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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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## A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## **SLOTS AT TRACK** LEGISLATION DIDIDIDAVNDIDI

By Randy Conroy, Management Committee Member

The 2002 Kansas Legislative session ended early Friday morning, May 17, 2002 without approving expanded gaming. The proponents of the movement to bring slot machine gambling to Kansas's racetracks had estimated that an additional \$80 -\$100 million dollars could be collected for the State Future of "Slots At Tracks" Legislation of Kansas in gaming taxes if the bill had passed. Phil Ruffin, owner of tracks in Wichita and Pittsburg, KS, and Bill Grace, owner of the Woodlands sion yet in passing expanded gaming, one wonders racetrack in Kansas City, KS, put up most of the money to push expanding gaming legislation forward. As owners of the existing facilities, Ruffin and Grace stood ready to realize a large windfall if the gaming legislation was approved.

Although numerous gaming bills have been brought up and defeated throughout previous years, this year, with the State facing an \$800 million budget shortfall, seemed to be the best chance for expanded gaming. Some legislators who had traditionally opposed gambling on moral grounds pre- Fox move to Kansas City, supporting pro-Indian ferred to legalize gambling rather than raise taxes.

On May 4, 2002, the Kansas House of Representatives passed HB 2183, a bill that would expand gaming to five Kansas racetracks and one "atlarge" facility to be announced in the future. Under the provisions of the bill, the track owners would receive 66% of the gross gaming revenues, with the remainder going to the State of Kansas, the dog and track associations, local cities and counties, regulation costs, and a "problem gaming fund."

HB 2183 next went to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearings were held on three occasions with no consensus in committee. By May 10, 2002, Judiciary Committee chairman John Vratil (R - Wichita), stated the committee may meet again if time allowed. The committee did not meet again as lawmakers finally reached closure of the session on May 17, 2002. Vratil's failure to reconvene the eleven-member committee stemmed from an obvious 6-5 majority that did not want slots at tracks vides some information about the legislation to move forward.

**Implications for Harrah's Prairie Band** 

mittee included verbal testimony at the Capitol from Ron Hein, Badger Wahwasuck, and Steve Ortiz, 9th Annual Potawatomi and written testimony from Ryan Ross, David Prager and Randy Conroy. The team, with input from Harrah's Entertainment, Inc, also conducted a legislation seminar at the Topeka Chamber of Commerce designed to sway the Topeka legislative delegation.

The Tribal Council received regular updates from the Government Relations team and played an active role in the strategic decision-making.

Although this year was the closest legislative seshow much longer the track owners will continue to push the issue. The main reason expanding gaming passed the House this year was the State of Kansas' current budget shortfall. If the State's financial problems are resolved, the attractiveness for expanded gaming may decline. The only definitive statement that can be made is that expanded gaming will not be considered until the 2003 Legislative Session next January. In the interim, the Government Relations team has a good deal of work to consider, including monitoring the Kickapoo/Sac & candidates in the Fall elections, and making sure all efforts to defeat expanded gaming are accomplished.

#### NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Indian Affairs Notice of Changes Resulting from the Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000 Tuesday, February 19, 2002 \*7392 AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Af-fairs is issuing this notice, as required by the Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000, to inform the public that this new law made important changes in what happens to Indian allotments when the owners die. This notice pronew law.

ADDRESSES: For a list of Bureau offices with addresses and telephone numbers that administer the trust and restricted land write to: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Attention: Public Affairs/ILCA, Mail Stop: 4542-MIB, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20240; or fax to (202) 501-1516 and the list will be mailed or FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: arry Scrivner, Deputy Director, office of Trust Responsibilities, components of the revenue allocation plan. In addi- SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act of November 7, 2000, Public Law 106-462, 114 Stat. 1999, the Secretary of the Interior must publish a notice informing Indian Kickapoo/Sac & Fox Intent to Move to owners of trust or restricted land of the effect of the Act and estate planning options available. Special terms used in this notice: In late April, the Kickapoo and Sac & Fox Nations Close family. Your close family issued a press release stating their intention to close members are your brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and first cousins. Immediate family. Your immediate family members are your parents, As an enticement for the State to grant such a re-quest (via the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act or ents, brothers, and sisters. "IGRA"), the Kickapoo/Sac & Fox indicated they Indian. You will be considered an are willing to pay the State of Kansas a portion of Indian under the new law if you are their revenues. This combined casino was an atrolled) in a federally recognized tractive alternative for many Kansas legislators and Indian tribe, or if you are consid-is thought to have made a positive impact in the ered an Indian under certain other Joint tenants with rights of survi-Prairie Band Potawatomi's Government with someone else as joint tenants with right of survivorship, your right to the land lasts as long as you live. As each joint tenant dies, the surviving joint tenants get the share of the deceased joint tenant. Eventually, the last surland.

## **Gathering UPDATE** Submitted by LaVerne Hale

It's getting closer & closer to the time when the Potawatomi People will gather once again. The Prairie Band Potawatomi People and a few others that are helping to put this event together have been doing a wonderful job. I am very thankful and proud of the way they have taken pride in hosting the Potawatomi Gathering. Many many thanks to you!

Please take some time to drive out to Prairie Peoples Park and see the beautiful progress. We are going to have one beautiful park to host the Gathering this year and hopefully many more events will take place there. We recently had one of our weekly meetings at the park and the Committee put together a potluck (delicious meal) for the workers out there. It was one of the best meetings yet. The meetings are scheduled every Monday at 3 p.m. in the basement of the Tribal Government Center. Come to the meetings and join the few the proud the Gathering Committee!

If you have not yet submitted your nomination for the "Outstanding Prairie Band Potawatomi", forms are available here at the Gathering table. I know we have some outstanding Prairie Band so don't forget to fill out a form. I hope you are getting ready for the fashion show and barter day also.

It has been suggested, by the Committee, for each Prairie Band Potawatomi to bring a gift for our give

land while you live, and you can also decide who will own that interest when you pass away. Probate Changes

The law provides two methods for a judge to decide who will own your land. By writing a will, you decide who receives your property. If you do not write a will a judge will apply rules of intestate succession to decide who will own your land. The rules explained in paragraphs I and II will apply to the estates of people who die after approximately February 2003 (the exact date will be one year from when the Secretary publishes a certification that notice was provided.). These rules may also be affected by a federally approved tribal probate code. I. Rules of Intestate Succession If you do not write a will, a judge can only give your land to your spouse or immediate family, but only if they are Indian. If your spouse or immediate family are not Indian, they can inherit a life estate. The remainder interest will go to any of your close family if they are Indian and also own a share in the same allotment. If no members of your close family are Indian or none of them owns a share away to the visiting bands. This will be held on Saturday afternoon. You may contact Joy Yoshida and we will have a place to store them until our give away.

For some of the Cultural Activities we will have a couple of mini workshops ahead of time so you may come and learn and possibly help with one of them. They are: Finger weaving, scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 @ 7 p.m. & Ribbon work Monday, May 13 @ 7 p.m. These workshops will be held at the Language building. Please call Sydney Van Zile @ 785/966-2138 to reserve a spot.

We will still need more volunteers. Volunteer sign up sheets are available with a brief description of the activity. We will also list the volunteer jobs on the website which is pbpindiantribe.com - you can sign up there or give us a call.

A preliminary schedule is on the back of this update and it is subject to change. You will receive individual schedules for activities in your bag when you register at the Gathering.

We are striving to take good care of our visitors & our own members. We have gotten calls regarding elderly, handicapped, and camping facilities. I would like to assure you that we will do our best to take care of you and provide what we can for your safety, comfort and a good time.

Look for further updates in the paper or come to a meeting. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, please let us know. See you at the 9th Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Gathering.

If you own a share in an Indian allotment, you may buy the share of a deceased co-owner to prevent the tribe from acquiring that share under either intestate succession or a will. You may not do this if the deceased co-owner's family will inherit the property.

Additional Changes Other parts of the new law that will be helpful with land consoli-

dation and the development of al-lotted land are as follows:

1. At any probate hearing the heirs can consolidate their shares in the land being probated or any other shares in allotments the heirs may

#### **Casino/Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation**

Had expanded gaming legislation passed, the loss of the business at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino was projected at -20% to - 48%. The Wichita racetrack operation was thought to be the most damaging to Harrah's Prairie Band Casino since a large faxed to you. number of casino patrons come from southern Kansas. A reduction of gaming revenues would have ment operations, per capita payments and the other components of the recommendation of t tion, employment at the casino was projected to decrease, due to the reduction in business.

## **Kansas** City

their existing casinos in Northeast Kansas and move to a jointly owned and operated casino near the new Kansas Speedway in Wyandotte County, Kansas. their revenues. This combined casino was an attractive alternative for many Kansas legislators and Legislature's final decision to deny expanded gam- federal laws. ing laws.

## **Relations Team**

Mr. Ron Hein, of the Hein Law Firm, was the Tribe's primary lobbyist in charge of defeating the slots at tracks legislation. Mr. Hein's lobby team viving joint tenant owns the entire consisted of his wife, Julie Hein, and associate interest in the land, and only that Dave Holthaus. In addition, Mr. Hein partnered person can decide who gets the with John Peterson, John Federico, and Bill Brady, all lobbyists representing Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. (paid indirectly from Harrah's Prairie Band lasts as long as you live, but you Casino). The Tribal Council formed an oversight cannot decide who will get the land team called the Government Relation committee to when you pass away. spearhead the defeat of the new legislation. That Remainder interest. If you own a team consists of Ron Hein, Badger Wahwasuck, remainder interest in land, your Steve Ortiz, Ryan Ross, David Prager and Randy person owning the life estate in Conroy. This smaller committee proved to be the land dies. If an Indian has the highly effective in formulating and implementing remainder interest, the land stays

strategic decisions throughout the legislative ses- Tenants in common. If you own land sion.

Life estate. If you own a life es-tate in land your right to the land

right to the land begins when the in trust.

with someone else as tenants in common, you will have an equal

Actions taken by the Government Relations com-right with your co-owners to the

in the allotment, the tribe will get the land when the life estate holder dies.

If a share is smaller than 5 percent of the whole allotment and it is inherited by more than one of your heirs, those heirs will inherit as JTROS. If the decedent's share is more than 5 percent, each heir will inherit as a tenant in common

II. Rules of Inheritance With a Wi11

If you write a will, you may leave your trust land to any Indian or the tribe.

However, if your will leaves your land to a non-Indian, they will receive only a life estate. The judge will give the remainder interest to your spouse or immediate family,

but only if they are Indian. If neither your spouse nor your immediate family are Indian, the remainder interest will go to your close family if they are Indian and also own a share in the same allotment. If no members of your close family are Indian or none of them owns a share in the allotment, the tribe will get the land when the life estate holder dies.

If your will leaves your land to more than one person, the judge will make them JTROS, unless your will specifically makes them tenants in common.

If your spouse, immediate family close family, and children, grandchildren, etc. are all non-Indians, you may be able to leave more than a "life estate" to them. To find out more about your options, you should contact the local BIA Real Estate Services Office. To prevent land from leaving trust status, tribes may buy interests that are left to non-Indians by will.

III. Rules for Co-owners

own.

2. The new law makes it easier for allotment owners to buy, sell, or exchange interests in trust land. For example, an appraisal may not be needed when you give or sell land to a family member. Also, you can now make a gift of your land to non-family members and the tribe. It should also take less time to put an undivided \*7393 interest into trust if any of the allotment was in trust on November 7, 2000. 3. To encourage consolidation, you can now make a written request for the names, addresses and ownership interests of your co-owners or the owners of trust land on your reservation. To encourage development, lessees and other users can also obtain the same information.

4. To encourage negotiated leases, the law sets new minimum consent requirements for the leasing of allotted land.

5. The new law does not apply to land in Alaska.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

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R.)

## ELECTION DATE July 24, 2002

**Voter Registration** Deadline: June 7, 2002

**BALLOT MAILING DATE** June 12, 2002

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!** YOUR VOTE COUNTS

## GOVERNMENT

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PER CAPITA REFERENDUM This will be on the July Election Ballot for your Vote—please read carefully and think about it.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Referendum.

The Tribal Council of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is asking the voters of the Nation to vote on the issue of whether to amend the Tribal Per Capita Ordinance to place per capita payments of minors in trust. The possible amendment would amend Article V, Sec. 5, to provide the following new provisions:

Per capita distributions for minors shall be placed in trust and will be distributed to the minor with accumulated trust income on and after the 18th birthday.

(a) The trust assets will be distributed to the tribal member according to the following schedule:

At age 18 - 10% of the trust balance At age 19 - 20% of the trust balance At age 20 - 30% of the trust balance

At age 21 - all remaining trust assets.

Valuing education is of utmost concern to the General Council. Notwithstanding this schedule, except as provided below, no trust distributions will be made to a member who does not have a high school diploma or a G.E.D until this requirement is met or the member is 21. At the distributed by the age of 21. After age 18, current per capita distributions will be made to the adult member.

- (b) Additional distributions from the trust may be made before, on or after the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday for the minor's health, education, or welfare upon request of a parent, legal guardian or the minor in amounts as from time to time may be deemed necessary by the trustee.
- (c) The trust will be irrevocable and will be administered by an independent institutional trustee. The trustee will deliver regular statements of trust assets and income to the tribal member. The per capita payments in trust will be invested in accord with prudent investment practices.
- (d) The trust may have such additional provisions as the Tribal Council may protected as required by 25 U.S.C. § 2710(a)(3)(C).

#### FIRST QUESTION:

SHOULD THE NATION AMEND THE TRIBAL PER CAPITA ORDINANCE Voting yes would amend Article V, Sec. 4 and 5, as follows: TO PLACE PER CAPITA PAYMENTS OF MINORS IN TRUST AS OUTLINED YES **ABOVE?** NO

A YES VOTE, amends the Tribal Per Capita Ordinance as mentioned above. A NO VOTE would not amend the Per Capita Ordinance, and distributions for minors would remain as they are currently being distributed.

Council Person Jackie Mitchell Reports...

Jackie Mitchell Tribal Council Member

**Annual Student Awards** The awards banquet for students

## Clinton memo cited 'credible' land claim

IndianZ.com MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

In the waning days of the Clinton administration, a top Department of Interior official concluded that a Kansas tribe's land claim was 'credible' enough to warrant a friendly resolution.

Asked to evaluate the existence of a 1,280-acre reservation in Illinois, former Solicitor John Leshy said the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is the legal successor to lands set aside by an 1829 treaty. "Our research has not revealed any subsequent treaty or act of Congress which authorized rights to a reservation whose sale to non-

the conveyance of these lands.

"As a result, we believe the U.S. continues to bear trust responsibility to the Prairie Band for these lands," he wrote on January 18, 2001.

Despite the memo - or perhaps because of it - House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-III) and three colleagues less than three months later signed onto a bill that was far from the type of "amicable" solution Leshy hoped for when he drafted his letter. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Tim Johnson (R-Ill.), would extinguish all

Indians in 1849 probably violated federal law.

So it was no surprise the measure came under attack by tribal leaders and representatives at a Congressional hearing last week. Prairie Band vice-chairman Gary Mitchell was quick to point out the Leshy memo, which, along with other documents drafted by the Clinton administration, he said bolstered his tribe's case.

Larry Angelo, second chief of the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, also was convinced of the Reservation's continued existence. Although not named in the memo, he said his tribe would submit evidence to the Bush administration to show its line of succession to the land in question.

Established by the Treaty of Prairie du Chien for Chief

**SECOND QUESTION:** 

IF YOU VOTED YES TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE, DO YOU WANT 100% OR 50% OF THE MINOR'S PER CAPITA PAYMENTS TO BE PLACED IN **TRUST?** 

#### 100% 50%

age this requirement is met or at the age of 21, all distributions will be made If you vote for 100%, all minor per capita payments will be placed in trust as provided to the extent of the age of the member. In any event, all trust assets will be above. If you vote for only 50% to be placed in trust, the remaining 50% would be distributed to the minor twice a year as follows:

> (e) The fifty percent of the per capita payments for minors not placed in trust shall be paid to their parents or legal guardians and shall be expended solely for the health, education and welfare needs of the minor. This ordinance requires that the parents or guardian provide a certified accounting of all expenditures of the minor's payment and provide supporting documentation of all expenditures.

#### THIRD QUESTION:

SHOULD THE NATION AMEND THE TRIBAL PER CAPITA ORDINANCE determine to be reasonable or necessary to carry out the operations and SO THAT A CERTIFIED ACCOUNTING AND DOCUMENTATION FOR functions of the trust provided that the minor's interests shall be preserved and MINORS AND GUARDIANS WOULD BE REQUIRED ONLY IF REQUESTED **BY THE PER CAPITA OFFFICE?** 

#### YES

NO

Section 4. Per Capita Payments made to legally incompetent tribal members shall be made payable to the legal guardian, provided that the legal guardian provide a full explanation of the circumstances which justify the disbursement of the incompetent's payment. This ordinance requires that <u>upon the request of the Nation's per capita office</u>. a legal guardian provide a certified accounting of all expenditures of the incompetent's payment and provide supporting documentation of all expenditures.

Section 5. [Amend to include this provision] This ordinance requires that, upon the request of the Nation's per capita office, the parents or guardian provide a certified accounting of all expenditures of the minor's payment and provide supporting documentation of all expenditures.

In addition to the Prairie Band Po- sent school-funding year. They are long distance learning possible health problems such as heart problems est and hard working is the choice of tawatomi Tribal Council, Kickapoo operating on a \$9 million dollar on reservations. This concept and obesity. Leslie is a certified instruct the tribal members. The upcoming Vice Chairman John Thomas, budget and had to cancel summer will incorporate video cameras tor and does an excellent job of assisting election is the voice of the people to Council Members Shawn Jessepe school because of lack of funding. to allow teaching staff and off members and employees in this health elect three members to serve the tribal and Arlan Whitebird and Iowa This was a great misfortune for the site students to communicate area. The class uses steps and weights in government. We each have an obligain the surrounding area was a Chairman Louie DeRoin were in students and staff at Haskell. It is and attend college classes this class. Fitness is a concern of many tion to pick three council members This of the area residents and it is demon- that will govern our nation and conmeeting. Both the Indian commu- sources are found for Haskell so that would allow tribal members to strated by this class and the walking that tinue to administer our nations pronity and non-Indian community shortfalls as this do not occur again attend college classes and not is happening on a daily basis in our grams with integrity and honesty. Be-

is held by a number of different owners today. A majority of the parcels have been turned into a state park and wildlife preserve while others are in private hands. But returning the area to Indian own-

Shab-eh-nay and his band, the reservation

ership is a primary goal of the Potawatomi Band. Mitchell made clear that his tribe wants to purchase the land and re-establish what would be the only reservation in Illinois.

"He didn't abandon the land," Mitchell said in reference to Shab-eh-nay, who was driven off his home in the 1830s and returned two decades later only to see it sold

Standing in the way is a bill which hasn't garnered much support beyond its chief proponents. Almost every democrat who attended the hearing spoke against the legislation.

"It sets a bad precedent for other claims that are out there," said Rep. Frank Pallone (D-N.J.).

Another opponent is Illinois' political leadership, which has resisted efforts to settle all tribal claims. According to Angelo, at least one official representative of Gov. George Ryan ®, who also received Leshy's memo, was openly hostile and spoke derisively of the notion of an Indian Country in the state's backyard.

"There has been a historic theme of racism toward American Indians," he said.



ing on the tribal council has allowed me to see that it is a 24-hour/7 day a week job. Responsibilities are numer-Haskell are the endowment fund and lege at nearby universities and Jayne Garcia, Ralph Simon and all of the ous and very demanding. It is a chal-

wonderful night of recognition for our young people. They were recognized and honored for their many accomplishments. The children had a night that was for them and their families. JOM Coordinator and all of the parent committee and education staff for putting together a great evening for the children of our community.

#### **Haskell News**

On April 26, the Corp of Engineers held a consultation meeting with the PBP, Iowa's and Kickapoo about the proposed South Lawrence Traffic way in Lawrence on the south edge of the Haskell campus. The Tribal Councils spoke very clearly about their objection for building a highway through the south Haskell campus and the Wetlands. Students and families use this area for spiritual and religious ceremonies and consider in the experience of Indian people at Haskell. The Wetlands were once drained for Indian students to learn to become farmers and acculturate to the white man's society. This area was the result of a policy of education for extinction. Late 1880's Indian policy included ending the war with Indians in their quest to conquer this land by whatever means was necessary. Many Indian people believe that this area was a burial area for children that met with misfortune in the early days of the school. In the early years of Haskell many children were unaccounted for and children running away was of these children never made it were intended to become as a result of these policies.

have voiced much opposition to this highway in Lawrence. This meeting was the first time that the Thank you to Anita Evans, Title tribes have been consulted. Only IX Director and Chago Hale, 26 tribes were contacted. Council voiced concern because all 550+ tribes need to be consulted. A sacred cultural site meeting was requested. This meeting was agreed to by the Corp and they will invite a representative from each tribe to come to Haskell and voice their concerns as to the cultural implications of this proposed highway. The three tribes were in agreement that the choice for the tribes was to not build or build south of the Vice Chairman Gary river. Mitchell made comments about was the voice of the Indian people going to be heard or where they just going to do what they wanted to in the end. Colonel Curtis of the Corp of Engineers replied that they would listen to all comments and take them into consideration before this area sacred. In addition, this making their final recommendation area provides a historical context about the proposed South Lawthe web for more information

#### **Foundation Meetings**

about this issue.

As Haskell Board of Regents for the 4 tribes of Kansas. I have been attending the Haskell Foundation meetings. Haskell Foundation encountered financial problems resulting from a former director that was charged and convicted of embezzlement. Board of Directors has been working to resolve all past indebtness. \$40,000 from the PBP nation was loaned to Haskell to meet payroll the excuse that was given. Some in December, 1999. After that last foundation is to raise money for tribal council on long distance learn- izing the value of exercise to

attendance at this very important important that outside funding through technology. and our Indian students receive the have to transit to the Haskell neighborhoods. education that they need. Another campus. Many members and vehicle for saving for the future of employees regularly attend colmeet the shortfalls of the budget.

> Indian people from every Indian at gaining an educational de- cated for this year, 2002, is almost de- serve our nation in the best way possi-Nation. All Indian people should gree. support Haskell and the fine education it provides to our children.

#### **Earth Day Celebration**

really valuable in our life. Being to continue on in the circle of life.

#### **Head Start News**

Start has applied for an expansion of also our own community. If about being in their own homes soon. 12 infants and toddlers and/or preg- you have made your outfit, you home based/center based program. dance at the pow wow at the iors of their placement in these units. and feedback. The Foundation All of the staff at the center is doing gathering. It will be a special The senior replacement homes are ala wonderful job of providing early gathering.

our community.

childhood services to the families of

Long Distance Learning come the non-Indian that they reorganization. The purpose of the fessor gave a presentation to the day at 8:00. Everyone is real- to the rest of the community.

Haskell. The University has a \$3 ing. Smokey is working with the remain healthy and fit. Fitness million dollar deficient in their pre- Cherokee and other tribes to make has been proved to prevent Voting for the right people who are hon-

#### Housing

the grants fund. These three mecha- this would allow an on site op- housing staff have been working very lenge and a very rewarding job. But nisms for helping with the financial tion. Smokey will meet with hard to implement the Potawatomi Hous- the decisions we make today will have situation at Haskell will allow the council again to explain more ing Plan. Tribal Members are accessing an impact on our future generations college to generate funds to help details about this project. Edu- home improvements, down payment as- and requires people with vision. I cation is important to everyone sistance and applying for available rental have been proud to serve on council and this is an opportunity for units. Thanks to all members for being and we have a responsibility to vote Haskell has special meaning to all more members to have chance patient in this process. The money allo- for future council members that will

pleted and another renewal request will ble. be presented at the October 2002 general council meeting. We are finally making

#### Video

Much work has been happen- a dent in our housing needs. It is an ex- Our offices have been receiving much ing for the gathering prepara- citing time for members to begin to meet positive feedback on the video sent to Earth Day was a rainy day. Nature tion. Site development at the their housing needs. The low income tax all tribal households. This video was has a way of showing us what is park by the Road and Bridge, credit program is the hold up in placing developed for public awareness with Maintenance, EPA and other families in the homes on 142<sup>nd</sup> Road, particular attention to state legislatures with our neighbors and friends for a programs has been non-stop for These units will be low income and the in recent months. The legislatures good healthy day and celebrating the past several weeks and the tax credit program will allow the tribe to were responsible for voting for gamour mother earth. Walking or bik- park is looking good. It is a get back almost 3/4 of what was paid for ing in the state of Kansas and thanking in the rain helped us appreciate project to get ready for the an- these homes and members will have af- fully, this gaming did not pass this sesthe rain that helps our environment nual pow wow. Native Ameri- fordable nice homes for their families. sion. It will be brought up again next can Church conference and the This program requires a lot of paperwork year and we will continue the fight gathering, but will be a special to complete including forming a corpora- again. The video allowed the council place for many years. The in- tion separate from our regular admini- to let the public know where our gamrence Traffic way. If you would Some very special people who gen- vestment this year will allow stration to operate these programs from. ing dollars are going to and what like more information about the erously gave of their time for a won- our tribal members to have a The home improvement grants/loans are benefit the entire community gets South Lawrence traffic way, check derful cause made Potawatomi shirts park for their grandchildren and proceeding slowly; each grant/loan is from our casino. The investment in and shawls for the Head Start and great grandchildren. Please required to have a pre and post inspec- our community will allow our children Child Care children. On May 16, plan on attending the gathering tion to insure compliance with program and grand children to benefit from toapproximately 90 children had a as plans have been made to guidelines and to use the money effi- day's revenue with high quality chilshirt or a shawl for the annual end of make it a very special time of ciently. Down payment assistance and dren's programs, roads and bridges. the year pow wow. It takes a whole coming together with not only the Denison State Bank loan programs our park, and all of our valuable provillage to raise a child. Early Head other Potawatomi bands but are being used and families are excited grams that enable the tribal members to have a high quality of life and happiness. The video was a highlight of nant women for that program. They need to get those needles going The senior duplexes are almost ready these many accomplishments. Thank presently serve 12 children in that to be in the fashion show or and Jayne and her staff are notifying sen- you all for your positive comments

> most finalized and ready to be built. It is my pleasure to serve as tribal Seniors are very excited about moving council member and if you have any into the new homes. We are fortunate questions about any tribal business with answers to your questions.

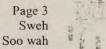
**Exercise Classes** 

Gathering

Tribal Member Leslie Marshno that they will be right by the senior site please call me at 877 715 6789 or 785 has been donating her time for and close to the medical emergency peo- 966 4016 or email me at payroll, the foundation basically On May 7th Smokey McKinney, an aerobic exercise class each ple at the fire station. This will be a way jackiem@pbpnation.org. I will try to home. Children that did not be-folded and is now in the process of PBP tribal member and Haskell Pro-Wednesday at 5:30 and Satur- that seniors will have a real connection get back to you as soon as possible

#### Voting Responsibility

## HEALTH, ETC.



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#### Foods Seniors are Advised Not New Column: Ask the

We are pleased to an-

also a tribal member,

on a monthly basis

dealing with dental

Dentist... By Mary Young



health issues. She encourages the readers to write in questions for her to answer in the columns.

Dr. Rickert has found that "dental health is often neglected, due to lack of dental education and low finances. It is her hope that prevention will correct some of these problems, and a dental column is a small, first step."

Dr. Rickert is the first female American Indian Dentist in the United States. Dr. Rickert attended the University of Michigan from 1968 to 1975. For five years, she was the director of the Dental Clinic at the Children's Aid Society, a private agency for foster-care children in the Detroit area; there, she initiated programs in preventive dentistry and orthodontia. She served on the Michigan Urban Indian Health Council and helped found a dental clinic at the Detroit Urban Indian Health Clinic. The Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians has formed a task force to establish a dental clinic, of which she is currently a member.

Dr. Rickert is active in the American Dental Association, having chaired the Oakland County Dental Society's Speakers' Bureau; she has served on the Michigan Dental Association's Public Relations Committee. A past president of the Resort District Dental Society, she remains active by presenting dental education programs in area schools.

Dr. Rickert has authored the book, Exploring Careers in Dentistry. She has spoken in many venues, most recently at the North American Indian Center's symposium on Native Women in the 20th Century.

As an active member in her community, she has served as a coach in girls' sports, the Music Boosters, Parent-Teacher Organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts of America and the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Rickert has maintained a private practice for 27 years in Michigan.

#### Ask the Dentist... By Jessica A. Rickert, D.D.S.

to Eat By FDA and USDA

To reduce risks of illness from bacteria in food, seniors (and others who face special risks of illness) nounce a new column are advised not to eat: to the PBPN News

"Health" section: Raw fin fish and shellfish, including oysters, clams, Dental Health or "Ask the Dentist .... " Jessica mussels, and scallops.

A. Rickert, D.D.S. of Raw or unpasteurized milk or cheese. Interlochen, Michigan,

Soft cheeses such as feta, Brie, Camembert, bluewill be writing articles veined, and Mexican-style cheese. (Hard cheeses, processed cheeses, cream cheese, or yogurt need not be avoided.)

> Raw or lightly cooked egg or egg products including salad dressings, cookie or cake batter, sauces, and beverages such as egg nog. (Foods made from commercially pasteurized eggs are safe to eat.)

Raw meat or poultry.

Raw sprouts (alfalfa, clover and radish)

Unpasteurized or untreated fruit or vegetable juice (These juices will carry a warning label.)

New information on food safety is constantly emerging. Recommendations and precautions are updated as scientists learn more about preventing food-borne illness. You need to be aware of and follow the most current information on food safety.

The Food and Drug Administration Hotline can answer questions about safe handling of seafood, fruits and vegetables, as well as rules that govern food safety in restaurants and grocery stores. You can reach them by calling: 1-888-SAFEFOOD.

The USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline can answer questions about safe handling of meat and poultry as well as many other consumer food issues. Call them at 1-800-535-4555.

Or, on the World Wide Web

Check out the senior food safety web page jointly sponsored by the Food and Drug Administration and AARP at http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/ seniorsd.html

Federal food safety -including the Food and Drug Administration (http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov) the Food Safety and Inspection Service (www.fsis.usda.gov) and joint-Federal information at (www.FoodSafety. gov)

Partnership for Food Safety Education at www. fightbac.org

The following information was taken from: To your Health! Food Safety for Seniors. Provided by the Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service.

## Support Groups

**Topeka** Area

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) - For people who have a desire to stop drinking. For meeting schedule and times in the Topeka area: 354-3888

Native American AA - 8:00 p.m. Friday, 5th & Washburn, Potwin Church Bsmt. Non smoking, Closed meeting.

Native American AA Meeting - 8:00 p.m., 235 Buchanan. 357-6511.

Recovering Women's Group- 5:30 p.m. Monday, 725 Buchanan ring bell. Non smoking, closed.

Cancer Support Group - For people with cancer and their families; caregivers are encouraged to attend. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at Pozez Education Center, 1505 S.W. 8th. Free. Information: 354-5225.

Gamblers Anonymous - For people seeking help for problem gambling, 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Francis Hospital, 1700 S.W. 7th, 2nd floor, meeting room 6: 862-6666; 7 p.m. Friday at St. Francis Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, meeting room 9: 862-6666; and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Westminister Presbyterian Church, 1275 S.W. Boswell: (785) 339-3583.

Food Addicts Anonymous - For people who feel addicted to certain foods, such as sweets, and who want to abstain from eating them; uses a 12-step program, 3 p.m. each Sunday at Pozez Education Center, 1505 S.W. 8th, in Centennial Room D. Information: Michele at 233-1604. Internet: www.foodaddictsanonymous.org.

C.A.R.E. - For people seeking a Christian 12step program, all addictions welcome, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Friday at Inward Faith Outreach Ministry, 625 S.W. Polk. C.A.R.E. is a Christian Addiction Recovery Empowerment 12-step program.

#### Mayetta Area

Open AA Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to ??, We Te Sa Building, 15434 K Road, Mayetta, KS

AA Meeting at St. Francis Xavier Church bsmt, 7:30 p.m. every Thursday and Sunday.

PARR Ranch-Open meeting, Monday at 7:00 pm \*\*\*\*\*\*

Kickapoo AA meeting- at the Kickapoo Senior Citizen Building at Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Holton AA Meeting - at First Christian Church, 5th & Wisconsin at 7:00 p.m. 966-2178, 364-4479.

**PBPN HEALTH COMMITTEE** 

#### **A Woman's Dream Comes True:** Bookstore Grand Opening By Mary Young

According to an article in the Longview News-Journal (Thursday, May 9, 2002), Michelle Cook had a dream and made it come true along with several partners. She owns and operates Heart & Souls Books and Gallery bookstore in Longview, Texas and celebrated with a grand opening. She said, "It's the kind of bookstore I've always wanted to find but never did."

Heart & Souls Books and Gallery is not the ordinary-type bookstore, it contains "a garden room, a kitchen featuring complimentary coffees and beverages, an outdoor patio and outdoor garden areas where benches will be added."

Another feature to the bookstore is the massage room. Tribal member Dianna Payne is a registered massage therapist who offers body work, stone massage, an herbal wrap, raindrop therapy, salt glo, ear candling, reflexology, oriental foot bath, and tan & glo. Dianna shared that she was able to "attend school with the help of the tribe and have been very blessed to be able to work in a job that I really love. Not too many people can have that privilege!"

Dianna plans to attend the pow wow and Gathering so look for her booth at the Gathering; she will be offering chair massages.

Dianna is the daughter of Edward and Edwina Dickinson and granddaughter of Pete Matchie and Blanche Masquat Matchie.

## Longwood's Cecil Walker is Named **American Indian Business Owner of** the Year

Longwood, FL-Cecil Walker, president and CEO of CW Construction Services, Inc., (CW), son of Vestina Nonken, has been selected to receive the Indian Business Owner of the Year Award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

This National Award is given annually to an outstanding American Indian and corporate leader for his or her contribution to self-determination and the betterment of the Indian Community, as well as for being profitable and operating as good "corporate citizens."

"This award means quite a lot to me because it re-

Dear Dr. Rickert,

I had to have my knee replaced last year. Now, my dentist has me take antibiotics before my appointments. Why? Elaine V.

Dear Elaine,

The miracle of joint replacement has allowed so many people to regain freedom of movement without pain. The artificial joints are made of a synthetic material, which is not as smooth as cartilage, tendon and bone, especially when blood flows by.

If there are bacteria (germs) in the blood, they stick to the artificial joints and multiply. When there are many thousands of bacteria present on the joint, it will fail. The bacteria could also cause the patient to become very ill.

Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis is caused by growth of bacteria on the heart valves and nearby tissue. If a heart valve has been damaged or if • there is an artificial heart valve, the bacteria in the blood will stick to the valve and multiply there; a heart valve can be damaged by a birth defect, by rheumatic fever and in other ways. Bacteria does not stick to healthy heart tissue.

When bacteria enters the blood stream, it is called bacteremia. One way bacteria can get into the blood stream is through dental and surgical procedures, through dental infections and in other ways.

The best way to guard against this is to maintain an extremely clean mouth through daily brushing, flossing and professional dental cleanings. Before the dental cleanings or any dental procedure, your dentist will prescribe antibiotics for you. There are several types that are prescribed; the most common is 2000 mg of Amoxicillin one hour prior to the dental appointment. This will allow a high enough Procedures for Transportations blood level of the antibiotic to be reached so that there will be no bacteria to stick to the heart valves or to artificial joints.

Always remind your doctors or dentists that there has been a heart problem or a joint replacement. I'm glad the knee replacement has worked out well for you, and good luck on your dental care.

If you have a question for the dentist, please write to her in care of the Prairie Band Potawatomi News at P. O. Box 116, Mayetta, KS 66509-0116.

#### **BENEFITS OF EXERCISE**

- Improve glucose metabolism
- Lower blood pressure
- Strengthen the heart muscle
- Improve lung capacity

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- Produce a lower resting pulse
- Improve range of motion (ROM) around joints
- Reduce painful menstrual cramps

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## **Community Health Representative Office**

#### **Transportation Guidelines**

Client must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe Transportation will be to health related appointments only Transports must be appointments and walk-ins for non-emergent health treatment

Emergency health issues should call T.E.M.S. 966-2164 or 911 Must live within Jackson County or

Potawatomi Enrolled members in Brown County Will Not transports if client appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs Will Not transport when roads are hazardous or during inclement weather Will Not transport minors under the age of 18 unless parent or legal guardian

accompanies them, OR we have written parental consent Transportation Services are for clients with no other means of transportation Transportation is for the client only, unless the client requires a family members assistance

Priority will be given to Elders, Families with children, and Disabilities Transportation will be made with an available transporter at our discretion

Transportation is for clients who have no other means of transportation All requests for transportation must be made by calling the C.H.R. Office At 966-2221 NOT to individual employees houses or on their personal time

Requests should be scheduled with 24 hours notice In cases of walk-in appointments it will be on a time basis availability It is your responsibility to notify the office of a cancellation Clients who break their appointments or fail to notify the C.H.R. office or

have cancelled appointments two or more times will be counseled and informed that future medical transportation may be jeopardized When calling the office please provide us with the time, date, and place All Children under 4 years of age must be in car seat provided by parent All clients being transported are required by G.S.A. and Law to wear seat belts All vehicles are not to be smoked in by G.S.A. requirements All loose dogs on the premises known to bite, must be tied up All clients needing our services will be required to fill out an application

**Regular Meetings at 10:00 a.m.**, last Monday of each month-2002 16281 Q Road, **Tribal Government Center** Mayetta, KS

**Committee Members:** Arlene Wahwasuck, Chairperson **Gilreath Aitkens, Vice Chair Dorothy Simon, Member Camilla Chuoteau, Secretary** Angie Wahweotten, Member **Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Liaison**  flects my heritage as well as contributes to a positive image for Native Americans in this country," Walker said. "I think most people overlook American Indians in the business environment, yet we are tremendously successful. This is a small way to elevate public awareness, something I strive to do every day."

Walker, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, was raised on a reservation in Kansas. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading advocates on behalf of Native American issues ranging from preserving his native language and heritage to assisting other American Indians in starting businesses across the nation and Canada.

Founded by Walker in 1991, CW just celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2001. The Longwood-based company has earned an outstanding reputation for successful construction projects ranging from schools and hospitals to offices, hotels, and casinos.

## Services Available from CHR office

#### **Home Visits**

- **Follow-up Care**
- **Some Home Health Care**
- **Blood Pressure Screenings**
- Scheduling Appointments for Medical or Dental
- Delivery/Pick-Up of Medications (must meet guideline requirements)
- **Weight Checks**
- **Case Findings/Case Screenings**
- **Patient Health Education**
- **Health Education Classes**
- **Health Fairs**
- **Community Blood Drives**
- Assist I.H.S. with on-site screenings

**Office Hours** Monday—Friday 8:00-4:30 p.m.

**To Schedule Services** Call 785/966-2221 And meet required guidelines

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## "Smoothing-the-Waters Luncheon" for Indian Health Service Employees: Happy employees make for a happy, healthy work environment

#### Doris A. Potts

chance to begin working together. Ortiz said negatively. this is a luncheon to say hello.

Briefly talking about the service area expansion crease." Urban health care has been a big con- party vendors. cern recently for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Federal guidelines currently rule out In many recent discussions, the Holton IHS including urban areas in IHS service areas. It building has been a major concern. The word is estimated that Shawnee County includes approximately 1,000 Native Americans.

In a surprise announcement, Health Board Chair Ortiz calls Dale Keel of Oklahoma City Area IHS to present IHS with a \$40,000 check. Steve said, "This is to assist in health care assistance and the doctor situation at Holton."

Ortiz said, "IHS has no policy established to accept donations. Policies had to be changed to make this (donation) happen. IHS assisted in making this possible."

Mr. Keel accepted the donation responding that "this is more than a donation - it shows your commitment."

Holton IHS facility has been without a doctor since February 2002. A temporary, Dr. Merkel, recently departed to take a temporary job in Fort Riley, KS.

After this presentation, the northern tribes (Iowa & Sac & Fox) departed the meeting.

A Board Member asked about the status of he contract health services brochure that has been on order for quite some time. Mr. Keel responded that the draft has been turned over to him for review which he is currently doing. This brochure will help IHS clients understand the require guidelines that they follow and which all IHS facilities follow.

Barbara Tims, Contract Health Clerk, reported that these guidelines have been in existence as

May 8, 2002 - Indian Health Service (Holton long as IHS has been around. They have not facility) employees were treated to a changed. In the past, they haven't been fol-"smoothing-the-waters" luncheon at Harrah's lowed - creating major problems for everyone Prairie Band Casino. Health Board Chair involved. Now, they are faced with assuring Steve Ortiz said they have been working under everyone is following uniform guidelines as turbulent conditions recently and this is a established. Many do not like this and react

Barbara reported that her department now has the bills caught up and paid to date. She has to include Shawnee County, Ortiz said, also saved the CHS budget over \$100,000 by "Shawnee County included, but no dollar in- getting qualified candidates plugged into third

> was put out there that the lease expired in January 2003. A new location must be considered as there are major problems with the existing facility.

> Today, it was announced that there were not two leases. However, there was an additional loan that extended the existing lease to December 14, 2004.

> Recent storms in our area have been playing havoc with the deteriorating IHS building conditions. Not only is there now a leaky roof there is mold found throughout the building.

> The most recent was in the lab room area which houses expensive equipment. Paula Foster has been regularly updating acting CEO Randy Barnoskie about the mold situation.

> Employees have been very concerned about this problem due to recent reports on mold and concern for their own health. Employees are the ones that are in this situation for forty hours per week. Employees want assurances that their health is not in jeopardy.

> Steve Ortiz said he would get with Latane Donelin, PBPN EPA Director, for assistance in to get this mold tested. Later that day, Ms. Donelin visited IHS facility for an on-site assessment of this mold situation so she would have a general idea of what direction to head as far as calling in assistance. Her office does not do this type of testing.

#### Donelin Jumps to Action to Appease IHS Employees: Is mold situation at IHS a health risk? Doris A. Potts

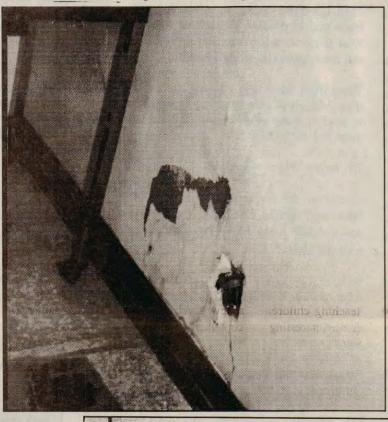
May 8, 2002 - The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation proudly boasts having one of the most proactive environmentalists among the Native territories. Latane Donelin, Director of Planning and Environment, was called in to assess the mildew situation at Holton Indian Health Service facility.

Recently, Indian Health Service employees have been voicing their grave concern of the deteriorating building conditions that may be health hazardous to them with very little attention being paid to their voices.

What do we do? Where do we go from here? Is it a health hazard to the employees? Why isn't anyone really acting on our concerns? These were all questions the employees were conveying but not getting much response.

Donelin made an on-site assessment of the location, carefully taking notes and asking questions. The following day, Latane spent time on the phone, talking with numerous agencies about appropriate directions, recommendations, and moved forward with her initial plan which was to bring in their consultant.

Donelin noted that they have a consultant set up under their program that does testing based on EPA requests. By Friday, May 10, 2002, Donelin had this test arranged. A written report will follow.



## Mold Growth at **Holton Indian** Health Facility: The

CDC states that any decision to vacate the building at the referenced property "has to be made individually" by each staff member or client. Doris A. Potts

May 20, 2002 - In a May 10th written report, Dennis Foster, NEK Environmental Services, lessened the concern of potential or existing health risks for IHS employees due to working in the mold-infested building.

Foster reported that there appears to be extensive mold growth at the IHS facility, but he did not attempt to identify the mold growth. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate, "it is not necessary to determine what type of mold may be present" and that "all molds should be treated the same with respect to potential health risks and removal."

Mold exposure does not always present a health problem indoors. However, some people are sensitive to molds. The CDC states, "these people may experience symptoms such as nasal stuffiness, eye irritation or wheezing when exposed to molds." Severe reactions may occur among workers "exposed to large amounts of molds in occupational settings."

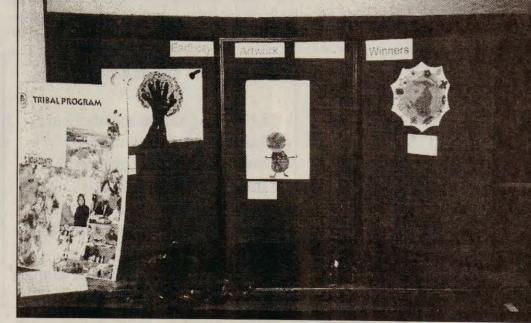
If any Indian Health Services staff or clients are experiencing these conditions, a qualified clinician should be consulted for diagnosis and treatment. The CDC states that any decision to vacate the building at the referenced property "has to be made individually" by each staff member or client. If a person believes that they are ill because of exposure to mold in the building, they "should consult their physician to determine the appropriate action to take." 10

Foster's report concluded by saying "whenever there is an extensive amount of mold, it may be necessary to contact a professional who has experience in cleaning mold in buildings and homes.









Top picture: mold which is throughout Indian Health Service building-Holton facility

#### **EARTH DAY SNAPSHOTS**

Top left: Bikers on Earth Day, heading out for a 12-mile stretch

Center: Very young bikers weren't scared out by the rain-they loved it as seen by happy faces. Kwan go and Ma gina.

Bottom left: Walkers prepared to head out in the rain

Above: Earth Day (artwork) t-shirt contest winner's work was on display. Above on left, you can see the winner.

Below: Artwork winner was Marquis Masquat and here he is shown with his end product, prize work.



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## WELLNESS JOURNEY 2002 EMBARKS UPON LAWRENCE, KS

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May 15-17, 2002 - Haskell Indian Nations University at Lawrence, Kansas was the newest location that played host to a Wellness Workshop for Native communities. The Kickapoo, Potawatomi, and Sac & Fox Native Nations co-sponsored this wellness workshop that brought over 100 participants to a quality, cut-rate workshop.

If you were one of the many people that thought, "a native wellness workshop in Lawrence - what's in Lawrence," allowing it to go on without your attendance, you missed the boat.

Last year, 25 women from the Rez attended the Women's Wellness Workshop in San Diego. This year, there were only 5 women and 1 man from our Rez that attended the Wellness Workshop in Lawrence, KS. It's true that Lawrence, Kansas is nowhere near as luxurious as San Diego, California. But, the quality instructional content of the workshop was the big payoff for those attending.

Recognizing that there is much sickness that still exists in native communities that must be healed on an individual basis before the community as a whole can begin to heal, the most basic message that came from all presenters is that each and everyone of us have to admit that we as individuals are suffering some sort of post traumatic syndrome of our pasts - whether it be the Boarding School Syndrome or unacknowledged abuses of our pasts.

The theme of this workshop was the Boarding School Syndrome. Many attending this workshop were not boarding school products - most were social workers - but were curious about the boarding school experiences. This is new, as it was not presented in American History classes.

La Ree Bates of Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ was the presenter of the Boarding School Experience. Former Boarding School students pointed out that this presentation focused on the academic approach to Boarding Schools. It was presented from the historical perspective - many natives are still dealing with effects of the Boarding School Syndrome Bates said, "The early days were horrendous, referring to the United States' post-Civil Ware use of boarding schools to convert American Indian children to European values, regimen and religion.

These efforts, Bates said, were backed by the federal government's realization that it was cheaper to "educate the Indian than it was to kill him.

"This was the American holocaust, she said.

Very little was said of the pain and very real abuses that many of the students endured as a result of attending boarding schools. How is the pain resolved if the hurtful issues are danced around and avoided? It is not resolved; it carried on to the next generation, creating suffering to those yet to come.

The easiest way to calm problems of our past is to just "sweep it under the rug." The interesting notion with that solution though is, someday, that old worn rug has to be moved and there still lies our old past burdens or "dust and dirt" just waiting for us to discard them properly and permanently. Only now, we have trampled more dirt and dust into that old beat down rug and it's a bigger problem now.

Many of us are just now accepting these past burdens as individual responsibilities, wanting change - practically demanding change. We want only good for our children and grandchildren. We want to protect them from the struggles and trials that we endured.

One of those recognized protections are that we want our children/grandchildren to experience a life without alcohol and drugs. Studies show that alcohol/drug abuse and jealousies are the major problems in native country.

A young presenter, Amanda Old Crow, said, "If you are going to work with children you have to be alcohol and drug free - each and every one of us. You can't just say it's okay if I go with my friends to the bar and not drink. No, that is not ok. You are the person that child is looking up to."

The youth of today are so smart; they know everything you are doing. They want to be like you. And they are sharing that information/"gossiping" with others. They're looking at how we conduct our lives - what kind of role model are you willing to be?

That goes into the major and common problem among native communities - alcohol and jealousies. We all know these are devastating problems but how do we begin to stop that?

Presenter Theda New Breast, MSW, spoke of teaching children in a new - yet old - way. This is an interesting concept that is of first nature to our current Boys & Girls Club Director. She said that, " we should spend half as much money and

#### half as much more time with children."

activities - bringing out the child in each of us.

In the past it was referred to as "a way of life" and participants. today we call it spending quality time with our youth. Ms. New Breast spoke of how her dad was Edmore Greene gave closing comments, "Next year, I ences of his life.

Once she accepted his life experiences, she was able to move forward with her life. Many of us Stressed by all presenters was the fact that a major part of those closest to us. It has a multiplying effect, closing prayers. carrying and spreading the sickness into a community.

Presenter Don Coyhis spoke of the layers (pain, guilt, shame, and fear) as being rooted into our lives. Mr. Coyhis analogized the person as a tree with all these past layers of those in our sub systems. When we don't clear our own lives of those past pains, guilt, shame and fears, we just continue to spread that negativity. We have that excess baggage in our lives, spreading it to our family and finally into our community.

Coyhis said this, "Conflict precedes clarity." We have to understand our past pains and many times there is struggle in that understanding. Change must come from within.

Coyhis teaches interconnectedness - everything is related. He spoke of the prophesy of "Coming Together Time - the healing of the black, white, red, and yellow people." We are now in that. Each of us were given lessons of life that we are in charge of and now is the time for us to come together and share that knowledge of what we've learned. (See Sacred Hoop Journey III flyer.)

Coyhis said he refers to himself as a "Rainbow Warrior," meaning he can go to different camps.

Another one of the themes he spoke of in regard to change is "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Wilma Mankiller professed that same thought in her recent presentation in Manhattan, KS.

Breakout sessions included our Nation members: Venida Chenault, Shirley Rice, and our Public

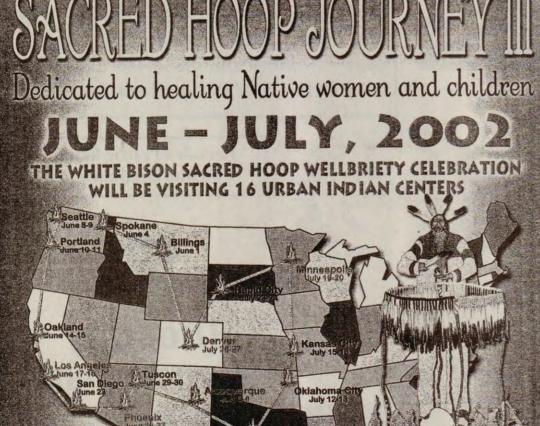
Health Nurse, David Cornelius.

Theda and her daughter, Amanda, pointed out how Everyone was most pleased with the buffalo meat that important humor is to all healing. Make your life was contributed by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. fun. Their presentations began with fun-filled/silly As this was a healing conference, what would be more appropriate to serve as a main dish each day other than the buffalo with its healing herbs being passed on to the

unavailable to her most of her life. She said she want to see all 700 seats in this room filled. Go home had to forgive her dad - had to accept the experi- and tell of the good things you hear. Tell of the goals and objectives of native wellness. This is for the people - that's why cost is so low."

are stuck in that mode of blame. In that blame, of any type of recovery must include spirituality and we stifle our own lives that carry on into the lives prayers. Vice Chairman Gary Mitchell was asked to give





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YES! I want to Get Well, Stay Well with 6 issues of Well Nations Magazine! Enclosed is my payment of \$24.95 (\$34.95 in US Funds to Canada), to Well Nations Magazine, 520 Kansas City Street, Suite 308, Rapid City, SD 57701.

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Top right picture: Theda New Breast, MSW

Middle picture: Council Person Jackie Mitchell (left) La Ree Bates, Heard Museum Archivist (center), and CHR Director Brenda Nozachkum (right) enjoying buffalo burgers & humor

Bottom right picture: Don Coyhis, White Bison, Inc.

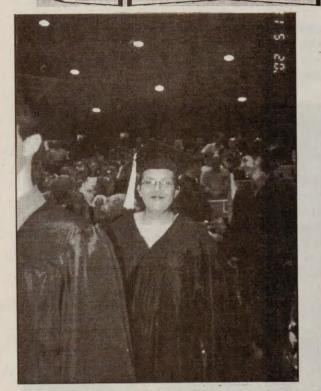


## GRADUATES

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# HONORING PBP NATION MEMBER 2001-2002 COLLEGE GRADUATES





more of Holton KS graduated Kelly has been from Manhattan working at Har-Christian College rah's and will with a Bachelor of continue that

like to work in a group home for youth here on the Reservation. Science degree in full-time until Kelly says to

Richard F. Grinnell graduated from Utah State University on May 4, 2002 with Bachelor of Science in Flight Technology - he's a pilot with a minor in Human Resources. He is a 1999 Haskell Indian Nations University graduate with a Associate in Liberal Arts.

Job Outlook - After September 11th, jobs are scarce. Richard grew up in SE Idaho and wants to return there, but he expects he will have to go elsewhere to get a job as a pilot. He will be working with a regional rather than a national airline.

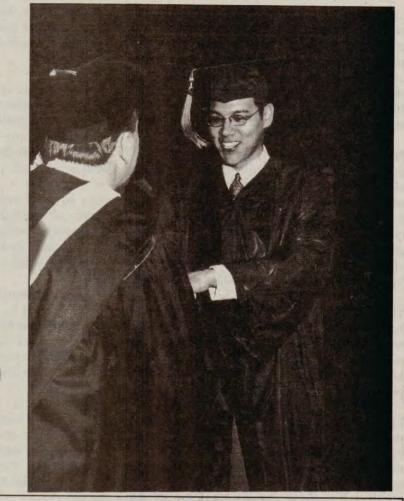
Kelly Greemore, Bible/Family she lands the college-bound school work in (above left) Ministry with job she wants. students, "Take 5 years and daughter of Eldon an emphasis in She said she your studies seri- wished I'd done and Tina Gree- pre-social work. would really ous. I did my it in 4 years."

> No photo sent in by

Richard

Grinnell.

Greetings! My name is Lauren Theresa Randall. (pictured on left) William Jewell College is graduating me on May 10, 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Communication. I will also be receiving a certificate of completion in the Pryor Leadership Program. After graduation, I plan on attending Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary to earn a Master's degree. I also plan on obtaining my doctorate after seminary.



Frank "Mack" Tecumseh (above) is the son of Ralph "Porky" & Lindie Tecumseh(&Paula) of Mayetta, KS. Mack graduated in December 2002 from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

Mack has been working for NCS Pearson as Human Resource Representative in Phoenix, AZ since January and has plans of moving back to this area in a couple of months. He is married, has a 2-year old child, and a second baby "on the way."

Mack says to high school seniors, "Don't give up. It took me 8 years after high school to finish college. Believe in yourself-set goals. Just do it."

We know there are more PBPN college graduates out there and we would like to



The pay, benefit package, and travel accommodations are great. He says he will probably be looking at around \$20,000 to begin with, but the pay gets progressively better. Within an 8-year period, he will be getting anywhere from \$90,000 to \$110,000. Pilots have a mandatory 60 years of age retirement.

He said he knows a pilot who makes \$300,000 per year right now.

One of the best parts of being a pilot is best said by the airlines themselves, "Best part-time job to have," as a pilot may be working 15 days out of a month.

What do you have to say to students who may be considering being a pilot as a career?

"Don't' worry about flying. It's still proven to be the safest mode of travel. In 1-2 years, all the airlines will be hiring a lot of people again."

Richard said, "I have always been an airplane freak all my life." Proven success is when one pursues a career they naturally love as Richard has done. Congratulations

Richard said he would love to talk to anyone that would like to hear more about being an airplane pilot. Can you tell? He said he also loves people and loves to talk!



Donald Shane graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor Degree in Construction Management on May 4, 2002. Construction Management is a fairly new degree program but one that is great for the person who loves to "work with their hands and loves to be outdoors," say Donald.

Donald and his wife are currently packing up to move to Alaska with hopes of landing a job in the Anchorage, AK area as that is where his wife is originally from. He has applied for a job with the B.I.A. there as a Civil Engineer Tech, requiring only one more math course and then take the test to fulfill the engineer tech requirement.

Alaska is known as a high salary area, what do you expect as a starting salary? Donald says he expects anywhere from \$28-34k.

Words of advice from Donald: "Don't be afraid - it's not easy. But, it's not impossible. Don't wait until you're married and have kids that's hard. But it can be done. Don't put school off too long! Set your mind to it and do it."



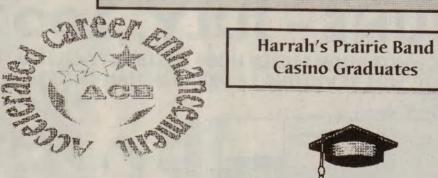
Tracy Leonard is the daughter of PBP Nation member, Connie McDonald. Tracy's grandparents are Joseph and Mary Virginia McDonald; great grandparents are John and Sophia Shipshee.

Tracy is currently a senior accountant working for a recycling company in Corona, CA. She will be graduating from Cal State University, Long Beach on May 29, 2002 with an MBA - emphasis in Finance.

In 1991, Tracy received her bachelors degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

Tracy's future goal is to own her own business.

share your success and picture with the rest of the Nation members. Please send your announcements with brief profiles in! Thanks and Congratulations!!!



# Tuesday April 30,2002



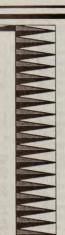
## GRADUATES

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## **SALUTING 2001—2002 GRADUATES** Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation says, "May the Door of Opportunity Always be Yours to Open With Your Recent Success."



#### Ma Dos

May 1, 2002-When it comes to Awards Night, everyone is a winner! May 1, 2002 - With every All enrolled students were given recognition and special achievement May comes many celebrations awards, depending on their participation in school activities and performance records - no one is left out!

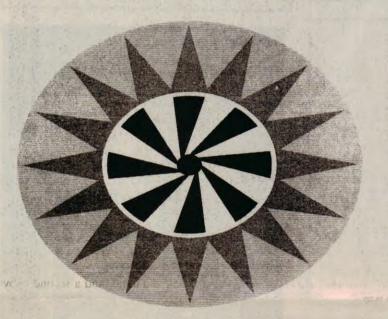
Joe Hale and the Little Soldier Singers opened the ceremony with the Awards Night, recording a Flag Song. Next came an opening ceremony song that brought forward the beautiful and colorful Royal Valley Native American Dancers, a showing of true community pride.

Reverend Jim McKinney gave the invocation.

Next came introductions and presentations of high school graduates. See pictures and brief bios of each honoree.

Last year's Outstanding Student Award went to elementary student, Ramona Jackson. This year's Student of the Year went to a verydeserving Royal Valley graduate, Hattie Mitchell whose school profile Hale, had a first taste of what can be see with pictures of graduates.

A new addition to the awards night included individual and special directly with children. awards section. See special listing of all of those special awards.



### SPECIAL AWARDS

All-Around Student of the Year Award -

Ma Dos

as witnessed by this year's Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 3rd Annual School super attendance by the community. There was standing and running room only!

The Johnson O'Malley Program, Title IX, Education Department, and the Boys & Girls Club sponsor this annual event. Looking very drained and worn out at evening's end, new JOM Director, Chago organizing is all about - all in a day's work when working

PBP Nation member Josh Arce served as the keynote speaker. Josh is a 2001 Kansas University graduate with a degree in Social Work. Currently, Josh works as a Host at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino. On May 26th, he will be departing the area to attend summer school at the University of New Mexico's law program.

While visiting with Josh, you can detect aspirations ready to burst and bloom out of this exciting young gentleman. He has applied for an internship with National Congress of American Indians program.

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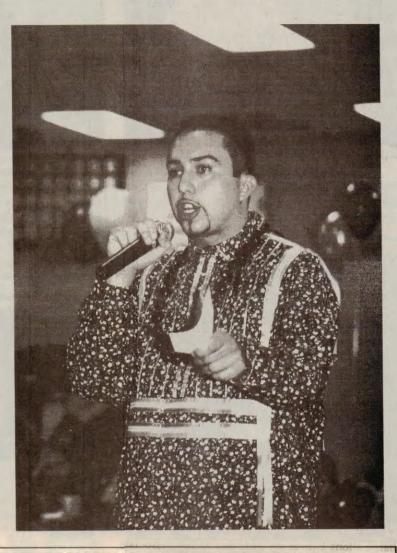
Josh says this opportunity, if selected, would be a priority on his agenda.

In his message to the youth and family members, Josh emphasized the importance of support. Family and community support will prepare a person in facing challenges that are going on now. It's important to have pride in oneself. Develop work ethics to be proud of. Respect yourself and others. It's important to be responsible, have initiative - put one foot in front of the other and make it happen!

Step out of your comfort zone - do extra - volunteer. Put yourself in a position where you learn more. There's success in trying rather than not trying at all. Work hard; play hard; and study hard. In all of this, be accountable! And remember, that happiness is a not a destination - it is a journey for you. Make it happen.

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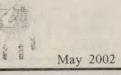
## **HAPPINESS IS NOT A DESTINATION -IT'S A JOURNEY**



Josh Arce, Keynote Speaker at Awards Night

This walk for these Head Starters is only the beginning... Hattie Mitchell Carrie Hastings, HS/CC provided Fun-filled days follow; graduation for them is always a big

Outstanding Achievement Award – Justin Pahmahmie Outstanding Athlete Awards – Jacob Houston	<ul> <li>the following information:</li> <li>Children promoted from the Head Start pre-school class- rooms to Kindergarten include;</li> <li>Lizette Aguirre Cody Brown</li> </ul>	event!
Josie Pahmahmie Outstanding Teacher Award – Vicki Wold People Who Make A Difference Award – Gary Sorensen Nathan Hale Outstanding Parent(s) Award – Henry & Joan Pahmahmie Unsung Hero Award – Joe Mitchell, student	Kassidy Dahl Natalie Fish Ashley Hale Nehemiah James Jalen LeClere Eugene Masquat Sierra McClane	
Connie Peters, adult SPECIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE comprised of: JOM Committee Title IX Committee PBP Education Upward Bound Program PBP Boys & Girls Club	Reigna Wahwassuck Brennah Wahweotten Micaella Wamego-Martinez Leona Wilson Joshua Zeller See photos osn right of Head Start graduation. Congratulations!!!	
Three Ku for the Computer Three Ku for the Computer Three Ku for the Computer Und it is Great P Wa Was Mo Quah Knoxsah wants everyone to know that she loves her new computer FION	v Pomandm	
and that she is very thankful for receiving it. Mom, Sandy, said she labored over all the 'curly q writing." Wow, fancy!		



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# High School Graduates



**Jackson Heights High School** Kenny Arnold plans to continue his education at Highland Community Junior College. He is the son of Janell Murk.



**Jackson Heights High School** Brandi Cadue is the daughter of Bucky and Janell Cadue. Brandi is working at the Kickapoo Truck Plaza as a Sales Clerk. Brandi is joining the armed forces-undecided which branch of service though. Why the service? Brandi says she just wants to get away from the Rez.



**Holton High School** of Bob and Faye Cadue. She will be attending Has-

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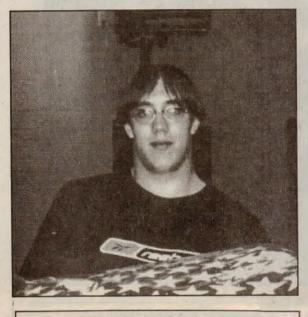
**Rossville High School** Martin Griffith, Jr.



**Rossville High School** PBP Nation member, Shawna Catron is the daughter of Barbara and Mark Catron. Shawna currently has two jobs-at Harrahs' Prairie Band Casino and part-time at Dillons which she plans to continue.



**Kickapoo Nation High School** PBP Nation member, Wah pe Hale, is the son of Joe & Laverne Hale.



**Royal Valley High School** Theodore Criqui



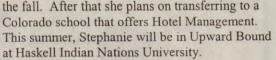
**Royal Valley High School** PBP Nation member, Stephanie Greemore, is the daughter of Paula Hopkins and Shane Greemore. She will attend Haskell Indian Nations University in

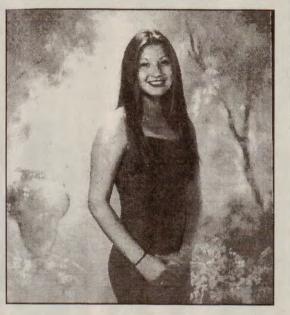
PBP Nation member, Kacee Cadue is the daughter kell Indian Nations University to study Indian Law in the fall.

**Royal Valley High School** PBP Nation member, Jarro Jackson, is the son of Beatty Nozachkum and Steve Jackson.



Anita Evans, Title IX Director & teacher plays major role in ensuring all native students push ahead with their education. She was given special recognition on Awards Night too!





**Royal Valley High School** PBP Nation member, Kateri O'Toole, daughter of Jim & Carrie O'Toole is all lined out to head up to Lansing Community Jr. College. She said she'd stick around here until the Gathering is over so that she can help with that. From the Jr. College, she will transfer to Michigan State University which is also in Lansing, MI.



**Royal Valley High School** PBP Nation member, Hattie Mitchell, is the daughter of Eddie & Mary Mitchell. Hattie will be going to Washburn University in the fall.

#### ALL-AROUND STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Hattie has been very active in athletics & clubs/organizations her four years at RVHS while still maintaining a high GPA. Hattie has been on the honor roll and serves as President of the Native American Club. Hattie is well liked by her peers as was evident when she was elected as our Homecoming Queen earlier this school year. She is well deserving of All-Around Student of the Year.



**Jackson Heights High School** Misty Slater





#### Anadarko High School

The family of Sunny Tee Knight proudly announce her graduation from Anadarko High School on May 17, 2002 at 7:00 p. m.. Sunny is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation of Kansas. She is the daughter of the late Eldon Beau Knight and Judith A. & Terry Ware of Anadarko, OK. Her grandparents are Willis and Rozella Knight, Iva Hunter and the late Richard M. Hunter of Oklahoma. He great grandparents are the late William and Ona Mzhickteno of Lawrence, KS.

During her high school career, Sunny was active in many sports and activities. She has been a member of the high school basketball and track team. She was a member of the National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Native American Club, Spanish Club, SWAT (Students with an Aptitude for Teaching), high school newspaper. She is a member of Ware's Chapel of Anadarko where she is active in the church activities year round.

Some of her awards include: "Who's Who Among American High School Students (grades 9-12), Principal's Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, President's Senior Service Award, Student of the Month, English IV Award, Outstanding Achievement Award.

Sunny plans to attend Cameron University in Lawton, OK. She plans on majoring in the field of education.

## YOUTH

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### **Royal Valley Native American Group Goes To Colorado**

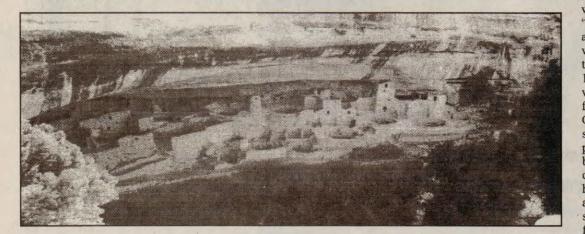
The Anasazi ruled this area between 1000-

#### By Mickey Martinez

May 2002

I had the opportunity to be a chaperone for the Royal Valley Native American Group for the spring break trip in March. After being informed that we were going to stay in Durango CO for four days I was excited. I used to lived in Ignacio (Southern Ute Reservation) 30 miles from Durango I took it upon myself to prepare an agenda. I contacted Senator Ben Campbell Nighthorses' Office one of his offices is located in Durango and he lives in Ignacio. I spoke with Delani Santo the Senators Aide and she said she would contact some people and help us with setting up times and discounts for our students. Our main itinerary was to visit Mesa Verde and to visit a hot springs. While I was in Ignacio in November I visited the tribes new recreation center and thought the students would like spending time there. Delani contacted me and said she had a lot of good news for us. We would have a park ranger from Mesa Verde to give us a guided tour of the ruins and we would get to go into some of the ruins that are closed. We had free passes to the recreation center in Ignacio, discount bowling passes, discount on our visit to Trimble Hot Springs, discount on the fun park we didn't have time to visit the fun park. We made arrangements to visit Senator Campbell's office.

The first Ancestral Puebloans settled in Mesa Verde about AD 550. The people of Mesa Verde were farmers, baskets makers and pottery. Most of the cliff dwellings were built from the late 1190's to the late 1270's. They were built on mesa tops and in cliff recesses. They range for one room houses to villages of more than 200 rooms (Cliff Palace). Most walls were single courses of stone because the alcove roofs limited heights and also protected them from erosion by the weather. The stone walls were made carefully by stacking shaped stones laid up in straight courses. The mortar between blocks was a mix of mud and water. The Puebloans lived in the cliff dwellings for less than 100 years, they traveled south into New Mexico and Arizona. Some of today's Pueblo people and perhaps other tribes, are descendants of the cliff dwellers of Mesa Verde.







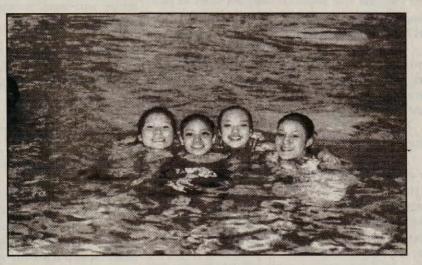
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1300 AD and were forced to abandon their environment because of drought and dwindling resources brought on by overpopulation. The Animas Valley again become the paradise it had been before, and was one of the favorite hunting grounds for the nomadic Ute's. The Ute's pretty much controlled the territory, although other tribes were allowed to pass through the area. The "healing waters" gained special status among the nomadic Indian population and were widely used for ceremonial and spiritual gatherings even up into the mid 1800's. In 1884 Frank Trimble and his wife settled at the springs. Frank suffered from rheumatism and old wounds from Oregon Indian wars began bathing in the springs. He soon claimed himself to be pain free. He than built a way station and boarding house at the springs and as word of the healing quality of the springs spread he prospered. He soon lost the business, and the new business owner lost the springs to two major fires. After the major fire in 1957, the springs folded and lay abandoned for more than 30 years. In 1978 the springs we bought by another individual. Finally in 1988 after cleaning up the title and securing water rights in order to pave the way for future development and the help of a Small Business Administration loan the springs was once again opened. The source of the hot water comes from the La Plata Mountains and is volcanic in its origin. The night we were at the pools the temperatures were 98, 102 and 110. We hated to leave the springs it was wonderful. Next trip we have to stay all day

**Trimble Hot Springs** 



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Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell's Office

4<sup>th</sup> Annual PBPN Pow-Wow June 7, 8 & 9, 2002

Thursday Camp Night/Youth Night

**Come Support Our Youth Drum Groups** 

Head Junior Girl – Krista Catron Head Junior Boy – Evan Evans

Manager of Motor Vehicles Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 16281 Q Road Mayetta, KS 66509

#### Dear Ms. Martinez,

Micki Rice Martinez

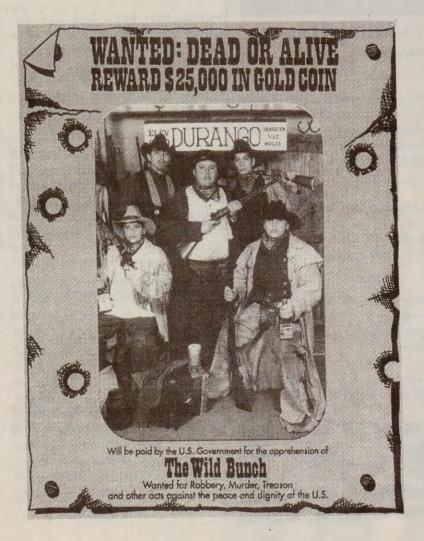
I want to extend my sincere appreciation to you and your students for visiting with Katie Aggeler and Delina DiSanto, at my Durango office. I hope that everyone had a wonderful trip and their memories of this beautiful area will stay with them for a lifetime.

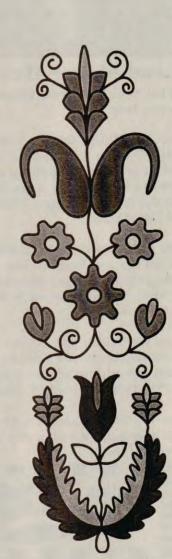
I am honored to except the gifts from your students. It was truly unexpected. I sincerely wish that my schedule could of made it easier for me to be here to meet all of you and thank each of you personally.

Please extend my gratitude to the students and I wish them a profound and dynamic school-year.

Sincerely,

Ben Nighthorse Campbell U.S. Senator





Jr. & Teen Boys Jr. & Teen Girls Traditional Buckskin Grass Cloth Straight Jingle Fancy Fancy Tiny Tots (6 and under) Paid each session

See Page 13 for full Pow Wow Details



#### **Book Reviews**

Native American Games and Stories By James Bruchac and Joseph Bruchac ISBN 1-55591-979-0, \$12.95

For ages 8 and up. A sample of stories and games are as follows: ball games and team sports ("The Ball Players in the Sky" – Passamaquoddy), bowl games and other games of chance ("Gluskabe Brings the Summer" – Abenaki), and awareness games ("Nanabush and the Ducks" – Anishinabe).

#### Crazy Horse's Vision

By James Bruchac ISBN 1-880000-94-6, \$16.95

This is a picture book. The story is about Crazy Horse as a young boy seeking a vision that changes his life. As a young boy, Crazy Horse already showed leadership.

SkySisters By Jan Bourdeau Waboose ISBN 1-55074-697-9, \$15.95

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## PROGRAMS

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#### Elaine (Mzhickteno) Streitberger, EAP Coordinator

By Diane E. Robb

#### Senior Meal Program

Tribal Council Chairperson recently received written notification from The Department of Health and Human Services Office of Administration on Aging that the Senior Meal Program, Title VI, Part grant was awarded \$132,850 a year for three years. This is a nice increase from the previous \$69,000. The grant program will assist the Senior Center in providing nutritional and supportive services for persons 50 years of age and older.

Nutritional services into congregate meals and home delivered meals. Supportive services include information assistance that contribute to the welfare of the older Native Americans.

#### **Caregiver Support Program**

An award letter was received from the Department of Health & Human Services for \$42,810 for the Caregiver Support Program - Title VI, Part C of the Older Americans Act. This program was established to assist Tribes in providing multifaceted systems of support services for family caregivers of elders, grandparents, or older individuals who are relative caregivers.

The grant application specified that the Grant Program would coordinate program activities with other tribal programs and develop individualized supplemental services that meet the needs of the caregivers and their families. In addition, the program will hire Certified Home Health Representatives with First Responder/CPR education, who will provide the services to the families. The new personnel will be paid with grants funds, with a small allocation set aside for mileage. A portion of the salary of the supervisor for the new personnel(s) will provide the program match.

The maximum award available was \$40,000@ per for three years. It is my assumption that the \$2,810 is administrative funding for processing the financial reports.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call extension #4075. **Grants Submitted:** 

#### FEMA Fire ACT \$223,200

The purpose of the grant program is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire related hazards. If awarded the 2002 Fire Act

Will provide a new emergency communication system for the Fire Department. The grant requested new radios and repeater that will improve the communication capability of fire department personnel indoors and at far reaches of the reservation. The Federal program is extremely competitive with fewer than 20 per cent of the grant applications receiving grant awards.

## our graduates!

By Sharon McClane

Spring semester is now over, and before we know it, Fall semester will begin. The deadline date for Fall semester funding is fast approaching. Applications for the Nation's scholarship award programs, with the required documentation, must be postmarked no later than July 1st. The Education Committee will meet in mid-July to review the completed applications.

Our computer program for college students continues to be successful. Since September 2001, 103 computers and printers have been issued to our college students.

Under the student loan program, we have paid a total of \$341,864.98 for 45 tribal members. Twenty-two applications are pending.

For our K-12th grade students, a total of 296 computers have been ordered, with 246 of them shipped out. A total of 325 households have not responded to the correspondence sent by the Student Services staff. If you have any questions regarding the Student Services program for K-12th grade students, contact Ida Nadeau, Coordinator at (785) 966-3926, or Kristen Aitkens, Administrative Assistant at (785) 966-3981. The mailing address is 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas 66509.

Contact Sharon McClane, Education Administrator, for any additional information regarding our education programs at 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas 66509. Telephone number (785) 966-2960; fax number (785) 966-2956; e-mail sharonm@pbpnation.org.

#### **Elder Center News** By Nona Wahweotten

Mankiller Tape Available

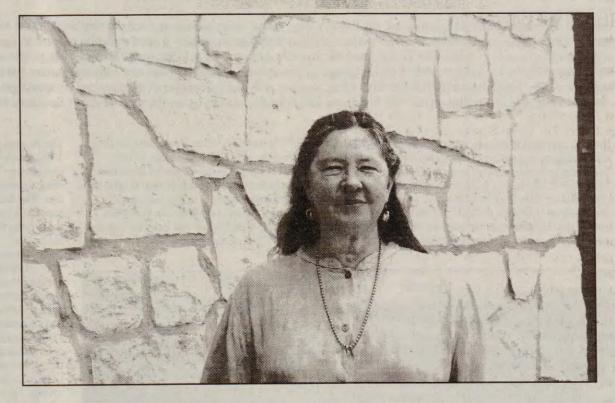
A few Elders went to K-State to listen to the Wilma Mankiller lecture, on living with stereotypes in today's world. They said it was very interesting and at times it brought tears to your eyes. We have the tape on it if anyone would like to see it, come on in and we would be glad to show it.

#### **Daily Operations**

Daily operations here have been going well. We average 105 participants a day; out of that 20 are home delivered meals. We toured the new duplexes in the back of our Center and they are really nice, the Elders are going to enjoy living in them.

#### **Computer Classes**

Several Elders are attending computer classes held at the computer lab in the government building, they are having a lot of fun while learning, they are learning how to e-mail right now. Thank you Frannie for taking the time to teach them a few things about the computers.



#### **Employee Assistance Program Up & Running, Welcome Aboard Elaine!**

#### By Elaine Streitberger

Elaine comes to the Nation from Arizona and is an enrolled Prairie Band Tribal member. Her maiden name is Mzhickteno. She is happy to have this opportunity to move back home and to serve the people in this way. Elaine has a Bachelors Degree, • graduating from the University of Washington in 1978. She has 22 years of Social Work and Mental Health experience.

which helps employees, and their family members And if EAP cannot assist, she will contact other come to drop by. programs/agencies who can help.

#### Services that EAP is offering:

- Couple/Relationship Difficulties
- Home/Work Stressors
- Family Violence
- Addictions
- Bereavement
- Child/Adolescent Behavior
- Separation/Divorce
- Critical Incident Stress
- **Financial Crisis** •
- Depression
- Anxiety

The EAP is located in the basement of the Government Center. The hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 The EAP is a solution focused counseling service, pm. The telephone number is 966-3904. The EAP strictly adheres to confidentiality. Elaine will be deal with personal difficulties. Personal problems visiting each Department to get to know the emare a normal part of life. However, there are times ployees and to introduce herself. She will be availwhen problems grow too difficult to handle alone. able to answer your questions. Elaine has an open The EAP can help you resolve these problems. door policy, so if the door is open, you are wel-





#### SARA III 2002 Producer Grant \$6,000

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARA) is funded through the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service to generate and disseminate information that is sound and practical about alternative farming systems believed to have potential to increase the sustainability of agriculture.

The grant funds will be used by the Land Department to prepare the land near the banks of Big Soldier Creek, Little Soldier Creek and Crow Creek that have showed signs of continued erosion to build filter strips that prevent further soil erosion. According to Bruce Yonke, District Conservationist of USDA in Holton, "Ten years ago we had little knowledge and no experience in dealing with such problems, now we do." His office has conducted several projects and he believes the project can accomplish a lot to improve the water quality if the project is successful. The grant monies will be used to purchase seed and to pay labor costs in the planting.

#### Quarterly Report - January - March 2002

10 applications were submitted for \$1,660,582

- 3 applications were submitted to grant pro- Nona 966-0040 Director grams that the Tribe previously received grant Tuttie and Shirley - 966-0041 - Activity Room funding
- programs



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Shirley still needs people to help make beaded key chains for the Gathering, which seemed a long time away when this project was started but the deadline is very close. She has everything you need just come in and she can get you started and you can take it with you to work on it.

One of the Elders, Thamar Morris, has never made key chains before but Shirley showed her and now she is on her 3<sup>rd</sup> one. You don't have to be an Elder to do them any age is fine.

Activity Room Hours are 8 am - 4 pm M-W-F and 1 pm - 9 pm Tues. and Thurs.

#### Need a ride to eat. . .?

If anyone needs a ride in to eat, exercise, or just want to be here, etc. please let us know by 9 am daily or the day before so arrangements can be made to pick you up.

#### **Phone numbers:**

Warren & Bess - Van Drivers/Custodian 7 grant applications submitted to new grant Michelle, Gubba & Lucas - 966-0053 - Kitchen

### GINIGITTEK

(Those who are born)

#### NEWEST FAMILY MEMBER

#### **Ahshoni Dawn Stanley**

Born May 6, 2002 Weighed in at 6 lbs 4 oz At Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, Kansas

Parents are C. Rose Martinez and Brad Stanley

Rose is the daughter of Cheryl Walker. welcome my second grandchild!

Congratulations and God Bless.

Lead Singer Wears Many Hats: End of the Year Pow-Wow Celebration By Mary Young

Mek Tew Shuck ("Gubba") Hale is a young man who wears many hats. Gubba is the lead singer for the Little Soldier drum group and the group had an important singing engagement for the PBPN Ben-no-tteh Wigwam - it was Graduation time! But, word was out that in-between songs, Gubba was running back and forth to the Elder Center.

You see, Gubba is one of the Kitchen Assistants at the Elder Center and this day, Thursday, May 16, 2002, he was in the midst of baking biscuits. He prepares main dishes, bakes bread, cakes and cookies. Gubba also serves at the counter and helps "fill up ' the take-out containers.

Nona Wahweotten, Elder Center Director, reported that "Michelle [Waubaunsee] can take a day off and rest assured that the kitchen duties will be done and everyone can enjoy a good meal." Michelle is Gubba's immediate supervisor.

Mek Tew Shuck is a credit to the Elder Center; he greets everyone with a smile and is courteous at all times and best of all, the food sure tastes good!



## **Halfway Through** Deployment

Grandparents Jim and Donnis Keo, Lawrence, KS announce Marine Corps Pfc. Westley R. Banks, son of Christina J. Wahwasuck off Horton, and Murray Banks of Horton, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Marines from Banks' unit have conducted offensive raids against Taliban and Al-Quaeda forces in Afghanistan. Their participation in this operation christened the USS Bonhomme Richard into the world of U.S. Navy warships that have launched combat sor-

Additionally, Banks' unit worked 18 days to complete humanitarian and civic projects in six different coastal areas of Kenya. They replaced a decrepit footbridge, built a twoclassroom building for school children, created a water source for the Gongoni Maternity Wing in the District of Malindi and did some carpentry work on a school for the deaf in Kilifi.

Banks' unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Banks' unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

## COMMUNITY

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#### Bosho from the Language and **Cultural Department** By Sydney Van Zile

We have been very busy in this department with several items. One of these is attending the Oklahoma Native Language Seminars, which are conducted in association with Northeastern State University Center For Tribal Studies. We have met in several locations in Oklahoma and have learned a lot of information concerning identifying key aspects of the language, curriculum development, and actual delivery of the lesson plan. These seminars came about to develop a program to assist in the teaching of the language when you do not have an education degree to draw from. These seminars are also geared towards delivery in an immersion style of teaching. A lot of tribes have people who are fluent in the language but are not teachers. It is through these seminars that address this area so they can become more effective in their prospective language departments. There are eight to ten tribes participating in these seminars and we do have some fun. We are also picking up on each other's language! We have been laying the groundwork for lesson plans on a particular theme, with the "final presentation" being given in Preston Oklahoma in October. We are fortunate to also have with us, two Head Start teachers, Norma Shipshee and Shelia LeFrevre plus one Administrative person, Jubby Masquat that attend these seminars. They are to be congratulated in their efforts to keep our language alive and ongoing with our children.

Another area that we are busy with is the documentation with our Linguist, Dr. Berardo.

We have now identified how to do math in our language. Now we can expand in our number identification classes to not just counting and money but also doing the major math functions like adding, dividing, subtracting, multiplying. Aren't you just excited about that! It really is an important aspect of the language and how the numbers and sequence are viewed. We have also been working on stories and working with the verbs in the stories to expand the understanding of them. Along with the verbs we are looking for more rules of grammar that apply when telling a story. Our elders are doing a wonderful job in order for this language to be put under the microscope and be analyzed. Without their cooperation and consent, we may have lost our language totally. We are still in very critical

status as we have only a handful of speakers who are fluent. By a handful, I mean about ten speakers. We welcome any elder who wishes to contribute, as we need help with documentation of the language. Just give me a call 966-2138 or send word and I will come and talk with you.

Now, we have also been busy with the Gathering. I need to remind all of you Prairie Band that the deadline for the "Outstanding Prairie Band Member" nominations is fast approaching. The new deadline is JUNE 15th, 4:00 p.m. I know there is someone who you would like to recognize in a special way so get your fingers writing or typing and send us your nominations. If you need a form, stop by the office or let me know so I can fax or mail you one. If you have e-mail, we can try sending an attachment. Also, are you ready for Barter Day? Saturday will be the day to barter/trade in the old fashion way. Do you have your traditional items ready to go? They can be in the food category, like dried corn, wild rice, canned berries, etc. or they can be traditional items like dance attire, beaded items, woven items (we like black ash baskets!) or works of art. We do not want this to be "garage sale" items though. Leave that for another Saturday. Look for information at the registration table when you arrive.

We motored up to Pokagen country a few weeks back to learn more about black ash basket making. We were treated to a day in the swamps looking for the trees and how to test for a good tree vs. a not so good tree. Once we hauled some trees out of the swamp, we were taken through the whole process of making a basket. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! Even though it rained a lot, the motel room was great for making the actual baskets. You should have seen my room !! We were good and cleaned it all up. We brought logs back for our gathering, and yes we will be offering that class. We would like you to start at the beginning so try and start the class on Thursday (Instructor's request). We owe a big thank you to John and his brother Steve Pigeon. They showed us a good time and a lot of laughs. No stoic nishnabek allowed!

I have been receiving calls concerning the cultural workshops that we are providing at the Gathering. We are not charging for the workshops as we provide them to further enhance your own cultural knowledge of being Potawatomi. It is one aspect of why the Gathering exists. At the time of registration, when you arrive, you will be given schedules for the cultural activities as well as other activities so then you are free to pick and choose what you want to attend. Just sign up for the activities once you see the schedules.

And as always, we could use volunteers in many areas. Give us a call at 966-2138 and leave your name/number and a brief message, if we are not in. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## **YOUR VOTE IS** IMPORTANT \*\*\*\***REMEMBER**\*\*\*\* **Your Vote Could Make** The Difference—This is **NOT an electoral Vote Each Vote Counts**

## Prairie Band Potawatomi News

#### NAJGA

Steve McDonald, PBP Member PGA of America Member President NAJGA

What is NAJGA all about .... The Native American Junior Golf Association is a non-for-profit 501C (3) stand alone organization. The mission of NA-JGA is to assist youth within Indian Country, our community and that of our surrounding communities through the sport of Golf. Golf is a fun and challenging sport that requires patience, trust, commitment, energy, and a sense of humor to learn. Golf in its simplest form teaches fundamental life skills, such as goal setting, goal achievement, selfrespect, respect for others, respect for the environment, honesty, time management, dealing with adversity and patience. Utilized in this capacity, and formatted with fun, golf can have a lasting, positive effect on our youth, enabling and equipping them with some of the tools they will need to become outstanding, respected citizens and future community leaders. NAJGA promotes the sport of golf as a vehicle to help teach other valuable lessons and steps to success such as: recovering from trouble, self determination, desire, dedication, discipline and teamwork. We are extremely thankful to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, who through a charitable contribution of \$40,000 in 2001, became the first founding sponsor of NAJGA and made this possible. Out of respect for the sovereignty of the Nation, the nonprofit organization was formed under the laws of the PBP Nation rather than the state of Kansas. It is not governed by the Nation or affiliated with any political parties, nor does NAJGA have any hidden agendas. The organization is simply interested in bringing golf to any youth who has a desire to learn and have fun. NAJGA is commit- M'gwitch ted to growing beyond NE Kansas and has set various goals this direction. One such goal is to team with other National Organizations in hopes to touch the lives of undeserved (golf) youth who have a willingness to learn throughout America.

We are off to a fantastic start in 2002! First of all, NAJGA received two sizable grants, one from the Professional Golfer's Association of America PGA and the other from the United States Golf Association - USGA.

The PGA's grant comes from their effort called, "Growth of the Game" an outreach program designed to grow the game of golf through this decade and beyond. Many organizations, such as ours, received grants to establish infrastructure, develop programs, introduce structured instruction and build relationships with all types of future golfers from any social/economic background. We were awarded \$35,000 primarily to be used for PGA Professional instruction, course usage funding and equipment.

The USGA's "Good of the Game" philanthropic program is designed to also support organizations with funds for infrastructure, equipment, facilities, rules of golf and other learning needs. We were 2. Ne-si-kah - who had five children: extremely pleased when the prestigious USGA . Wahweotten - 5 children award for \$40,000 was granted to NAJGA.

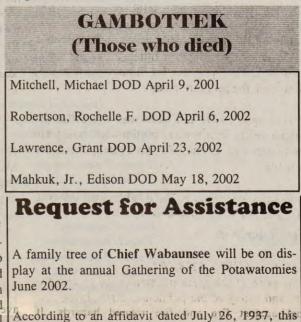
5:30pm to 7:30pm at the newly constructed North Topeka Golf Center on HWY 24. There is still plenty of room for participants, you never know, the next Tiger Woods might be sitting right next to vou!

At this time, the Board of Directors and Executive Director serve as volunteers, and do not receive any compensation for this labor of love. Annual Reports plus annual audits are conducted and are available for anyone's review. The organization has been developed purely for the enjoyment of the youth and serves as an outlet for learning diversification, health, personal well being and a fun sport that one can play for a lifetime. Our goal is to provide the youth of our community with quality equipment, facilities and instruction. TaylorMade adidis, LaJolla Golf, the PGA of America and the North Topeka Golf Center are the focal points for this chapter here in NE Kansas. As NAJGA grows

so will the possibility for our community youth to receive national attention, by teaming with other National Organization, such as the Native American Sports Council we will look to place several qualified participants into National Jr. Golf events like the 1st Annual Native American Jr. Golf Tournament scheduled for August 5,6,7 of this year in Albuquerque, NM.

We hope this clarifies some questions that one might have had concerning NAJGA and our commitment to the youth of our communities.

Please, if you have a moment and internet access via a computer, check out the NAJGA website at www.najga.org



family history, Wabaunsee had two children who survived, namely:

Wah-sk-nah-bee - who died without issue 1.

#### Area Churches

By Mary Young

New Addition to the Mayetta Area Churches-While driving through Mayetta, you will notice a sign at the corner of 128 E. Main Street, "Prairie Band Baptist Church." Mark your calendar and plan to attend and greet the new pastor.

> Sunday: 10 am Sunday School 11 am-Worship Service

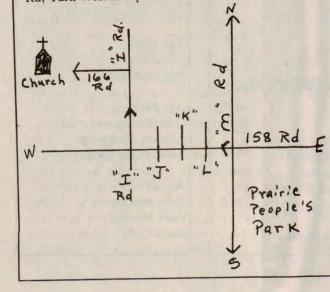
Welcome Pastor Terry Paine to Mayetta.

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

Laura Thackery, Parish Coordinator for Our Lady of the Snows Parish, reports that "there will be NO MASS in the cemetery this year." And, Archbishop James Keleher will be here for confirmation on Sunday, June 2nd at 11:00 am.

On Saturday, June 29, at 4 pm, Mass will be held for those attending the Potawatomi Gathering. All "Gathering" participants are invited to Mass and dinner. Transportation will be provided from the Prairie People's Park "Hospitality Tent" at 3:15 pm by bus or van.

For those who wish to drive, the church is located on 166th and I Road. The directions are as follows: From Prairie People's Park turn North 1/2 mi to 158 Rd, Turn West on 158 Rd four miles to "I" Rd, Turn North on "I" Rd one mile to 166th Rd, Turn West to top of hill and church.



Native American Mass at Assumption Church 204 West 8th, Topeka, KS

Reminder: The Mass schedule is as follows: January through May and September through December. There is no Mass during the summer months. Due to Labor Day, Mass will be held on the Second Sunday.

> Potawatomi Pentecostal Church 4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134 (785) 966-2885

> > Rev. Vernon Potts

Sunday: 10 am-Sunday School 10:45 am-Worship Service 7 pm-Evening Worship

Pottawatomi United Methodist On O Road between 142 and 150 Road

Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

Sunday: 9:45 am-Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship Service

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

Teen Sunday Services: David Noland will be preaching on June 30

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV)

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The secret of success is to do the common things uncommonly well./// Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings, he will not serve before obscure men. Proverbs 22:29 NIV

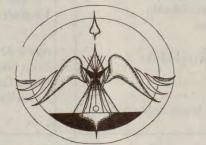
Never, never, never...give up./// And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Galations 6:9 NKJV (from God's Little Devotional Book for Leaders)

The vision for NAJGA, is to serve both native and . non-native youth at a national level, who might not . normally been introduced to the great game of golf and all the life lessons it teaches. This vision was My father, Jesse Hale, Sr., had been researching welcomed by these two fine organizations. Thus, being good for our community and growing the love for the game through our youth.

We recently completed a successful fund raising ProAm golf tournament in Topeka where, thanks to numerous donations, approximately \$10,000 was raised for the youth of NAJGA.

Our summer camp(s) registration was held on Saturday, May 4, 2002. We have approximately 120 youth age 7-17 signed up so far. The camps will be held June 4th - 21st and July 9th - July 26th. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from the booth during the Gathering.

53rd Annual Native American Church of North America Conference June 14-16, 2002



## Prairie Rand Poisavalom Nation

#### LOCATION:

Prairie Peoples Park, Mayetta, Kansas From - Hwy 75, turn left/West on 158th Road, left on M Road turn South/Left, Continue on for 1/2 mile to Park, located on East side.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Ms. Ruth Ann Jessepe-Ramirez P.O. Box 182 Mayetta, Kansas 66509 Work - (785) 966-4008 Home - (785) 966-3014 E-Mail Address - ruthann@pbpnation.org

Everyone Is Welcome To Join Us

Note-no-que - 4 children Kitchkomie - 7 children

- K'no-wee died without issue
- We-wes-sah 4 children

on this family tree until his death in 1973. He had researched to his generation. I took it upon myself to update this project from other relatives.

Contact with the National Anthropological Archives of the Smithsonian Institution has only a glass negative of a photo of a portrait of Chief Wabaunsee since he was born (1752) before photography was invented. Hopefully his portrait will be on display.

I am requesting assistance from our relatives in this endeavor with any suggestions and volunteers at

## Genealogy **Research** -**John & Betsy Battese:**

My name is Delores (Nioce) Abrams and I am researching the John & Betsy Battese family tree. Pauline Battese was my mother. I need information on any of the eight children; but particularly Martha (Battese) Levier who married Joe Levier; Alice (Battese) Mueller who married George Mueller; and Julia (Battese) Wamego, who married "Wamego", first name unknown.

During the June 2000 Gathering, I will have a table at the Cultural Tent and would welcome visiting with anyone who has information on these families. I can also be contacted at Abramsda@yahoo.com. Thank you.

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#### 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POTAWTOMI GATHERING: FINAL UPDATE

Submitted by - LaVerne Hale

This is the final update on the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Potawatomi Gathering. As of today there are only 36 more days until the Potawatomi Gathering begins. We just came from looking at the Prairie Peoples Park. The crew was working pretty hard, digging for new water lines, finishing up the shelter houses & bathrooms. A few of us have been going out on Saturday mornings (9 – 1), to help clean up. We've been clearing brush, raking the camp & vendor areas preparing them for mowing. We did some mowing this Saturday. We still need your help getting the park ready. So come on out with your tools & help. We provide lunch.

Please call to volunteer. We all need to pitch in and help make this Gathering a success. Shirley and the others you contact will schedule you a time. Please let us know if you have a time preference.

If you are still looking for lodging the place to stay is in Topeka. This is only 20 miles south of the reservation. The motels located on and around Wanamaker Rd. are the ones we recommend. Most are new ones and Wanamaker Rd is where you will find the "Walmart".

Just a reminder- you still can nominate the "Outstanding Prairie Band Potawatomi" by contacting Sydney VanZile @ 785/966-2138. Don't forget we have asked every Prairie Band Potawatomi Member to bring a gift for the give away to the visiting Bands.

To answer some questions—We will have plenty of beautiful camping space. We ask that when you register let them know you will be camping. The Pow-wow committee has budgeted for drum money and the payout will depend on how many drums we have registered. We have about 12 Potawatomi Craft vendors & about 10 food vendors. Due to space this is about all we could handle.

Softball players: Games can be arranged and organized if you would like to play. Bring your equipment and friendly, yet competitive sports spirit.

This is about all I can think of to update you. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and if you have any questions please call. (1-877-715-6789 – LaVerne).

## **VOLUNTEER JOBS AND CONTACTS**

9th Annual Potawatomi Gathering

Listed below are the volunteer jobs and contacts for signing up. Most of the volunteer time slots will be a minimum of 2 hours. Although you may sign up for as many jobs as you like. If you wish to sign up for the Rez tour driver, we will need a copy of your drivers license, preferably ahead of time.

Contact Person and # Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932 Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932 Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932 Dumps Mitchell - 1-785-966-3031 Chago Hale - 1-877-715-6789 Chago Hale - 1-877-715-6789 Shirley Wakolee - 1-785-966-0040 LaVerne Hale - 1-877-715-6789 Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932 Joy Yoshida - 1-785-966-7713 Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932 Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932 Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932 Shirley Rice - 1-888-966-2932

	3 Schedule of Events (Subject to change)	a structure in a structure state and a structure work also and the structure structure state and there a
Wednesday 6/26/02	9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – All Bands Tribal Council Meeting. 6:15 p.m. – Community Potluck – Prairie Peoples Park	JUANITA JESSEPE
Thursday	Sunrise Ceremony –	for
6/27/02	7 a.m. – Registration	IUI
	7 a.m. – 9 a.m. Breakfast 8 a.m. – General Assembly – Post 410, We-ta-se Color Guard	Tribal Chairperson
ste	Services, Invocation, Invocation, Welcome Speeches, Introductions, and "Who We Are"	"Your Voice in Tribal Government"
1	10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions	
	Youth, Elder, & Cultural activities, Rez tours, Thursday/	TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION:
Friday	(individual schedules will be available at registration.) IO a.m. – Golf Tournament – Shawnee Country Club (Topeka)	"I have a deep sense of responsibility regarding the Ethics and Conduct of Tribal Council Members"
	II:30 – I:30 p.m. – Lunch – I – 5 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions	"I believe in fair & consistent government practices and uphold
	5 p.m – 7 p.m – Supper- 7 – 8:30 p.m – Fashion Show	due process rights and non-discrimination in tribal services."
	9 p.m. – Teen Dance	"I uphold Indian Preference laws and support creation of a Human Relations Board to ensure that the tribe is meeting employment practices fairly & consistently."
Friday	Sunrise Ceremony	
6/28/02	7 a.m. – Registration 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. Breakfast	"I continuously strive to maintain high standards of personal and professional conduct."
	8 a.m. – Unity Walk 9 – II:30 a.m. – Concurrent Session – Reservation Tours II a.m – General Session – Interior Assistant Secretary – Neil	"At all times, I strive to maintain trust & confidence that reflect qualities of courtesy, considera- tion and loyalty to fellow tribal members, tribal employees and the
McCalebalate Jan	In an - General Session - Interior Assistant Secretary - Iven	are available to the various departments". Targe "
seen, seen, sight	I I:30 – I:30 p.m. – Lunch I – 5:00 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions	"I believe in avoiding any action that would result in, or create the appearance of
	5 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Traditional Meal	using an elected position for political gain, or giving preferential treatment to any person or group."
	6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. – Pow-wow 10:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. – Concert – Clan/destine	
Saturday Su	unrise Ceremony	"I will be held accountable for my conduct in office by providing annual written reports of ac- tivities and accomplishments to the General Council and other times as deemed necessary by

6/29/02 I.m. - Registration 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. - Breakfast 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Barter Day 10 a.m. – Rez Run Motorcycle Ride 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch I p.m. – All Bands Give Away – Potawatomi Princess Announcement, Outstanding Prairie Band Potawatomi Announcement. 4 p.m. - Catholic Mass - Our Lady of Snows Church/meal served 4-7 p.m. - Concert - Blackhawk Blues Band 5-7 p.m - Supper 6 p.m. - Pow-wow 10:30 - Fireworks Sunday Sunrise Ceremony 7 a.m. – 9 a.m – Breakfast 6/30/02 9 a.m. - Closing Ceremony - passing of the staff

Age 40+

Age 40+

No Entrants

Age 0-12

Latane Donelin

3-Mile Run/Male

Alan Pahmahmie

6-Mile Run/Female

6-Mile Run/Male

Theodore Wahquahboshkuk

## PBPN Earth Day 2002 Event Winners

3-Mile Run/Female

Age 13-17 Autumn Jones Tara Mitchell

Age 18-39 Jolene Thomas

### 4th Annual PBPN Earth Day Celebration

The 4th Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Earth Day Celebration was held on Saturday, April 27, 2002. The event, originally scheduled to take place outside of the We ta se building, moved inside of the gym due to the rain. Despite the weather, Earth Day 2002 was still successful. Around 200 people came for the celebration and there were 129 participants of all ages for the run, walk, and bike ride. Other events held were a bike rodeo and bike safety check, as well as several elder's activities, such as bingo, an Environmental Scavenger Hunt, and a cakewalk.

There was plenty of information and gifts available for participants and volunteers. Guests from EPA Region VII out of Kansas City and Waste Management of Topeka set up interesting and informative booths. EPA also brought their very popular friend, Charlie Chipmunk. An annual tradition was carried on for the fourth year. Earth Day T-shirts were once again given to participants and volunteers. T-shirt designers were Marquis Hernandez, age 9, of Mayetta, Kansas and an anonymous artist. There were also several varieties of trees, shrubs, flower bulbs and seeds available to those interested in landscape endeavors.

Age 13-17

Age 40+

Female

Age 0-12

Erica Green

Nadas Green

Kedra Green

Sock Johnson

David Prager

Andrew Wahweotten

3-Mile Bike Ride/

The PBPN Department of Planning and Environmental Protection would like to thank the individuals and departments that were a part of the earth day committee, and those who volunteered and participated throughout the celebration. A special thank you goes to the parents, grandparents, and other adults that made Earth Day a family event.

Age 18-39 Corrina Green Coleen Thomas

3-Mile Bike Ride/Male

Age 0-12 Trevon Dick Stevie Wahweotten Carlos Torres

Age 18-39 Mike Boswell

Age 40+ Merriel Wahwassuck

6-Mile Bike Ride/Female

Age 13-17 Wahba Masquat

6-Mile Bike Ride/Male

Age 0-12 Nolan Pahmahmie Pam Johnson

Age 13-17 Daniel Criqui

Age 40+ David Criqui 12-Mile Bike Ride/ Female

Age 13-17 Ashley Victor

> Age 18-39 Beth Victor Dawn LeClere

Age 40 + Pam Sumner Joyce Hale

12-Mile Bike Ride/Male

Age 18-39 Joseph Guerrero

Age 40+ Aaron Hale John LeClere

> 4-Mile Predictor's Walk/ Female

Age 0-12 Marquerita Torres Marissa Masquat Alicia Torres

Age 13-17 Cassie Shuckahosee Vanessa Pahmahmie Amber Wahweotten

Age 18-39 Kirsten Matchie Rachel Masquat Gina Wahweotten

Age 40+ Hedy Noland Delores Ortiz Carol Shopteese

4-Mile Predictor's Walk/Male

Age 0-12 Tyler Bell Colton Wahquahboshkuk Lance Wahquahboshkuk

Age 13-17 Justin Kimmi Bud Danielson

Age 18-39 Gabe Strangeowl Abtakee Thompson Junior Wahweotten

Age 40+ Billy Matchie Gary Mitchell Steve Ortiz

#### Sector Sector Sector

*"I will assist the Tribal Council in identifying the goals of the tribal membership, and will seek and allocate resources to meet those goals."* 

"I will serve to uphold the Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitution and the laws of Our Great Nation."

> "I would feel proud and honored to serve the Potawatomi people as the Tribal Chairperson."

## Let Me Be Your Voice in Tribal Government!



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#### Prairie Band Potawatomi News

May 2002

## **EDITORIALS**/ **OPINIONS/LEITERS**

To Whom It May Concern,

Last night I was apprised of an anonymous note that had been found hanging on a bulletin board in the Government Center titled, " Vote No For Mamie! ". The note was not only about Mamie but her daughter, who is not running for office. Let's leave family members out of these things.

First, I wish to define that I am running for the same office that Mamie is running for. Secondly, I am working on my own campaign and therefore can not back Mamie's bid for re-election to the Chairperson's office. But.....

There is no excuse for such a message to be posted and allowed to hang on a bulletin board at the government center. The note is obviously someone that does not want to see Mamie back in office. Some people do not wish to see that happen, some do as is their personal choice. But the note is a personal opinion and should be shared " personally " if the author wishes to have his/her opinion known.

The Tribal Council should have ordered that such messages be not allowed to be posted to a bulletin board in the government center. Allowing such things to be posted and remain posted, is no better than all of the slanderous and untruthful rumors that were circulating within the government center about myself last year. Those rumors were a pathetically poor attempt to discredit my reputation and should have been " squelched " by Tribal Council Members who of all people, knew them to be untrue. That never happened, but this can be stopped. This posted note should be squelched immediately ...

If the mudslinging continues, who knows where it may lead to. Surely embarrassment for someone and if not them personally, The Entire PBP Nation when the people " not " of our Nation sees what is happening. We should strive to keep from having things like this happen, just to be different from National Political Races.

Let's keep the campaign clean and decent.

Thank You, Bob Cadue

...... Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

#### **TOLL-FREE** NUMBERS

The following are the toll-free numbers that are available to the various departments at PBPN

> **Government** Center 877 715-6789

> > **Social Services** 888 966-2932

Twenty-five "Westminster Wanderers" of the Westminster Presbyterian Church joined the Neighbors Being Neighborly and toured the reservation on April 30, 2002. Lue and Ivan Anderson and Betty Jo and Charles Marlying were in charge of this month's outing. Robert Kash, Pastor of the Holton church mentioned that the PBPN conducts tours and they contacted Jim Potter, PBPN Treasurer, to set up a time and date. The church is located in Topeka (1275 Boswell St.).

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow Celebration - 2002 June 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

#### GRAND ENTRY

SUNDAY - 1:00 FRIDAY - 7:00 SATURDAY - 1:00 & 7:00

Head Man - Ruben Little Head - Northern Cheyenne - Lame Deer, MT Head Woman - Josette Wahwasuck-Prairie Band Potawatomi/Navaho/Apache, Holton Head Junior Boy - Evan Evans - Prairie Band Potawatomi - Mayetta, KS Head Junior Girl - Krista Catron - Prairie Band Potawatomi - Mayetta, KS Host Drum - Little Soldier Singers - Joe Hale, Lead Singer - Mayetta, KS Host Northern Drum - Eagle Feather - Myron Wanatee, Jr., Lead Singer - Tama, IA Master of Ceremonies - Dean Whitebreast - Tama, IA Arena Director - Dennis Little Axe, Bartlesville, OK and Chago Hale, Mayetta, KS Honored Veteran - Larry Mitchell - Lawrence, KS Honored Senior Citizen - Marjorie Keesis Pahmahmie - Horton, KS

	OVER \$20,000 IN PRIZE MONEY & DRUM PAY			
Men's Division	Women's Division	Jr. & Teen Boys	Jr. & Teen Girls	
Traditional	Northern Traditional	Traditional	Buckskin	
Grass	Southern Traditional	Grass	Cloth	
Straight	Appliqué	Straight	Jingle	
Fancy	Jingle	Fancy	Fancy	
- Contribution	Fancy	Tiny Tots (6 and under) Paid Each Session		

Thursday Camp Night/Youth Night - Come support our Youth Drum Groups Campers and Vendors welcome to set up Thursday night and participate in our Potluck & Cookout Hosted and Sponsored by PBPN Gaming Commission and Staff

Fancy Shawl - SpotLight Special - \$1000 Cash - Winner Take All sponsored by: Josette Wahwasuck 2 Cash Consolation Prizes

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#### **Conference:** "Preserving Our Language, Memory, and Lifeways" By Mary Young

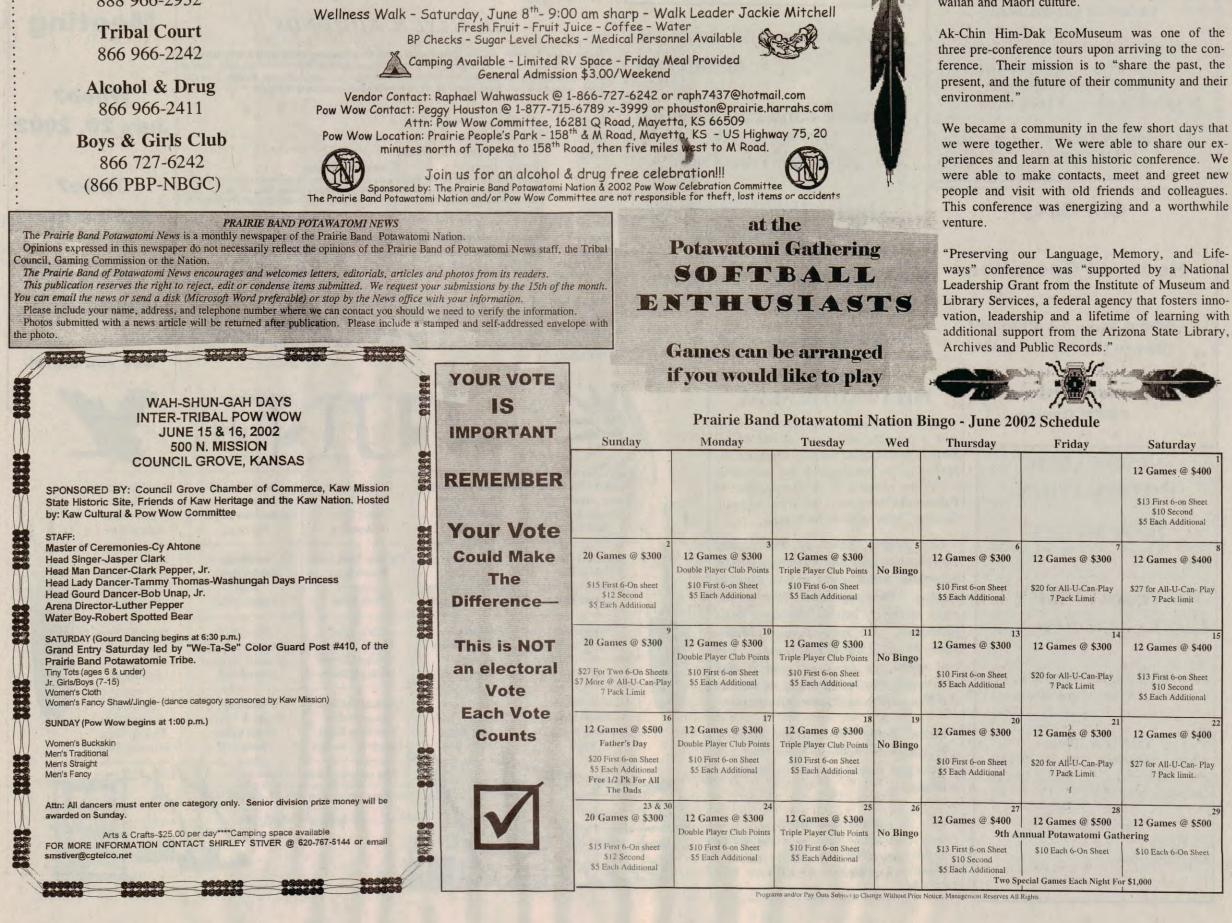
Participation was made possible through a scholarship to attend the first national conference, "Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums: Preserving our Language, Memory, and Lifeways" held in Mesa, Arizona on May 7 - 10, 2002. The intent was to enhance my professional development and bring back information that would benefit the Nation through the Cultural Preservation Committee.

My focus at the conference was to attend all archive sections and one section on "Indigenous Librarianship: Te Ropu Whakahau" because of the working relationship between the Maori people of New Zealand and the Native American librarians. Ms. Rangiiria Hedley's topics included the sharing of the critical strides in developing and managing libraries and cultural centers that honor and reflect Maori worldview. She not only spoke on preservation, classification systems and intellectual property that have great relevance to tribal communities, her slide presentation included preservation techniques.

Rangiiria bears a tattoo that tells a story of her people, the tattoo also represents her commitment to know her language, culture and to continue to teach and pass it on. This commitment among her people has revitalized their language loss in the last twenty years; oral history is how they retain their history. She did point out that people disappear but the land stays. They have a great respect for their land because the land is their teacher. From the land, they gather their medicines and learn from the birds and insects.

Because the Nation had been awarded a \$4,000 2001 Basic Grant, awaiting the 2002 award decision from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and in the beginning phases of creating a tribal library, this national conference was an opportunity to keep up my library skills, add to my introduction course in Museum Studies, attend archival workshops and meet with other tribal members who have gone through the processes of developing and building a museum, archive and or library. I returned "home" to help my Nation and this would be a continuation of my commitment.

The first keynote address was given by Ofelia Zepeda, a professor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Arizona, "American Indian Language Maintenance and Preservation: A Community Responsibility." Her first statement was that language "cannot be measured, seen, weighed and hard to explain because language is intangible but it is like sandstone. It changes and shifts because of the environment and elements. It has flexibility, solidness and light." She spoke of various ways language can be revitalized as in the Hawaiian and Maori culture.



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**Recipe** Corner

By Mary Young

# Fry Bread Queen 2002

Who will it be???

May 2002

**IT COULD BE YOU!!!** SUNDAY, JUNE 9th, 2002 10:00am

Prairie People's Park - Cook Shack

Winner Take All - \$200 + Fry Bread Queen Title for one whole year

## **Rules:**

- . Contestants must be 18 years or older Contestant must bring their OWN dough to the Cook Shack - Ready to Fry
- 3. Bread must be fried at the Cook Shack before the Fry Bread Contest Judges
- 4. A \$20 protest fee will be charged for any recount of votes by the Judges
- 5. Disgualification of any entry is at the discretion of a simple majority of the Judges

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6. Be a good sport!!!!

#### BINGO

#### **Hours of Operation:**

**Monday through Saturday** Doors open 5:00 p.m. Mini session 6:30 p.m. Regular session 7:00 p.m.

(Closed Wednesday)

Sunday Doors open 10 a.m. Mini session 12:30 p.m. Regular session 1:00 p.m.

Located off Hwy. 75, Rd. 162

**MUST BE 18 TO PLAY** 

#### Nation Station

Hours of Operation:

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## WANTED

We are compiling a list of all Potawatomi women that have served in the Armed Forces. If you could send us your name, branch of service, rank, year served and discharged, overseas command, and where you were stationed.

If you would like your photo in the PBPN News, please send us one and we will return your photo soon after we go to print.

We are preparing the list to honor during the month of November.

Send to: **Prairie Band Potawatomi News** 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509

and are low carbohydrate recipes. **Beef Burgers with Feta and Tomato** lb ground beef (round or chuck) green onion chopped 1/2 cup chopped fresh spinach 1/4 chopped tomato 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill or 3/4 teaspoon dried 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1. Combine ground beef, green onion, spinach, tomato, feta, dill, salt and pepper. Form 2 patties. 2. Grill or pan-fry over medium-high heat for 6 minutes on each side for medium doneness.

> Carbohydrates: 2.5 grams, Protein: 51 grams, Fat: 34 grams, Calories: 536 (per serving)

The following recipes are from Atkinscenter.com.

#### **Roasted Asparagus**

1 1/2 lbs slender asparagus, tough ends snapped off 2 tablespoons olive oil

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Heat oven to 400°F. Line a jelly roll pan with aluminum foil. Rinse asparagus, and snap off tough ends. Lightly pat dry.
- Spread asparagus out in pan. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Mix with your hands to distribute seasoning. Pat into a single layer.
- Bake until asparagus are tender and lightly 3. crisped; about 15 minutes. Shake pan once or twice during baking time.

Carbohydrates: 7.5 grams, Protein: 3.5 grams, Fat: 6.5 grams, Calories: 105.

#### Herb Roasted Chicken with Lemon

1 chicken (about 3 pounds), washed and patted dry 1 teaspoon salt

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1/4 teaspoon black pepper 2 teaspoons chopped fresh herb (i.e. thyme, parsley, sage, etc.) or 1 teaspoon dried 1 lemon, sliced into rounds, intact 2 tablespoons butter 34 cup reduced sodium chicken broth

- 1. Heat oven to 350°. Sprinkle chicken with salt, pepper and herb, inside and out. Loosen skin from breast with an index finger, and stuff 2 slices of lemon and 1 tablespoon butter onto each side of the breast. Place remaining lemon in the cavity. Transfer chicken to a roasting pan.
- Roast 1 hour to 1 hour and 10 minutes; 2. basting occasionally. An instant meat thermometer should read 170° in the thickest part of the thigh (not touching bone). Transfer chicken to a cutting board; wait 10 minutes before carving to allow juices to redistribute.
- 3. Pour off fat from pan. Place pan over 2 oven burners; pour in chicken broth and bring to boil. Scrape up brown bits on bottom of pan. Cook 23 minutes. Pour over carved chicken.

Carbohydrates: 0.5 grams, Protein: 44.5 grams, Fat: 28 grams, Calories: 442

#### **30-Minute Chili**

1 lb bulk pork sausage 1 large onion, chopped 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes 2 cans (15-1/2 ounces each) chili beans 3 cups water 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies 1 envelope chili seasoning mix 2 tablespoons sugar

In a dutch oven or soup kettle, brown sausage and onion; drain. Add remaining ingredients; cover and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring often. Yield: 12 servings (3 quarts). This recipe is from Home-Style Soups, Salads and Sandwiches.

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

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