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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Chris Eteeyan saves trucker's life in interstate accident



This photo was taken of Chris Eteeyan in 2004 when he was a driver for the PBP Motor Vehicle Department.

By Suzanne Heck

Tribal member Chris Eteeyan, saved the life of a semitruck driver just minutes before the driver's semitruck exploded into a ball of fire on an interstate bridge near Emporia, Kan. on March 9.

The accident occurred while Chris, who works as a Vocational Rehabilitation Aid for the PBP Social Services Department, was transporting a client to Wichita on Interstate 35.

Chris said that he was about three or four cars behind the truck when he saw it crash into a concrete median on the bridge and start on fire. Chris immediately stopped his car, ran toward the truck, and helped pull the driver, who was partially out of the

truck's cab and onto the hood, away from the truck.

Chris then drug the man to the end of the bridge just moments before the truck exploded.

Before he left the car, Chris had asked the client to call 911 and the emergency service crews arrived within minutes after the explosion occurred.

Chris reported that after the smoke cleared there were only remnants of the truck left and that he thought that the driver received only minor injuries but that he had not talked to him since the accident.

Chris said at the time of the accident he was just reacting to the situation and knew it was the right thing to do.

We're moving forward! Tribe to takeover casino by July 1



A panoramic view of the casino taken in 2004 shortly after the expansion was constructed.

Photo by Mary Young

Tribal Council officially announced last week that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will take over the casino from Harrah's July 1.

The Casino Transition team of Dan Kennedy and Peggy Houston have been working hard to get the phases of takeover in place and it appears from all reports that the Tribe will be ready to go by the July 1 date.

A new logo that shows the name change to Prairie Band Casino & Resort can now be seen on the reservation on tribal members and employees of the Nation who are wearing sweatshirts and T-shirts. On page 3 inside this issue of the News you can get a glimpse of what some of the game tables are going to look like along with the artwork to be used on the chips.

The casino opened in 1997 and was expanded in 2004 to include a three-story hotel, the Three Fires Steakhouse, a 12,000 foot convention/event center, and an expanded gaming area.

Business has been good at the casino and for many years was considered the most popular tourist attraction in Kansas.

Since the convention center has been operation several conferences have been held and the Casino also has concerts featuring famous musicians like the Commodores and KC and the

Sunshine Band

More information about the Casino will be featured in future issues of the News.



Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff named Indian Business Person Of the Year

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development awarded Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff the 2007 Indian Business Person of the Year award at the recent Reservation Economic Summit held March 12-15, 2007.

The National Center awards are given to individuals and firms to honor them and to highlight the type of commitment that is necessary to make economic development a reality for Indian tribes across the country.

Also honored at the awards dinner was Ron Allen of the Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe and John Echohawk of the Native American Rights Fund for their work in Indian Country economic development.

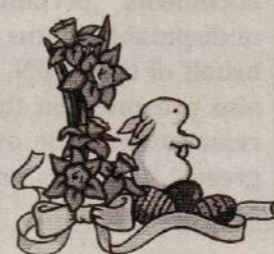
"This award is a great recognition that I received as the Chair of a very progressive tribe," said Stanhoff, "And we look forward to continuing our quest for economic self-sufficiency through diversification of our Nation and tribal member owned businesses."

The National Center is also assisting the Nation with the processing of our Section 8(a) status with the Small Business Association. More information on our economic development efforts coming soon.



April Calendar

Happy
Easter



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| April 6 | Government offices closed for Easter |
| April 21 | General Council Meeting |
| April 22 | Earth Day-Prairie Peoples Park |
| April 25 | Education/Student Awards Banquet
Harrah's Convention Center |

Marty Kreipe deMontano retires after 23 years

In 1983 Marty Kreipe deMontano (Prairie Band Potawatomi) moved to New York City to take a nine month internship with the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. She was the second Native person to work there. Toward the end of her internship she accepted a position in the museum's Indian Information Center. She had a typewriter, a telephone, a few books and she shared space with the archives. When the Heye Foundation became the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian in 1989, Marty changed the name of the Indian Information Center to the Resource Center and took the opportunity to imagine what this new Resource Center could be in a big way. Today there are three NMAI Resource Centers with a combined staff of 15 positions. With the opening of the Mall museum in Washington, D.C., Marty envisioned a bank of kiosks facing the expansive view of the mall and the Capital where visitors could view interactive maps of the museum, send electronic postcards and coloring pages via email, and research Native communities on the Internet. A library of 4000 books is housed at the back of the Center. Each year over 100,000 people visit the NMAI Resource Centers. Marty also started a program of bringing Native students to the Museum where they could research the museum's collections from their community and produce interactive programs

about their research on the collections, thus combining the historical legacy of the community with emerging technology.

Shortly after moving to New York Marty met Jose Montano, who was on tour with his musical ensemble, Grupo Aymara. Despite lacking a common language they were married in 1986. For seventeen years, Jose worked as an artist in residence in schools in the New York City area and periodically toured with Grupo Aymara. In 2001 he came to NMAI to work for the Move Team, then, in 2004, he joined the Education Department as a cultural interpreter.



"It has been a wonderful journey, from George's Curio Cabinet to the NMAI. I have had the good fortune to participate in a world class museum that re-invented itself on a grand scale. I have worked with many talented people, both at the Heye Foundation and at NMAI. If the Resource Centers are successful it is due to the extraordinary people who staff them; to their knowledge, dedication and passion for what they do.".....Marty

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A fire broke out recently at the Girl's Group Home that is located on the reservation and these four firemen responded to the alarm. From left to right are John Rodecap, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Flanary, Lieutenant Tim Morse, and Captain Rick Swogger. No one was home when the fire started but it did cause some damage to a few of the rooms. Residents of the home are staying at a temporary location until the home is repaired. The fire was one of last that Assistant Chief Flanary responded to as a member of the Potawatomi Fire Department because he resigned from the department on March 23. He began as a training officer in 2003 and quickly moved up the ranks to Assistant Fire Chief by October of that year. He told the News that his work with the Potawatomi Nation has been a highly rewarding experience. A going-away luncheon was held in his honor on his last day at the Fire Department.



2007 March message to the Nation from Tribal Chair, Tracy Stanhoff



After a snowy, cold end of February and start of March, the spring weather is much appreciated by us all on the reservation. Tribal Council has been steadily working on the initiatives and programs that the Nation holds dear, below is an update of our activities:

- I traveled to Washington, D. C. for the annual winter Legislative Session of the National Congress of American Indians. It was a great session with many old legislator and new legislator friends to Indian Country speaking to us Tribal leaders in attendance. Highlights in-

cluded: New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson's address in which he said if elected President of the United States he would have an Indian Affairs cabinet position; Senator Daniel Inouye's honoring of long-time Senate Indian Affairs Committee staffer and now PBPB lobbyist Patricia Zell; new Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior - Carl Artman on his efforts to serve Indian Country; and numerous other wonderful legislative speeches that addressed many of our concerns in Washington, D.C. Tribal leaders, through the work of the National Congress of American Indians, are working diligently to pass the Indian Health Care Reauthorization Bill; the Farm Bill; and other legislation needed by Indian Country to help our people.

- Tribal Council is starting to plan the 150 and Highway 75 interchange development. As I stated in my last update, this process will take approximately three months after which we will have a detailed plan for this commercial area to augment our casino enterprise on our Kansas reservation.

- In order to serve our members better, Tribal Council and the General Manager's office are working strategically to re-structure our Enrollment, Election and Per Capita departments into one new department tentatively called Member Services. If this combining of departments works, we will then make an announcement forthcoming on the new process.
- PBPB Economic Development Specialist Helen Sumner and I attended the Annual Reservation Economic Summit. We met several corporate and government leaders who were in attendance and ready to assist our Tribe with economic development. One major avenue of development we are pursuing is a mentor protégé relationship with a major Department of Defense prime contractor. Stay tuned.
- We just received a letter from the Department of Interior (DOI) regarding our pending Constitutional Amendment election. Again, the DOI had comments to clarify our amendments. Tribal Council will be meeting again with the Constitution committee to discuss these comments. However, we are still waiting for the DOI's final budgeting of the election. After we again address these DOI comments and the budgeting is finalized, all eligible voters will receive a voter registration form from the Department of Interior and you must complete and return this form to be able to vote in this special Secretarial election.
- As always, I am available on an appointment basis to discuss anything a tribal member has on their mind, please call Verna Simon at 785-966-4008 to set up an appointment.

We're Moving Forward,
Tracy Stanhoff

Shabbona Project Chronology of Events Part 5

January 2007	Tribal Council makes trip to Washington, D.C. where meetings with legislators and key House and Senate staff members are held to educate them on the Prairie Band Shab-eh-nay Reservation. All meetings were well received.
February 2007	Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff and PBPB attorneys from Washington, D.C. hold luncheon meeting with DeKalb County officials and their lawyers to discuss next steps in finalizing Inter-Governmental Agreements.
February 2007	During a break from the NCAI Winter Session, Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff and PBPB Washington D.C. attorneys meet to strategize on upcoming presentation to DeKalb County Commission Executive Board which was scheduled as a result of previous luncheon meeting.
March 2007	Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff, Vice Chair Rey Kitchkumme, Secretary Jim Potter and Council woman Jackie Mitchell present to DeKalb County Commission Executive Board on Shab-eh-nay Reservation plans, history and legal determination of Reservation status held in trust for PBPB. Dr. James McClurken, renowned ethno historian, working on behalf of the PBPB also discussed his review of over 30,000 documents pertaining to this reservation and the undisputable status of reservation land held in trust on behalf of the PBPB. Our Washington, D.C. attorney team, also presented on the legal aspects of our returning to this reservation. The overall reception from this meeting was great. Attorneys on both sides are moving to come to an agreement.

Shabbona Chronology Timeline from Tribal Council



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Bank's eye view: Dollar cost averaging: Riding the financial wave without getting seasick

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank
(reprint due to timeliness with the stock fluctuation the last month)



With the rollercoaster ride the stock markets have gone through the last month, I would like to revisit last November's article. It dealt with dollar cost averaging. Dollar cost averaging is the purchasing of set amounts of securities at set intervals, usually on a monthly basis. Some have referred to it as fixed investing. Everyone knows that the oldest maxim of investing is "Buy low, sell high." However, the execution of that maxim requires us to accurately predict what markets are about to do. That is a very difficult and stressful thing to do. Dollar cost averaging helps with the swings of the markets. The beauty of dollar cost averaging is that when the stock or mutual fund slumps, you buy more shares, and when it's pricier, you buy less. This provides a psychological safety net. A temporary decline in price can now be perceived as a purchasing opportunity instead of a setback.

Let's look at an example that's fairly exaggerated, but illustrates how it works:

Month	Amount	Price	Shares
1	\$300	\$5	60
2	\$300	\$10	30
3	\$300	\$6	50
4	\$300	\$12	25

5	\$300	\$10	30
6	\$300	\$5	60
Total:	\$1800		255
Ave. Price:		\$7.05	

What is important to notice here is that the average price per share over these six months was \$8.00 but the average price you paid was \$7.05. This is because you buy more shares when it is lower and fewer shares when it is more expensive.

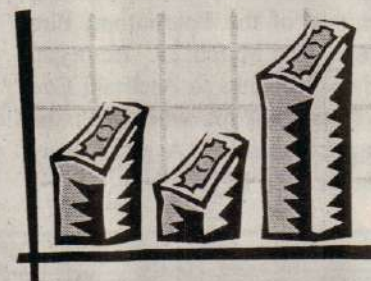
There are three important factors in successfully dollar cost averaging:

- You have to decide exactly the amount of money you want to invest. Make certain that you are financially capable of keeping the amount consistent. Failure to do so may make your dollar cost averaging plan ineffective.
- You should select an investment that you would want to hold on to for the long term - preferably five to ten years, or even longer.
- Invest your money at regular time intervals - it can be weekly, monthly, quarterly or a schedule that works best for you - in an equity that you have picked out. If available, try to set up an automatic withdrawal plan so that the process becomes automated.

If you have a lump sum to invest from an inheritance, bonus, or other source, I do not recommend that you dollar cost average a lump sum. Dollar cost averaging outperforms lump sum investing only in a declining market. With lump sums, the faster you get the money in the market to work for you, the better your returns should be. However, many of us don't get lump sums. We can use dollar cost averaging to invest from our regular income.

Dollar cost averaging doesn't guarantee a profit. However, with a sensible and long-term investment approach, dollar cost averaging can smooth out the market's ups and downs and may help reduce risk of loss.

As always, I look forward to answering any questions readers may have about this or any other subject. I can be reached at rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com or 800-633-2423.



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Prairie Band Casino & Resort Update

The graphics to the right are samples of what our new poker and black table layouts will look like. Also included is our new chip artwork. Our transition is coming along super and we will be ready to take over on the new transition date of July 1, 2007.

Continued thanks to Dan Kennedy and Peggy Houston and the rest of the casino transition team on their great work.

Tribal Council



PBPN Photo Gallery



ABOVE: Charitable Contributions Committee members got together on March 8 at the Government Center for a meeting. From left to right clockwise is Mary Carr, LaVera Bell, Jim Garcia, Betty Rice and Wanda Treinen. Delores Abrams was also at the meeting but is not in the photograph. The Charitable Contributions Committee examines funding charitable requests that come into the Nation and makes recommendations to Tribal Council. All committee members are tribal members except for Jim Garcia who is in the Purchasing Department of the government.



ABOVE: Elf, the latest puppy to be raised by tribal member Mike Jensen, stopped in to meet the *News* staff recently at their office. Elf is being trained by the Kansas Specialty Dog Service (KSDS), Inc. and will help a visually impaired or physically disabled person after he graduates from the program. The Tribe has donated to the KSDS organization that is based in Washington, Kan. through its Charitable Contributions program.



An informal meeting was held at the Firekeepers Elder Center on March 9 to discuss activities at the Center. Tribal Councilperson Jackie Mitchell, seen standing, directed the meeting that was planned by Julia Lewis, sitting to Jackie's left. Others in the photograph are Marge Abney and Leroy Mzhickteno, far left, and Thamer Morris who is behind Julia. Approximately 15 people attended the meeting and tribal administrators who were also at the meeting were Jim Potter, Tribal Council Secretary, Heather Guillen-Woltje, Human Resources Director, and Nona Wahweotten, Director of the Firekeepers Elder Center.

Spotlight on Mark Kern entrepreneur for March 2007



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I graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing. I started my professional career in sales with Midland Broadcasters' KMAJ AM and FM radio stations in Topeka, Kan. in 1992. During my radio career, I was promoted to sales manager for four radio stations and then to market director of sales of six stations. In October 2000, I became the advertising sales manager for Sunflower Broadband, an independently owned cable system in Lawrence, Kan. My 15 years of marketing and advertising experience has allowed me to develop successful marketing plans with numerous types of businesses on a local, regional and national level through multitude advertising mediums - internet, radio, direct mail, broadcast, cable, and newspaper.

My wife, Michelle, and I now own an investment property company, Kern Management, and a full service-advertising agency, Kern Marketing.

Kern Management consists of 40 rental units in Lawrence, Kan. Kern Management was founded in March of 2003. Michelle is the property manager responsible for leasing and day-to-day business. I handle all maintenance coordination and on-premise management.

Kern Marketing was established in November 2006. Kern Marketing specializes in internet and interactive marketing. Direct mail is one of our fastest growing and most competitive mediums. We handle all print, video production, creative design, interior and exterior signage and web design.

Kern Marketing provides agency services to assist in the determination of specific marketing objectives, using various marketing procedures, as well as, primary and secondary research. After identifying specific marketing objectives, Kern Marketing will make recommendations and participate in the implementation of precise strategies to reach these objectives. Kern Marketing will further provide media services including market analysis, qualitative research, secondary media research, media strategy, planning, negotiation, media placement and schedule monitoring.

Below is the approach Kern Marketing takes towards marketing.

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rating the right mix of media and strategy based on up-to-the-minute market realities—not guesses about what the future will look like.

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Kern Marketing can help you hear them—and then connect with them in ways that lay the foundation for an enduring relationship. Our approach to client relationships is simple and astonishingly effective. Your business will experience direct, one-on-one collaboration with our staff of certified Creative Geniuses.

I currently live in Lawrence with my wife Michelle, two daughters, Emily, 11, Haylee, 5, and my son, Bradyn, 2. My parents are Darell and Carol Kern. I have a younger sister, Susan and an older brother, Mike.

I enjoy golf, basketball, softball, and running. Exercise helps me think clear, maintain a high level of energy and helps reduce stress.

I am actively involved in the community, real estate and economic development of Lawrence and Topeka. I am an active community member in various organizations including: Envoy Committee, Lawrence and Topeka Chamber of Commerce, United Way Small Business Fundraisers, and the Topeka Active 20-30 Club. I am a 2006 Graduate of Leadership in Greater Topeka and 2004 Graduate from Franklin Covey's 7-Habits of Highly Effective Managers.

One of my proudest professional moments, was being awarded the 2006 John A. McGovern Man of the Year Award. This award is given annually to a 20/30 member who has given considerable time and effort in the philanthropic endeavors of fundraising for the Topeka and surrounding area children's charities.

I will close with my thoughts on being

an entrepreneur. Life presents change on a day-to-day basis. The ability to adapt to those changes is what makes us who we are today. Becoming an entrepreneur is not easy. You will work harder than you ever imagined. The key is don't forget what means the most to you and it will all stay in perspective. My family is what means the most to me.

Life is a gift, enjoy it. A proud member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Entrepreneurs Previously spotlighted in the News

2005

- David Noland—David's Lawn Care (Mar.)
- Jean Howley—Prairie Traders (Apr.)
- Bob and Fawn Cadue—Indigenous Trucking LLC (May)
- Tony Wahweotten—1st Nation Painting, Inc. (June)
- Cecil Walker—CW Construction Inc. (July)
- Tracy Stanhoff—Ad Pro (Aug.)
- Joe Wishteyah—NDN STYLE Clothing (Sept.)
- Burton and Dana Warrington—Young Blood Expressions and IndianAve.com (Oct.)
- Sharon Bosse—Bosse Herefords (Nov.)
- Wayne Darling—Crystal Quartz Depot, Inc. (Dec.)

2006

- Dianna Payne—Sew Native (Jan.)
- Lenora Dickens—Stamping with Lynn (Feb.)
- Paul and Becky Knifong—Knifong Trucking, LLC (Mar.)
- Edward J. Mitchell—Neswabmi (Apr.)
- Judy and Eldon Darnell—Native Essence Tradin' Post (May)

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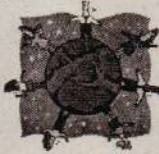
- Mark Kern—Kern Marketing and Kern Management (Mar.)



Department of Planning/Environmental Protection Department News



A Planning Board meeting was held in the We-Ta-Se Conference Room the afternoon of March 19 in preparation for another meeting that was held that evening at the Firekeepers Elder Center that involved a public hearing on 174 Road. From left to right is Virginia LeClere, Tim Ramirez, Antoinette Houle, and Sharon Bosse who periodically meet to go over environment and land-based issues that affect the reservation. Antoinette is the Realty Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Horton, Kan. and the other three members work for the PBP government.



9th Annual Earth Day Celebration
Sunday, April 22, 2007
Prairie People's Park

- runs/walks/bike rides
- environmental information booths
- free gifts and outdoor fun

Household Hazardous Waste Round up



Saturday, April 7
9 a.m. till noon
Solid Waste Center
9835 142 Road
Mayetta, Kan.



Please bring these items for proper disposal:

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- fire extinguishers •electronics-TV's and computers (limit one per household)
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- pesticides, herbicides, lawn and garden chemicals •pool chemicals •photographic chemicals,
- appliances and scrap metals

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Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held



At left in the photo above is Marcus Reavis, from Region VII's Environmental Protection Agency office, in Kansas City looking on as Sharon Bosse demonstrates how to clean a cookie tray with common household products along with other members of the advisory committee. The group, comprised of community reservation residents and Department of Planning staff, meet regularly to discuss how to improve and promote the solid waste sites on the reservation.

Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair, spoke at the meeting as well as Reavis who conducted a set of skits that informed participants about how to practice good environmental health. The meeting was held at the Boys & Girls Club on March 20.

No Child Left Inside – A Resurging Movement

By Virginia LeClere
Department of Planning and Environmental Protection

It is a social movement slowly resurfacing throughout the nation. The goal: Reconnect our children with nature and the outdoors. The "No Child Left Inside" movement is fueled by a recent media and journalistic awakening. Backed by the environmentalists' and conservationists' outcries for environmental education initiatives, children's health advocates, and just good old-fashioned parental common sense, the movement's success is measured by the numerous benefits children reap when engaged in outdoor activity.

Statistics, case studies, and research continue to divulge the positive effects "nature" has on our children. Such research alludes to improved physical fitness, academic aptitude, general behavior, and psychological well-being. In summary, children who spend more time playing outside are healthier and happier.

This child-nature relationship is complementary, and when encouraged, is likely to nurture a love for nature within our children. Thus, securing a new generation that will become stewards of the earth and environment. Author Richard Louv, accredited for igniting the "No Child Left Inside" epiphany amidst various social

circles writes, "The future of children in nature has profound implications not only for the conservation of land but also for the direction of the environmental movement. If society embraces something as simple as the health benefits of nature experiences for children, it may begin to re-evaluate the worth of the environment." 1

Why do we need this "movement" to remind us of something so simple? Several reasons: 1) Times have changed. Modern technology provides almost endless prospects for our children to remain stationary, indoors for a very long time. X-box, internet, DVD players, and other entertainment options are appealing to both children and busy parents. 2) For some children, the opportunity to experience nature is limited. Constant urbanization and development often threaten the already-scarce outdoor spaces in big cities and growing communities. 3) Propelled by media reaction to child abductions and other serious events, parents are more fearful of leaving their child alone to play outdoors. Some evidence actually indicates that child abductions have not increased for about two decades, and violent crimes against children remain below 1975 levels. 4) Some believe that the demands and pressures of maintaining an effective education system do not allow for environmental

curriculum and experience. Hence, the school year is longer, outside recess time is reduced, and field trips are discontinued.

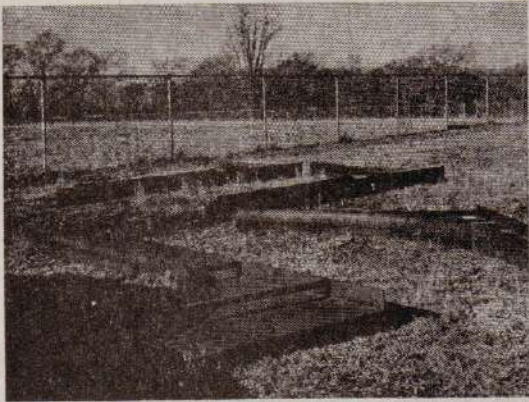
Our children are at risk every day and the dangers of abductions and faltering education systems are real. But our children also face the real challenges of obesity, lack of independent judgment and identity, and limited experiential education opportunities. These challenges, just to name a few, can be met through an established relationship with our natural surroundings. Although many of us are fortunate enough to recall our days of roaming through the Rez timbers, climbing trees, playing at the creek, working on the garden, and just being outside, it is imperative to allow our children their own outdoor memories. While all the "research" tells us we must nurture that child-nature relationship, it is our own parent's or grandparent's recollections of "When I was your age, we didn't have T.V." or "When I was your age, I had to walk five miles to school in my moccasins." that should remind us that it is the right thing to do.

1. Louv, Richard, "Leave No Child Inside: A Growing Movement to Reconnect Children and Nature." Orion Magazine. March-April 2007.

Road and Bridge News: Some news on the Prairie Park trail

By Tim Ramirez, Road and Bridge Director

It has been another reservation winter; time for the buffalo herd to start their calving season. It was about the middle of January that the ground frost was a little over a foot deep. The ice holes were kept open for their water at Fire Lake when the ice was 10 inches or so thick. On these cold days components for the buffalo lookout tower were being fabricated inside the Road and Bridge (R&B) shop.



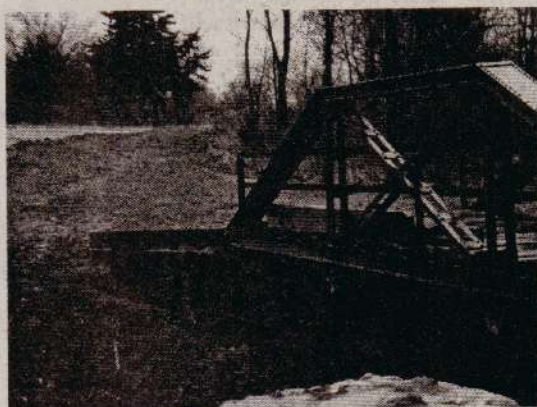
The fabricated components, above, are for the buffalo tower.

The construction of the pedestrian / bike trail began as soon as the notice to proceed was signed by the Southern Plains Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office, November 8, 2006. The four pedestrian bridges within the park were completed as was several hundred feet of sub-base earth compaction before the freeze came. The far southeast bridge is an old bridge out of Nebraska like the contractors that put them up. It's a 40-foot span trust bridge and kind of matches the two old relocated park bridges, the 1912 Snow's bridge (U.S. Steel)



One of the pedestrian bridges on the park trail.

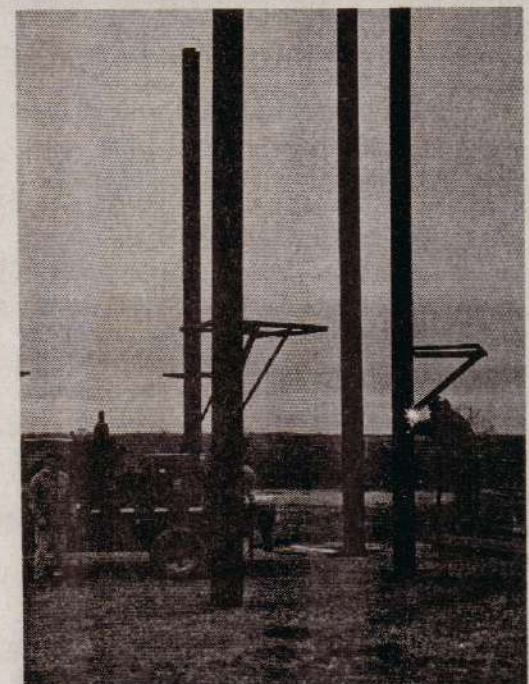
and the Claybear's bridge (Carnegie) pre-1912. Norfolk Construction, the erectors, estimated the age as to the mid-30s and the other three



The above pedestrian bridge is located near the Snow's bridge. Portions of the trail is visible.

are new basic pedestrian bridges all 10 feet wide with two being 30-foot spans and the other a 20-foot span.

The trail is funded through a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Transportation Enhancement grant. Of the funds a



Above, in the making of the buffalo tower. Meatball Wahwahssuck, left, observes his son Michael, right, weld a temporary stabilizer for the workers to stand on as the first level is constructed.

state receives from Federal Highway in Washington D.C. Federal gas tax, 10% of this amount must be used for these purposes as well as projects such as the new interchange at U.S. 75 and 150 Rd. leading to our casino. There was no mechanism for the state to give the Tribe direct funding, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was created by Southern Plains BIA office and KDOT, and thus the BIA received the funding and oversee the project. PBP R & B met with and received permission from Tribal Council to spend the profit made from the trail construction on a buffalo lookout tower. The reason there is profit is because of Public Law (PL) 93-638 Self Determination. This law gave the tribes the right to contract federal funds for projects on Indian lands as the same as a general contractor getting a bid awarded to a company.

You have all seen the big stainless steel archway that showcases the main entrance



Above, the entrance to Prairie Peoples Park is through the stainless steel archway.

to the pow-wow grounds with our tribal logo. R & B employs a world class welder Meatball Wahwahssuck with all of his skills that created such a sight. I knew there was a use of the profit to benefit the over all trail project and the lookout tower was something that was always talked about. This endeavor will come true in 2007; fabrication this winter consisted of several arched floor supports, and the tower will consist of two levels. The first level, 15 feet high, will be handicapped accessible, the second level will be 30-feet high for others. The tower is supported by eight 60-foot H piling beams spaced out in the shape of an octagon, the top deck will be finished out with hand rails. A possible future endeavor would be to have a roof built on the ground and

swung into place by a large bridge crane; if and when additional funding becomes available.

The tower will have a good vantage point to view the tribal buffalo herd on their 420-acre area, to the north and east, as well as the reservation. The trail will be 10 foot wide with 3 inches of asphalt and should be ready for use by pow-wow time. It will be from the second cluster to 150 Rd. at the old ball park.



Visitors to the reservation will be able to view the buffalo herd from the tower. Above, a few buffalo that were grazing near 150 Rd.



Above, aerial view of the buffalo area. In the upper right corner shows 150 Rd., the road in the forefront goes through the park.



Left: an aerial view of Snow's bridge.



Right: an aerial view looking over the park.

Photos by Mary Young



It's that time of year! Prepare for fires and other possible disasters



Last spring this grass fire, that was accidentally set, came close to buildings on K Road which caused residents and employees great concern. The PBPB Fire Department was able to contain the fire and did not have to use an emergency plan but they were prepared to do so. This photo, taken by the *News* staff, was taken in the We-Ta-Se Building parking lot facing west toward K Road.

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Kickapoo Tribe loses buildings and equipment due to fires on reservation: offering \$20,000 reward for tips

Five fires occurred on the Kickapoo reservation located near Horton, Kan. on March 6 and 7. The fires destroyed a barn and several pieces of farm equipment and almost 50 acres of land in staggered burns that occurred in the two-day period. No one was hurt. Fire damage was estimated at over \$500,000.

At press time the Kickapoo Tribe was offering rewards totaling \$20,000 for any information about the fires. Arson has been listed as the probable cause but had not been officially confirmed by experts at press time.

Just so you know

The PBPB emergency services warning siren is tested every Monday at noon. Since it is an outside warning system you may not hear the sirens inside your home.

In the event of an emergency, watch outside for Fire or Police Department vehicles.

Tune to your local TV and radio stations for information. Weather radios are also a good idea to have on hand.

Worried about what to do on the rez in case of fire threat

- call tribal dispatch at (785) 966-3024 or 911 to get instructions from local officials
- check with your neighbors
- if phone is dead prepare for an emergency and change into appropriate clothing: sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and handkerchief to protect your face. Get your personal items like purse, medicines, etc. all in one place and be ready to go.
- grab your (already prepared) supply kit of bottled water, battery-radio, flashlight, and food that won't spoil. A backpack or stuffing these items into a jacket with lots of zipped pockets is a good idea.
- wait for Fire Department or other emergency personnel who have been trained to alert group residences on the reservation through a door-to-door alert and let them lead you through the evacuation process. You may be transported to a temporary emergency community center like the Boys & Girls Club or Bingo Hall.

Information provided by the Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC) and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

What to do if a fire is coming near your home

- if a garden hose is hooked up wet the roof and the surrounding areas nearest your home
- close windows, vents, doors, blinds, and curtains to keep out smoke
- open fireplace damper, close fireplace screens
- turn on lights in every room to increase visibility of home in heavy smoke
- choose a route away from fire and hazards, if possible
- lock your home and get out; don't forget your pets and tell someone where you are going



FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 10—MARCH 14, 2007
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING
ALARMS:

2-12-07 at 9:37 p.m. units responded to a motor vehicle Accident at 15900 K Rd. on investigation found the vehicle to be unoccupied. No patients treated.

2-17-07 at 9:35 a.m. units responded to a Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm at 10673 166th Rd. Upon investigation units found readings in the residence of 10ppm to 41ppm. Residence was evacuated. CO was coming from a malfunction with the furnace unit.

2-18-07 at 9:28 a.m. units responded to a Vehicle Fire at 15921 L.4 Ln.

3-5-07 at 10:14 p.m. units responded to 134th and P Rd. to investigate smoke in the area. Upon investigation it was found to be a controlled burn.

3-6-07 at 6:40 p.m. units responded to a Carbon Monoxide Alarm at 8102 Meadow Ln. Readings were taken in the house reaching 40ppm. The residence was ventilated, origin unknown.

3-7-07 at 10:32 p.m. units responded to a Fire Alarm at 12025 142nd Rd. Units ar-

rived reporting a chimney fire. Upon investigation there was found to be an over-filled wood burning stove. Through improper use the stove was over heating. Fire companies contained the fire to the chimney.

Public Assist:

2-13-07 at 9:00 p.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 15882 L.4 Ln.
2-22-07 at 3:05 p.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 15400 Meadow Ln.

Calls to Harrah's Prairie Band Casino:

Fire Alarm - 0
Standby Event - 0
EMS Calls - 8

Other Alarms:

EMS Calls - 34
Medical Assists - 56
Lifeline Alarms - 4
Good-Intent Call - 19
Standby Event - 2
Grass Fires - 4
BIA Prescribed Burn Assist - 5

Special Training

Each shift participated in training over Loss Prevention and Salvage and Overhaul. This included techniques firefighters use after a fire to insure that the fire is completely extinguished. Firefighters learn ways in which to protect undamaged personal property during fire ground operations.

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Paramedics from the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department and nurses from Prairie

Band Potawatomi Health Clinic completed a renewal Advanced Cardiac Life Support Course. This intense course was taught March 12th and 13th at the fire station. Some of the nurses attending the course stated it was the best they had ever participated in.



The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Land Management and the Fire Department have begun their yearly prescribed burns. The use of prescribed burns is widely accepted as a primary tool for land and resource managers. Carefully planned prescribed fire gives land managers the flexibility and increased control to burn under the right conditions, more effectively managing fire effects and smoke to benefit natural resources while keeping firefighters and the public safe. These actions help reduce the risk of devastating wildfires that can threaten people, fish, wildlife and plants.

Burn permit required:

If you are a land owner and wish to conduct a controlled burn on your property a burn permit is required in Jackson County. A permit can be obtained at any fire department in your area. For more information on conducting a controlled burn you may contact the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department at 785-966-2164.



When driving near areas where prescribed or controlled burning is taking place remember to follow these safety tips:

- Roll-up your car windows
- Drive cautiously through the smoky conditions
- Activate your driving lights, just as you would in fog
- Be aware of emergency vehicles and personnel that may be working close to the roadway or directing traffic

Stay Safe!

From the PTBFD



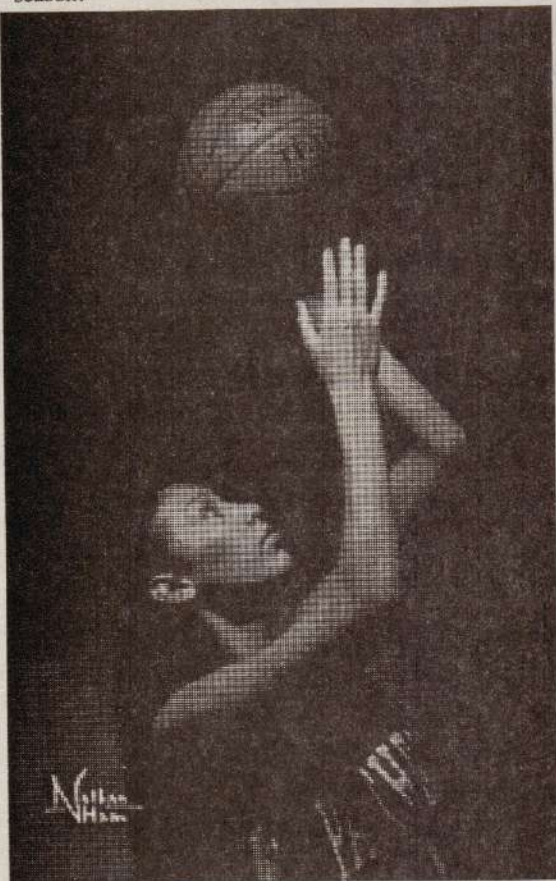
At left, Hondo sawyer Joe Morris, former employee, is on a wildfire in South Dakota. Falling trees is another method used to control a wildfire.



Three outstanding Potawatomi youth: reflections of the 2007 basketball season

Story and photos by Gary E. Mitchell

The 2007 basketball season was truly one-dimensional. Our household followed Tara Mitchell to every game in a 22-game season. It was a time of constantly being on the move. On a typical game day, we would go to work, rush home, change into comfortable clothes, load up the riders of the day and head off to wherever Royal Valley was playing. It was the same pattern as last year. We would arrive at the game, pay the \$4 entry fee, buy hot-dogs, popcorn and pop for our basketball supper and sit back and wait for the game to start. We hardly ever got to watch other games because the Royal Valley games were our true focal point or obsession. It was truly rewarding from a grandparents' view to see all the hard work pay off for Tara. She was the consummate team player who always thought "pass first". Teamwork is great, but the word sometimes drags down statistics. Here are my thoughts on Tara's season.



(Photo courtesy of Nathan Ham)

Tara Mitchell

Tara Mitchell, daughter of Joanna Mitchell, had two goals in mind when the season started. She

wanted the Royal Valley High School girls' team to win the Flint Hills Shootout and for them to go back to the state tournament. She played on the Royal Valley team that went on to play in the state tournament when she was a sophomore. Her team accomplished the first goal, but not the second. Yet, the season was a positive one for her and the team, but most of all; it was rewarding for her family and friends to watch and we followed every game.

In preparation for her senior season, Tara played summer league basketball at Washburn University and attended a 5-Star basketball camp at the University of Massachusetts last July. She, along with her family, raised the necessary money for airfare and expenses. She learned the value of raising her own money and discovered the good in people. There were tribal members who bought chances from her on different raffle items; and, for that support, she will always remain grateful. In addition, Tara averaged over 10 points a game for Team Kansas at the Indigenous Games in Denver, Colo. Team Kansas won the Silver Medal in the adult competition.

The summer work, along with long hours of practice shooting the basketball on the concrete courts of the rez, with her brother Nych Washkeh and cousin Rusty, paid off in her senior season.

Tara scored 35 points in one game and 23 in another. In her senior season, Tara followed up her All-League and All-County Junior season by leading the All-Big Seven League in scoring averaging 14.5 points per game, rebounds 9 per game and steals 2.5 a game. She is expected to add the same all-league and all-county honors this year. Tara was also All-Tournament at the Flint Hills Shootout, where Royal Valley won the championship. She was named by the *Holton Recorder* as "Athlete of the Week" twice this season.

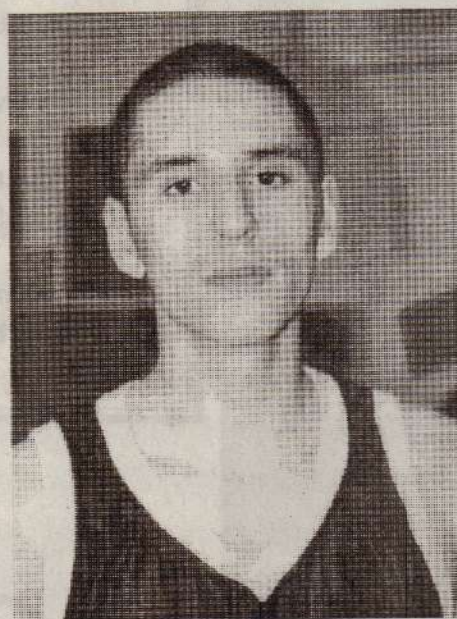
She is now listed in the Royal Valley record books for scoring 2nd on the all-time list for a single game with 35 points, most 2-point shots made in a game (14) and steals. For the year, she scored 318 points, which places her seventh on the school's all-time list for single-season scoring. Tara hopes those records will be broken by another Potawatomi in the future. Tara was a also chosen *queen* in the King and Queen of Courts event earlier in the year.

Royal Valley finished their season 14-8, placing third in the Big Seven League, advanced to the semi-finals for the second straight year, and lost to Hayden High School of Topeka, Kan., for the second straight year. This disappointing loss to Hayden didn't take anything from Tara Mitchell's "stellar senior season," as a local sportswriter said in one of his columns.

Tara is now deciding on where she will go to school next year, but her basketball playing days will

not end anytime soon. For now, Tara and some of her friends are again raising money for an All-Indian high school basketball tournament in Phoenix, Ariz, in July.

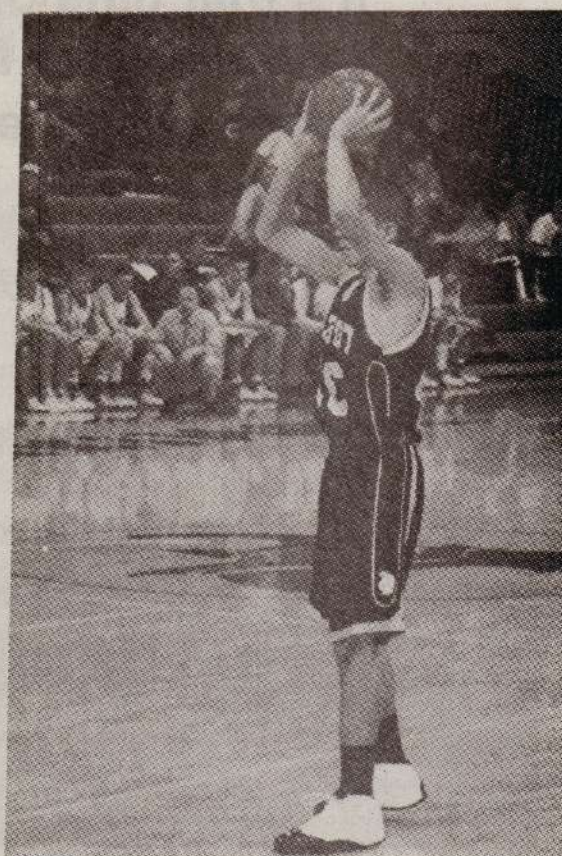
Justin Purdee



At one point in the season, after Tara got through playing her game at Royal Valley, we rushed off to watch Topeka High play at 7:45 p.m. Justin Purdee plays for Topeka High and they were playing Seaman High School at Seaman which is only located 15-20 minutes down the road, but we still had to hustle to see the opening tip-off.

Some facts about Purdee. He is a tribal member and the son of Angela Emmert. He is a 6' 4" guard (forward) and followed up an outstanding junior season with a solid encore performance as a senior. Topeka High gets up and down the court fast and has a strong combination of outside shooters and a strong inside game. Purdee fits well on this team and has made a name for himself. Purdee can shoot out the lights with his 3-point shooting abilities; he's averaged over 12 points per game during his junior and senior season. Last year, he was chosen third team All Class 6-A. Purdee was also chosen as a candidate for the McDonalds All-American team this year.

I was able to take a few pictures during the game and, afterwards, to share with our tribal members. It doesn't hurt to see the people you're writing about. I remember seeing him as he grew up and it's rewarding to see a tribal member do so well.



Come see Justin Purdee
in a special exhibit
about community and sports
at the

Kansas History Museum
6425 SW Sixth Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615-1099



Adrian Herrera

My daughter told me about a kid named Adrian Herrera who played for Highland Park and said he was a tribal member. Of course, I didn't know that. Our tribe has close to 5,000 members and it's hard to know everybody especially when they live all over the United States. I told her I would go see him play if I got the chance.

Once Tara's team was eliminated in the sub-state finals, I read that Highland Park was playing the next day. So, I persuaded my wife and granddaughter to go with me to watch the sub-state finals between Highland Park and Bonner Springs. My wife said, "Sure, I'd like to go watch a Potawatomi play." Of course, by then, I think we had turned into basketball junkies and we had to have some time to withdraw from watching Tara's games - a painful process for sure. Here's what I wrote about Adrian.

Adrian Herrera, a Potawatomi tribal member, contributed to a great basketball season at Highland Park High School in Topeka, Kan. Highland Park is a traditional 5-A power-house in Kansas basketball.

Highland Park is loaded with Division 1 talent and is ranked 15th in the country by one poll. The school located on the East side of Topeka finished undefeated in the regular season at 20-0 and won the 5-A sub-state regional held at Seaman High School by beating Bonner Springs High School 83-43. Highland Park went on to win the 5-A state tournament beating McPherson 76-59 in the championship game and completed an undefeated season at 25-0. During the season, Highland Park defeated many 6-A

schools and is a team that plays a fast-paced game getting up and down the court with lightning speed. They have a blend of top, outside shooters and big men who can wake up the house with slam-dunks. On top of all that, they lose little at substitution time.

Herrera is a 5'11" Junior Guard with a super smooth shooting motion. His shooting touch has enabled Herrera to score 24 points in one game and 23 in another this basketball season. For the season, he is a 51% 3-point shooter - figures that will no doubt draw Division 1 interest. Illinois State has shown the most interest at this time. "If that doesn't work out, he will go the JUCO(junior college) route and then work toward playing at a Division 1 school," Herrera said.

Highland Park Head Coach Ken Darting had confidence in Herrera, gave him the green light to shoot, and wanted him to play a tough defense. "I'm a shooter and Coach Darting is one of the best coaches he ever played for. He teaches us about life as well as basketball," Herrera said.

That confidence by the coach has paid off in the two big scoring games. "I was feeling it, so I just kept on shooting," Herrera said, after the 24-point game against Emporia High School. "As a shooter, if you're feeling it, you just keep shooting no matter what. I've never shot like that before - that was probably one of my best games of the year." In the 5-A state championship game, Herrera scored 13 points in the second half and had four 3-pointers. He finished with 16 points. Herrera averaged 10.3 during the state tournament.

Scoring points in bunches like Herrera did this year didn't come about by accident. He started to play basketball when he was 7 years old with his older brothers in the driveway. "It helped his game to play

against older kids," he said. This prepared him for organized ball as he advanced through the lower grades and high school. One of the older players, whom he admired and wanted to emulate, was Robert Townsend. Herrera said he was one of the best players ever at Highland Park.

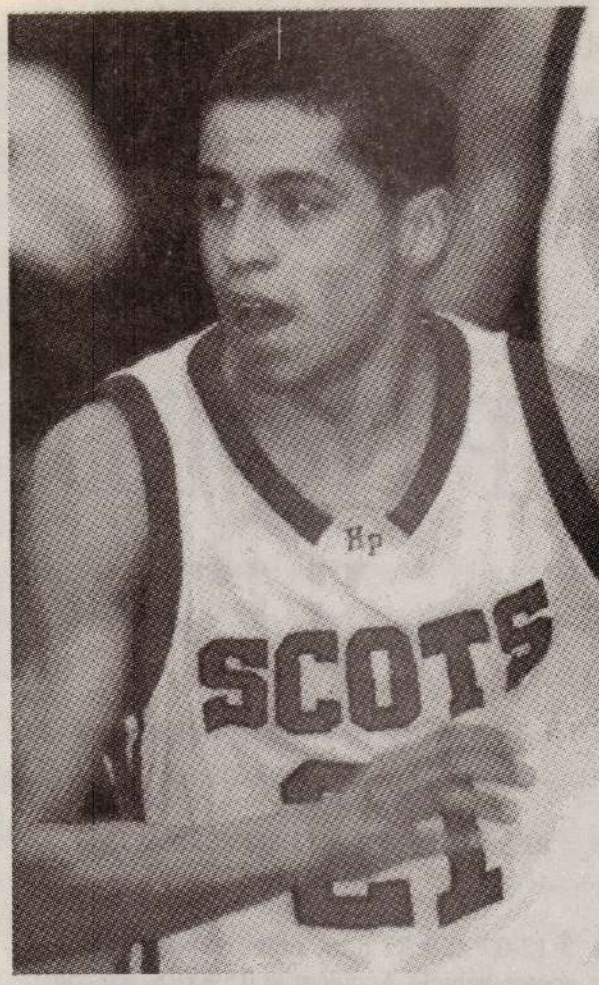
His advice to younger players is to go the gym everyday, develop your game and work on shooting drills. Herrera said kids need to stay in the gym, stay hungry and always compete. "Everything won't be perfect," said Herrera, "you can't be perfect, but by practicing everyday your game will improve. It is so important for kids to listen to their coaches; and, then and only then, can they move forward and get better."

Next year when Herrera is a senior, he will once again dial in those high arching shots from the perimeter and those 24-point games will become a regular occurrence on the courts of Topeka, Kan., and elsewhere.

As for us, 2007 will always be remembered as the greatest of times in high school basketball. We got to see some top guns, both boys and girls. It's better yet that they were Potawatomis. Next year should be more of the same.

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-Gary Mitchell



Other Sporting News

Just Cuz team bowls them over!



These four Potawatomi cousins took second place in the Jackson County United States Bowling Congress Women's Bowling Association tournament held in February at the Holton Bowling Center. From left to right are Chaz Moss, Shirley Trull, Karen Thomas and Sara Gartenmayer. During the tournament Sara took first place in all events and she and Karen placed second in doubles.

(Photo submitted by Shirley Trull)

Attention golfers!
American Legion Riders/
Patriot Guards are sponsoring a golf fundraiser April 21, 2007, 8:30 a.m. shot gun start Cypress Ridge Golf Course, Topeka, Kan. Four-person scramble, \$200 per team

To enter or for more details call (785) 272-0511

Free golf lessons for tribal members

taught by
Professional Golf Association
and
PPBN member
Steve McDonald

Sunday, April 15
and
Saturday, May 5
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Lake Shawnee Golf Course
Topeka, Kan.



Just show up during these times: Non-golfers and golfers of all ages and all skill levels are welcome.



Boys and Girls Club Happenings



A week of fun activities took place during spring break at the Boys & Girls Club that included presentations like the one seen above and left of the Topeka Zoo. The little boys above were comparing their teeth to that of other creatures found in the Rainforest while the kids, left, got to touch a millipede that is also found in the Rainforest.



The Boys & Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation bases its programs on membership, promoting indigenous culture, community involvement and its recognized role as an advocate for youth.

Boys & Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Shawnee Country Club
Topeka, KS

Friday, August 17th, 2007
Registration @ 9:00 am
Shotgun Start @ 10:00 am



4-Person Team - Scramble
(1 Woman & 3 Men)

(First 27 Teams ONLY)

For more information contact:
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE PRAIRIE BAND
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Dress Code: Collared shirts must be worn. No
jeans or metal spikes allowed.

Raffle Items: Pendleton Golf Covers, Beaded Golf Bag, \$200 Gift
Certificate (Pro Shop), 3 Wood, Putter and other Misc. items

Easter Dinner & Service

April 8
5 p.m. - free dinner
6 p.m. - service
Easter egg hunt
Sponsor: Daniel
Goombi
Indian Ave. Baptist
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Students

Whiplash Wrestling April 21 7 p.m.

(doors open 6 p.m.)
\$7 admission
(\$2 off with canned
food donation)
(5 and under free)

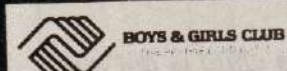
Summer Session

10 weeks of summer fun!

June 4 - Aug. 10
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Jr. youth, ages 5-12
Cost: \$10 per week
May 1, payments made
May 2, late enrollment fees

Summer hours for senior
youth, M-F 4 to 8 p.m.
Call (785) 966-3031



APRIL 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Women Open Gym 5-7 pm Men Open Gym 7-9 pm	2 Karate 4:30-6 pm	3 T.R.A.I.L. Club Officers Meeting Keystone Club	4 Easter Egg Hunt Club Tech Club Officers Meeting	5 Girls Sleepover Grade Card must be turned in by March 30th Club Tech Meeting T.R.A.I.L. Tutoring Field Trip leave at 7pm	6 CLUB CLOSED	7 CLUB CLOSED
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22 Women Open Gym 5-7 pm Men Open Gym 7-9 pm	23 Karate 4:30-6 pm	24 Club Officers Meeting Keystone Club Dodgeball with Topeka BGC 5th- 12th grade @ 5pm	25 CLUB CLOSED @ 6pm Title VII Awards Banquet @ Harrahs	26 Club Tech Meeting Dodgeball @ Topeka BGC 5th-12th grade	27	28
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What do you think?

This month's survey was about literacy. Once a month during a weekly director meetings, Cecily Wabaunsee, ECEC Director, asks directors in attendance to fill out a written survey about how they feel about various child-related issues.

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

This month's survey is Early Literacy for Children.

1. Literacy for young children begins when they enter kindergarten. True or False
20% said True
80% said False

False. Young children learn from many different experiences, which begin at birth, such as the skills and abilities to aid reading and writing in later years.

2. In the early years, there is a strong connection between language development and early literacy. True or False
100% said True

True. The more words children use and understand it begins their familiarity with the full range of grammatical structures - the foundation of reading and writing.

3. Encouraging young children to write is one of the best ways to help them learn to read. True or False
87% said True
13% said False

True. Toddlers should have access to paper, crayons, and other materials for drawing and writing. The hands on experience will help them learn about print which is essential for reading and spelling.

4. Seeing adults write is not useful for children before they can write. True or False
20% said True
80% said False

False. Young children need to see parents and teachers writing for a purpose. Writing simple lists, for example, a grocery list demonstrates that different text forms are used for different functions of print - a list versus a letter.

Information submitted by Edie Wamego and taken from the Head Start Leaders Guide to Positive Child Outcomes. For more information go to <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov>

Chili cook-off a tasty success

Submitted by Mi-kes Potts
Child Care/Headstart Office Aide



*Congratulations
goes to the first
chili cook-off
winner
Boney
Pahmahmie*

was a really good time and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We also had a bake sale going on at this time and people would get a little dessert if they had room after all of that chili. There was only one complaint and that was that it was too hard to pick a winner. They said that each of the contestants chili was great and they would like to vote for all of them. Yet in the end there could only be one.

The winner of our first chili cook-off was Boney from Road and Bridge. He credited his win to 30 years of making chili through trial and error. Congratulations Boney.

We hope that next year will be as big a success as this year was.



On February 22 we had our first chili cook-off at the center in honor of National Chili Day.

There were nine contestants that brought in their top chili. They were all great as everybody commented. We had around 30 people that came in throughout the day to sample the chili. Everyone had as much fun just talking to everyone else and comparing the different tastes.

There were different styles of sampling shown here. Some people would take a bite of each one then go back and do it all over again. Others would sample them one at a time and go by memory. Then there were the ones who would do the sniff and taste method while rinsing their mouths out with water after each taste. It



Tribal Council member Jackie Mitchell takes a moment from her duties to sample chili.



Unidentified child opts for a cracker.



Maxine Begay prepares to sample the chili.



Mi-kes Potts, above, is showing how much it costs to enter the taste contest and the paper sack is part of the judging tools.



Social Service Department Update

New Foster Care Social Workers



Bernie Devoy (left) and Mary Sands (right) began working for the department as Foster Care/Indian Child Welfare Association (ICWA) social workers recently.



Two presentations about local child protective services programs were given on March 6 to the Social Services Department. In the left photo are Smoker and Ace from Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) flanked by Robin Edwards (left) and Larry Pickman (right). The photo at right is of Carol Arnold-Jasper from the Rural Outreach Safe Visit Program, which is a child visitation program of the YMCA in Topeka.



Prairie Band Domestic Violence program exhibits at Kickapoo Indian Health Fair



Robin Edwards, above, was available to pass out brochures and to answer questions at the Kickapoo Indian Health Fair held at Golden Eagle Casino on March 20.

Judge Montie Deer speaks to Al-Anon youth

By: Suzanne Heck

When Tribal Judge Montie Deer showed up at the We-Ta-Se building in a ribbon shirt and jeans before speaking to an Al-Anon meeting recently, he told the *News* that he wanted to let the kids see that a judge is more than a guy who wears a black robe and sits behind a court desk with a gavel.

On March 7 thirteen youth came to hear Judge Deer speak during their weekly Al-Anon meeting that is sponsored by the Alcohol & Drug program that operates out of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Social Services Department.

During his presentation, Judge Deer spoke about how he became a judge and how Indian people are stereotyped in the mainstream population for alcohol abuse. He gave a short history on how alcohol was introduced by European



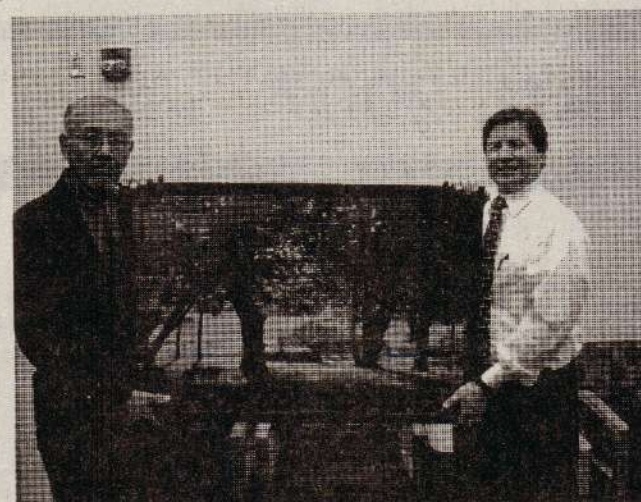
Tribal Judge Montie Deer in his ribbon shirt, ball cap and jeans that he wore when he spoke at an Al-Anon meeting.

colonists who encouraged the use of liquor as a trading product. He discussed how through the generations Indian people have been impacted by alcohol's pathological use and he told the youth that they can and should help combat this stereotype.

He ended his presentation with a question and answer period.

Deer is a Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal member. He has served as a Supreme Court Justice for the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, Iowa Nation of Kansas and Nebraska and is a former Attorney General for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in 2004-2005. He also served as the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission from 1998-2002. He has worked for the Prairie Band Potawatomi since 2005.

Jim Wahwassuck, tribal member, donates photograph to Social Services Department



Jim Wahwassuck, left, and Larry Pickman, Director of Social Services hold the photograph "I Remember September" that will be hung in the Social Services Department lobby.

Jim Wahwassuck, who lives on the reservation and is a photographer/artist, recently donated a large framed photograph to the Social Services Department. The photograph was scheduled to hang in the lobby of the department that has recently moved into the Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian Health Center.

Jim said: *My donation is a gift and a tribute to motherhood for without motherhood there would be no Nation.*

Educating a child is but one of the multitudes of tasks a mother does each day to form and mold a responsible child into adulthood. My praise to mothers of the Prairie Band people.

-Jim Wahwassuck

I would like to thank Mr. John Holtz and the Social Services staff for giving me the opportunity to express myself through the art form of photography.

In the future I shall continue to make more offerings of artwork in this medium and paintings as well as sculptures.

On behalf of the Wahwassuck family I thank you very much.

Meth issues in Indian Country Fact Sheet

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The NCAI Meth in Indian Country Initiative Task Force for the Fact Sheet, as seen in PATHWAYS Winter 2007

Methamphetamines are an American problem, infiltrating and devastating our communities throughout the United States. Unfortunately, however, this drug has disproportionately devastated American Indian tribal communities (there are over 560 independent sovereign tribal governments and communities in the United States). Mexican drug cartels have been purposefully targeting rural American Indian reservations, both for the sale of meth and as distribution hubs (over 70% of meth is now estimated to be smuggled from Mexico). American Indians now experience the highest meth usage rates of any ethnic group in the nation.

One reason drug cartels have targeted Native communities is the complex nature of criminal jurisdiction on Indian reservations; another is that tribal governmental police forces have been historically under funded and understaffed. However, given this new challenge, tribal leaders have been at the forefront of new and creative solutions and approaches that many other communities may find helpful in their struggles.

The Scope of the Problem

Highest national use rates

In studies of "past year methamphetamine use" Native communities have the highest use rates, 1.7% for American Indians/Alaskan Natives and 2.2% for Native Hawaiians. This rate is substantially higher than other ethnicities: Caucasian (0.7%), Hispanics (0.5%), Asians (0.2%) and African-Americans (0.1%).(1)

Reservations and rural native communities meth abuse rates have been seen as high as 30%.

In May 2006, the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Arizona testified in front of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee that 30% of their tribal employees recently tested positive for meth use. (2) This is particularly disturbing as tribal employees are often the community leaders, and because, due to testing limitations, this number is actually believed to be an underestimate.

Meth causes dramatic increases in violent crime, suicide, and child neglect

74% of tribal police forces rank meth as greatest drug threat.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Law Enforcement Services surveyed tribes with whom they work closely on law enforcement (surveys were sent to 150 tribal law enforcement agencies; 96 responded) [the "BIA Law Enforcement Study"]. Among tribes, 74% indicated that meth is the drug that poses the greatest threat to their community.

40% of violent crime attributable to meth.

An informal survey of the seven FBI offices located primarily in Indian Country estimated that approximately 40-50% of violent crime cases investigated in Indian Country involve meth in some capacity. (3) This is particularly disconcerting since Indian Country already experiences a violent crime rate 2-1/2 times that of the general population. (4)

64% of tribal police indicate an increase in domestic violence and assault/battery.

In a BIA study, 64% of respondents indicated increases in domestic violence and assault/battery as a result of increased use of methamphetamines in their communities.

It is estimated that 80-85% of the Indian families in child welfare systems have drug or alcohol abuse issues.

The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) estimates that 80-85% of the Indian families in child welfare systems have drug or alcohol abuse issues. The recent increase in child-related meth cases in Indian Country, however, seems to be in child neglect cases rather than child abuse.

Nationwide, 48% of tribal law enforcement respondents in the BIA Law Enforcement Survey reported an increase in child neglect/abuse cases due to recent increases in meth use.

For example, the Yavapai-Apache Nation in Arizona estimates that approximately 90% of their open child welfare cases are related to methamphetamine. In California, the California Indian Legal Services (CILS) estimates nearly every single case they work with in which an Indian child is taken from his or her home, one or both of the parents are using methamphetamine, or the baby itself was born

exposed to methamphetamine. (5)

Limited health care/meth treatment resources

In the BIA study, 69% of tribal respondents indicated that they had no tribally sponsored meth rehab centers.

There are very limited treatment resources or facilities available in Indian Country. Therefore when law enforcement or intervention efforts increase, there are often insufficient treatment resources to absorb or address the increase in individuals wishing to obtain assistance.

Indian Health Services (IHS) are funded at less than 60% of the level needed to provide basic adequate health care services.

Limited health and treatment resources are already overtaxed in Indian Country. Meth treatment costs substantially more than most other addiction treatments and lasts substantially longer, often over a year.

Annual meth treatment dollars depleted by March.

Addiction treatment in Indian Country is often outsourced, utilizing the annual mental health dollars provided to tribes through an Indian Health Services health formula. Even without meth in a community, these dollars are usually insufficient to meet the treatment and mental health needs of a community. For communities dealing with meth, these allocations are grossly inadequate. Most communities are running out of their annual treatment and mental health funds just a few months into the year, leaving them unable to provide any kind of treatment to anyone including such pressing needs as teen suicide mental health assistance, for the entire remainder of the year. For example, last year the IHS Portland Area Office spent 90% of its behavioral health budget on treating meth.

- (1) Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (Sept. 16, 2005). Methamphetamine Use, Abuse, and Dependence: 2002, 2003, and 2004. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health Report (NSDUH).
- (2) Vigil, Donna, Director, Division of Health

Programs, White Mountain Apache Tribe. Oral testimony offered to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. "Hearing: Indian Youth Suicide." (May 17, 2006).

(3) FBI Indian Country Unit Presentation, The Federal/Tribal Meth Summit sponsored by the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Native American Issues Subcommittee of United States Attorneys (Oct. 13, 2005).

(4) The rate of violent criminal offenses according to the U.S. Department of Justice is 215.6 crimes per 100,000 inhabitants in non-metropolitan areas, whereas the violent crime rate in Indian Country is 101/1,000 inhabitants according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (JBS) report, American Indians and Crime, 1992-2002. Also, the BJS report states that American Indians experience one violent crime for every ten residents over the age of 12 and the rate of violent crime victimizations among Indians 25-34 was more than 2-1/2 times the rate for all persons the same age.

(5) CILS works with dozens of California tribes and has handled thousands of cases involving the involuntary placement of Indian children, probably more cases than any other organization or law in the country.

DEA creates first national meth lab registry

The Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project reported in the March 2007 issue of the *Record* the following information: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has announced that, as a free public service, DEA's webpage (<http://www.dea.gov/seizures/index.html>) will post locations in each state where known methamphetamine clandestine labs or dumpsites were located so that individuals can be aware of possible meth contaminated sites within their communities....The website contains addresses reported by a variety of law enforcement agencies where chemicals or other items related to meth production were found or dumped....data is reported voluntarily from a wide variety of sources, and may not be comprehensive. Concerned parties should check any entry of interest by contacting local law enforcement and local health departments.



PBP Health Center Phone System

Health Center adds new number to assist patients in making appointments

The PBP Health Center has added a new phone number to assist patients in making appointments for the medical clinic. To make an appointment, please call **785-966-8211** and this will connect you directly to the appointment desk.

If you are calling long distance, you may reach the appointment desk by calling 1-866-694-6728 and pressing 1 at the prompt.

For all other departments you may call the local number, 966-8200 or the toll free number, 1-866-694-6725 and you will reach the auto attendant, where you are given several different options. Each option will connect you directly to the department you need to speak with. The options you hear are listed below. Please press the appropriate number to reach the department you wish to speak with.

Press 1 to make an Appointment
Press 2 to reach the Nurse's Station
Press 3 to reach the Pharmacy
Press 4 to reach the Dental Office
Press 5 to reach Medical Records
Press 6 to reach the Referral/Managed Care Office
Press 7 to reach the Administration Office

Please remember that the Health Center receives hundreds of calls per day and that the department or person you wish to speak with may be serving other patients and that you may have to leave a voice mail message. Please be assured that your voice mail message will be handled as soon as possible by our staff.

If you experience difficulty with the phone system, please call Terry Smalley at 785-966-8302 and report the problem. We will find out what the problem is and have it corrected as soon as possible.

Listed below are the direct dial numbers for Health Center and Social Services Departments as well as the Health Center hours of operation.

Medical/Dental/Pharmacy Areas

Medical Center Main Number	785-966-8200
Medical Center Toll Free Number	866-694-6728
Medical Center Appointment Desk	785-966-8211
Dental Clinic Appointment Desk	785-966-8290
Pharmacy Main Number	785-966-8260
Pharmacy Toll Free Number	866-727-6330

Social Service Area

Social Services Main Number	785-966-8330
Social Services Toll Free Number	888-966-2932
Drug & Alcohol Program	785-966-8350
Drug & Alcohol Program Toll Free	866-966-8350
Family & Domestic Violence	785-966-8340
Independent Living	785-966-8344
CHR Office	785-966-8360

Medical Clinic Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:00 am to 11:30 am & 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am to 11:30 am
CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Thursday 8:00 am to 11:30 am & 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm
(Evening hours for medical clinic by appointment only)

PBP Health Center Health management services for diabetic patients: providing preventive services for improving the health of our diabetic patients

Mission statement

The mission of the Health Management Services for diabetic patients is to provide preventive services for all diabetic patients who are utilizing the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center in collaboration with the patient's primary healthcare provider.

Health Management service dates in 2007 are as follows:

4/25	8/8	12/12
5/9	9/12	
6/27	10/10	
7/11	11/14	

Services provided

Referrals

Eye exams, dental exams, tobacco cessation, alcohol cessation, well woman exams, diabetic shoes, mental health

Immunizations

Influenza, pneumonia, tetanus, pertussis

Screenings

Tuberculosis, depression, orders for anemia screening

Exams

A complete foot exam including testing for diabetic neuropathy
Dental screening exam for PBP members available same day

Education

Foot care, exercise plan, nutrition plan

Appointments for the Health Management Services for diabetic patients can be made by contacting

Sebe Masquat, RN
785-966-8273 or

Steve Corbett, Diabetes Program Manager
785-966-8271

P. O. Box 249, 11400 158 Rd.,
Mayetta, KS 66509

A service of the Diabetic Advisory Group of the PBP Health Center with funding provided by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and the Diabetes Prevention Program.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Courtesy of Kansas Drunk Driving Prevention Office, The Advocate, Winter 2006, Vol. 8, Issue 1

Since 1987, April has been designated as Alcohol Awareness Month by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (NCADD). National Alcohol Screening Day, Thursday, April 5, 2007, has been selected to encourage individuals to consult with substance abuse treatment professionals about their risks for alcohol abuse and addiction. There are more than 300 addiction treatment providers across Kansas. A private alcohol assessment may be taken online at www.alcoholscreening.org.

Another integral part of Alcohol Awareness Month is Alcohol-Free Weekend, which takes place the first weekend of April (April 6-8, 2007). Alcohol-Free Weekend is designed to raise public awareness about the use of alcohol and how it may affect individuals, families and businesses. For three days, all Americans are invited to engage in alcohol-free days. Those who experience difficulty or discomfort during this 72-hour experiment are urged to contact local NCADD affiliates, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Non to learn more about alcoholism and its early symptoms. Essentially, it is a community consciousness-raising effort about alcoholism and health-related issues that may serve as a trigger to recovery.

Alcohol Awareness Month began as a way of reaching the American public with information about the disease of alcoholism—that it is a treatable disease, not a moral weakness, and that alcoholics are capable of recovery. As a national public awareness campaign, Alcohol Awareness Month has collaborated with organizations such as The Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free, a unique coalition of more than 30 Governors' spouses, Federal agencies, and public and private groups focused on preventing the use of alcohol by children ages 9 to 15. A primary focus of Alcohol Awareness Month over the past ten years has been underage drinking and the devastating effects it can have on our youth.

For more information, please visit www.ncadd.org; select programs and awareness activities.

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Arthritis

By Terry L. Harter, MD
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Spring is in the air. If you don't seem to have the same spring in your step as you used to, you can probably blame it in osteoarthritis. Osteoarthritis or degenerative joint disease is the most common joint disorder in humans. The symptoms of aching pain and stiffness in the joints frequently begins as early as age 40 and by age 80 everyone has some symptoms of osteoarthritis. Injury to a joint can cause osteoarthritis to begin to develop at an earlier age. The most commonly affected joints are in the hands, vertebrae, hips, knees, and toes. Osteoarthritis is probably part of the normal aging process.

When we are young all of our joints are lined with a smooth slick cushion of cartilage. This cartilage is composed of cells called chondrocytes and water. Cartilage does not have a blood supply; instead it receives its nutrients from synovial fluid. Synovial fluid is a nutrient rich clear liquid produced by cells of the joint capsule. The synovial fluid is actually massaged into the cartilage when we move our joints. This means that stretching and exercise actually helps keep our joints healthy.

When the cartilage in a joint is damaged by injury, overuse, or infection the chondrocytes send a message to the joint capsule. The joint capsule responds by producing more synovial fluid and activating repair mechanisms. The extra fluid production causes the joint to swell. The repair process is similar to resurfacing a paved road. The damaged cartilage is dissolved, much like removing a layer of asphalt, and new material is laid down. Unfortunately this process causes inflammation, much like road construction causes irritation. Another important difference is that when asphalt is repaired the result is usually a thicker road bed but when cartilage is repaired the result is usually thinner cartilage.

Over time as cartilage is damaged, repaired and thinned the joint loses some of its cushion. With less cushion, the impact of joint movement is transferred to the bone under the cartilage damaging the bone. When bone is injured it responds by depositing more calcium at the site of injury. This results in the development of bone spurs around the joint and widening of

the joint. These bone spurs are rough and cause irritation of the joint capsule when the joint is moved. This irritation causes further inflammation and pain. This cycle irritation, inflammation, and repair can continue until practically all of the cartilage has been destroyed. This leaves unprotected and damaged bone to grind bone on bone. The speed with which this damage occurs and which joints are affected varies from person to person.

If you are developing aching pain, stiffness, or swelling in your joints, your doctor may recommend X-rays and some basic blood tests. If your doctor diagnoses osteoarthritis you may be advised to start exercises to help keep the affected joint mobile and to strengthen the muscles that move and support the affected joints. Modification of daily activity to avoid overuse or under use of affected joints can help relieve the symptoms of osteoarthritis. Hot or cold packs and liniments can also help control pain and increase mobility. If physical measures are not effective, your doctor may recommend medications or supplements.

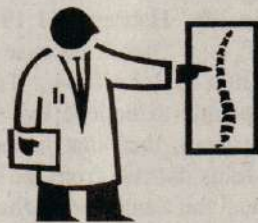
The most commonly used medication for arthritis is acetaminophen (brand name Tylenol). This is a very safe medication but it can cause liver damage if taken in excessive doses. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and others are useful pain relievers. These medications can cause stomach ulcers and kidney damage in some people. Narcotic pain relievers such as tramadol, propoxyphene, hydrocodone, and others can also be used for severe pain. These medications may cause sedation, constipation, confusion, and dependence. They also pose a risk of abuse and overdose. Glucosamine sulfate and chondroitin sulfate are supplements that may be helpful in treating osteoarthritis. They are some of the raw materials from which cartilage is made and are extremely safe.

If oral medications are not effective at controlling arthritis symptoms, there are two types of injectable medications. Cortisone or its derivatives can be injected directly into affected joints. For many people these injections can provide months of relief. The other injectable medications are derivatives of hyaluronic acid.

Hyaluronic acid is a lubricant normally found in synovial fluid. These medications are currently only used in the knee joints.

Surgery is usually the last resort for managing osteoarthritis. Hip, knee, and shoulder replacement surgery are usually effective in relieving the symptoms of arthritis. Back surgeries to fuse vertebrae or relieve pressure on nerves. These surgeries all carry some risk and rarely restore 100% function of the affected joint.

Prevention remains our best approach to osteoarthritis. The most effective methods for prevention are lifestyle modifications: get regular moderate to heavy exercise, avoid overuse or abuse of your joints such as improper lifting techniques, maintain a proper body weight, and balance your involvement in high risk activities with your long term health and life goals. Despite our best efforts, most of us will develop some painful or achy joints. If joint pain is limiting your activities, talk to your health care provider to determine the cause and explore your options.



Important notice

In order to provide the best possible health care to all our patients, we must ask you to adhere to your appointment time.

If you are 15 minutes or more late for your appointment, you may need to reschedule a new appointment.

Meet Dr. Linda McCandless the new psychiatrist at the health center



A psychiatrist has been hired at the PBP Health Center; Dr. Linda McCandless began Jan. 31 and will be at the Center on the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month. For an appointment, call the Health Center.

Screening and treatment for the following include:

- Depression
- Stress and anxiety
- Mood swings
- Schizophrenia
- Anger problems
- Children with hyperactivity and mood disorders

Dr. McCandless said she grew up on a farm and in a rural environment feels like she is home. She also said that she is excited to be here and looks forward to helping in anyway she can. She has been in this field since she was 21 and loves what she does. Dr. McCandless would also like to let everyone know that she has a sense of humor!

Dr. McCandless works closely with Cindy Kelly, the medical social worker.





Potawatomi language pre-conference meeting held

Submitted by Lou and Liz Aitkens

On March 1 and 2, our language group, The Potawatomi Language Restoration Project, (PLRP) were among invited guests to a pre-language conference meeting held at the Forest County Potawatomi area. The director of the Forest County Museum, Mike Alloway, extended invitations to each Band's language department, language groups, as well as language activists. We were among good company and friends from the Pokagon, Hannahville, Wausauksing, Citizen Band, as well as Forest County were in attendance.

The meeting began on Thursday morning with an invocation given by Wausauksing elder, Stewart King. Each attendee gave a brief introduction of themselves and then shared their ideas for the next Potawatomi language conference. Everyone stated many views of the language such as its state, history of conquest and the effort to eradicate native languages, uses of language in culture, ceremonies, everyday life and ways to revitalize and preserve what we have left of our language so that our next generation will be able to learn the language

and carry it on in the future.

On the second day of the meeting, all attendees agreed upon the theme of the 2007 language conference; Gsheshmownenan I Gbemadsownenan—Language is Our Life. An idea was also discussed for entertainment, which may be a language conference attendee talent night (songs in the language?). Another discussion, which was tabled for the next meeting, is that each Band council's will have a 100 Potawatomi word demonstration. Where and how it will be done is still under consideration. Another pre-conference meeting is being planned for sometime in May, so that finalizations can be made on presenters, entertainment, and whatever else needs to be done for another successful conference.

Our hosts, Forest County Potawatomi, provided hotel accommodations at the tribally-owned Indian Springs Lodge/Restaurant and Casino, with luncheon prepared by the restaurant. We are planning on attending the next meeting and will keep you readers updated.

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Elders set guidelines at meeting for journey to 2007 Potawatomi Gathering

Submitted by LaVerne Hale

A very productive meeting was held at the Firekeepers Elder Center on March 8 to discuss the rules and plans for this year's 2007 Potawatomi Gathering journey. Plans are to leave here Tuesday, August 7 and return on Monday, August 13. We will stay overnight on the way up and stay somewhere on the way back for the Elders' comfort. We have already obtained lodging at the Indian Springs Lodge which is the Forest County Potawatomi's own hotel. Rules have been set forth by the Elders who attended the meeting:

- Prairie Band Elders 60 years and over have first priority along with their spouses.
- Elders 50 years to 60 years have second priority.
- Adult caregivers must be able to be fully responsible for the Elder they are helping.
- No minor caregivers will be considered.
- Medication list should be made available.
- All bus riders are expected to participate in Gathering activities.
- Each bus rider must provide a gift for the giveaway.
- You are responsible for your own meals on the way up and back.

The sign up will begin on **April 16**. A sign up sheet will be placed at the Firekeepers Elder Center. The bus is not yet reserved but we will plan on at least 55 passengers at this time. The budget only allows for one bus. You may call LaVerne Hale at (877) 715-6789 ext. 4014 or e-mail laverneh@pbpnation.org to sign up. You may also call the Elder Center for Joy Yoshida at (785) 966-0041.

To all involved in this trip, it is a privilege and a wonderful gift we receive. Please keep in mind the kind of people we are and should always be. Kind to each other, helpful to each other, caring, and going to enjoy this wonderful opportunity we look forward to so much every year. Let's all keep those things in mind if you plan on going on this trip.

Thank you.



Sign up begins April 16 at the
Firekeepers Elder Center

Spring reminders about your pets from Animal Control Officer Rick Burns

Submitted by Rick Burns, Animal Control Officer

Spring is upon us and we would like to remind pet owners of the animal control regulations set forth in the **Potawatomi Law and Order Code Title 20 Miscellaneous Provisions Chapter 20-2**:



At-Large - Section 20-2-1 (B) "At-large" means to be outside of a fence, other enclosure or appropriate restraint which restrains the dog to a particular premise or not under the control, by leash or lead, of the owner or other authorized person capable of restraining the dog.

Vicious Dogs - Section 20-2-8 It is unlawful for any person to keep, possess or harbor a vicious dog on the Reservation.



Noisy Animals - Section 20-2-5 The keeping, or harboring of any dog which by loud, frequent and habitually barking, howling, and yelping, disturbs the peace of any neighborhood is hereby prohibited.

Running at Large -Section 20-2-9 It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully allow any dog under his or her control to be or to run at large in any Reservation housing area. Any dog that runs at large in a housing area shall be impounded or, after the completion of any attempts required under this law to contact or notify the owner and to give the owner the opportunity to reclaim the dog, destroyed.



Any questions may be directed to Rick Burns at (785) 966-3024 or (877) 727-6743.

Tribe part of Jackson County Crimestoppers

A Crimestoppers program has begun in Jackson County that is offering citizens a way to report information about crimes while remaining anonymous.

In addition, the program also offers a reward of up to \$2,000.00 for information leading to an arrest and prosecution of a suspect.

The program is a collaboration of three law enforcement agencies including the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Tribal Police, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and the Holton Police Department. It is a nonprofit organization that is fully funded by public donations.

A website can be accessed at www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com where tips can be submitted and other information about the program is available. Citizens can also call 800-222-TIPS to report a crime.

Jim Shane, Assistant General Manager, represents the PBP on the

Jackson County Crimestoppers Core Committee.

If you see crime happening
call

800-222-TIPS

Learn more at

www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com

Area Churches

By Mary Young



Baptist

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

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

Prairie Band Baptist Outreach

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

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish
5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta, KS

Mass: 8:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and
4th Sundays
2 pm on 2nd Sundays

For additional information go to tribal website
home page and click on Our Lady of Snows

icon.

Methodist

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

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

Pentecostal

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

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service
6:30 p.m. Youth group
6:30 p.m. Evening worship

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

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service
7:00 p.m. Evening worship

A word from Lakeview Faith Chapel



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and friends
all:

Praise God! I serve a risen Saviour! I know that Jesus died for my sins and rose again, ascended up to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. If a Christian does not believe that, then he is not a Christian. Romans 10:9 makes it plain that to be saved one must believe that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Naturally, the old devil does not want anyone to believe what is necessary to believe, and is busy trying to destroy any faith in God. This is plain to see by what happened the other day when people somewhere over in Jerusalem were trying to say that they had found the tomb of Jesus complete with a skeleton.

The devil and anyone who wants to do away with the idea of God would be delighted to say that since they have the bones of Jesus, that means He didn't rise from the dead. Let me say, that if Jesus didn't rise, nobody else will either. Paul the Apostle said, essentially the same thing in 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Wicked modern man thinks he's smart enough

to figure out how to keep on living or come back to life, i.e., to do without God. I choose to believe Jesus who said in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live." I choose to believe like Abraham, who believed that if he did offer up Isaac, God would raise Isaac back to life, Hebrews 11:19. I believe that the devil is a "liar," because that's what Jesus called him in John 8:44. To me, if the devil wants people to believe that Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then that in itself is proof enough that Jesus did rise from the dead!

Folks, the same God who makes the seed to sprout can save your soul, and give you eternal life, and he is the only one who can. Jesus said that He was "life," so I chose Jesus! Blessings! Pastor Steve Cappleman

Editor's note: From CBSNews.com. Monday, Feb. 27, 2007: "Documentary shows possible Jesus tomb. Filmmakers and researchers on Monday unveiled two ancient stone boxes they said may have once contained the remains of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, but several scholars derided the claims made in a new documentary as unfounded and contradictory to basic Christian beliefs." Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007: "Jesus documentary stirs heated debate. Controversy continues to swirl around a documentary produced by Oscar-winner James Cameron that claims the remains of Jesus may have rested in two limestone boxes discovered in a Jerusalem suburb."

Kambořtěk (Those who died)

Joyce Kay Ross-Peay



Joyce Kay Ross-Peay, Rockhill, S.C., formerly of Topeka, died Feb. 21, 2007 at her home in Rockhill, S.C. She was born Oct. 19, 1947, in Holton, the daughter of Herbert and Florence Nocktonick Ross. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1965. Ms. Ross-Peay was a member of the Kickapoo Tribe. Survivors include a son, Keith Eisenberger, in Oklahoma; a brother, Gary Ross, Topeka; and two nieces, Jessica Ross and Johanna Ross, both of Topeka. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Nancy Ross. Funeral services were held Feb. 26 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial was in the Danceground Cemetery in Mayetta. Memorial contributions may be made to the Joyce Ross Memorial Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes and Holton Recorder 2/26/07)

Erick A. (Swede) Lundin



Erick A. "Swede" Lundin, 84, Topeka, died Feb. 28, 2007, at a Topeka hospital. He was born Sept. 30, 1922, in rural Mayetta, the son of Hans and Maude Striggle Lundin. He graduated from grade school in rural Mayetta. Mr. Lundin served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater, serving with the Railsplitters Division of the 784th Ordnance Maintenance Company in Rhineland Central Europe. He later retired after 30 years of service with Goodyear. He and his wife lived in Topeka from 1946 to 1961, in Delia, where he was mayor for four terms, from 1961 to 1979, in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1979 to 1985, and in Topeka from 1985 until his death. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a member and elder of Central Presbyterian Church in Topeka. He also was president of the Delia Lions Club, an organizer and supporter of the Delia Little League Club for 18 years, a member of Delia United Presbyterian Church, a member and elder at Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and a 50-year member of Golden Rule Lodge 90. He married Maxine Z. Murback on February 14, 1946 in Holton. She survives. Other survivors include a sister, Marge Fox, Holton; seven nieces, Darlene Ingram, Lorane Ingram, Sharon Daniels, Sharon Ybarra, Wanda Treinan, Linda Lolli and Tammy Varner; 10 nephews, Clif Walder, Marion Walder, Bob Fox, Don Fox, Terry Fox, Ralph Lundin, Don Fleeman, John Lundin, Jackie Lee Lundin and Gary Lundin; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by four sisters, a half-sister, four brothers, a half-brother, four nephews and a niece. Funeral services were held March 5 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial was in Mayetta Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes and Holton Recorder 3/5/07)

Janice N. Levier

Janice N. Levier, 65, Mayetta, died March 15, 2007, in Lady Lake, Fla. She was born Nov. 13, 1941, in Horton, the daughter of John and Stella Masqua Mzhickteno. Mrs. Levier was a homemaker. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She married Anthony E. Levier on June 8, 1966, in Miami, Okla. He died Nov. 5, 1996. She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Deanna Green and Josephine Nelson; and a brother, Thomas Mzhickteno. Survivors include two daughters, Lynda Hinojosa and husband Robert, Lady Lake, Fla., and Alice Dexter, Ocala, Fla.; a sister, Gladys Williams, Wattsburg, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Native American services were held March 18 at the home of Mary and Joseph Jessepe west of Mayetta. Burial was held March 19 in the Danceground Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Lake and Sumter Inc., sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Homes and Holton Recorder 3/19/07)



Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)

Happy Birthday
from
Misho (Kevin Aitkens)



Koby M. Goins, 9
March 7



Jeffrey L. Goins II, 34
Charlee Jean Goins, 4
March 31

Happy Birthday
to my sister Jill
on April 14



Love,
Brenda LaClair



Happy
11th
Birthday
to my
niece
Gracie
Ortega



Love,
Nanny
&
Uncle Darnell

My April Girls!



Happy Birthday
Sadie Joe Bosse, 2
April 5
&
Rachael Louise
Anderson, 16
April 12



Love, Grandma Judy &
Grandpa Eldon Darnell

Happy 13th birthday Felicia Wahweotten on March 10



So cute when so little and now
growing up to be
a beautiful girl

Love,
Rodriguez-Higine family



Happy Birthday
to Sergio
April 11



Love,
your Auntie
Reina



Happy 43rd Birthday to
our son
Michael Kern
April 2
Love, mom and dad

Happy Birthday
to
Pe'sha Eteeyan, 1
on
February 2, 2007
From,
Your Aunt Doneka
& boys



Happy Birthday to our friend
Lester Arnold on
March 22
39 and holding!
From: Judy Darnell



Happy Birthday to my niece,
Denae LaClair (center back row)
March 16
Love you,
Aunt Brenda and boys



Happy Belated
Birthday in
January to
Tommi

Love,
Rodriguez-
Higine Family



Happy 2nd Birthday
Connor Young!
on
March 21

Edwin and Kira Young
(Daddy & Mommy)



Happy 15th Birthday
Albert!

Love,
Mom, Keith, Karie
Martie, Kek and
Patkoshuk

Happy
5th
Birthday
Note-No



Love,
Martie,
Kek,
Patkoshuk



Happy Belated
Birthday,
Dad
Misho
on February 8
Da Bon In
&
the "N" Road crew



Thank you for all the support
and prayers
at this time.
From
the Alcantar and Olivas family

Wylie Cass Johnson

Born: February 21,
2007
Weight: 8 lbs., 9 oz.
Height: 21 in.



Parent: Chup Johnson
Grandparents: Tammy Wahweotten &
Big Boy Johnson
Great grandparents: Warren & Nona Wahweotten and
Phylliss Wewenis Johnson & Rudy Johnson

Congratulations
Zackary Dahlsten, 14
for placing 3rd place
in
Special Olympics

Iowa City, Iowa
March 10, 2007
Way to go Zack!
Love
Mom and Dad
(Frank and Kim Dahlsten)



A bronze
medal
winner!



Ayanna Dream
Born: February 24, 2007
Weight: 6 lbs., 14 oz.
Height: 19 in.

Parent: Christa Tsotaddle
Grandparents: Micheal & Lea Tsotaddle
Great grandparents: Joseph & Mavis Tsotaddle

Across the Miles...

"Tomi"
Tamara Pahmahmie
High School Senior
Head Student Dancer
Annual Pow-wow
April 21, 2007
Sherman Indian High School
9010 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, California



Parents: Pamela (Brewer) & Richard Pahmahmie, Jr.
Sister: Richele
Brothers: Zach & Justin
Late Grandparents: Josie (Wamego) & Richard Pahmahmie, Sr.
Grandmother: Num, Marilyn Hale-Wakolee

We love you Tomi!



Andre Lee Johnson

Born: February 18, 2007
Weight: 7 lbs., 8 oz.
Height: 20 1/2 in.
Parents: Sock Johnson
& Wahba Masquat
Grandparents: Tammy
Wahweotten &
Big Boy Johnson
Grandparent: Gail Masquat
Great-Grandparents:
Warren & Nona Wahweotten,
Phylliss Wewenis Johnson,
Rudy Johnson, Chub & Teno
Masquat

Please join us in welcoming
Forest Tecumseh Wabaunsee



Born: February 13, 2007
Weight: 7 lbs., 5 oz.
Height: 20 1/2 in.

Parents: Joshua Tecumseh & Margaret Wabaunsee
Grandparents: John & Susan Wabaunsee
Matt & Mary WWadium
Greatgrandparent: Albert "Buck" Wabaunsee



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**Haskell Indian Nations University
2007 Commencement Pow-wow
May 11, 12, 2007
Haskell Pow-wow Grounds
Lawrence, Kansas**

**3rd annual American Indian Film Festival
Stories N'Motion Film Club
Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kan.**

**featuring
Native American actor Gary Farmer
April 20-21**

All events are free

For more details call Sena Harjo (303) 503-4707 or
Jakari Jackson (918) 728-5234; email: jakari.jackson@haskell.edu



**Indian Taco & Craft Sale
Fundraiser for
Chaz Shopteese
Royal Valley 6th grader for
2-week trip to Canada so he
can participate in the**

**People to People Student Ambassador Program
(Chaz will earn high school credit while exploring the
culture and heritage of the country he visits)**

March 31

**Hoyt Community Building, Hoyt, Kansas
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

Breakfast, Indian Tacos, Silent auction

**Be a vendor at
the
Pathways to our Future
Early Childhood Education Conference
August 13, 14, 2007**

**For applications contact Natalie McClane
at (785) 966-2527**

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is now participating in
JACKSON COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS**

If you see crime happening call 1-800-222-TIPS

Learn more at

www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com

**Taxes: Scam Alert
Beware of bogus issuance requesting
form W-8 Ben**

Several tribes have received a fax on what appears to be an
IRS letterhead, informing them that they are non-resident aliens
and are exempt from
federal taxation. The information is a scam.

The letter is not from the IRS and you should not
follow any of the instructions contained within the
letter, nor complete or submit the form that is attached to it.

If you have any questions, please contact Indian Tribal
Governments Manager
Kenneth Voght, at (716) 686-4860.

**Potawatomi
Language Conference**

August 5-8, 2007

**Look for information about the conference
in future issues of the *Potawatomi News***



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**Potawatomi Gathering
August 8-12, 2007
Forest County Potawatomi
Crandon, Wis.**



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**American Indian Health Research and
Education Alliance (AIHREA)
Health & Wellness Pow-wow**

**Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Johnson County Community College
Overland Park, Kan.**

**For more information call Jerry Briscoe, (913)
588-2708 or email jbriscoe@kumc.edu**

We-Ta-Se schedule of spring events



Mayetta, KS

- April 13-15 1st District Convention Post 1, Topeka, Kan.
- April 18 Emergency Management Support Association of Kansas
(EMSAS) Conference Harrah's Prairie Band Casino,
Mayetta, Kan.
- May 5 American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance
(AIHREA) Health & Wellness Pow-wow, Johnson
County Community College, Kansas City Mo.
- May 25-26 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Memorial Dedication.
El Reno, Okla.
- May 27 Memorial Service at 16 cemeteries on the reservation

**If you registered to be on the
DO Not Call registry list with Kansas in 2002
you must reregister as the list was only good for five years
and that time period is up.**

**Reregister by calling (888) 382-1222
or go to www.donotcall.gov**

**Meeting Notice
American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA)
Who will inherit your trust accounts?
What can you now about it?**

When: Thursday, March 29, 12:30 p.m.

**Where: Firekeepers Elder Center
(following lunch)**

15372 K Road, Mayetta, KS

**Who: Horton Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs
(BIA) and Office of Special Trustee (OST)**

**This is a rescheduled meeting from one that was
cancelled on February 15**



**We regret that no Elder Center menu was submitted to the
News this month. For information contact (785) 966-0053.**

Don't forget that it's tax time!



**Free tax service is available
for individuals and families with low to
moderate incomes. Non-Indians welcome.**

Mondays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursdays: noon to 4 p.m.

Firekeepers Elder Center

(basement level)

15372 K Road

Mayetta, KS 66509

Appointments preferred but

walk-ins welcome

For details call (785) 966-2138

**Shawnee County sites are made possible through United Way of Greater Topeka
and K-State Research & Extension-Shawnee County**



**Get the details about the
PBP Pow-wow
June 8, 9, 10
Prairie Peoples Park
Mayetta, KS, 66509
by logging on to
www.pbpnation.org/powwows/forum
• vendor applications
• dance contest information
• lodging information**

