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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Grand opening of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort planned for first week in July



**Country singer Randy Travis to perform during grand opening**

Randy Travis, widely regarded as one of country music's brightest stars of the recording studio and concert stage and an accomplished actor of film and television, will give two performances on July 7 as part of the grand opening of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

Two shows are available at 7 p.m., and at 10 p.m and will be held in the Great Lakes Ballroom.

Born in 1959, Travis has been performing since he was a child and so far has 22 number one hits, six number one albums, five Grammy Awards, six Country Music Association Awards, 10 American Music Association Awards, six Dove Awards, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In addition to his country music releases, he has also recorded three inspirational albums, for which he has received critical acclaim.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 the day of the show (if available) and VIP tickets are \$50. Tickets are available at the Buffalo Grill at the Casino or online at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

A week of celebratory events and casino promotions will mark the grand opening of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort scheduled from July 1 through 7.

Kicking off the week will be a grand opening celebration at the Casino on July 1 that will formally usher in the new tribal management. At that time the tribe will officially take over management from Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Kansas Casino Corporation thus culminating a nine-year relationship with Harrah's management of the property. "This will be an historic day for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, as we continue along our path of economic self-sufficiency and the control of our own destiny," said Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff.

Other highlights to be included during the week will be a fireworks extravaganza on July 4 and an evening of music by the popular country singer Randy Travis on July 7.

In addition, the Prairie Band Casino & Resort will hold a number of special casino promotions for its patrons during the week. A "Firecracker Cash" promotion will take place on July 4 and a "777 Truck Giveaway" of a 2007 Ford F150 Harley-Davidson truck will be held on July 7.

As part of the festivities marking the Casino's management transition, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation plans to host a private com-

munity celebration to thank Harrah's for its years of service. "We thank Harrah's for the past nine years," said Stanhoff, "they helped us achieve the success that we will continue to build upon in the future." The Nation will also host another event to thank the Prairie Band Casino & Resorts' employees. "We value the hard work and loyalty of our entire Casino/Resort staff and will support a positive and productive work environment for all," said Stanhoff.

In mid-May, as part of the management changeover the tribe unveiled a new billboard near the Casino that displays the Prairie Band Casino & Resort logo. A press conference was held to announce the new branding campaign. For more details about the event see page 3 inside this issue.

In 1992, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation opened a Class II bingo facility and in 1998 entered into an agreement with Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Kansas Casino Corporation opening a gaming facility. From the time the Nation began its gaming operation, it has been able to

improve education, health care, elder and child care, police and fire protection, and other social services on the reservation. The Nation's gaming enterprise has meant better living situations for most tribal members and non-Native people on the reservation and in nearby communities.

### Grand opening celebration activities

- July 1** 1 p.m.: Baton pass changeover of management from Harrah's to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (north side bus entrance parking lot)
- July 4** 10 p.m.: A fireworks extravaganza (north parking lot of the Casino)  
("Firecracker Cash" promotion)
- July 7** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.: Randy Travis concert (Great Lakes Ballroom)  
("777 Truck Giveaway" promotion)

### Grand opening special casino promotions

#### "Firecracker Cash" (July 4)

To win "Firecracker Cash," players will receive a free entry by inserting their new Prairie Band Players Cards in any slot machine, by handing it to their dealer, or by having it swiped at the Players Club. Drawings will be held each hour between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. and then again at 9:45 p.m. for progressive cash prizes. Cash prizes range from \$250 to \$1500!

#### "777 Truck Giveaway" (July 1-7)

The "777 Truck Giveaway" of the 2007 Ford F150 Harley-Davidson Truck contest will take place from Sunday, July 1 through Friday, July 6. Players will get one free entry by inserting their new Prairie Band Players Cards into any slot machine, handing their card to any dealer, or by having their card swiped at the Players Club. Each day of the contest, one winner will be selected at 7 p.m., and each will receive a finalist position. On Saturday, July 7 - the "Grand Prize Day" - players can get one free entry by using their Players Cards between 11 a.m. and 4:36 p.m. Two additional finalists will be selected every hour from 12:07 p.m. to 4:07 p.m. At 5 p.m., all finalists will report to the bus lobby and each will select a key. One lucky person's key will open the door of the truck.

For more details about the promotions, the Randy Travis concert, and other activities, call 1 (888) PBP-4WIN.



### Calendar of Events



- July 1-7** Grand opening week of Prairie Band Casino & Resort
- July 4** PBPB Government Offices closed (Independence Day)
- July 21** Annual General Council Meeting

## International group visits Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to learn about reservation

International visitors from Latin America took a tour of the reservation on June 13 that was hosted by the PBPB Department of Planning and Environmental Protection. The group was a part of the Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State who created the project as a

means of bridging relationships dedicated to protecting the environment. Also participating that day were staff members from Region VII Environmental and Protection in Kansas City. The group, seen below, met in the Government Center in Tribal Council's chambers after lunch at the Casino.



RIGHT: Standing in the far right of the photo are tribal leaders Gary Mitchell (left) and Ryan Dyer (right) who both spoke at the meeting. Gary presented a tribal history and Ryan provided information on how the PBPB government works. A question and answer period followed the presentations.



LEFT: In the foreground listening intently at the meeting was Roberto Antonio Castano Buitrago from the country of Colombia. Information was translated into Spanish by three interpreters who accompanied the group that day and several individuals had questions to ask. Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Ecuador were among some of the countries represented that day.

Photos by Suzanne Heck

## Ceremonial signing of tribal tags with Kansas governor's office



ABOVE: Members of the Tribal Council, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Attorney David Prager, Micki Martinez, PBPB Motor Vehicle Department Director, and other Kansas dignitaries were all on hand to witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by Governor Kathleen Sebelius regarding the right of the PBPB to have their tribal tags recognized by the state. The signing was held on June 7 at the Capitol. On February 6 the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision upholding the right of PBPB motor vehicle registrations in Kansas.

Photo by Larry Howell, Kansas Governor's Office





## June message to the Nation from Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair

To update you all on the recall process, the petition for my recall as Tribal Chair was not validated by the Election Board. Only 253 of the signatures were validated and 300 signatures are required to validate the petition. What this means is that the recall spokespeople have 30 more days (until July 5) to validate those signatures that were not good the first time submitted.

If the petition is returned, the Election Board has again 15 days to verify the signatures on the petition and then, if valid, the Election Board has to call for a recall hearing within 30 days from signature validation.

If a hearing is called, a vote may be held for my removal of office. As I stated last month, a tribal member must be present during this hearing to vote on whether I stay. The rules say that there will be no voting amongst our entire population – you must be present at the hearing to vote.

As I also stated in my last month's letter, I have done nothing illegal or against the Constitution to warrant recall and removal from office. In my opinion, this recall is a waste of the Tribe's resources and does an injustice to our sovereign right to vote in a tribal-

wide election.

Nevertheless, Tribal Council is making remarkable progress on a number of initiatives including:

- Finalizing of the intergovernmental agreements regarding the Shab-eh-nay reservation to provide for the Tribe's re-jurisdiction process for our reservation
- Completion of the casino transition to self-management – look for the latest info on the Grand Opening festivities coming soon, especially the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Barbeque for Tribal members and family
- The 75 Highway/150<sup>th</sup> Road development for adding hospitality amenities and business development to our reservation lands surrounding the casino
- The completion of our 8(a) SBA application for other tribal business development

We also signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding with the state of Kansas and Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius to formalize the need to work together to facilitate and recognize the Tribe's win in court regarding State acceptance of our tribal tags.

Tribal Council members also presented the Governor and the Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagnon with commemorative license plates during this signing. Great thanks to our tribal tag registrar, Micki Martinez, and our information technology department for their work in ensuring that we can connect our tribal tag data with the State's system.

I also attended a couple of very interesting conferences on behalf of the Tribe. Both conferences were presented by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). The first conference was an Economic Development Summit where I spoke on behalf of "The Strategic Development of Tribal Enterprises," and the second event was the annual NCAI mid-year meeting.

I also want to congratulate all of you who participated in this year's pow-wow. All of the dancers and singers made for a beautiful weekend of pow wowing. Special thanks to the Pow Wow Committee whose hard work and planning made for a seamless event – GREAT JOB!

We will continue to move forward. Again, I ask and hope that I will have your support at any upcoming recall hearing.



## Message to the Nation from Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member

It has been a busy spring. Spring is a time of new beginnings, with our gardens growing and blooming. We have been busy with our baby namings and wonderful weddings. I have been fortunate to be able to be part of these special activities.

It is always wonderful to be part of our community and be involved with everyone. The pow-wow has come and gone and it was a great event. Our family camped and spent the entire weekend on the grounds. The weather was great with the exception of a couple of thunder boomers at about 5 a.m. and the rain that followed. The pow-wow committee did a great job in organizing one of the greatest pow-wows in Indian Country.

We are very close to realizing our next endeavor in Illinois. Agreements are in the process of being signed and hopefully we will be constructing our government center and bingo hall in the next few months. It is an exciting time. We are transitioning to our casino, Prairie Band Casino & Resort. It is a success.

The recall petition against our chair has been

turned in. The election department has returned the petition to the petitioner to fix it, according to our election ordinance; the petitioner has 30 days to get it correct. If the petitioner is able to correct the petition, then a meeting will be scheduled within 30 days.

If there is a recall meeting against the chair, I will attend and vote no to the recall. As I wrote in last month's newspaper, I will repeat what I wrote. Tracy has been elected to be a chair by an overwhelming majority in July 2006 and has been an advocate for our Nation since she was appointed to the position when it was vacated in January, 2006. Tracy is an example of what a true leader for our Tribe is giving above and beyond what is needed for as a chair. She has come to work for our Nation bringing with her years of business experience and knowledge. She is a spokesperson for the Nation that truly has the best interest of the Nation first. Many times mistruths are said about tribal politicians and many believe them. This is the way of tribal politics. I believe that Tracy and all the Tribal Council members are doing the very best job for our tribal government and the tribal members should be assured that

the truth is that we are the leaders of one of the most progressive Indian nations in this country. Tribal Council is dedicated to moving our Nation ahead in the future and continuing to maintain our obligations and responsibilities as required by our Tribal Constitution.

If this meeting happens, everyone needs to attend and vote. It is vital for the future of our Tribe that we do the right thing. I am very afraid for the future because who will run for our tribal elected offices, with the fear of being recalled? Who will step forward to lead our Tribe in the future? Will our young people want to be part of this process? Elections will occur next July with four seats up for election, who will step forward? Let's do the right thing and vote no on the recall of our chair.

I am proud to be an elected official of the Prairie Band Potawatomi and if you have any concerns, suggestions, comments, please email me at [jackiem@pbpnation.org](mailto:jackiem@pbpnation.org) or call me at 785.966.4016.



## Message to the Nation from Junior Wahweotten, Tribal Council Member

Good day everyone. Time goes by so fast and with springtime upon us the community has been swarming with activity. In our traditional way

of life's teachings it is said that spring is the beginning of new life and once again I am humbled, honored and consider it a privilege to be involved with several of these different events.

One event I would like to discuss is the annual pow-wow that was recently held June 8 -10. On June 7 the Prairie Band Potawatomi princess contest was sponsored. Sydney Jessepe was crowned princess and will represent the tribe at various events and pow-wow's through 2007-2008. Please, when you see Sydney all congratulate her and support her throughout her tenure as PBP princess. Directly after the princess crowning, the PBP Gaming Commission sponsored a cookout where Jim Potter, B.J. Darnall, Police officer Mike Boswell and yours truly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for all who attended. As of yet, I heard of no one get-

ting sick (aye!!). There were members from the pow-wow committee who helped with the cookout as well as their family members as it was a combined effort from many and my hat's off to all of you.

This year's event saw record number of individuals admitted into the pow-wow grounds. The grand entry for each performance involved several dancers in each category of regalia led in by our honored veterans, We-Ta-Se Post 410. It was truly an overwhelming good feeling that you can feel right down into your very soul, and one that definitely makes you proud to be Indian!!!

At the end of the pow-wow on Sunday the Honor the Youth Spiritual runners arrived at the pow-wow grounds, their run beginning in Macy, Neb. on June 7 and ending on our reservation. Next year around the same time the run will begin here and continue to another location yet to be determined. The run originally began in upper Minnesota after the Red Lake tragedy and is a run to stop alcohol, drug abuse, violence and teen suicide among our Native people. For those of you who were at the event; the weather forecast for the day included rain, it was overcast all day but when those runners entered the arena the clouds lifted

and the sun was shining through. It was truly a moving experience.

I would like to take this time to thank all those individuals involved with the pow-wow. First off all, we were blessed by Kosnan for the beautiful weather we received, and for that I say Igwien. As co-chair of the pow wow committee we would like to take this time to thank all departments and individuals who helped make this event successful, from pre-planning of the event all the way through to the community involvement. It truly takes teamwork and a strong community to make a pow-wow happen. Planning is already underway to make next year's event even better than this year.

I want to let the general council know that I am a strong advocate of the open door policy. There are many times that I am in the office but there will be times when I will be required to be out of office as well. I will be in constant contact with Laverne, so please come by anytime or call the office to ensure a time meet is convenient for both you and I. My phone number is 785.966.4013.

## Bank's eye view: Types of mutual funds: Mutual options

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank



This is the second part of a two part article intended to serve as a primer to types of mutual funds. A quick review of the funds discussed last month begins with **Value**

**Income Funds** which invest in large or mid-size companies that pay dividends but with less of a chance for a large increase in stock price. **Growth Funds** invest in stocks whose shares will hopefully grow faster than the average company. **Growth & Income (Blended) Funds** attempt to deliver both capital appreciation (increases in stock prices) and income (dividends). Another way to separate mutual funds is by the size of the companies they invest in. Companies are divided up into large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap stocks. The division is based on market value (number of stock shares multiplied by current market price). **Large-Cap stocks** have a market value greater than \$9 billion, **Mid-Cap stocks** have a market value in the range of \$1 billion to \$9 billion, and **Small-Cap companies** will have a market value less than \$1 billion. **Index funds** try to replicate one of the major indices, such as the S&P 500, NASDAQ, or the Russell 2000 by purchasing small amounts of each stock in the chosen index. The last option discussed in part 1 was **International funds** which specialize in foreign securities.

### Types of mutual funds—part two

Let's start part two with the most conservative of mutual funds, the **bond mutual funds**. Bond mutual funds invest in bonds and other debt securities with the aim of protecting

principal while paying regular monthly dividends. Bond funds tend to pay higher dividends than money market and savings accounts, and they usually pay out dividends more frequently than individual bonds. Bond funds are also considered to be "low risk" investments that can provide stability to a portfolio that is weighted heavily with stock. Bond funds are still subject to the same credit and interest rate risks as regular bonds but since the fund's investments are spread out among many bonds, the overall risk is usually lower. Bond funds are also more liquid investments than individual bonds; shares can be bought and sold much more easily. Bond funds are divided up into three basic types based on the types of bonds they hold: U.S. government bond funds, municipal bond funds (consisting of state and local government bonds), and corporate bond funds.

U.S. government bond funds invest in debt instruments that are issued by the United States government and its agencies. These funds are regarded as the safest of the bond funds because the underlying securities these funds purchase are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. The funds invest in Treasury bills, Treasury notes, Treasury bonds, and mortgage-backed securities issued by government lending agencies such as Fannie Mae.

Municipal bond funds invest in debt instruments issued by state and local governments to pay for local public projects, like bridges, schools, and highways. These bond funds are often popular among investors with high incomes because they are exempt from federal taxes and, in some cases, state taxes as well. The underlying securities in municipal bond funds are backed by the government that issues them and are therefore considered to have a high

credit rating. However, municipalities have been known to declare bankruptcy on occasion, making these funds more risky than U.S. government bonds.

Corporate bond funds consist of bonds issued by corporations and therefore not backed by any government institution. This makes it more likely that the underlying bonds could default if the companies that issue them run into financial trouble. Along with the greater risk, however, comes a greater reward -- the income paid out by corporate bond funds is usually much greater than that paid by municipal or U.S. government bond funds. Investment-grade corporate bond funds invest only in the most creditworthy of companies and are considered to be the safest of all corporate bond funds.

**Balanced Funds** are very simple. They buy both stocks and bonds. The inclusions of bonds help the funds reduce their market risk while trying to generate a higher return.

Having begun this second part with the most conservative type of mutual fund, let's end it with the riskiest type. **Sector Funds** focus their stock investments on one industry or segment of the economy, like utilities or technology companies. Sector funds aren't about diversity. Because stocks within one sector often move together, the risky nature of sector funds is pretty obvious. If you invest in a sector fund when that sector is hot, you'll see big gains, but if that sector goes bad, things can get pretty ugly.

I hope this introduction to the types of mutual funds is helpful. I always look forward to your questions or comments about this or any other subject. I can be reached at [rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com](mailto:rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com) or 1-800-633-2423.

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## Press conference unveils the new Prairie Band Casino & Resort logo

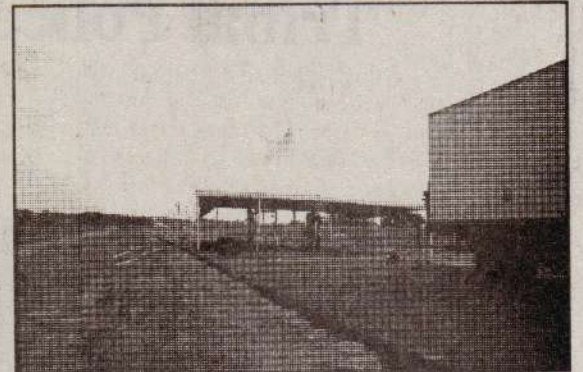
An unveiling of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort logo and launching of the brand name was held on May 22 at a billboard located at U.S. Highway 75 and 150 Road. The Nation's Fire Department was on hand to take the media and attendees for rides in Fire Truck #651's aerial ladder as part of the fun.



ABOVE: The Prairie Band Casino & Resort logo was concealed in white on the billboard advertisement before the unveiling took place.



ABOVE: The new logo for the casino.



ABOVE: A press tent was erected near the billboard the night before on a frontage road that is near the billboard.



ABOVE: Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chairperson, being interviewed by a Topeka, Kan. television reporter.



LEFT: Tracy giving opening remarks with Tribal Council and casino transition managers standing behind. On July 1 the Tribe will officially take over the management from Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. Corporation and begin operating its own management.



ABOVE: Richard Delaynes (l) and Scott Streker (r) of Lamar Outdoor Advertising. Richard unveiled the logo on the billboard (seen in the photo at right) during the event.



ABOVE: Members of the Tribal Council, Gaming Commission, and the Casino Management team posing in front of the billboard shortly after the press conference.

RIGHT: Potawatomi Fire Department officers Scott Price (in bucket) and Larry Woltje stood ready to take the media and attendees for a ride. The aerial ladder can reach up to 12 stories high.



ABOVE: The photograph directly above left shows WIBW-TV reporters and a photographer from the Topeka Capital-Journal with Scott Price being lifted for an aerial view of the press conference. The photo directly above right shows Junior Wahweotten, Jackie Mitchell, Lisa Wamego, and Scott Price in the basket before their ascent in the aerial ladder.



## Mayetta Backyard Barbeque Cook-off draws good crowd



ABOVE: Left to right is Judy Darnell with Melissa Brunner who is a news anchor on WIBW 13 Television in Topeka. Melissa helped judge the barbeque contest and Judy is a tribal member and owner of a business called Native Essence in Mayetta.



The PBPB gave a \$1,000 Charitable Contribution donation to help fund the community cookoff and celebration. Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter, who is also a resident of Mayetta, was a judge for the barbeque contest.

Judy Darnell says thank you to the PBPB on behalf of the Mayetta Area Business Association



Health insurance meetings held to keep employees informed



The Human Resources Department sponsored an informational meeting in May regarding some changes in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas health insurance plan for employees and their families. Standing above is Tim Ramirez, Director of Road and Bridge, who is going over the new plans. Across from Tim signing some paperwork is Vencie Mitchell, Elections, with Donna Valdivia, Human Resources, who is helping her. In the foreground is Tracy Rogers who is also with Human Resources. Representatives from Blue Cross and Aflac (not pictured) were on hand to give short presentations about the plans followed by a question and answer period. Meetings were held at different times so that all employees could have the opportunity to attend.

## So long Diane! PBPB Grant Writer moves on



June 15 was Diane Robb's last day with the Nation as a grant writer. During her tenure that began in 2001 Diane successfully wrote grants totaling \$12,422,180 that were primarily in the areas of Social Services, Department of Justice, and Department of Transportation. In between time she also pitched in to help the News with the monthly mailout as can be seen above.

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council



Front row left to right: Rey Kitchkumme, Vice Chair, Tracy Stanhoff, Chair, and Ryan Dyer, Treasurer. Back row left to right: Junior Wahweotten, Member, James Potter, Secretary, James Wabaunsee, Member, and Jackie Mitchell, Member.

photograph by Nathan Ham





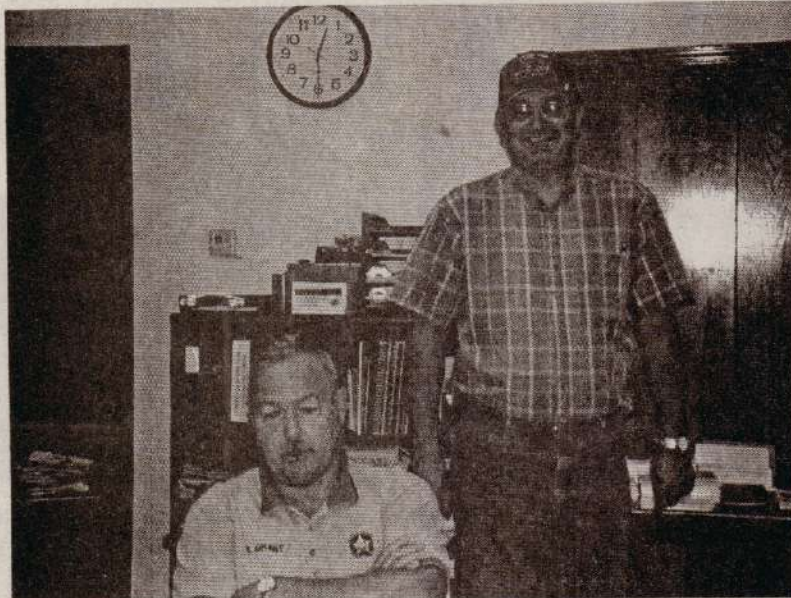
## Tribal Police hold open house on May 18



Above: Officer Russell Whiteside stood by a police vehicle that was on display for the open house.



Above (l-r): Herbert Nance and Rick Burns who are on the tribal police staff were in charge of grilling; they made a "mean" hamburger.



Above (l-r): Police Chief Sam Grant and Rick Burns posed for the camera inside the tribal police headquarters.



Above: The community and PBPB employees turned out for the gala event. The open house began with a tour of the police department and moved on to lunch held outdoors.

## Coming to the aid of Greensburg, Kansas



Above: Donations were collected at the Tribal Police building for the disaster and devastation that occurred in Greensburg, Kan. by a tornado that raged through the city in May.

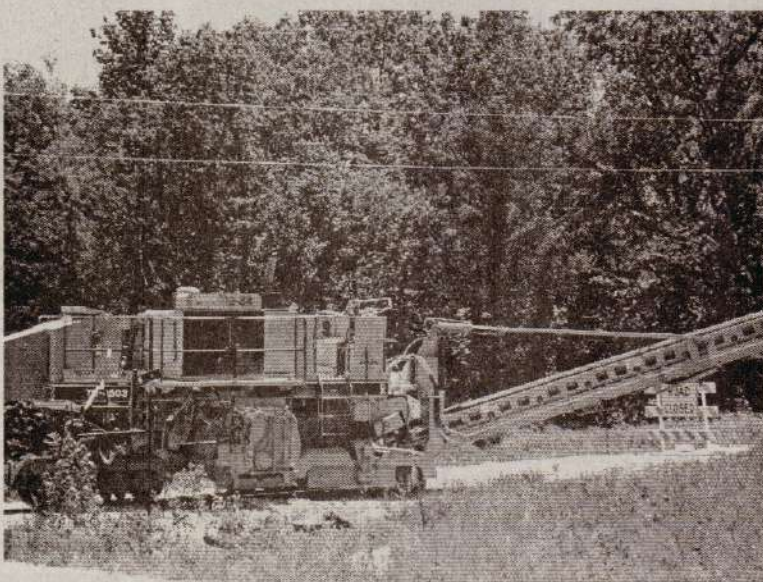
Micki Martinez, PBPB Motor Vehicle Department, took the initiative and began to contact the various departments with a list of donation ideas. She said she knew some of the families that live in Greensburg: including the sister of Brad Harris, Dual Rate Supervisor at Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Brad and his wife, Fredonia "Fred" Coverdale, a Tribal Police Lead Dispatcher, along with their daughter, Hannah, left shortly after the tornado hit to offer support and help his sister and the community of Greensburg.

Tim Ramirez, Director of Road and Bridges planned to donate the use of a truck to help deliver donations. He planned to go to Greensburg on June 5.

Donations came from the Boys and Girls Club, Prairie Band Casino & Resort and the community.



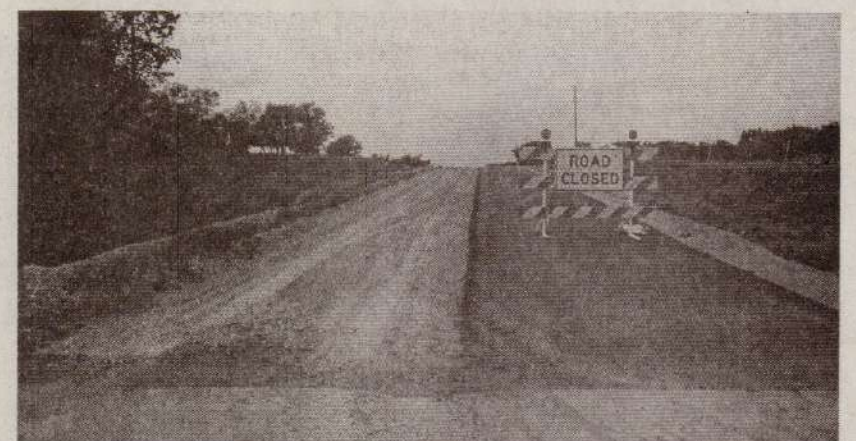
## Roadways continue to improve: asphaltting in the works N Road and O Road



Hamm's road crews began work at 150 Rd. and N Rd. on May 15.

Left photo: An asphalt paving machine, an autograder, was brought in by the Hamm's. The autograder is used to trim before they begin to asphalt.

Photos by Mary Young  
and  
Suzanne Heck



Above: When this photo was taken, facing south, the first half of the paving was completed on N Rd.



Left: One complete layer of asphalt is laid on N Rd. between 158 and 142 Rd.



Above: The second layer is about two inches thick.



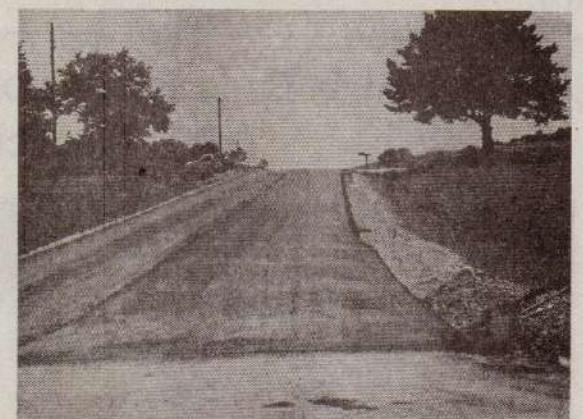
Left: The workers are placing the final layer of asphalt on N Rd. between 150 and 158 Rd. facing north. The roller is flattening out and smoothing the asphalt.



## Asphalt work began on O Rd. with repair work on 158 Rd.



Right: The second layer of asphalt began on June 4 on O Rd. between 150 Rd. and 142 Rd.



Left: HAMM's dug out the hump and dip and put in new asphalt on K Rd. between K and L Rd. on May 31. The road reopened on June 1.







## Emergency information on the reservation

If you are in trouble  
**Call 911**

Not sure what to do?  
**Call tribal dispatch**  
**785.966.3024**

## Tips on how to prepare

### Disaster supply kit

(have these items on hand and ready to go)

- bottled water
- food that won't spoil
- battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, weather-alert radio
- change of clothing including shoes
- blanket, sleeping bag
- first aid kit with family medications
- special items for children, elders, disabled
- sanitation supplies like baggies, tp and trashbags
- extra set of keys, money, credit cards and documents



Don't forget to have  
an evacuation plan for your pets.  
Think about having pet carrying  
cases, leashes, and pet food  
ready to go.

Information provided by the  
Federal Emergency  
Management Agency &  
PBPB Fire and Police  
Departments

### Wildfires/Grassfires

- call tribal dispatch or 911 to get instructions from local officials
- wear protective clothing, sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves and handkerchief to protect your face
- take your supply kit
- choose a route away from fire and hazards, if possible
- lock your home and tell someone where you are going

#### If you have time to protect your home

- close windows, vents, doors, blinds, curtains
- shut off gas meters
- open fireplace damper, close fireplace screens
- turn on lights in every room to increase visibility of home in heavy smoke
- outside the home if the garden hose is hooked up wet roof and surrounding area

### Tornadoes/Flood

- call 911 or tribal dispatch to get instructions from local officials
- listen for outside warning sirens but remember they are an outside system and you may not hear them inside your home
- watch for emergency vehicles in your neighborhood and check on your neighbors, if possible
- tune to your local television or radio station for information. Weather radios are also a good idea
- have your supply kit ready and battery-operated radio and flashlights if the power goes out.

#### Know these different weather terms

- Watch...when conditions are favorable for severe weather
- Warning...when severe weather is occurring or imminent
- Take cover...you are in the path of severe weather so get to a place of safety as soon as possible

## FIRE DEPARTMENT BRIEF



FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN  
May 16-June 14, 2007  
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING  
ALARMS:

No calls of note during this past reporting period.

#### Public Assist:

06-11-07 at 4:51 p.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 18367 US 75 Hwy at Parr Ranch.  
06-13-07 at 9:48 p.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 14178 N.2 Ln.

#### Calls to Prairie Band Casino & Resort:

Fire Alarm - 0  
Standby Event - 0  
EMS Calls - 9

#### Other Alarms:

EMS Calls - 35  
Medical Assists - 57  
Lifeline Alarms - 2  
Good-Intent Call - 7  
Standby Event - 4  
Fire Alarms - 2  
Grass Fires - 1

Another exciting Pow-wow come and gone! All three shifts of the fire department worked the three-day pow-wow. The department would like to offer its appreciation to the 2007 Pow-Wow committee. They did a great job communicating with the fire department regarding their needs. They did a great job of informing us when they had been made aware of a patron or staff member that needed to be medically evaluated. Throughout the weekend event only two patrons were transported to the hospital for minor injuries.

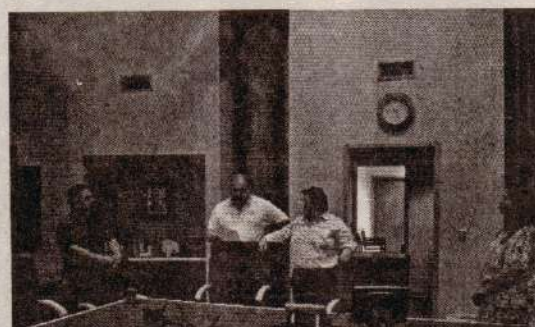


The Boys and Girls Club have held a two week summer camp for children from the Royal Valley School District. Students participated in arts & crafts, swimming and a host of other activities. Not to mention visiting the fire station. The program began Monday June 4 and concluded Friday June 15. Students were given a tour of the old and new fire stations and told a little history about the PTFD. Students were each given the opportunity to observe fire fighters in their daily routine, and to have an interactive experience with fire and EMS apparatus and equipment. Each student received a take home helmet, Jr. Firefighter Badge and goody bag.

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



The Fire Department celebrated EMS Week May 20-26 with several exciting activities. EMS Week is used to educate the public about EMS, injury prevention, and what to do in an emergency. The theme was "Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service." The highlight for the week was an open house held at the fire station from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on May 25.



Above: Tribal leaders attend the proclamation signing by Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff (third from left) and witnessed by Fire Chief David Price (second from left) on May 21 to kickoff EMS Week.



Above, l-r: Dan Hudson, flight nurse, Todd Turner, flight medic, and Mark Kingman, pilot for Life Star, an air ambulance (Astar AS 350 B2).



Above, l-r: Dave Owen, flight paramedic, Melanie Shreve, flight nurse, and Jeff Kahler, pilot for Life Team, an air ambulance (Bell Long Ranger).



Above, l-r: Mel Lewis, PBPB EMS and Kevin Flory, Topeka Fire Department Hazmat Team, Station No. 8, stand near Topeka's new Hazardous Materials Response Trailer.



Above: Fire fighters and paramedics served buffalo burgers and hot dogs to over 250 guests, giving away several great door prizes.



Above: PBPB employees and community members attend EMS open house.



Above: Paul Juedes, paramedic and fire fighter, talks with community member Nancy Conboy as Mary LeClere, Administrative Assistant organizes door prizes.





## Just a bump in the road!



Speed bumps were put in in front of the Boys & Girls Club not too long ago by Road & Bridge employees Randy Mitchell (left) and Charles Wishkeno Wakole (right) as seen above. The speed bumps were put in to slow down traffic that drives by in front of the Club. Road & Bridge has also placed speed bumps in some of the housing areas on the reservation where families with young children live.

Photo by Mary Young

Do you have a loved one you are caring for  
and need someone to talk to?

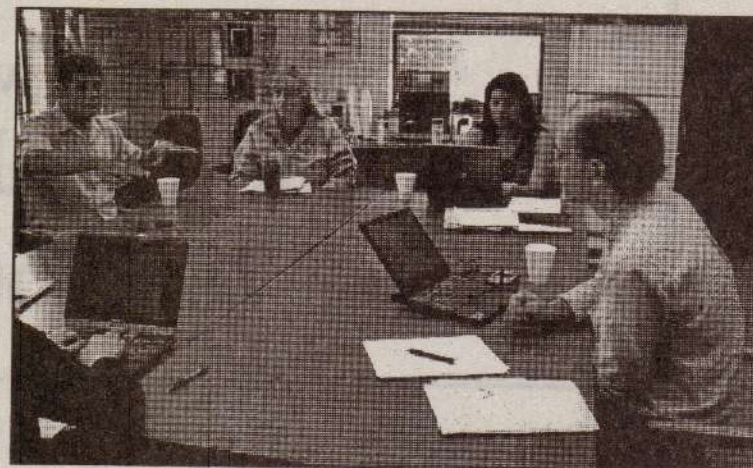


Come to the Caregiver Support Group  
every 3rd Monday of the month

Next meeting  
July 16, 2 p.m.  
Firekeepers Elder Center  
15372 K Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509

For more information contact  
Nancy Stegman  
PBP Health Center  
11400 158 Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
phone: 785.966.8305  
email: Nancys@pbpnation.org

## Inter-tribal electronic database for environmental protection considered



Visitors from Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition and Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd. paid a visit to the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection on June 15 to discuss the development of an electronic database that would track environmental information and resources intertribally. In the photo above from left to right is Tony Provost, president of Mni Sose, Sharon Bosse, PBP Department of Planning, Nora Campbell, Information Specialist for Mni Sose, and Louis Sweeny, Senior Associate for Ross Consulting. The group also met with Eirin Krane, Ross & Associates and Virginia LeClerc, PBP's Acting Director of Planning (both not pictured) in the We-Ta-Se Conference room that day.

## Four tribes child protection team reviewed by Kansas children and family services

Submitted by Carol Shopteese, LMSW, MBA

Representatives from the Four Tribes in Kansas participated in the Kansas Statewide Assessment Children and Family Services Review on June 11.

The purpose of the review was to inquire about the working relationship between the four tribes with the state of Kansas and how it might be improved.

At the meeting tribal representatives said that the shortage of foster care homes was the most pressing need of the tribes. In addition, they reported that there were gaps in service available from the state for their specific communities due to a lack of state social work-

ers necessary to cover their rural communities.

Tribal representatives were encouraged by the positive responses of the Kansas child welfare team to their concerns.

Representing the four tribes were Georgia Beck, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Joanna Flanders, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Janice Ownby, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and Betty J. Rice and Carol Shopteese, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.

For more information about the assessment report contact the Four Tribes facilitator, Carol Shopteese who can be reached at 785.742.4708.



Photo right  
submitted by  
Walt Racker  
who is in the  
PBP  
Purchasing  
Department

## Hot fun in the summer sun!



Government Center employees held a potluck luncheon cookout in the Government Center parking lot on June 15. In the photo, left, is Carl Matousek (left) and Jim Shane (right) cooking hot dogs for the crowd.

# What do you think?

Once a month during the weekly director's meeting Cecily Wabaunsee, Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) director, asks other directors in attendance to fill out a written survey about how they feel about various child-related issues. Two survey results are presented below that were asked on different subjects for this month's column of "What do you think?" in the News. For more information about childcare related issues call the ECEC at 785.966.2527.

## Toilet Training

Directors of tribal programs were asked the following questions that are bolded. Results of survey follow the questions.

**Most children learn to use the toilet reliably for both bowel and bladder between:**

- a. 6-12 months
- b. 12-18 months
- c. 2.5-3 years
- d. 3.5-4 years

19% of directors said 12-18 months, 50% said 2.5-3 years, and 31% said 3.5-4 years.

Most children learn to use the toilet reliably for bowel and bladder between 2.5-3 years of age. However, remember that each child is an individual and develops at his own rate.

**Which of the following are signs of readiness in your child?**

- a. they are having regular bowel movements
- b. they can walk to the bathroom
- c. they won't lay still to have their diaper changed

d. they complain about being wet or dirty

11% of directors said a., 11% said b., 6% said c., and 72% said d.

Recognize the following as signs of readiness in your child:

- Pausing and making sounds and grimaces when having a bowel movement
- Having regular bowel movements
- Staying dry for two hours at a time consistently in the daytime
- Waking up dry from a nap
- Complaining when wet or dirty
- Telling you when he has had or is having a bowel movement
- Generally liking to be clean and neat
- Wanting to imitate adults and be grown up

**It is normal for children to regress and begin wetting their pants even after they have stayed dry for many days?**

93% said True  
7% said False

It is normal for children to revert to wetting their pants even after they have stayed dry for many days. Expect the child to have accidents for a while after beginning, be relaxed about them, and never shame or punish the child.

**It is best to handle accidents by:**

- a. Shaming your child by telling them only babies wet their pants
- b. Becoming frustrated and angry with your child
- c. Talking to your child in a matter-of-fact way, such as saying "all kids have accidents once in a while"

100% answered c.

Handle accidents by talking to your child in a matter-of-fact way, such as saying all kids have accidents once in a while. Quietly encourage and praise the child for successes and show understanding about failures. A child's understanding and feelings toward his body is a central dimension of self concept. The young child's attitude toward his body is learned from his experiences with people who are important to him. Your interaction with your child in toilet learning impacts his attitude toward his

body and self concept.

**Which of the following are ways parents and childcare teachers can work together to make toilet learning successful?**

- a. Match the words that are used for toileting needs at home
- b. Make sure the child wears clothing that is easy to pull up and down
- c. Communicate feelings about toilet learning
- d. All of the above

100% answered d

Parents and childcare teachers can work together to make toilet learning successful by using the same words for toileting needs and by communicating about the child on a regular basis.

Submitted by Tina Haefke: Information taken from *Parents as Teacher*.



## How Can I get my baby to sleep through the night?

Directors of Tribal Programs were asked the following questions. The percentages show how they answered the question.

- 1. Is it okay to let your baby cry themselves to sleep? Yes No  
60% answered Yes and 40% answered No

**Answer:** It is important for babies to learn that their parents are people they can count on, regardless of the time of day. When parents respond to their babies cry, research shows that babies are more secure, attached, and less clingy than baby's whose parents are less attentive. Be matter of fact and business like as you take care of your child's needs. Try to give the message that it is not time for playing or waking up.

- 2. Babies wake at night because they are hungry? True False  
50% answered True and 50% answered False

**Answer:** Not always, babies wake at night for

several different reasons. It is not always that they are hungry. They may have a dirty diaper, painful teething, nightmares, not feeling well, anxiety from being alone, or in a different environment then when they went to sleep.

- 3. Are babies supposed to wake up at night as part of normal development? Yes No  
100% answered Yes

**Answer:** A child waking at night is usually temporary and a normal part of growth and development. Until the age of four months, the brain does not have the ability to be regulated for long periods of sleep. After four months, a baby will often wake at night for several nights or weeks and then temporarily fall into a new sleep pattern of longer periods of sleep only to start waking again at a new stage of growth.

Children/babies will often wake after they have been in a deep sleep (REM) after four hours. They will wake to a lighter sleep and will awaken you if they have not learned how to self-soothe.

By four months of ages, it is important to start

a bedtime ritual. This ritual should be very consistent every night to help your baby transition from day to night time sleep. The ritual may change as they get older but nightly repetition is an important step in self regulation.

- 4. If you have children, did you let your babies sleep in bed with you? Yes No NA  
50% answered Yes and 50% answered No, one answered N/A

**Answer:** Most of us do. You have to make your own decision about taking your baby to your bed with you. In some cultures, this is very common practice and expected. Some research suggests that the contact with the parent's body help brain patterns mature more fully allowing the brain to regulate sleep easier.

- 5. When you feed your baby they fall asleep in your arms and wake when laid down. Should you continue to hold your baby while they sleep? Yes No  
90% answered No and 10% answered Yes

**Answer:** Often when a sleeping baby is laid down on their back, they startle and wake up.

This is an opportunity to help your baby learn how to self soothe. Don't be too quick in picking your baby up. Sometimes a baby is only whimpering and awakening momentarily. Try to encourage your baby to self soothe and get himself back to sleep. You may try lightly patting, encourage him to suck on his own hand or a pacifier, hold the baby's hands together (if they are not wrapped) and gently rock your baby back and forth, or offer a favorite lovable object. If none of this works and your baby continues to cry and gets louder, this is when you should pick your baby up. It is best to put your baby down in their crib when they are showing signs of getting sleepy but before they actually fall asleep. They will learn this self soothing behavior and not be dependent on you to fall asleep. If they fall asleep while you are feeding them, slightly rouse him to a semi-awake state and then put him in his crib half-awake.

If you have any questions about this topic or any other child development question:

Information from: Sleep The Brazelton Way, Authors T. Berry Brazelton, M.D. and Joshua D. Sparrow, M.D. and, Website <http://education.umn.edu/ceed/publications/questionsaboutkids>





## Bošho from Bořewatmi Tëshëmwën

By Sydney Van Zile, Language Director

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the spring weather that we are having. It is nice to get outside and enjoy the trees coming back from their winter's sleep and the flowers blooming.

Along those lines, the Language Department visited the Boys and Girls Club recently to help them with learning the language to plant a tree. First, we spoke to the children of the importance of letting Creator know what was to take place and of our intent to respect Grandmother Earth while taking proper care of the new trees and flowers planted.

Following is some of the language we shared with the children.

Kwikweknamen ni shi shke –  
We are going to turn the soil.

Kwiwanke wafësi t o mtëkos –  
You are going to dig where you're going to put the little tree.

Shi shke ewitoyën shi kaftësi t o mtëkos –  
Put the dirt around where you placed it the little tree.

Mbish ewitoyën e'mëgishek –  
Put water on it everyday.

Mine ewipëshk'emën ni skëpki'shtoyën –  
and then we are going to hoe those weeds.

Ewiwabmëgo ewimaftigët –  
then we will watch it grow.



### Pre-planning Language Conference

Billy Matchie and I ventured to Forest County Wisconsin recently to attend a pre-planning meeting for the upcoming Potawatomi Language Conference. There was representation from four of the bands while other bands let Mike Alloway, conference coordinator, know what they were planning for the conference. Some of the conference topics will be: Technology and the language, Proper use of the words for eating, Copyright issues, Update on Pokagon's ANA grant, Update on Prairie Band's ANA grant, and a session on language dialects with clarification on what is a dialectical difference. These are just a few topics so it looks like it will be a great conference. The Language Conference will be held August 6, 7, and 8 at the Indian Springs Lodge in Carter, Wisconsin. Mike is also planning on having a tent at the Potawatomi Gathering where language will be highlighted by the different bands throughout the gathering. This will provide information to all Potawatomi band members who attend the gathering of what is being accomplished by the different language groups.

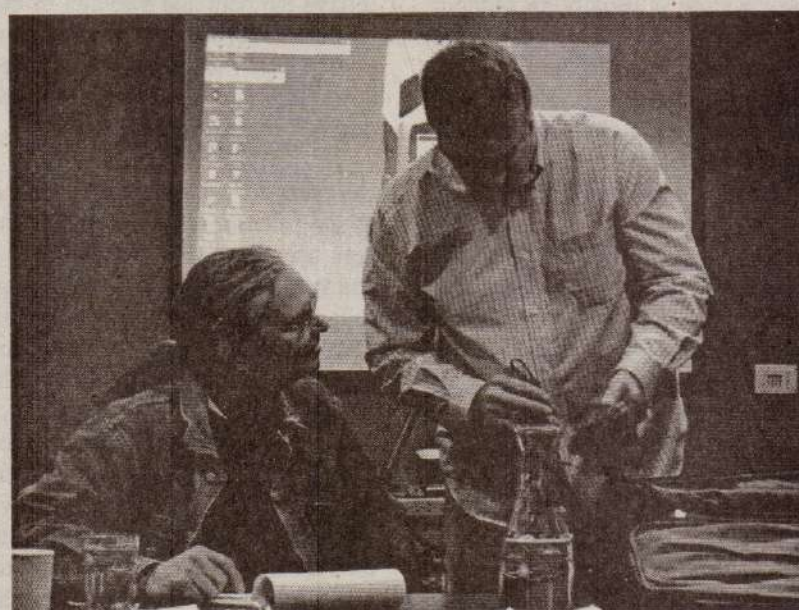
Another informative event that took place at the pre-planning meeting was listening to a presentation from Don Thornton (Cherokee) of Thornton Media, Inc. who spoke about the Phraselator. This is a language device that was developed from technology from the defense department. It is being used in Indian country thanks to Thornton Media, Inc. You are able to record modules in the hand-held device to cover any area of language you desire and then have it play back to you upon recall. It is a much easier way to hear recorded language as you speak in English what you want to say and it will play it back for you in Potawatomi. What will technology think of next?!!

Until next time

At left: Pam-Saht Winsea shown with children planting a tree on the PBPB Boys and Girls Club front lawn.



Above (l-r): Jim Thunder, Virginia Jacobson and Kevin Jacobson. At the time the photo was taken, Kevin was sharing what he was going to present at the upcoming conference. (Photo submitted)



Above (l-r): Kevin Daughtery (Pokagon Band) listened while Don Thornton, Thornton Media, Inc. presented information about the Phraselator tool he has in his hand. (Photos submitted)

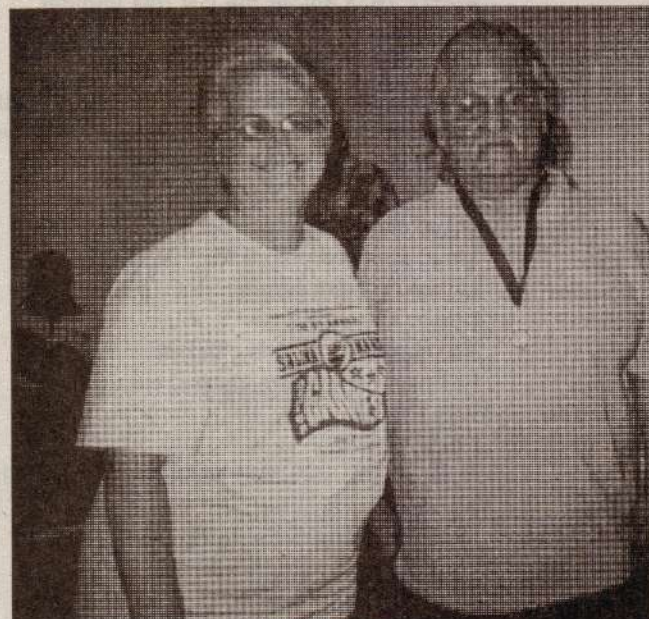


June  
Raspberry Moon



## Sports news

### Curtis Paul Masquat and Carol DeWitt take gold in billiards at Salina Senior Games



ABOVE: Curtis Paul Masquat, right, wearing the gold medal he won around his neck. The woman in the photo is unidentified.

Curtis Paul Masquat and Carol DeWitt traveled to Salina, Kan. on May 31 to participate in the Salina Senior Games. Both of them took home a gold medal in their age category. The games were sponsored by the Salina Senior Center and included competitions in bowling, basketball, horseshoes and more. The games are held every year and open to anyone 50 years and older.

Carol reported that she hopes next year more PBPB seniors will want to get involved in going to the games. She said it was a lot of fun meeting new people and competing with others.



ABOVE: To the right is Carol DeWitt showing off her gold medal for the camera. She is with Tom Mulhern, director of the Salina Senior Center. Carol works at the Firekeepers Elder Center.

photos submitted by Carol DeWitt

### Junior Olympics to be held at the Boys & Girls Club

Anywhere from 30 to 50 youth from around the state of Kansas are scheduled to participate in the region's Junior Olympics to be held on June 23 at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's (PBPB) Boys & Girls Club.

The PBPB Boys & Girls Club was selected over other Boys & Girls Clubs in northern Kansas and Missouri to host the event. At press time volunteers and staff were being organized to assist with the four competitions to be held consisting of basketball, tennis, soccer, and track and field.

This summer the Club has been providing activities for over 100 youth who have registered for the summer session that runs until August 10. Special events have included Whiplash Wrestling and family-night picnics and some field trips.



### Tribal members playing softball this summer in Topeka

Marlena Jordan reports that there are two softball teams comprised mainly of PBPB members who are playing this summer in the Parks and Recreation of Topeka Softball Leagues.

PBPB members playing for a team called Second to None include Marlena and Kevin Jordan, Pat and Kelly Mills, Raphael Wahwassuck and Adele Thomas, Heather Reece, Scott Clift, Mi-kes Potts, Nezai LeClere, Sogi LeClere, Josie Pahmahmie and Kyle Miller.

Another team in the league is called No Limit that is managed by Leslie Marshno. Native players on her team are Mik-ta Pewamo, Paul Vega, Laverne Haag, Amanda Barbosa and Deloris Hooper. Other team members include Eddie Juarez, Mike Juarez, Mario Valdivia, Kerwin Thomas, Cindy Negret and Jason Lily.

### More billiards players Las Vegas style: Team places 13 out of 128 in division



The team pictured left traveled to Las Vegas from May 16-19 and competed in the Billard Congress of America (BCA) national tournament. They ranked in the top 20 of their division of the tournament that took place at the Riviera Hotel.

Pictured from left to right are Roger Henry, Nancy Stegman, Chuck Wahweotten, Curtis Paul Masquat, Audrey Toelkes and John Toelkes. Not pictured but affiliated with the team are Ray Wahweotten, Ed Calderwood and Marc Stegman.



photo submitted by Nancy Stegman





## Health

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

### Bugs

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

Summer is definitely here and so are the bugs. Insects, ticks, and spiders are a natural consequence of the climate we live in. Most of these are just a nuisance but some of them can cause significant discomfort or health problems.

I will start with the eight legged critters known as arachnids.

The brown recluse spider is very common in this area. It is primarily an indoor pest. The bite of this spider is usually painless at the time of the bite. The poison in the bite causes the skin in the affected area to die and results in the formation of an ulcer on the skin usually 2-3 days after the bite. Most of these heal on their own while larger ulcers may require surgery. The most common time to be bitten by a brown recluse is after moving furniture or cleaning in infrequently cleaned areas such as closets and attics.

The black widow spider is less common to this area. The black widow is usually an outdoor spider found under wood piles and rocks. The bite is usually immediately painful and can lead to muscle spasm, generalized pain, nausea, and vomiting within two hours. Collecting a suspected black widow spider can help to speed up diagnosis and treatment of these bites.

There are several species of ticks in this area some of which carry potentially dangerous diseases. Ticks are common in both pasture and woodland. Ticks latch on to our skin and feed on our blood. Some ticks in this area carry Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichiosis, and Tularemia. Fortunately all of the tick borne diseases can be treated with antibiotics. Ticks usually need to be attached for several hours to a few days to transmit these diseases. It is very important to remove ticks as soon as possible after exposure. The best way to remove attached ticks is to grasp the tick as close to the head as possible with tweezers and to pull them straight out. Using DEET insect repellent on the skin and permethrin on clothing can help reduce tick bites.

Six legged bugs are known as insects.

Mosquitoes are a common nuisance especially during a wet year like this one. Most mosquito bites are a nuisance but some mosquitoes carry West Nile and other encephalitis viruses. These can be deadly diseases and antibiotics

are not helpful in treating them. Mosquitoes breed in standing water and are most active in the early morning and late evening hours. To avoid mosquito bites wear DEET insect repellent when you are outdoors, eliminate unnecessary standing water outdoors, and keep screen windows and doors closed and in good repair. Using a cortisone or antihistamine cream or lotion can help relieve itching.

Wasps, hornets, ants, and bees are insects of the order hymenoptera. These insects don't carry disease but their bites and stings can cause life threatening allergic reactions in some people. Removing nesting sites and avoiding sudden and rapid movement when approached by these insects is the best way to avoid stings. If you are stung by a wasp or bee it is important to remove the stinger as soon as possible. Scraping the site with a knife edge or credit card edge will frequently remove a stinger. A magnifying glass and tweezers also work. Ice, cortisone, and antihistamine creams can help relieve the pain and swelling of these stings. If you have more severe reactions to insect stings your doctor may recommend keeping antihistamine pills and epinephrine injections handy during summer months.

Chiggers are well known to most of us because of the intense itching their bite causes. Chiggers are skin mites that burrow into the skin and feed on the blood. They cling to grass and foliage and attach to anything that brushes by. The chiggers around here are not known to carry disease but scratching their bites is probably the leading cause of impetigo, a skin infection. Chigger bites can be avoided by wearing DEET insect repellent and by treating lawns and parks where people frequently visit. Cortisone and antihistamine creams can help relieve the itching. It is very important to use an antibiotic ointment on any area that has been scratched raw to prevent impetigo.

Fleas are another pest of the summer. Most of the fleas we are exposed to live on cats and dogs. Fleas can infest our homes and yards and can be hard to eliminate. They are a biting insect that can inflict multiple itchy red bites. Fleas jump up from the ground to bite so that in adults the bites are usually below the waist. I have seen children covered from head to toe with flea bites. The fleas in this area are not known to carry disease. The rat flea in Europe and in tropical areas can carry bubonic plague.

Impetigo is the most serious health concern with flea bites. Again, using cortisone or antihistamine creams can help relieve itching and always put antibiotic on any area of the skin that has been scratched raw.

Summer is a fun time of year. We can do a

few things to help keep bugs from ruining our fun. Please, make a tick and bug bite check a part of your bedtime routine. If you have questions about insects or insect born diseases please feel free to come by the health center or contact the county extension service.

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### Potawatomi Fire Keepers Elder Center

## July 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fried Pork Chops Mashed Potato & Gravy Steamed Spinach Roll / Sliced Apple	Monte Cristo Sandwich Ham & Egg Toss Salad Cottage Cheese Fruit Medley	We are Closed Independence Day	Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Mixed Vegetable Coneyboy Bread / Salad	Chicken & Rice Casserole Steamed Broccoli Spinach Salad & Tomato Oranges / Biscuit
Bacon Lettuce Tomato Srambled Egg Pie Ham & Potato Soup Sliced Honey dew Melon	Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Normandy Roll / Salad	Beef Stroganoff Steamed Carrots Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit / Grapes	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Bean Casserole Bread / Toss Salad	Tuna Cheddar Melt Vegetable Soup Salad / Crackers Whipped Fruit Cocktail
Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans Chicken Caesar Salad Biscuit / Mixed Berries	Swiss Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Steamed Zucchini Garden Salad	Hot Chicken Sandwich With Lettuce & Tomato Macaroni Salad Watermelon	Pork Tenderloin Roasted Potato & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Roll / Banana	Tamale Pie Rice Hominy Lettuce & Tomato Salad Corn Bread
Ham Salad Sandwich Chicken Rice Soup Jell-o Fruit Salad Cheese & Crackers	Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Fruit Salad / Roll	Chicken Tenders Potato Salad Creamed Corn Baked Beans / Biscuit	Beef Lasagna Steamed Spinach Tossed Garden Salad Peaches / Garlic Toast	Tuna Casserole Pens & Carrots Broccoli Carrot Salad Biscuit / Cottage Cheese
Onion Soup Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Brussels Sprouts Roll / Orange	Chicken Mozzarella Italian Pasta & Sauce Steamed Zucchini Roll / Garden Salad	<b>Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30</b> <b>Menu Subject to Change.</b>		

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

### Prairie Band Health Center faces



L to r: Angela Emert, Mary Shopteese  
and Mike Carpenter  
Pharmacy



Clockwise: Andrea Wahwasuck (sitting),  
Gayle Lambrecht and Debby Lowe  
Dental



Laura Thackery  
Nursing

These people  
are  
ready  
to  
serve  
you



John Holtz  
Director



Dr. Richard  
Pruiksm  
Medical



Iva Long  
Receptionist



### Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Recipe Corner is all geared up for picnics and get-togethers; and some of the recipes can be used in the fall while watching sports on television.

Bring on the appetizers!

#### Chili Cheese Dip

Courtesy of Adult Day Programs at Midland Hospice Care's cookbook: *From our kitchen to yours: Recipes to warm your heart*

1 (15 oz.) chili con carne without beans  
1 lb. processed American cheese, cubed  
1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chilies  
tortilla chips

Combine chili, cheese and chilies in a saucepan or fondue pot. Heat over medium-low, stirring frequently, until cheese melts. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

#### Chili Con Carne—Mexican

Courtesy of Cooks.com.

4 c. chopped onions  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tbsp. bacon drippings or vegetable oil  
2 lbs. ground beef  
1 tbsp. salt  
3 or 4 tbsp. chili powder  
3 c. water  
3 cans kidney beans (about 1 lb.) - optional  
2 tsp. ground cumin  
2 tbsp. flour  
2 tbsp. water

Saute onions and garlic in bacon drippings in large frying pan or Dutch oven for 10 minutes. Add ground beef; cook, breaking meat up with a fork until it loses its red color. Stir in salt, chili powder and water; simmer 45 minutes. Stir in kidney beans and ground cumin. Blend flour and water in a cup until smooth; stir into mixture and simmer 1 hour.

#### Wisconsin Veggies

Courtesy of Adult Day Programs at Midland Hospice Care's cookbook: *From our kitchen to yours: Recipes to warm your heart*

1 bag frozen carrot, broccoli, cauliflower mix  
8 oz. Cheez Whiz



2 cans cream of mushroom soup  
1 can mushrooms, drained  
1 can French fried onions  
1 1/3 c. uncooked Minute Rice  
1/2 c. chopped onions

Mix soup and cheese. Add all other ingredients, reserving 1/2 can French fried onions. Bake at 300° for 1 hour. Top with reserved French fried onions the last five minutes.

#### Chicken Pecan Rolls

Courtesy of Adult Day Programs at Midland Hospice Care's cookbook: *From our kitchen to yours: Recipes to warm your heart*

1/4 c. chopped pecans  
1/4 c. chopped onion  
1/4 tsp. ground cumin  
1 tbsp. margarine  
2 c. chopped, cooked chicken  
1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, cut up  
3 tbsp. milk  
1 pkg. Tortillas  
1 c. shredded Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese  
1 large tomato, chopped  
1/2 c. alfalfa sprouts  
1 tbsp. pecans

In a medium skillet, cook 1/4 cup pecans, onion and cumin in margarine until onion is tender and pecans are lightly toasted. Remove from heat. Add chicken, cream cheese, milk and 1/4 teaspoon salt to the nut mixture in skillet. Heat and stir until well combined. Spoon about 1/3 cup of the nut mixture onto each tortilla. Top with some cheese, tomato, sprouts and pecans. Roll up and serve.

#### Quick Dill Pickles

Courtesy of Adult Day Programs at Midland Hospice Care's cookbook: *From our kitchen to yours: Recipes to warm your heart*

3 qt. water  
1 qt. vinegar  
1 c. salt  
1 head dill per jar

Wash cucumbers and pack in jars with dill. Mix water, vinegar and salt. Bring to boiling and pour over cucumbers. Seal at once.

Please submit your favorite recipes to the PBNP Newspaper. Until next issue, Recipe Corner would like to say wis-ne-men!





## Letters to the editor / opinions

Dear 'Letter to editor'

I am writing in regards to the latest reports on methamphetamine on Indian lands. As a state inmate I have a first hand view of the effects and affects of methamphetamine abuse. I live with men who destroyed their families, their health and their spirits. I witness fathers unable to have contact with their children due to Child Protection Service Orders. I live with men whom are serving "enhanced" sentences which extend the presumptive range of sentencing beyond the normal set of years. I witness mental health disorders, physical ailments and dental nightmares. I hear men crying for their children! I see men get no mail and they have nobody to talk to on the phone. They are lonely, depressed, and sad. A few commit suicide. A few lose hope and become criminal convicts which leads to more time, murder or being murdered. If this is the type of life that you want we can accommodate you. These days nobody is too good for prison. We have a prison number for everyone as our uniforms are one size fits all. If convicted on Indian reservations you will be sent to a federal facility. I guarantee that you will not be serving your prison sentence down the road at the state penitentiary but possibly thousands of miles away from your home, children and families. Does this still sound good to you?

Healing begins with us and it's a long hard lonely world but there is help. Each person must decide the value of their lives. If their choices are for the continued use of methamphetamine - you are a traitor and you are harming innocent Indian people! Our ancestors, elders and veterans have fought and risked their lives everyday so that we as Indian people can prosper. They had a vision of better days for all of us and our future generations. Our ancestors shed blood so that this generation could have life! If drug abuse is the best way to show thanks then I want no

part of you.

What each person can do to prevent the spread of methamphetamine abuse is to talk to young people about how this drug destroys. There is no reward and nothing is gained by becoming involved in methamphetamine. It makes you a loser plain and simple. YOU LOSE! You lose your life, your freedom, and when you get behind bars life passes you by and nobody cares!

I am so angry that I urge all Indian people to discuss this matter within their reservations and to simply let the drug dealers know that they are not welcome and to leave. I am offended that people can enter Indian lands and continue to reap riches by infecting Indian people with more problems and destruction.

What I find so distressing is the fact that we as Indian people and tribal councils have worked so hard for what we have today. Many tribes are on their way back to self-sufficiency and self-determination. We as Indian people have so many successes and so many more to come. The invasion of crystal methamphetamine is and should be a slap in your face. You should feel disrespected because once again we have been duped, "sold" and "bought" by substance pushers. Just when I felt like we were gaining ground on our alcohol problems more problems arose.

To allow methamphetamine on our reservations is a direct insult to my elders and what we have worked so hard for. This is the people's problem but I'm confident in the victory of good over evil.

Please get help now if you are addicted to any substance! You can't change what you don't acknowledge. You can't change it if you are still defending it because you can't change what isn't there.

My prayers are with you.

Muddo  
Douglas L. Micco

Letter to Editor:

BOSHO

I have never written a letter to an editor before, but feel compelled to do so at this time due to the unrest of members of the Prairie Band regarding Tribal Chair, Tracy Stanhoff.

Unfortunately, I live off the reservation; however, I keep up with the goings on through the *News* and through conversations and correspondence with relatives who do live on the reservation. My heart is sad to see such disconcert, especially at this most prosperous time in the history of the Prairie Band.

With much excitement and anticipation, I first visited the reservation around 1972 with my father, Leonard LeClere. My father was born on the reservation and was among other boys who were sent away to a boarding school in Oklahoma. As an adult, he visited the reservation almost every year and this particular year I was invited. I was thrilled to be able to go, especially because a meeting was schedule with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the reservation and a pow-wow was to be held also. My excitement diminished once I saw the reservation and all the 'shacks' and poverty.

For those of you who seem to be unhappy with the way our Tribal Council is performing, please try to remember where we came from. Do you remember in the 70's there wasn't a buffalo herd-- the main office was a very small single-wide mobile with a large hole in the floor you had to step over to

get to the counter—our records were stored in boxes and if we were very lucky the staff might find what you needed while you waited—the fire department was a few individuals at best, sometimes using their personal autos to assist those in need—senior housing did not exist and once in a while there would be a meal held for the elders—financial housing assistance did not exist for anyone—and, I don't believe there was financial assistance for education either (you had to go directly through the BIA). I remember being let down because of so much alcohol being consumed and a majority of people acting "goofy" at the pow-wow due to alcohol consumption.

Look where we are now! I visited the Reservation several years ago for a pow-wow and was greatly impressed, as we all should be.

Whether or not we always agree with the Tribal Council, WE voted them in—let them do their jobs without a lot of interference regarding recalls, etc. which only wastes time and money. Recalls should only be used when a MAJOR or LEGAL violation of ethics and/or finances are made. We need the members of the Tribal Council to use their energies to continue with the progress and to face the politics ahead.

I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PRAIRIE BAND OF POTAWATOMI NATION and I thank the Tribal Council for all of their time and efforts on our behalf.

CECELIA MARIE (LECLERE) WORLTON  
PO BOX 1912, BROOKINGS, OR 97415  
(541) 469-5512

Letter to the Editor:

I greet all of you with a warm heart and a hearty handshake. I am Wiche-Quah, a Thunder Clan member and I was raised amongst our people learning our traditions. In these teachings I have learned that we are a Nation of people, not a group, a singled out tribe, but a beautiful family of one (Nation). As an adult, I now appreciate and understand the importance of our Native virtues of respect, responsibility, humility, generosity, wisdom, citizenship, fairness, trustworthiness, along with many others. These virtues are the same virtues taught to our children in school as "Character Counts".

Our ancestors walk with us and it is our responsibility to carry out their dreams that they fought so hard for. In the Spirit World no one is judged or discriminated against because of how they look, who they like, what they wear or where they came from. We are all Sacred Beings. To touch another person's spirit in a bad way will only cause hurt to our people and the cycle will go on and on.

To truly walk the Red Road a person must first know how to be humble. In our world today, we forget that humility is not vengeful or mean in nature. I too believe that we must not draw negative attention to ourselves and I also believe that I don't have the right to break the "Spirit" of another person.

The bottom line is that I'm voting no during this recall. No, because I don't like our people fighting. No, because we all have the right to vote during election time. No, because I won't hurt this person in fear that the hurt will continue amongst us all and cause bad on my family and tribe. Let's remember that our people years ago and sometimes, apologize in public to people they hurt when a family member died suddenly/unexpected or became terribly ill; our people believed so strongly in this way. Please stop fighting, our children need you!

You are my relatives and I love ALL of you.  
Dorothy A. Kiyukan-Lewis  
Marty, SD.

Letter to the Editor

My name is B.J. Darnall. I just wanted people to know that having my name on the Veterans Memorial wall is quite an honor in itself; as well as being a life member and Sgt.-at-Arms of the We-Ta-Se Post 410. The post does a lot of traveling to a lot of different places; we have been as far north as Canada, as far west as Arizona, and as far southeast as Florida. We do a lot of pow wows and parades, not to mention the military funerals for native and non-native alike. We should all be proud of the post members. It is nice to be proud to serve our Nation in this way. We should all be proud of

those names on that wall. But on Saturday night (June 9) after all had gone to bed, someone disgraced the members of that wall. They vandalized the memorial by tearing off the lights and leaving litter all around it. Now the flags that once flew so proudly had to be taken down and can no longer fly until the damage is fixed. They not only hurt the post members but family members who have a name on the memorial wall. The money value of fixing everything isn't as bad as the man hours it will take. So I hope that whoever did this damage will come forward and admit the mistake that was made.

## Community notices

### Tip: wear a bike helmet

School's out, the summer season has begun and everywhere we look children are riding their bicycles - without helmets! As Board members of Three Rivers Inc. and concerned community members, we are asking parents to please address this problem. Three Rivers Inc. is a Center for Independent Living providing services for persons with disabilities in Northeast Kansas since 1986. More than one million children a year receive brain injuries and more than 30,000 of these children have lifelong disabilities as a result of the brain injury. Head injuries account for 60% of childhood deaths related to bicycle accidents. Our staff at Three Rivers Inc. sees the impact of brain injuries every day. You can't protect your children from everything but you can teach them to wear a properly fitting helmet. It is believed that 75% of bicycle related fatalities would have been prevented if the child had been wearing a helmet! Talk to your friends and neighbors and make a pact - No child in your family/neighborhood will ride their bike without a properly fitted helmet. It's a simple step that could save you and your child a lifetime of pain. If you would like to learn more contact Three Rivers Inc. We also have information about low cost or free helmets available in our area. Call us at (785) 456-9915 or 800-555-3994 or visit us at [www.threeriversinc.org](http://www.threeriversinc.org)

### 2007 Gathering Committee update

A trip was made to visit with the Forest County Potawatomi Gathering Committee. Paula Hopkins and I traveled the route for the Elders 2007 Potawatomi Gathering trip. I believe they will all be pleased with this year's journey to gather with the Potawatomi people. We have excellent lodging and plenty of activities planned.

We had a productive meeting and tour with the Forest County Potawatomi Gathering Committee. The gathering site is in Crandon at the Crandon International Off-Road Raceway Grounds. We were told information regarding this year's gathering will be published on their website [fcpotawatomi.com](http://fcpotawatomi.com). I looked it up and so far there is camping and lodging information, vendor and princess applications. Also, I noticed on the website the dates are listed as Aug. 9-12. I will continue to view this website regularly to help keep you all informed but if you are able to view it I would suggest you take a look.

The following is a list of a few hotels in the area:

- Crandon:**
- Four Seasons Motel: 715-478-2295
  - Country Suites Motel: 715-478-2295
- Rhineland:**
- (30 miles west of Crandon)
  - Holiday Inn Express: 715-369-3600
  - Best Western-Claridge: 715-362-7100
  - Americinn: 866-834-3306
  - Comfort Inn: 715-369-1100
- Wabeno/Carter:**
- Indian Springs Lodge: 715-473-6300
- There are more listed on the website.

We are working on our list of elders that have signed up. We plan on sending out information regarding our lodging with phone numbers and general information regarding our trip.

Call if you have any questions or suggestions: LaVerne Hale 877-715-6789 ext. 4014 or [laverneh@pbpnation.org](mailto:laverneh@pbpnation.org) or Joy Yoshida at 785-966-0041

### Diabetes Support Group

BPBN Health Center  
Conference Room  
11400 158 Rd., Mayetta, KS

Please join us for open discussions, question and answer sessions and other activities as well as a chance to share information, feelings and ideas!

2nd Tuesday of each month:

5:00-6:00 p.m.

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

For more information, please contact:

Roy Spoonhunter: 966-8270  
Steve Corbett: 966-8271  
Sebe Masquat: 966-8273

The meetings are intended to help educate you and your family in order to improve your diabetes management. This support group is not intended to replace or reduce regular visits to your physician.

### Need extra cash? flea market/fundraiser

PARR HOUSE  
(Potawatomi Addictions Recovery Resources)  
is sponsoring its first ever  
**flea market/fundraiser**  
for its non-profit program that supports  
Native American Indian men in recovery.

Vendors needed on Sat. July 7  
(weather permitting)  
Outdoor-only booth space—\$10.00

Contact PARR House to reserve space  
18301 Hwy 75, Mayetta, KS 66509  
Patti Jo or Evie at 785-966-3010  
FAX 785-966-3085  
Email: [pahmahzmo@yahoo.com](mailto:pahmahzmo@yahoo.com)



### 1st Annual Homebuyer & Homeowner's Fair

The Homebuyer & Homeowner's Fair is open to anyone who currently owns a home or is interested in purchasing a home.

Advanced Enrollment Available

#### Classes offered:

- Homebuyer 101
- Anatomy of Credit
- Maintaining Your Mansion
- Get your **FREE CREDIT REPORT**

Wednesday, July 11th  
PBP Bingo Hall  
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by HCCI & PBP Housing

For More Information contact  
Jennifer Hale at (866) 966-2756







## Education News

### Congratulations recent graduates and other messages



Elaine Mzhickteno Barr  
M.S.W.  
Washburn University  
Topeka, Kansas

*I thank the Potawatomi people for their fine educational program. I will use my learning to provide a better service to Native people...*



Edward T. Ventura, Jr.  
M.S. Education  
Peru State College  
Peru, Nebraska

*Special thanks to the Education Department...*



Camilla Chouteau  
M.S.W.A.  
& Advocacy  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

*Thank you to our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the graduate education assistance the past two years...*

Camilla, left, and son LeeRoy Chouteau, Jr.

#### Attention graduates!

If you have recently graduated you must submit a transcript or copy of your diploma to the Education Department to keep your student record up to date. The Education Department also uses the diploma or transcript to confirm future department reports and job recruitment opportunities with the PBP and the Casino.

Send to:  
Education Department  
PBP 16281 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509

Applications for the  
Jim McKinney Scholarship Fund  
(\$500)  
are now being taken  
until August 13

Download applications  
from  
[www.shawneecountyalliedtribes.org](http://www.shawneecountyalliedtribes.org)



Youth  
between  
14-17 years old  
can apply for  
the  
2007  
National  
Indian  
Youth  
Police  
Academy  
Aug. 6-8  
in  
San Bernardino,  
California.

Contact:  
PBP  
Grant Department  
785.966.4053

#### Shannon (M'ko kwe') Wahwasuck-Jessepe

Kenneth Jessepe and Carol Shopteese are proud to announce the following achievements for Shannon (M'ko kwe') Wahwasuck-Jessepe, PBP member, and student at Everest Middle School, USD#430:

- Achievement Award for winning the local competition in the 2006-2007 Lions International Peace Poster Contest (November 2006).
- Outstanding Scholastic Achievement for maintaining a 3.00-3.24 in classroom work while participating on the J.V. Volleyball Team.
- Jack London Award for Outstanding Achievement on the School Newspaper Knowledge Bowl Participation - 8th Grade
- Everest Middle School Track Manager, 2006-2007 and the "best for last..."
- President's Education Awards Program in recognition of Outstanding Academic Excellence, 2007.

#### Cody Morris says thank you for helping with youth in education

10025 174<sup>th</sup> Rd.  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
May 21, 2007

PBP Tribal Council  
PBP Government Center  
Mayetta, KS 66509

Dear Tribal Council Members,

Let me just start out by thanking all of you for helping the Native American Club. You have supplied us with many things to help us further our education by giving us tutors at the Boys and Girls Club and our wonderful sponsors Anita Evans, Nathan Hale, and Cheryl Hopkins. By your help and effort you have given us not only a safe environment, but a way for us to learn or culture. Anita has supported me in ways I can't explain. She has really kept me grounded by telling me "I can." Because of this my grade in math has risen dramatically from an F to a C. I Got a C on my test, the first good test grade I had ever gotten. I thank her for believing in me. Do you see what I'm getting at? This club is more than a get out of class free card. It will always be my sanctuary whenever I need help or have a problem. I know I can look over my shoulder and know I have a group that cares when I think no one else does.

You have also given us a way to experience the world by helping us with trips. The Sponsors have all made it possible for us to succeed. I have said it once and I will say it again without the Tribal Council Members we would not have such a club. So once again thanks a bunch.

Sincerely

*Cody Morris*  
Cody Morris

(Letter received in the Tribal Council Chairperson's office on May 22, 2007 and submitted to the News)

### Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)

Happy 28th birthday on July 13



Ricky Clark

We love you,  
Mom and Robert



Happy birthday  
to Knowee Potts  
who turned "6" on  
May 23



We love you,  
Mom, dad, Hunter, Tes and  
"Baby" (Patch)



Card shower  
for elder

Julia (Eteeyan) Laclair

93 years young!  
July 27

We our celebrating with a  
happy birthday card shower!

Please send to  
8325 156 Ln. #A  
Mayetta, KS 66509



Cha-Ga-Be my native love  
Happy birthday to "u"!  
Love is the climax of my happiness,  
and the pinnacle of my pain.  
Love is the fire in my heart with an eternal flame.  
Happy birthday on July 12  
Love u,  
Sara



Happy birthday Grandma



With love,  
Sophie and Sadie Jo Bosse



Happy birthday  
to our June girls.  
Wishing you  
many more  
Love,  
Mom and Eldon



Sharon Jean  
Anderson-Bosse  
June 28



Vicki Jo Anderson  
June 20

Happy 100th birthday



Marguerite Bell Sheppard Wells

July 13







## Kanibwēttēk (the one's that stood up together)



Keirsten (Matchie) and Gubba Hale

On Saturday, May 19, 2007 two young lives were joined together in marriage. Gubba Hale to Keirsten Matchie. The new Mr. & Mrs. Hale reside on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation with their two children. Where they will live happily ever after.

The family would like to thank all those who helped make this day special. We very much appreciate the way our community, the people, pull together to help each other. Thank you again for all the help received.



## Happy happy wedding anniversary Fran -n- Jill Anderson's July 24, 2007

The happy happy days

Love, Cha-Ga-Be and Sara

## Ganittēk (Those who are born)



Eliana Lucille Cervantes Banks  
Born April 25, 2007  
Weight: 8 lb. 7 oz.  
Height: 20 1/2 in. tall

Jose Luciano, brother; the late Dorothy Lucille Cervantes and Jaime Cervantes, maternal grandparents; the late Narcissus "Doc" Banks and Eleanor Keo Banks, paternal grandparents; and Donnis and James Keo and Enedina and Jose Cervantes, great grandparents.



Ernest Shedrick Jones III  
Born May 26, 2007  
Weight: 8 lbs. 8 oz.  
Height: 20 1/2 in. tall

Proud parents:  
Ernest S. Jones Jr. & Araceli Renteria

Proud grandparents:  
Karen Jessepe & Ernest S. Jones Sr.  
Jose & Maria Renteria



## Carol Snowball 'Not-no-Kwe'

Carol Snowball "Not-no-Kwe," 78, of 4430 Hafermann Heights, Wisconsin Rapids, passed away Monday, May 21, 2007. She was the great-great-granddaughter of Chief Waubaunsee of the Potawatomi Nation.

Carol was born June 5, 1927, on Skunk Hill/Powers Bluff to James and Rebecca (Kitchkume) Pidgeon. She was a member of the Big Drum Society and believed strongly in her Creator. She taught those traditional values and beliefs to her children and grandchildren. She was a fluent speaker of the Potawatomi language. She shared that gift with her family. She was instrumental in getting Skunk Hill/Powers Bluff on the National Registry of Historic Places. She was determined that the path of her people would not be forgotten. Many individuals would seek out her knowledge of the spiritual ways of the "Anishinabe" (The People) to enrich their own lives. Her guidance and influence will be dearly treasured.

Carol was a homemaker. She handcrafted traditional beadwork to support her family. She was known for her handcrafted miniature beaded moccasin pins that were sold throughout the United States, as well as abroad. A sample of her beadwork is also on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Carol married Alfred Snowball in June

1952, in Wisconsin Rapids. He died at the age of 42 on May 5, 1972, while working construction in Minnesota. They had seven sons.

Carol is survived by sons, Brian (Carla) Snowball, Gary (Violet) Snowball, Alfred Snowball Jr., all of Wisconsin Rapids, Terry (Machel) Snowball of Maryland, Randy Snowball also of Wisconsin Rapids, and Daniel Snowball of Arizona. She also raised her niece, Mary Webster of Wisconsin Rapids, as her own. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Carol was predeceased by her brothers, Luther, Horace, Levi and Ernest; sisters, Gwendolyn Houghton, and Ida Pidgeon (buried on Skunk Hill); her husband, Alfred Snowball; son, Tony Snowball; grandson, Robert Joseph Snowball; and three great-grandchildren.

Carol enjoyed playing bingo, going to rummage sales and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a devoted cat lover and "Baby Girl" will miss her very much. Carol was a strong woman who devoted her life to teaching her children and grandchildren who they were and where they came from.

Native American services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Carol Snowball residence. Billy Daniels will officiate. Burial will be in the Waub-mee-mee Cemetery in the town of Seneca. Visitation will be held at Carol's residence after 1 p.m. Wednesday until the time of services on Thursday.

Taylor, Vollert and Jennings Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids is assisting the

## Paul W. Slattery

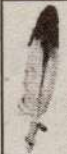


Paul W. Slattery, 70, died May 21, 2007, at a Topeka hospital. He was born March 16, 1937, in Mayetta, the son of Cornelius "Neil" and Julia Cochran Slattery. He graduated from Mayetta High School in 1954 and was a lifelong member of the Mayetta community except for time served in the military. Mr. Slattery served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma City 7th Fleet. He was a computer technician for IBM for 17 years, Santa Fe Railroad for 13 years and Hitachi for five years. He also worked for 10 years at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, both of Mayetta, and carried the "Message of Hope" for suffering alcoholics. He married Helen Jerome on Nov. 30, 1963, at Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka. She survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Cathy Forgy and husband B.J., Mayetta; three grandchildren, Jessie, Jason and Jessica Forgy; a sister, Pat Cummings, Topeka; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. May 24 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hoyt. Military honors provided by We-Ta-Se Post 410 of the American Legion. A rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. May 23 at the funeral home, followed by visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Paul Slattery Memorial Fund to be designated by the family, 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)

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 5/23/07)

## Kamboftēk (Those who died)

### Eli S. Wabnum



Eli S. Wabnum Sr., 73, Mayetta, died May 31, 2007, at his home. He was born March 19, 1934, on the Potawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta, the son of Edna Keggmega, who raised him with Pete Wabnum. Mr. Wabnum served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was wounded twice and received two purple hearts. He later worked for Topeka USD 501 as a custodian. He was a full-blood member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Drum Religion, Disabled American Vets and We-Ta-Se Post 410 of the American Legion. Survivors include his adopted mother, Voncile Mitchell; a son, Eli Wabnum Jr., address unknown; and three sisters, Theresa Asselin "Osh" and Maxine Begay, both of Mayetta, and Lorene Wahweotten, Denver, Colo. Drum services were held Sunday at the Dance Grounds west of Mayetta. Burial with military honors will be held June 4 in Matwe-Shobney Cemetery on the Potawatomi reservation. Online condolences may be sent to [chapeloaksfuneralhome.com](http://chapeloaksfuneralhome.com)

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 6/4/07)

[Editor's note: the following information was submitted on June 13 to the PBP News] Eli's wife, M. Theresa Masquat, preceded him in death and the survivors include Eli S. Wabnum Jr., and five stepchildren, Clovis M. Bowles, of Iowa, Clinton "Butch" Medovich, Terranita C. Williams both of Topeka, and Johnny L. Williams of Mayetta, and Clarita S. Williams of Arizona.

### Aaron Grinnell



Anchorage resident Aaron Casey Grinnell, 25, died on June 11, 2007, at Providence Alaska Medical Center due to injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. A visitation and service were Thursday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Honorary pallbearers included all his friends: Justin and Jonathan Cruz, Jai Chang, Beer Daengpaich, Alex Jiminez, the Freestyle Syndicate, and his little brother, Sean Mace. Interment will take place at a later date at Pineview Cemetery in Ashton, Idaho. Aaron was born Sept. 5, 1981, in Pocatello, Idaho. He moved to Anchorage and worked as a computer networking specialist for Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. He was Catholic. He enjoyed motorcycle riding and racing, snowboarding and working on computers. His family wrote: "Hockey, skating, snowboarding, running, riding, racing and his family and friends; all these he loved. He was richly blessed with talents, with success in his work, with wonderful co-workers, and with tremendous friends. We are grateful for his life and know we will see him again. Until then, we will carry him in our hearts forever. Thank you to all of his special friends and the June and Juliet Cruz family." Aaron is survived by his father and stepmother Fred and Paula Grinnell; mother and stepfather, Deon and Michael Mace; brothers Greg Grinnell, Alan Grinnell, and Sean Mace sister, Dina Robertson; and grandmothers Alyce Hill and Margaret Stanford. Memorial donations can be made to Disadvantaged Youth Education at any branch of Alaska USA, account 1332113. Arrangements are with Witzleben Family Funeral Home & Crematory.

(Courtesy of Anchorage Daily News on 6/15/07)



### Jarrett Carl Finch

It was with great honor that We-Ta-Se Post 410 was present for the 21-gun salute for Staff Sergeant Jarrett Carl Finch, 87, who died Sunday, June 3, 2007 at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center. He was the father of Mina Neuburger, Community Health Nurse for the PBP Health Center. Burial was at Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas. Mr. Finch was born August 27, 1919 in Jobe, Missouri. He served his country as a Staff Sergeant with the US Army Corps of Engineers Co. C 2829, 45th Infantry Thunderbirds, and the US 7th Army, during the European Conflict. He was awarded six Bronze Stars, and the Bronze Arrowhead Award. He was a wonderful husband, and the best father and grandfather a child could ever have. He was a friend to everyone he met and always willing to lend a helping hand. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son; as well as five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

(Submitted by Mina Neuburger)

### Verna Marie "Nim-Ni-Quah" Shegonee-Rodriguez



Verna Marie Shegonee-Rodriguez died Sunday, May 13, 2007, in Albuquerque, N.M. She was born on October 25, 1940, in Arpin, Wis., to Gilbert and Melvina (Wewasson) Shegonee.

Verna loved listening to Marvin Gaye, Ray Charles, and many other artists of dusty music, working her "Bent & Wiggly" puzzle books, rummaging at second-hand stores with her daughters and nieces, most of all she had the extraordinary capacity to love and forgive everyone whom she loved. She will be missed by all who knew her and had the privilege to share in her life on earth.

Verna is survived by her husband, Jose Rodriguez, and children: Angela, Tomaso "Tommy" (both preceded in death), Marie Ann Lozano, Antonio Raymond, Sheryl Jo, Matthew Loyal Rodriguez, Donica Lynn (John) Nanez.

Verna's father, Gilbert Harrison Shegonee. "Ahn-Wap-Nah," and Melvina Wewasson both preceded her in death. Brothers: unnamed baby boy, Joseph "Joby," Delbert Shegonee and sisters Cathy Shegonee-Neff (Benny), Laura (Pedro) E. Shegonee Marquez (all preceded in death) survived by Barbara A. (Felix) Marin, Faye Perry, Loyal Shegonee.

Further survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, all who loved her deeply. Zagidowen.

(Courtesy of Potawatomi Traveling Times)



### Garold W. Salisbury

Garold W. Salisbury, 45, Palmyra, Indiana, formerly of St. Marys, died Thursday, May 17, 2007 at the University Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation of Mayetta, Kansas. He is survived by his wife Paula, parents Delores Sumner Porter and Marvin Ward and Judy Salisbury of Indiana. Daughters Jennifer of St. Marys and Jessica of Paxico and many relatives. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 23 at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys. Interment will be in the Mt. Olive Cemetery north of Emmett.

## A word from Lakeview Faith Chapel

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and friends all,

Jesus said in Matthew 6:19 "Lay not up yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal." He went on to say in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

This for certain was a warning against trusting in riches but it was also a warning about trusting or having one's heart and mind dominated by anything that would be displeasing to God. Jesus let us know in Matthew 22:37 that we should love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds. The first commandment is really simply loving God above everything else.

There is no question that God loves us. John 3:16 is proof of that, but do we love God like we should, that is the question.

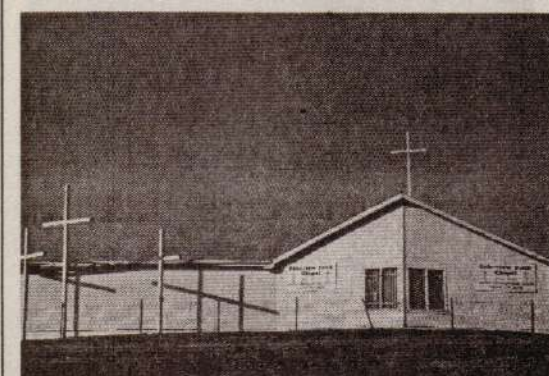
Too much of the time our lives and thought processes are just about things of this earth. Life on this earth, our lives on this earth, are short-lived at best.

Eternity is the forever life, and that's what we should be concentrating on. Real treasure, and treasure that will last can only be found in heaven. Everything else will be of no value and vanish away.

Where is your treasure today? Who or what has your heart? When Christ appears, will you also appear with him in glory?

I trust that you and I will be found loving God like we should. If God has our heart, then we are and forever will be happy!

Blessings!  
Pastor Steve Cappleman  
Lakeview Faith Chapel







## We-Ta-Se Color Guard post colors at the State Capitol for Memorial Day and busy with other activities



The photo (left) shows the We-Ta-Se color guard practicing in the parking lot of the We-Ta-Se building for their upcoming events that occurred during Memorial Day weekend. On May 28th the color guard was invited to participate in the Governor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the State Capitol Building (at right) and the day before that Post #410 placed flags on veteran's graves at cemeteries on the reservation. On May 25-26 they traveled to El Reno, Okla. where they participated in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Memorial monument dedication ceremony.

Special thanks to Micki Martinez for submitting the photo at right.



### Memorial Day Cemetery visits by We-Ta-Se & Auxillary

- Potts
- Wah-go
- Swede Wahwasuck
- Dance Ground
- Charles Thomas 150 G
- Wazo
- Wishkeno
- Prairie Peoples Cemetery
- Takanko (Algernon Wamego)
- Prairie Peoples Park Veterans Memorial
- Wah-wak-sum
- Nelson Potts
- Shipshee
- John Mitchell
- Mahkuk
- Andy Mitchell



### Flag Day ceremony and barbeque held at Prairie Peoples Park

On Flag Day, June 14, We-Ta-Se members participated in an honor flag event at PARR Recovery House. Later that day the veterans held a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Prairie Peoples Park.

Afterwards a barbeque was held for those who attended the ceremony.

### Vandals hit veterans wall

The photo, right, shows two We-Ta-Se veterans, Benny Potts and B.J. Darnall, examining a broken light fixture at the Veterans Memorial wall located in Prairie Peoples Park.

Vandals destroyed part of the memorial late one evening during the pow-wow held the weekend of June 9-10.

Photo by Mary Young



### Highway signs to mark PBPV Veterans Memorial

American Legion Post 410 was recently notified that the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has approved three signs to recognize the Prairie Band Veteran's Memorial that will be placed near U.S. Highway 75 and 158 Road directing traffic to the memorial.

An event to celebrate the new signage was scheduled at press time to be held at the Government Center on June 26 at 10:30 a.m.



Above and at left is Roy Hale, retired director of the We-Ta-Se program, who was seen in the We-Ta-Se building recently taking Con Zisos and Frank Gauci (next to Roy) from Melbourne, Australia on a tour of the reservation. With the three men is tribal member Alvina LaClair who also acted as a tour guide with Roy that day. The We-Ta-Se building includes Prairie Band Potawatomi veteran memorabilia that is permanently on display. The building also houses the We-Ta-Se veterans office, Potawatomi News, and Department of Planning and Environmental Protection offices.

### Andy Mitchell

I am grateful to be selected as the Honored Elder for our annual PBPV pow-wow. I have lived almost my entire life on the reservation and currently reside on the same land where I was raised as a young boy.

I take great pride in the appearance of my family home place, doing regular gardening and planting. Among the plantings I do is a tobacco crop that I do for the community. During the first quarter of this year (2007), I was selected as the Environmental Hero with the award given in conjunction with our Earth Day celebration. This award was partially given due to my efforts to preserve our reservation.

During my childhood, in the mid-1930s, as was common for Native children at that time, I was sent to boarding school. I attended initially the Sequoyah Boarding School in Tahlequah, Okla., and then later Wahpeton Indian School, Wahpeton, N.D.

I am currently an active member of the Drum Religion. There was a time where I was told that I needed to be a Catholic or a Protestant, and at the time I related to my mother who was a Catholic so I became one. However, later I began attending the Drum Religion which is where I feel "right." I am presently a Drum Chief of the Drum Religion.

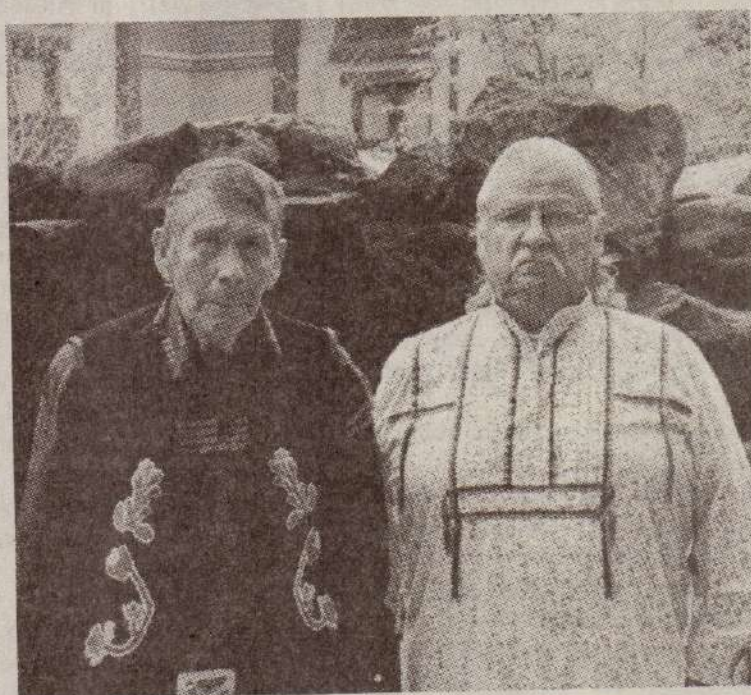
I am a proud member of the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410. I am a life member and one of the first ten chartered members. I am active in parades and with the honor guard. At the 2006 We-Ta-Se Veterans Pow-wow I was pleased and grateful to be recognized as the honored male veteran.

I was in the military serving in the Army from 1947-1949 in the Occupation of Japan. I next served in the Korean War for a 10-month period in 1950-1951. Due to family circumstances including the death of my brother Edward Mitchell (who was also in the service during the time of his death), I was given special exception for returning home to the reservation after speaking to the chaplain about my circumstances. Due to these family circumstances I was never deployed overseas but instead came back to the reservation to be with family.

Besides my own family, I want to mention being the adopted father of Charlie Thomas's children. I thank those that have been recognizing and honoring me recently and am proud to serve as the Honored Elder for the 2007 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow-wow.

## Messages from two honorees at the 2007 PBPV Pow-wow

(messages reprinted from 2007 Pow-wow program)



ABOVE: Left to right is Andy Mitchell and Curtis Paul Masquat who were both honored at this year's Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation pow-wow. Curtis was honored veteran and Andy was honored elder.

Photo submitted by Ruth Vega

### Curtis Paul Masquat

Being selected honored vet is humbling. There are many GREAT WARRIORS in our Prairie Band. My heartfelt thanks to the committee for thinking of me.

Thanks to my five kids for helping me on this occasion, also; to my 16 grandchildren! Words just aren't enough to say how I feel about you.

My prayers always go out to the men and women who now fight for our freedom, as well as the innocents caught up in it. I pray our warriors return in good mind, body and spirit.

I feel very fortunate to have been involved with a segment of Vietnam's people known as Mountainards. They live deep in the hills and jungle. Although my being in support of them was brief, I have never forgotten them. These people were oppressed in their own country. Like Indians here! They fought along with Americans with the hope to become free. They had the reputation of being dedicated fighters, only to be abandoned by the U.S. I think of them and my heart goes out to them.

#### A Little Story:

One night in confusion a buddy and I were separated from our Battery. We were standing in the darkness and could hear movement coming in our direction. We realized they were Viet Cong (VC). We could hear their voices and the distinct sound of AK47's shake and rattle. They seemed close enough to touch. It's like being frozen in time. It's hard to believe it's been 39 years since those days. I still feel it, see it, hear it, smell it!

God Bless You All = Mesho Nen' Weh

## Pow-wow snaps

special thanks to Micki Martinez

### Honor the Youth Run part of the pow-wow

An Honor the Youth Spiritual Run began June 6 in Macy, Neb. and ended at the PBPV pow-wow on June 10.

The purpose of the run was to raise awareness for the prevention of Native American suicide, drug and alcohol addiction, tobacco abuse, and violence throughout Indian country.

After the runners arrived they were treated to a feast and fellowship.

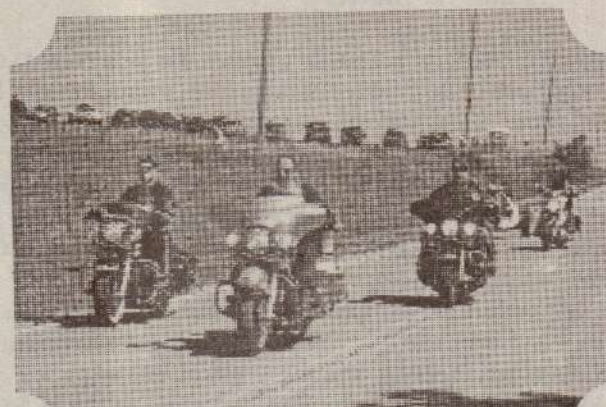
The PBPV helped finance the run through a charitable contribution.



ABOVE: Movie actress Irene Bedard posed with Daniel Martinez at the pow-wow. Bedard was the voice of Pocahontas in the Disney movie and played Suzy Song in the movie Smoke Signals. Daniel is a tribal member.



BELOW: Dancing in the beautiful regalia is always a popular feature of the pow-wow.



ABOVE: A lot of riders turned out for the 1st Poker Rez Run on June 9. We-Ta-Se served breakfast to the group and the money they received from a free-will donation will be used to help Post 410 with future activities and events.