering





## Ttiwenmo eginigyén (Happy day you were born)



**Happy Birthday**  
to  
**Marissa Munckin, 12**  
(left)  
&  
**Geryan Murdock, 8**  
(right)

Love,  
Candi & family



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
on June 20  
**Crystal Mzhickteno**



You are the best thing that ever  
happened to dad and I and we  
are so proud of you:

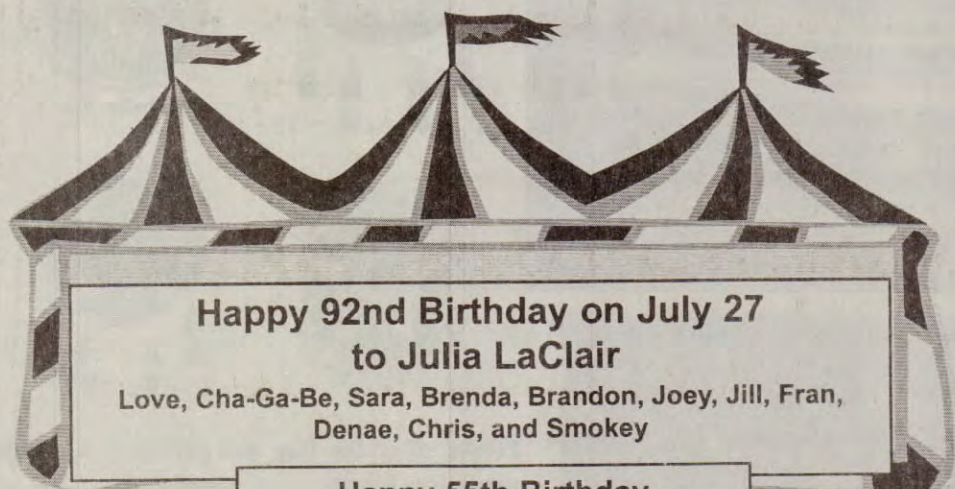
Love,  
mom & dad

**Happy Birthday to my girls!**



**Sharon Bosse,**  
June 28  
**Vicki Anderson,**  
June 20

Love,  
Mom &  
Eldon



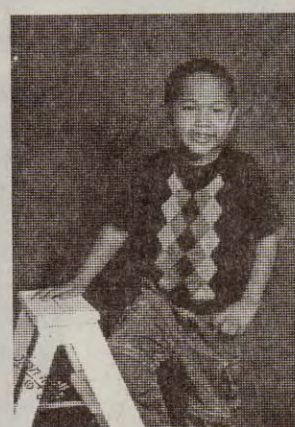
**Happy 92nd Birthday on July 27**  
to **Julia LaClair**

Love, Cha-Ga-Be, Sara, Brenda, Brandon, Joey, Jill, Fran,  
Danae, Chris, and Smokey

**Happy 55th Birthday**  
on July 12 to **Cha-Ga-Be**

Love, Sara, Julia, Brenda, Brandon, Joey,  
Jill, Fran, Danae, Chris, and Smokey

**Happy 5th Birthday**  
Kobe  
"Ke Wah Kahb We"  
Jordan

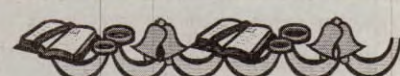


Kindergarten here I come!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jaime, Adria  
& Marissa Jordan



**Kanibwēftēk**  
(the one's that stood up  
together)



**Wedding announcement**

**Lance Keesis Wishkeno**  
son of Wesley & Nettie Wishkeno  
and Nancy Wishkeno  
and

**Autumn Dawn (Tabatha) Cress**  
daughter of Verlon and Judy Cress  
plan to marry on  
July 22 2006, 3:30 p.m.

at  
15th & Valencia  
Topeka, KS



## Ganiftēk (Those who are born)



**Welcome**

**Maximus Thorpe Mzhickteno**  
(the latest descendant of Jim Thorpe)

born: Jan. 13, 2006  
parents: **Jim & Jackie Mzhickteno**  
(Submitted by Mel Hicks, Jr.)



## Kamboftēk (Those who died)

**Charles R. "Sha-nosh" Thomas**

Charles R. "Sha-nosh" Thomas, 71, Delia, formerly of Topeka, died May 12, 2006, at a Topeka hospital. He was born Dec. 23, 1934, in Jackson County, the son of Charley and Lillian Shopteese Thomas. Mr. Thomas served in the Army 82nd Airborne in Ft. Bragg, N.C. He worked as a painter. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and American Legion Post 410 We-Ta-Se. He was a member of the Drum religion. Survivors include a daughter, Tammy A. Doll, Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada; an adopted father, Andy Mitchell, Mayetta; three brothers, Dale Thomas, Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., and John Pewamo and Bob Hubbard, both of Mayetta; a sister, Laveda Wahweotten, Hoyt; two grandchildren, Tim and Bradley Doll; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his adopted mother, Irma Pequano; six brothers, Lavern, Melvin, Gerald, Alex, Marlin, and Kenneth Thomas; and two sisters, Ethaleene Chenault and Lorene Thomas. Drum services will be held May 15 at the Danceground Building in Mayetta. Burial will be May 16 in the Thomas Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com)

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 5/15/06)

**Robin Adrian "Wab-shek-ak" Shuckahosee**

Robin Adrian "Wab-shek-ak" Shuckahosee, 46, Mayetta, died May 20, 2006, at a Topeka hospital. He was born Feb. 8, 1960, in Holton, the son of Isaac and Ruby M. Wabnum Shuckahosee. He attended Royal Valley High School. Mr. Shuckahosee lived most of his life in Mayetta and Topeka and worked construction. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Survivors include a daughter, Cassie Shuckahosee, Mayetta; two sisters, Leatrice Noriega, Topeka, and Alexis Bailey, Mesquite, Texas; and three brothers, Leslie Shuckahosee, Mayetta, Joe Garcia, Horton, and Wilson Garcia Jr., Junction City. Drum services will be held May 24 at the Danceground Building in Mayetta. Burial will be May 25 in Mitchell Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com)

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## Area Churches

By Mary Young

**Baptist**

**Bethany Baptist Church**

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

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

**Prairie Band Baptist Outreach**

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

**Catholic**

**Our Lady of the Snows Parish**

5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta, KS

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

**Methodist**

**Pottawatomie United Methodist**

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

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

**Pentecostal**

**Lakeview Faith Chapel**

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

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

**Potawatomie Pentecostal Church**

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

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. Worship service



Blessings to everyone in the  
name of Jesus,

It is so good to write  
this to you. I feel God wanting  
to convey to you that He  
greatly loves you and desires to  
fellowship with you. God has  
certainly been good to me. I  
have found that He truly satisfies. This month  
of June, (June 18) we celebrated Father's Day.  
I am thankful for God who created parents. I  
am grateful to my Dad, who raised me in the  
nurture and admonition of the Lord. My Dad,  
is still alive and vigorously serving God. He is  
all man. He has taught me determination and  
honesty. One of his favorite sayings is "can't  
never did anything." My Dad is not my "old

man." I respect and honor him as the Bible  
has taught me. Exodus 20:12 says, "Honor thy  
father and mother: that, thy days may be long  
upon the land which the Lord, thy God giveth  
thee." Yes, the fifth commandment had a  
promise that if you honored your parents you  
could expect long life. Some dad's are better  
than other's, but we must do our part, regard-  
less to respect them.

I want you to know that we all have a  
heavenly Father, especially, if we have  
accepted Christ as our Saviour. I pray to my Fa-  
ther often, and I know that He hears me. I  
pray to him in the name of Jesus, His son.

Until next time, the Lord be with you  
all.

Blessings! Pastor Steve Cappleman

**Christine D. Lewis**



Christine D. Lewis, 59, Kansas City, Mo., died June 9, 2006, at a Kansas City hospital. She was born Dec. 25, 1946, in Little Eagle, S.D., the daughter of William Bobtail Bear and Thelma Lawrence. She attended school at Fort Yates High School in North Dakota. Mrs. Lewis was a retired certified nurse's assistant. She was a member of the Standing Rock Sioux and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Kansas City, Mo. She married Charles A. Magnauck Lewis on May 17, 1966, in Chula Vista, Calif. They renewed their vows in June 1991 in Kansas City. He survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Tami McClammy, Topeka, and Charlene Lewis, Longdale, Okla.; a son, James A. Lewis, Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters; four brothers; and seven grandchildren, Ashley, Courtney and Stephanie McClammy, and Pamela, Chelsea, William and Brandon Lewis. She was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Connie Lewis. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. June 13 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church west of Mayetta. Burial will be in Shipshew Cemetery. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. June 12 at Sister Theresa Klepac Hall next to the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christine D. Lewis Memorial Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P. O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com)

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## Memorial Day Commemoration

### Veterans War Memorial

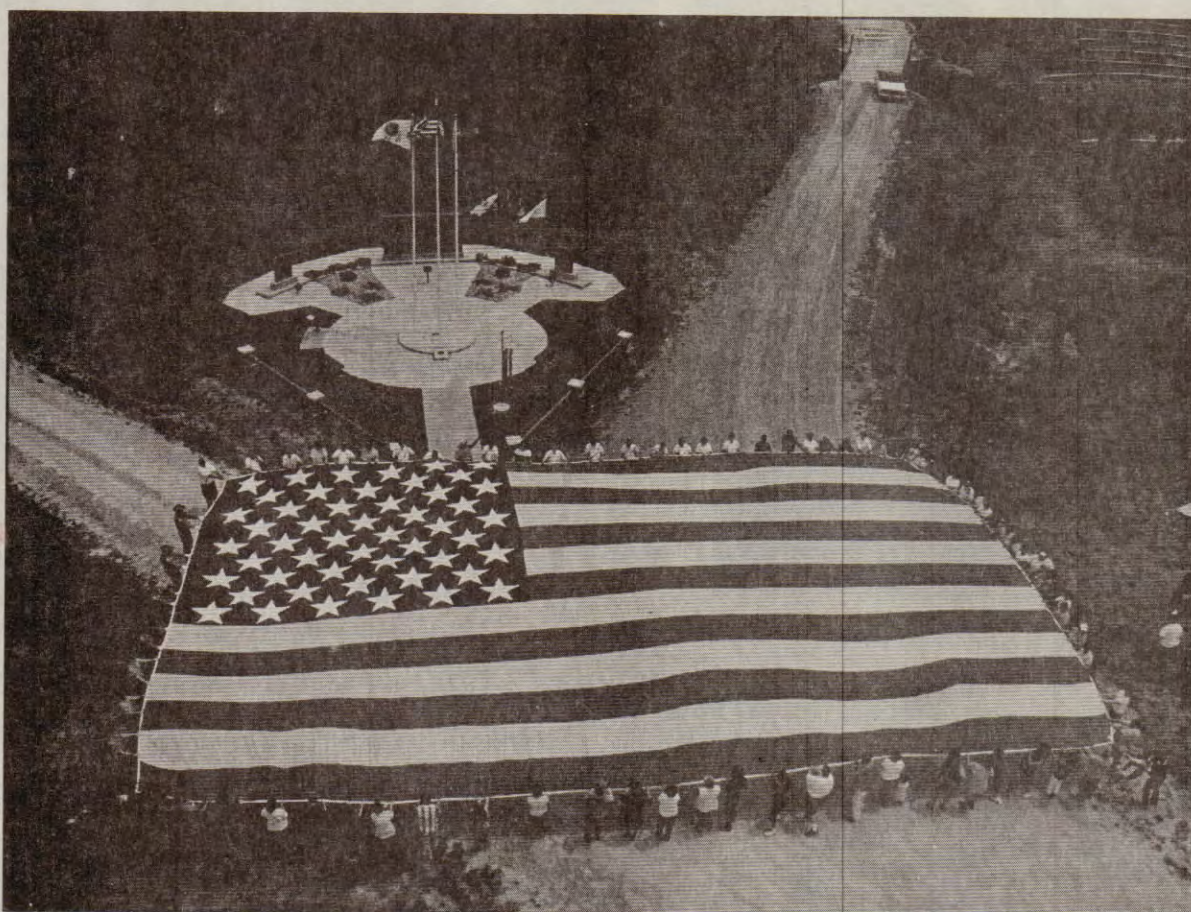
One of the largest U.S. flags was brought to Prairie Peoples Park on May 28 where an estimated 100 spectators attended the event. Senior Chief Max Wano, Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA) brought the flag from Oklahoma.

#### Fact sheet about the flag:

- Width: 50 ft.
- Length: 76 ft.
- Weight: 125 lbs. when folded in bag and 3,800 lbs. when spread out (due to aerodynamics)
- Year made: 1992
- Persons required: 40 to 60

The flag was unfolded in front of the Veterans War Memorial with the help of the PBPB Fire Dept., Tribal Police, We-Ta-Se members, and community members with instructions given by Max Wano.

The special event was sponsored by the We-Ta-Se Post 410 and was part of their Memorial Day ceremonies this year.

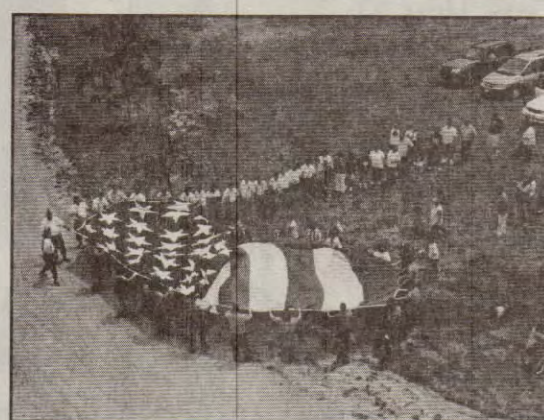


Above, the flag was completely unfolded and refolded in less than a half an hour. This is an aerial view that was taken with the help of the Fire Depts. Ladder 651 truck.



Above, in the center of people, Max Wano explained the process of the unfolding of the flag which was the first step in the process.

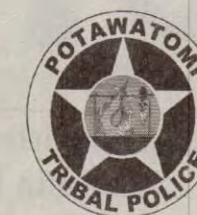
The second phase, seen below, shows Post 410 and Tribal Police holding the top of the flag as it began to unfold.



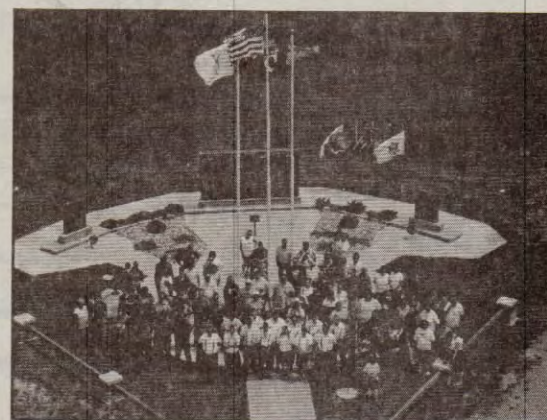
Third, the flag quickly unfolded under the experienced hands of Max Wano as seen above.



Max Wano, stood with his hand on the sack that held the huge flag.



Below, after the flag was refolded, a group photo was taken.



**News flash**  
We-Ta-Se Post 410 commemorated Flag Day on June 14 with a flag-retirement ceremony in Topeka and at Prairie Peoples Park. For details see page 7.

**News flash**  
The Tribal Fire Dept. and EMS had an Open House on May 18 in honor of EMS Week. For details see page 7.

**News flash**  
The Tribal Police conducted a Rabies Clinic on June 24.

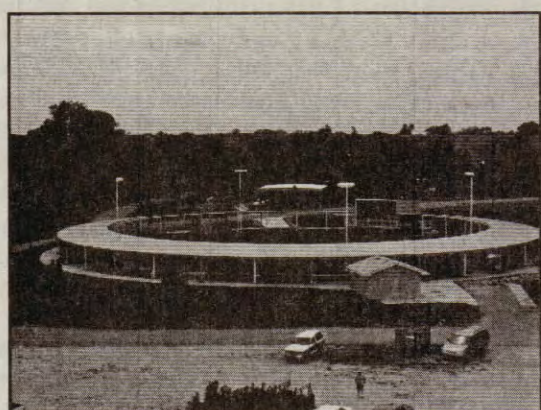


Photos by Mary Young



2006

## PBPB Annual Pow-Wow: June 9—11



Pre-pow-wow aerial view of the pow-wow grounds at Prairie Peoples Park.



Annual potluck sponsored by the PBPB Gaming Commissioners.



One of the many camp sites set up early at Prairie Peoples Park.



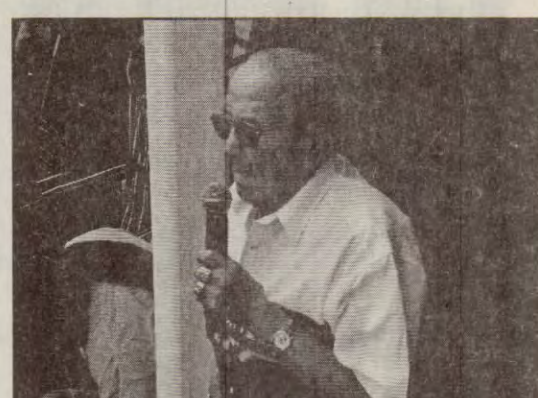
Billy Matchie (left) signed a raffle ticket sold by Francis Shoptee (right) of Post 410.



One of the many vendors; this stand had a wide assortment of beading supplies.



We-Ta-Se, Post 410 Color Guard in the Grand Entry.



Elder Isaac Shuckahosee of Tama, Iowa, gave the invocation.



Meskwaki Nation, host drum, started the pow-wow with the Grand Entry song.



Head Lady Annamae and Head Man Wayne Pushetonequa stopped to pose for a photo.



A few of the traditional men dancers in the Grand Entry.



Traditional Potawatomi women dancers in the Grand Entry.



A fancy dancer danced away from the other dancers in the Grand Entry.