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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

'Slots at Racetracks' Legislation Defeated during 2003 Session; Future is a Gamble

By Ryan Ross and Randy Conroy, Management Committee Members

The Kansas Legislature did not approve new casino gaming throughout Kansas as the 2003 Legislative Session came to a close, but there was greater support for various proposals than ever before. The House of Representatives and the Senate did not jointly pass any gaming-related legislation during the General Session, but the House of Representatives approved one gaming bill during the session's final week, which is known as Veto Session. The Senate did not endorse this bill, House Bill 2053, and subsequently voted down another proposal on the Senate floor during Veto Session.

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino could have faced potential revenue reductions of 30% to 48% or more, if this type of new legislation had passed. The amount of losses would have been closely tied to several factors in the proposed legislation, including the number of new casinos allowed, and the types of games and amenities offered at each gaming location.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation remains one of the most aggressive opponents of these types of bills. The Tribal Council is actively aware of developments during the legislative session, and makes various strategic decisions. Since 1999, the Tribal Council has retained the Hein Law Firm as its primary lobbyist. Last year, Ron Hein and his team led the effort to successfully defeat similar legislation that was also approved in the House, but died in the Senate. The Management Committee Tribal Representatives and Tribal Attorneys also participated heavily in the lobbying efforts.

Other entities also opposed new gaming legislation. Harrah's retained lobbyists John Peterson and John Federico to oppose new gaming initiatives. The Topeka Chamber of Commerce also opposed gaming-related legislation, primarily because of the positive economic impact of Tribal casinos to Jackson and Shawnee counties, and Topeka. The Kickapoo and Sac and Fox Nations retained lobbyist Whitney Damron. These Nations opposed 'slots at racetracks' legislation, and would prefer that the Kansas Legislature and Governor consider their proposal of a new destination casino resort in Wyandotte County.

Nation's Strategies to Remain Competitive

The Nation has several alternatives to continue to oppose new gaming initiatives in Kansas. Harrah's Prairie Band Casino will try to be more competitive with its new casino and hotel expansion; the Nation will continue to oppose new gaming initiatives in Kansas; and, the Nation may be best served by communicating with various State and Tribal officials regarding other alternatives in Kansas.

The General Council's July 2002 approval of the hotel and event center expansion is considered an aggressive effort to minimize the effects of increased competition. Creating an even more attractive "destination resort" here on the reservation draws patrons to the Nation's casino. Ideally, the service and amenities offered at Prairie Band would outweigh the gaming experience at a racino in Wichita. With more competition on the horizon, the Nation must reinvestment in its casino and related amenities in order to differentiate it from other gaming options, and to insure a sustained level of future distributions.

The Nation also tries to maintain relations with Legislators through various meetings and political contributions. The Nation is well served when the public is aware of the economic development, government operations, health services, and educational opportunities created and developed by the Nation. It is particularly important that Legislators are aware of these positive aspects.

Tribal members and employees are urged to voice their opinion to their respective elected state officials, including the governor, regarding the opposition of expansion of gaming. This will be especially critical once the next Legislative Session begins in January 2004. To locate your Kansas Representative and Senator, visit the website at the address: www.kslegislature.org/redistricting.html. Correspondence to these officials is an effective way to sway opinions and ultimately, votes. Legislators heavily consider the opinions of their constituents, so each form of correspondence opposing new casino gaming is beneficial to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Hein Law Firm lobbies for PBPN, statewide gaming hot issue in 2003

Since 1999, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has retained the Hein Law Firm. Ron Hein, his wife Julie Hein, and Ron Seeber are the firm's three primary lobbyists all of whom have extensive governmental experience. In addition to his more than two decades of lobbying experience, Ron Hein has been both a State Senator and Representative. Julie Hein has also lobbied for more than a decade. Ron Seeber has extensive experience in state government administration, and at staff levels of federal government including a stint with Senator Bob Dole.

The Hein Law Firm lobbies for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on a wide array of issues including casino gaming, taxation involving tobacco and motor fuels, law enforcement jurisdiction, and many other issues that may affect the Tribe's sovereignty. Ron Hein recently gave an interview regarding the hotly contested 2003 Session, which featured an aggressive effort to enact legislation that would have potentially allowed a new casino in every county in Kansas. Ultimately, the Kansas Senate voted down this effort. Since 1999, the Hein Law Firm has worked diligently to defeat new gaming legislation that has been proposed every year. The Hein Law Firm works extensively with the Tribal Council, Management Committee Tribal Representatives, and Tribal Attorneys to defeat such legislation.

1) *QUESTION - What were the major factors in the Legislature's final decision not to enact new gaming-related legislation?*

RH: It was a combination of hard work by the opponents (including PBPN), a willingness of key swing vote Senators to listen to some of the problems with the proposed gaming legislation, and a failure of the gaming proponents to achieve unanimity on one specific proposal. The Senate and House leaderships' opposition to the proposals for expanded state gaming was also a key factor, as well as the inability of the gaming proponents to propose legislation which was more favorable to the state than to the gaming interests.

2) *QUESTION - How does your extensive experience as a Legislator, and your team's personal connections with current Legislators, help you accomplish your goals as a lobbyist?*

RH: My experience in the State Senate and the State House of Representatives, and years of experience lobbying by Julie, me, and the rest of our team, gives us the knowledge to know the process, know the people, know what arguments work and don't work, and know procedure well enough to match strategy with any adversary. In addition, our years of experience, coupled with a basic character and belief that our word is our bond, and that integrity, accuracy, and honesty in dealing with the legislators is of paramount importance. These principles have enabled us to develop a reputation for honesty and trustworthiness, which permits legislators to know they are getting accurate, honest information from us. This trust relationship is reciprocated by legislators who will share their concerns and thoughts honestly with us, even when they might disagree on a given issue. Once we have identified areas of agreement or disagreement, we can then try to resolve conflicts and solve problems. Oftentimes, we are then able to propose a solution that will further the interests of our client, and yet still meet their philosophical, ideological, and practical goals. With regards to gaming, this sharing of information has permitted us to submit information to certain swing vote legislators that has convinced them that the expanded gaming proposals before them have problems that need to be addressed, and to provide alternative solutions that constitute a win/win for the legislator and the PBPN.

3) *QUESTION - It seems that the Legislature comes closer and closer each year to enacting slots legislation. What has the Nation done, and what can it continue to do, to combat these efforts?*

RH: The PBPN has a lot of control over its future with regards to expanded gaming and other legislative issues. The Tribal Council has taken tremendous steps to deal with the very real threat of expanded gaming, from a strong lobbying effort and strong management team, political contributions, and increased education and communication between PBPN and various governmental officials. Participation by PBPN members in state elected officials' campaigns, and knowledge of and friendship with such elected officials, is of tremendous importance to us, and can serve as a means of communication with the elected officials as well. We



For more photos of the Early Childhood Education Center "Celebration Graduation and Pow-wow, see the Center Section of the newspaper. (L—R): Ivan Levier holding his pet dog. Arrow Levier has graduated to kindergarten. (PBP News Photo)

1st Wedding Vows Exchanged at Prairie People's park

Ma Dos

May 10, 2003— Nation member, "Minty," Ursula Wabaunsee was the first to initiate the grounds of Prairie People's Park, as she became the blushing bride of Terry Fish, Sr. The couple couldn't have picked a better day to get married—mid 70s with a fairly nice breeze going through the big shelter house on top of the hill!

In the Potawatomi language, Eddie Joe Mitchell said a special marriage prayer which he and his mother, the late Alberta Wamego, worked on several years ago. He said he knew there would come a time when such a prayer was requested. Coincidentally, this day was also Eddie's birthday.

Judge Bigler officiated the vows in a matter of minutes. congratulation hugs and kisses were shared, and away went everyone to eat, of course.



Pictured above: Newlywed family are Terry & Ursula Fish with their daughter, Shuk to, and son, Terry Jr.

PBPN Bike & Pedestrian Trail Groundbreaking— Phase I of 4 proposed phases begins at K Road



Submitted by Tim Ramirez

The ground breaking for the Bike and Pedestrian Trail happened May 27, 2003. Present were Vice-Chairman Gary Mitchell, Tribal Council Members Jackie Mitchell and Steve Ortiz, Executive Director Jon Boursaw, Road & Bridge Director Tim Ramirez, and Road & Bridge Bison/Fence Foreman Alan Pahmahmie. The trail is proposed to be 10' wide, 8731 feet long constructed of AB-3 Base Rock and asphalt for low maintenance and a max of 5 % grade for ADA accessibility (Americans with disability act). Phase 1 will start at the K Road complex by the Tribal Court parking lot to Cluster 2. Phase 2 is submitted to KDOT for FHWA (federal highway) for 80% funding, awards will be notified this spring. It will be Cluster 2 to PPP and First Cluster and Phase 3 will be from PPP to old Ballpark. Phase 4 will be Old Ballpark to Cluster 4.

There will be 4 safe road crossings: Cluster 3 Road, L Road, 158 Road, and Cluster 2 Road, 2 field entrances. A bridge to hay racks and carvings has been relocated from Clay Bears on Crow Creek on 190 Road; its construction date is pre 1910. Funding was denied last year because our tribe was not recognized as a tax leveling entity, although the tribal gas tax is used for road maintenance of reservation roads. Tribes are eligible under federal statutes so we reapplied for Phase II & III through the recognized BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) Horton Agency. Through my years of attending Road meetings I knew it was doable and needed. Phase I is funded through Economic Development funds. Thank you Gary Mitchell for saying those good words in our native language for easement and permission to do this and the safety of those building it and the ones who will use it. Phase I is looking to be complete by the end of summer.

Details of the Veto Session and the Governor's Position on Statewide Gaming

On May 1, during the Veto Session, slot proponents used a procedural move known as a 'gut and go', in the House of Representatives to amend House Bill 2053. Slot supporters, led by House Speaker Pro Tem John Ballou, a Gardner Republican, proposed an amendment that would have allowed slot machines in Geary and Ford counties, and in counties where state-licensed racetracks are located. Slot opponents then added a number of amendments, some of which were designed to increase revenue to the State, while others intended to discourage the Senate from passing the bill. The proponents needed 63 of the 125 votes in the House for the bill to pass, and on May 2, it narrowly passed on a 66-58 vote on final action.

On May 3, the Senate held an informative public hearing to discuss aspects of HB 2053. Ultimately the Senate decided not to vote on this particularly complex and diluted piece of legislation, but rather to consider Senate Bill 226 on a floor vote. SB 226 proposed to legalize slot machine gaming at five Kansas pari-mutuel racetracks - Wichita, Kansas City, Pittsburg, Anthony and Eureka. These proposed facilities would have been 'racinos', a combination of racetracks and casinos. SB 226 proposed that 20% of the casino win would go to the Kansas State general fund, or potentially up to \$100 million per year. The owner of the track would receive 67.5% of the win to cover operating expenses, slot machine purchases, overhead, and profit.

SB 226 was introduced on the Senate Floor on May 5. Almost immediately, Senator Chris Steineger, a Wyandotte County Democrat, offered a major amendment to the bill. Senator Steineger proposed to substitute the entire text of Senate Bill 283. SB 283 would have allowed casinos in any county in Kansas where approval was obtained from both local voters and officials. The majority of slot proponents considered the content of SB 283 as the most attractive gaming alternative. After over three hours of debate, the motion on the amendment was defeated, 18-21. Since the text of SB 283 was considered the most attractive gaming alternative and did not pass, the majority of Senators withdrew their support of SB 226, which would have allowed slot machines at state-licensed racetracks. SB 226 failed on a final vote of 4-34.

Governor Sebelius had given her support to this type of gaming legislation. One of Governor Sebelius' campaign promises was to expand gaming as a new revenue source for the State. Through both the General and Veto Sessions, she did not change her opinion and supported legalized slot machine gaming throughout the State. Sebelius' pro-gaming stance makes expansion of gaming more difficult to defeat. Some owners of pari-mutuel racetracks have contributed tens of thousands of dollars to the governor's gubernatorial campaign, either directly or indirectly. It will become even more difficult to defeat gaming in the coming years if Governor Sebelius promotes statewide casino gaming proposals.

Building Futures

Today: Kids and the Stock Market

By Donica Nanez

When you begin a great work you can't expect to finish it all at once; therefore do you and your brothers press on, and let nothing discourage you until you have entirely finished what you have begun. - Teedyuscung

This issue will be dedicated solely to our children.

Okay Kids, learning about the **Stock Market** isn't as hard as you think.

The stock market is a place where companies go to sell a small part of their company to people. The company sells you a part of their company in the form of a "share." Stocks sell for less than \$10 or, more than \$100 a share, some even into the thousands.

Everyday, we eat and drink things that are made by companies that are listed on the "Stock Market."

Let's think about what we had to eat today. Some of us might have eaten bread, cereal, milk, and mom or dad might have had coffee.

Did you know that all the companies that make these foods are part of the stock market?

If you bought a share of stock in any of these companies, for example, every time someone buys a loaf of bread (Butternut, Wonder Bread), or cereal (General Mills), milk (Dean Foods), or coffee (Folgers), you can make a profit. The more people buy, the more a company is successful.

Some companies pay **dividends**, which means when a company does really well, you get a part of its profit. It may be really small, but it can add up. They will send you this dividend, usually in the form of a check, once every month, three months, six months or once a year.

Even profitable companies sometimes don't pay dividends; they just put all the money they made back into their company so that it can grow even



are in constant need of communicating and educating elected officials, at all levels of government (state, federal, and local), as well as the community members as a whole. We must constantly be telling our story, or misinformation and ignorance will fill the void.

4) **QUESTION** - *Is the likelihood that slots will be enacted next year even greater than this year?*

RH: Yes, pressure continues to mount for state class III Casino type gaming. As gaming becomes more prevalent in our society, and becomes more "socially" acceptable, and as more and more of Kansans live in urban areas and less in rural areas, societal support for gaming increases. When the state needs money, which was true this year and will probably be even greater next year, pent-up demand for expanded spending by education and social welfare groups reaches a boiling point. This results in a demand for an increase in casino gaming to fund these areas. New proposals, such as a bill proposed this year for state owned stand-alone facilities, represent a new threat since they avoid some of the problems of "slots-at-the-tracks" legislation. They do raise other problems of their own, including constitutional ones that plague all of the existing proposals. We expect the Governor and the Legislature to respectively study expanded state gaming this summer and fall. Such studies will probably increase the likelihood of state gaming passing in 2004.

5) **QUESTION** - *Does the Governor's public support of 'slots at racetracks' effort play a significant role in this process? How so?*

RH: Whenever the Governor supports a major

bigger. For example, if you paid \$15 for a share of a company, and it does well, it may raise the value of that stock up to \$20 or higher. You just made yourself \$5!

On the other hand, your company may not do so well, or it could lose money; maybe not enough people are buying the company's product. Therefore it may not pay dividends or the cost of your share may fall. But this is part of how the stock market works; you take your chances.

Symbols are used instead of a company's name when you associate them to the stock market. Here are the symbols for some of the food companies mentioned in the article:

- Bread = IBC (Interstate Bakeries, they make Wonder Bread, Butternut and Hostess)
- Cereal = GIS (General Mills, Franken Berry and Lucky Charms)
- Milk = DF (Dean Foods)
- Coffee = PG (Procter & Gamble, they make Folgers and other household items).

Can Kids Buy Stocks?

What if you wanted to buy stocks? Kids can't own stocks directly but all you have to do is ask your parent to open a custodial account. That means that YOUR name along with your parents is on that account and when you turn 18 years old, everything in that account is yours.

One of the coolest things to remember is that you can always get a stock certificate instead of having a brokerage account. You can go directly to the source, some big corporations sell these and you can bypass a broker and his fees. Also, you can look at the certificate by hanging it on the wall in your room and know that you are a part of that company. You are making a difference, even if it's a small share in a company.

But once again, you have to get your parents or grandparents consent. Have them do a little investing for you. You can have them give you a stock certificate, such as Disney stock, instead of buying you toys, which won't last forever. That certificate looks really nice, instead of spending \$50 on a toy at Christmas time they can buy a couple shares of

initiative, it provides a very strong push and incentive for the proposal, in this case, 'slots at the racetracks'. A governor can have tremendous influence on key legislators who are 'swing' votes. In addition, the Governor must ultimately approve the legislation, so the fact that the Governor will sign the bill is already a significant burden off of slots-at-the-tracks proponents.

6) **QUESTION** - *Why are so many Shawnee County legislators, in both the House and Senate, so supportive of gaming? Isn't it their constituents who realize the greatest positive effects of gaming such as employment opportunities and economic stimulus?*

RH: Expanded state gaming, as proposed, would have a negative economic effect on Topeka and Shawnee County. This is one reason why the Topeka Chamber of Commerce opposes 'slots at the tracks' legislation. So one would think that the Shawnee County legislators would unanimously oppose legislation that would hurt this area. However, there are many factors that influence a legislator's position on an issue. Some may generally just support gaming in whatever form and wherever it is played. Others seek additional funding for the state. For others there are political pressures, from constituents, their political party, leadership, or whomever. PBPN members who live in Shawnee County should continue to communicate with their State Representatives and Senators to explain how expanded state gaming will negatively impact Shawnee County as well as the Tribe.

7) **QUESTION** - *Is the Kickapoo and Sac and Fox Nations' Wyandotte County Casino proposal a vi-*

able alternative to statewide casinos? Would it be in the PBPN's best interests to support this initiative if the Kickapoo and Sac and Fox Nations' current casinos had to stay open for five to ten years, for them to obtain financing for their Wyandotte County facility?

RH: A Tribal Gaming facility in Wyandotte County would alleviate a lot of the demand in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties for 'slots at the tracks' type legislation. Wyandotte and Johnson Counties want a casino, and a quality destination casino such as that proposed by the Kickapoo and Sac and Fox, would meet their needs. It would also permit that area to attract and retain gaming business that is currently leaving Kansas for the Missouri river boats. This would help the Kansas side of the Kansas City metro area and the state of Kansas economically and tax-wise. The PBPN Tribal Council is responsible for making determinations as to the details of any gaming proposal that might impact the Tribe. Determinations as to how long the Kickapoo and Sac and Fox casinos should or need to stay open to repay financing for a Wyandotte Casino is a matter for the PBPN Tribal Council to work out with the respective Tribal Councils of the Kickapoo and Sac and Fox. If the PBPN Tribal Council determines that it would be in the Tribe's best interests to support the Wyandotte County Tribal Gaming proposal upon certain terms, we will strongly advocate that position. We believe that there is a strong majority of state legislators who would prefer such a Tribal destination casino to current proposals for 'slots at the tracks' type legislation.



A New Yorker poses by the 7,000-pound bronze bull that stands in the Bowling Green square near the financial district; the bull was created by Arturo DeModica of the SoHo district in New York City. Originally the bull had been placed in front of the New York Stock Exchange in December 1989 but was moved to its current location; the bull had been placed there without permission. Tourists are known to stop and rub the bull for luck. The George Gustav Heye Center, formerly known as the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, is in the background where the Native American collection is housed. (Photo submitted by M. Young)

Disney and you'll be the envy of all your friends! Who else has stock certificates they can brag about?

Commissions

One of the most important things you should research about buying and selling stocks is how much is it going to cost me? Nothing is free, and you will have to pay someone to take care of your account, that includes every time they buy or sell something for you. Be very picky and ask a lot of questions. Even some on-line brokers charge up to \$30, that's a lot of money when you are buying small shares.

Tips

Remember one of the best things to do is research the company you are interested in. Ask an adult for help, if you need to. You should pick a company that has been around for a very long time, at

least ten years. And stick with it. Just because a company has a bad day does not mean it will go bankrupt or you'll lose all your money. Be patient and usually it'll pay off. If a company has been around a long time, they usually have seen the ups and downs of the market, and have worked out all the kinks.

The secret to making money is "Buy Low, Sell High." Although it may take some time for the dollar amount to go up, believe me, who is better to ride out the storm and has plenty of time but you! If you invest when you are 12-years-old, six years is enough time for the market to rise again!

Popular Finance Terms: "Bull Market" and "Bear Market"

Two terms often used for stock market traders are (cont. on page 13)

GINIGITTEK (Those who are born)



B'aneceo Joseph Jessepe Hernandez
Born Easter Sunday
April 20, 2003 at 11:00 am
At Stormont Vail Hospital
Weighed in at 7 lbs 7 oz
21 inches tall

Parents:
Anissa Little Star Jessepe
Nick Hernandez

Hernandez family
Topeka, KS
and the
Jessepe family
Mayetta, KS.

Grandparents
Carol Jessepe-Nanaeto
and Randall Nanaeto, Sr.

Great Grandparents
Wesley Alex Mjissipi-Jessepe
Mary Jo Magnauck Jessepe
Emmett, KS

2003 LEASE/PURCHASE GUIDLINES for Southwood Estates Phase II at 142nd Road/N-2 Road

Jayne Garcia

May 12, 2003—This program provides an opportunity for eligible enrolled adult tribal members to purchase a new single family home constructed on tribal trust lands located at the southeast corner of 142nd Road and N-2 Road. The purpose of constructing said homes is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for PBPB member families to live on the Reservation and provide the opportunity to experience and maintain PBPB culture and traditions. The PBPB has determined that there is a severe housing shortage on the Reservation, such that members living on the Reservation have limited choices on available housing and members who live off the Reservation have little opportunity to move onto the Reservation. The purchase opportunity may be exercised now by the member arranging for financing through a third party financing source or the member may purchase the home through a lease purchase agreement with the Nation. The monthly payments on these homes will likely range, from \$500 per month up to \$900 per month (depending upon whether the member chooses a lease/purchase or an outright purchase, and the amount of down payment and other terms of a loan from a third party lender on an outright purchase). Under either option, the purchaser/occupant will be responsible for all maintenance and upkeep on the home, in addition to maintaining any desired insurance on personal property within the home. Therefore, it is important that those occupying the homes be financially able to buy and maintain a home without placing a financial strain on the family. Since the homes are being constructed on tribal trust lands and are intended to benefit tribal members, the Nation will retain the right to repurchase the home in the event that the owner is not able to meet his/her financial obligations or in the event that the owner wishes to sell the home, or to cancel the lease/purchase agreement in the event that the lessee does not perform his/her required obligations under the terms of this program and the lease agreement.

Under the purchase option, the tribal member will arrange for financing from a third party lender, and may be eligible for down payment assistance through the Nation. The purchaser will lease the underlying land for a nominal price under a long-term lease with the Nation. A condition of the conveyance to the member on this purchase is that in the event the member desires to sell the house, the sale must be to another adult tribal member, and if the sale is intended to be made to someone other than a tribal member, the Nation will have a right of first refusal to purchase the home from the member for a sales price not to exceed the original purchase price or the then current appraised value, whichever is less. Any tribal member purchasing the house from another tribal member will be bound by the terms of this restriction. *These restrictions will cease to exist thirty years after the date of original sale of the home.* Some of the benefits of a purchase agreement include the interest deduction on income tax liability, the freedom to use the home as one desires rather than complying with rental restrictions, and the pride and equity buildup normally associated with owning a home. The sales price of the house will be the seller's cost to construct the home.

Under the lease/purchase option, the lessee/purchaser will lease the home from the Nation for a term of fifteen years. The payments made (less insurance costs) will be considered to be payments on the home IF there is compliance with all terms of the lease by the original lessee, with the result that the house will be conveyed to that lessee at the end of the fifteen year period at no cost. In the event that the lessee breaches a material term of the lease, it may be terminated by the Nation and the lessee will have to vacate the property. All lease payments made will be forfeited. A new lessee/purchaser will be signed up and the same conditions over a fifteen year period will apply to that new lessee/purchaser. The only exception shall be that in the event a lessee/purchaser is survived by a tribal member spouse or adult tribal member son or daughter who is determined by applicable probate proceedings to inherit the leasehold interest, the lease term shall not be terminated or

started over. The lessee/purchaser will be responsible for all maintenance and upkeep on the property, which conditions will be verified by an annual inspection of the property. The lessee/purchaser will lease the underlying land for a nominal price under a long-term lease with the Nation. The lease on the land will terminate if the lease/purchase on the house terminates. The benefits of the lease/purchase are that a tribal member can eventually own the house at a lower total cost than an outright purchase and the Nation will be responsible for insurance on the structure during the fifteen year lease period. In the event that the tribal member fulfills all terms and conditions of the lease, and the house is conveyed to the member at the end of the fifteen year period, the amount forgiven at the end of the lease period shall be considered taxable income to the tribal member under current law and the Nation is not responsible for any tax liability to the member as a result of that income. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Nation will take any prudent action available to it to reduce or eliminate any taxable status of such forgiven debt or the taxable consequences. This amount shall be derived by deducting the amount of applied rental payments from the lesser of the house's initial cost or its appraised value at the end of the fifteen year period.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant must be an adult Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal member.
2. The applicant's gross annual household income must be adequate to support a payment of not less than \$500/month for the lease/purchase option, or an estimated \$900/month under a purchase option, plus insurance and maintenance, and therefore the applicant's debt-to-income ratio, including housing cost, cannot exceed more than 41% of their gross income, and thirty percent (30%) of the applicant's gross household income needs to be adequate to reasonably support said payment and expenses.
3. If the applicant chooses the outright purchase option, the applicant must meet all qualifying requirements of the third party lender. If the applicant selects the lease/purchase option, he/she must be current on all debt obligations, and not have had (i) a foreclosure or a bankruptcy filing within the last 36 months, (ii) an eviction from housing within the last 36 months, or (iii) an out-

standing IRS lien or other tax lien with no satisfactory arrangement for payment, or (iv) three or more rent payments late within the last twelve months or have an unsatisfied judgment relating to a nonpayment within the last 12 months, or (v) have an outstanding judgment by the United States obtained in a federal court, other than tax court. If an applicant has one or more of these events subsequently occur while occupying the housing, or a material breach of the lease agreement, the occupant will be subject to a termination of the lease upon 30 days notice if there are eligible tribal members on a waiting list for the housing at any time within the next 12 months after the event occurs.

4. Prior to conveyance of the home by the PBPB, applicants will be required to complete participation in PBPBHA sponsored or approved homebuyer education programs in order to obtain information about the home buying process and homeownership responsibilities.

5. The applicant must occupy the home as a principle residence, and can not own a possessory interest in another residence in which they could be residing at the time they move into the subject property.

6. The applicant must have a background that indicates they will be able to live harmoniously in the community without presenting a danger to the health and safety of other residents, including a criminal history that does not include any of the following:

Conviction for murder or attempted murder, manslaughter, rape, attempted rape, kidnapping or attempted kidnapping, or incest at any time during age of majority, or within the last 10 years if committed while a juvenile.
Conviction for assault with a dangerous weapon, arson, drug manufacturing or distribution/sale within last 10 years,
Conviction for assault and battery, drug possession or use within last three years

7. The applicant must not have abandoned a HUD/NAHASDA - assisted home on the PBPB Reservation.

II. PRIORITIES

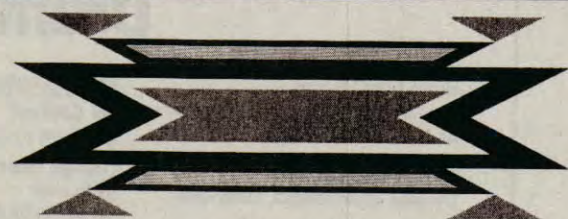
Priority to occupy these twelve homes will be determined in the following order:

1. Families with minor children
2. Individuals who do not currently own a home
3. Those tribal members currently residing in substandard or dilapidated homes or in overcrowded conditions.
4. By date of application

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND WAITING LIST REVIEW

All tribal members who appear to meet the program requirements may apply with the PBPBHA. Incomplete applications will not be accepted, and will be returned to the applicant for completion. Applicants are responsible for keeping the information on their application current. If an applicant cannot be located after telephone and written contact (by certified mail at last known address) are attempted over a fifteen day period to notify the applicant of a decision, the application will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list for that priority classification.

Prior to formal selection of successful applicants, the applicant under the outright purchase option must demonstrate that he/she has been pre-qualified to finance the purchase by a loan from a third party lender; or, if lease/purchase is selected, the applicant will be given the opportunity to review the terms and conditions of the proposed lease/purchase agreement.



modern conveniences such as technology, medicines, etc., as the native population enjoys all of these modern conveniences?

Juanita Jessepe and Ryan Ross responded very well to the super tough and unrehearsed questions. Each one of these questions simply can't be answered in a few brief sentences! Each question is clearly interrelated but it is also requires a lengthy explanation.

One important point to recognize is that there is a need for more open communication and dialogue with the general public. One caller commented that this was one of Jim Cate's best talk shows. A Kansas Coyote Coach met us outside of the radio station, saying that he thoroughly enjoyed the talk show as he was driving in from Lawrence when he heard it. By request, the regular one-hour long show was extended into an hour and a half. There were many callers unable to get on air with their questions

While there is a certain degree of understanding of the natives' plight and resiliency, there is the other side screaming for total assimilation of Native Americans and revenue sharing of the casino monies with the State of Kansas.

KMAJ 1440 RADIO, Jim Cates, the Dean of Talk Show, asks "What is sovereign nation status?"

Doris A. Potts

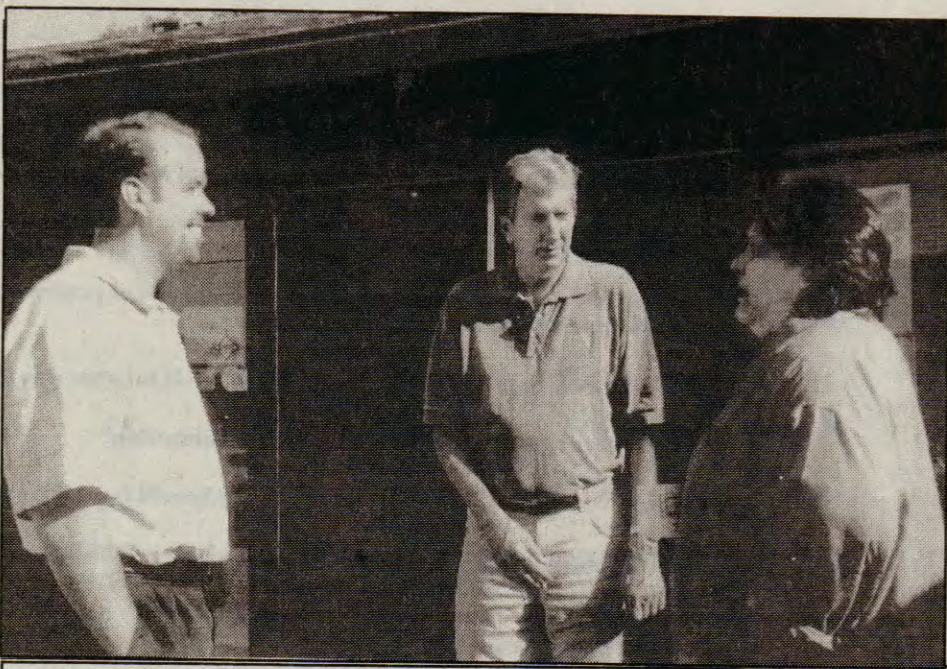
All bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, Jim Cates, the proclaimed Dean of Talk Radio for KMAJ-AM 1440, begins his show on the morning of May 30 by directing his attention to Eric, the Producer, "Let's put your college education to work. You're a Washburn graduate. How do you spell Potawatomi?" P O T T A W O T A M I E.

The average person in this area can spell Potawatomi County, but most have very little idea how to spell Potawatomi, the local band of Indians/Natives to the community. Cates also shares that he has been trying to get this particular show lined up for about a year now. This talk show is an illustration of what communication creates - it aids in forming opinions. Cates says that his listener base is estimated to be around 4,500 people, reaching as far as the Manhattan area.

A few days prior to today's talk show, Jim Cates was addressing the issue of Indian gaming. The callers were characterized as very oppressive in nature, representing the most negative critics of Indian gaming. Juanita Jessepe, PBPB Member and former Tribal Council Secretary, heard this show and felt the other side, meaning the native nations, should be given a chance to respond to some of the misconceptions, and offered the opportunity to Tribal Council and Gaming Commissioners to participate in the interview. Ryan Ross, attorney and Management Committee Member, was appointed to discuss the positive impacts of Native American gaming.

Cates jumped right in with the hot issues - calling this particular talk show, "Sovereign Nation Status? What is sovereign nation status?"

Both Ross and Jessepe touched on this question with Ross moving toward jurisdiction, and Jessepe summarizing that it was basically the right to self-govern by a nation. In hindsight, it was realized that many people don't understand inherent sover-



(left to right) Ryan Ross, Jim Cates, and Juanita Jessepe chat before talk show.

eignty that natives exercise - the average citizen only wants total assimilation. They do not want to recognize nor acknowledge the history of natives. How does one explain that with a quick response? It simply can't be done. Jessepe took a quick stab at it though and was interrupted by Cates for station breaks or to answer call-in questions.

Other questions included: Who has jurisdiction on the reservation? Why segregate the Native American community in the United States? Would mainstreaming Native Americans be acceptable now - total assimilation? Voting rights - can Native Americans vote in all of the elections? Does the natives pay federal and state taxes? On enrollment - what are the requirements and does each Tribe have their own requirements? After hearing the enrollment criteria, Cates pointed out that "Based on the one-quarter PBP requirement for enrollment, this is the last generation that has a right to vote, right?" That was confirmed as correct but could be changed by the General Council and a lengthy bureaucratic approval process.

What about the PBPB purchasing all this land, taking it off the tax rolls in Jackson County? What types of privileges does one get by being an enrolled member? Is there any involvement in the upcoming Reenactment of the Lewis & Clark Expedition?

Other questions were of a financial nature: "Do all members get a stipend from the Casino?" Prairie

Band Potawatomi members do receive a dividend, known as a per capita check, but it is taxable income. In addition, other callers believed that Native Americans do not pay any taxes whatsoever. Jessepe and Ross explained that only those Native American persons, who both live and work on a Reservation, are exempt from state income taxes, but they too still pay federal income taxes.

Cates expressed that he was "disturbed/questioned" why all the tribes don't band together, request "exclusivity on gaming" and revenue share with the State. Summarizing Ross' response to this question, Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) was enacted in 1988 with the intent of providing Indian tribes the opportunity to promote Native American economic development. The purpose of IGRA is to promote Tribal economic development and self-sufficiency, not to provide supplemental revenue to the State. Ross explained that the PBPB first addressed major infrastructure improvements that were desperately needed, and created governmental and business jobs for its members. Each tribe is exercising its autonomy by acting separately in business dealings with the State of Kansas. Each tribe has its own issues that need to be handled.

Another reason for not readily making a new revenue sharing compact with the State is that not long ago - when the PBP Nation had only grant funds to depend on - the State was not so friendly in business dealings here on the Reservation. Deplorable infrastructure conditions were the Reservation norm.

By updating the infrastructure systems, the entire Reservation community reaps the benefits of the improved roads, all local kids can participate in the Boys & Girls Club, and the entire elderly community can enjoy a day at the new Elderly Center. In addition, the Tribe also offers other benefits to its members including student loan re-imbursements, low interest-rate home mortgage programs, free computers to those households with school-aged children, and a vision-service plan. PBPB was only bringing itself up to normal and acceptable standards in those areas.

Responding to casino revenue questions, Ross explained that the casino revenue may not provide direct revenue for the state, but it has improved the entire State's economy by providing some 1200+ local jobs, (the vast majority of whom pay state income and state sales taxes), over three million dollars in charitable contributions, and tens of millions of dollars in spending on Kansas vendors. The economic stimulus effects of Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and other Tribal enterprises have created approximately an additional 300 jobs off the reservation.

Continuing with questions from the call-in guests: What percentage of the gaming revenue has been spent on the reservation improvements - how much has casino revenue paid on these improvements and how much has been government monies? And, the final question was would native nations be willing to give credit to the people who brought all of these

FINALLY! The FINAL DRAFT of the CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY...

After months/years, Betty Rice, Member of the Charitable Contributions Committee, says that the draft is in final form with recommended changes from the April Special General Council Meeting incorporated into this final draft.

They have been burning the midnight oil, trying to get the backlog of applications processed.

One new piece of the procedure is that the CCC asks that any organization receiving a donation come visit the Reservation, so they can become acquainted with the community and its people.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Government Center

Charitable Contributions Coordinator
PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
(785) 966-4000

Dear Charitable Contributions Applicant:

Thank you for contacting the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a possible sponsor for your organization. The Nation continually strives to build relationships with neighboring communities in which we live and do business. We strive to be responsible citizens. Today we feel we can achieve this goal by sponsoring community events and organizations.

Sponsorships will be distributed twice per year during the spring and the fall. To receive consideration, a request must be made on or before February 1 for the spring distribution and on or before August 1 for the fall distribution in order to be considered and approved. The Nation's Charitable Contributions Committee will determine the funding amount.

Sponsorships are selected based upon need, and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Also, the Nation will require proof that the group or organization making the request has obtained non-profit status. Otherwise the group or organization must complete a W-9. In either event, the requestor will be required to complete a Release and Waiver form if sponsorship is granted.

REQUESTS TO BENEFIT AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN INDIVIDUAL FAMILY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

In order for us to consider a sponsorship request please include on your letterhead the information as outlined in the attached Donation & Sponsorship Policies and Guidelines.

All requesters must adhere to the PBPN Charitable Contribution Policies and Guidelines. If not, your request cannot be processed and may be disqualified from current funding cycle. The Charitable Contributions Committee will refrain from honoring funding to any group or organization that provides, promotes or participates in any event that sells or allows the use of illegal drugs or alcohol.

You may send your information to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Attn: Charitable Contributions Coordinator, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. If you have questions, please call (785) 966-4000.

Thank you for your interest.

Charitable Contributions Committee
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION Charitable Contributions Committee

Donation and Sponsorship Policy

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Charitable Contribution Committee (CCC) was formed at the request of the PBP Nation General Council to have representation in the distribution of charitable funds. The primary duty of the PBPN Charitable Contribution Committee is to act as the clearinghouse for all funding requests and make recommendations to the PBPN Tribal Council as to which requests will benefit our community directly or indirectly and meets the sponsorship guidelines. Reports will be presented to the PBPN Tribal Council quarterly and bi-annual reports for General Council. PBPN members will focus its human and financial resources on education and health issues in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation community.

EDUCATION: The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will support educational programs that will assist in developing skills to create a better workforce for the benefit of the whole business community, including the PBP Nation.

HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES: The PBP Nation will support programs that address the mental and physical health issues that impact on the PBP Nation. We will support drug and alcohol programs, domestic violence programs, family service programs, senior citizen programs, diabetes programs, youth programs, wellness programs, fitness programs, and other programs that are identified as having impact on a significant number of our community members. We will support the fight against cancer, heart, and lung disease in the greater community.

ENVIRONMENT: The PBP Nation will support programs that impact on the protection and preservation of natural resources and the care of Mother Earth, essential to the well being of all.

RELIGION: The PBP Nation will support organizations that impact on spiritual wellness and quality of life for all.

CULTURE, ARTS, SPORTS & RECREATION, OFF-RESERVATION, FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND SET-ASIDE OF NON-COMMITTED FUNDS: We will avoid contributions that impact only a few individuals or that might set a precedent in supporting controversial events. We will avoid funding individual requests due to hardship, illness, travel or competition. We may be able to sponsor a league or donate funds for lighting the fields so that the impact is wider and we avoid playing favorites when other teams or groups seek similar donations. We will avoid sponsoring individual contestants or individual teams needing funds for travel.

Non-Committed funds will be used for local, state and national political campaign contributions (excluding all Native American Indian Tribal Elections) or assistance needed when a natural disaster or tragedy occurs.

The PBP Nation will support issues, programs and events that are aligned with our culture, social responsibility, and business goals. Each request will be individually evaluated for the positive impact that it will have on the community. Donations and sponsorships will be made based on the availability of resources, both monetary and human. We will support umbrella organizations and events that have a high profile impact over a significant group of people to maintain better relationships and assist as many as possible. We will support umbrella organizations that support other organizations, such as a baseball league as opposed to individual teams, a pageant as opposed to an individual entrant. We will support events that involve many individuals with possible photo and advertising opportunities as opposed to fund drives. *We will not fund any event or service that is associated with the use of illegal drugs or alcohol.* Sponsoring umbrella organizations and events will enable us to be more consistent in handling requests for groups.

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Sponsorship Guidelines

The following information must be provided in order to process your sponsorship request. If any of the following is omitted this will delay processing of your request.

- ☐ Date of Request.
- ☐ Name of Organization.
- ☐ Mission and goals of your organization.
- ☐ List members and addresses of your governing body including primary contact.
- ☐ Brief summary of your request and how the request will improve relationships with or for the PBP Nation and why the PBP Nation should fund this request.
- ☐ Total cost of project.
- ☐ What percentage (%) or dollar amount of the total cost of project are you requesting from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation?
- ☐ What other funding sources have you sought out? If so, what was the outcome?
- ☐ How will your organization benefit from this sponsorship?
- ☐ How will Native Americans in your community benefit from this sponsorship?
- ☐ Provide letter of non-profit status; if not your group will be required to complete a W-9 tax form.
- ☐ Complete a Release and Waiver form.
- ☐ How will your organization recognize the contributions made by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation?
- ☐ Funded project will be required to send a report within 90-days upon completion of project informing the CCC whether or not the stated guidelines have been met. All expenditures receipts will be provided to the PBPN Charitable Contribution Coordinator.
- ☐ If funded your organization may be asked to attend an informational workshop on the Prairie Band Potawatomi government programs and a reception to receive the funds.
- ☐ Non-compliance of reporting requirements will disqualify awardees of all future funding requests.

5th Annual

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow Celebration



Prairie Peoples Park
June 13th – 15th, 2003 • Mayetta, KS

Grand Entry
Friday 7 p.m. • Saturday 1 and 7 p.m. • Sunday 1 p.m.

More than \$37,000 in Prize Money

Drum Contest

Head Man Dancer –
Jimi Mitchell, Prairie Band Potawatomi
White Swann, Washington

Head Lady Dancer –
Delanda Pushetonequa, Tama Iowa

Head Boy Dancer –
Wa-skeh Littleaxe,
Prairie Band Potawatomi

Head Girl Dancer –
Brittney Pelkey, Holton, Kansas

Host Drum –
Meskwaki Nation, Tama Iowa

Invited Drums –
Bear Creek, Sault St. Marie, Ontario
Yellowhammer, Oklahoma

Master of Ceremonies –
Marvin J. Burnett, Lakota

Co-Master of Ceremonies –
Gary Mitchell, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Arena Director –
Perkins Whitetail, Cheyenne

Honored Veteran –
Glen Levier, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Honored Elder –
Delores Abrams,
Prairie Band Potawatomi

Special Contests

"49 Contest"

Sponsored by the Hale Family

Chicken Dance Special –
16 & over

Sponsored by Wa-skeh Littleaxe

Fancy Shawl Special – 16 & over
Sponsored by Delanda Pushetonequa

Jingle Dress – 15 & under
Sponsored by Brittney Pelkey

Drum Contest – Dance Contests

Golden Age – 55 or over,

Men's and Women's Categories

Adults – 18-54,

Men's & Women's Categories

Adult Prizes – 1st \$800, 2nd \$600,

3rd \$400, 4th \$200

Teens – 13-17,

Boy's & Girl's Categories

Juniors – 7-12,

Boy's & Girl's Categories

Tiny Tots – Under 6,

Boy's & Girl's Categories

Men's Fastpitch Ball Tournament

Contact:

Don Don LeClere, (785) 966-2335 (eve)

Curtis Masquat, (785) 966-2580 (day)

Wellness Walk

Saturday 9 a.m.

Contact – PBP Health Committee



2003 Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess Ashley Whitetail

Rez Run (Motorcycle Run)

Saturday 9 a.m.

Contact Rubina Eteeyan,

(785) 966-3060 (day)

Hardy Eteeyan, (785) 966-2375

Thursday Night – "Youth Night"

Potluck Supper – All Youth Drums

Invited

Hosted by Prairie Band Potawatomi

Gaming Commission

Admission \$5 for 3-Day Pass • \$5 & Over and 6 & Under Free

For vendor or other pow wow info call: 1-877-715-6789 x3999 leave message

or e-mail: powwow@pbpnation.org

Visit our Web site: www.pbpnation.com/powwow.html

Native Owned Vendor Spaces

All information is tentative and subject to change without notice. Alcohol, illegal drugs and firearms are prohibited. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will not be held responsible for accidents or lost or stolen personal property. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reserves the right to remove or ban any individual from tribal property for violation of these rules. It is unlawful to possess, use, sell or distribute any alcoholic beverage while at the Prairie Peoples Park. Any person violating this order shall be placed under arrest. Violators shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both.



The Prairie Band Gift Shop

Come in for a really great gift.

The Prairie Band Gift Shop, owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, features items such as silver, turquoise, and Black Hills gold jewelry. They also have Pendleton blankets and clothing, Native American beadwork and many other great gifts and collectibles. We're located inside Harrah's Prairie Band Casino. For more information, call 1-785-966-7713.

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CASINO
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Consultant Rice Outlines PBPB's Responsibilities in Self Governance Compact Process

Health Update, Submitted by Arlene Wahwascuk
Chairperson, Health Committee

The April 2003 edition of the Prairie Band Potawatomi News informed readers of the health care items that were passed by the General Council during the April 26, 2003 meeting. There is one correction relative to the inclusion of Topeka in the Holton Service Area. The motion was made to include Shawnee County in the service area since there are many of our tribal members living outside of the city limits of Topeka.

I wish to thank our General Council members who supported the proposed changes in health care delivery to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB). The General Council members disagreeing with the changes are commended for expressing their views during the meeting. Disagreements can be healthy! The PBPB Health Committee (HC) will begin Special Meetings with our consultant, Mr. Terrance Rice, of the Choctaw Nation Health Consulting Division. The October 1, 2003 time line for beginning Self Governance in assuming the operations and program services of the Holton Health Center will be planned during the Regular meetings and Special meetings. PBPB members are always welcome to participate in the HC meetings. The Regular meeting is on the last Tuesday of each month at the Government Center. Special meeting dates will be posted at the Government Center. There will be many challenges ahead as the PBPB moves toward Self Governance in the management of their health care. All tribal members are encouraged to let the HC members or the Tribal Council members know your concerns and suggestions for improvement.

Mr. Rice has met with the PBPB HC since the decision was made for a Tribal Self Governance Compact. He informed the HC of the tasks to be completed beginning late May and early June 2003. The Tribal Council has been informed of the following responsibilities of the PBPB.

Plan for another building, to provide health services until the new facility is completed.

If the Iowa and Sac and Fox submit a resolution of support of the PBPB assuming the management of the Holton Health Center by June 1, 2003, stay in the current building until the new facility is completed.

Submit a resolution to Compact to the Indian Health Service (IHS).

Submit a draft Compact Funding Agreement.

Negotiate the Compact and Funding Agreement.

Develop a Strategic Plan for implementation to manage a health program.

Define federal staffing to be assigned to the health facility. Sign Memorandums of Agreements (MOAs) and Interpersonal Agreements (IPAs) with IHS staff.

Develop an operational budget.

Develop operational policies and procedures.

Define administrative support from the PBPB, such as finance and procurement.

Approve Equipment Inventory currently in use at the Holton IHS.

The HC members have recommended to the PBPB Tribal Council that a Program Director be hired by a contract to insure the commitments of the PBPB are met on time. In October 2002 the PBPB donated \$60,000 to the IHS Oklahoma City Area Office to hire a full time Facility Director at the Holton IHS. To date a director has not been hired. The HC recommended the return of these funds to hire a Program Director responsible to the PBPB for planning and implementing the Self Governance Compact by October 1, 2003.

The HC is requesting input from PBPB members in planning the health facility. Let us know your ideas for the health facility. A form is included for readers to mail to the attention of the HC at the PBPB Government Center. A determination of PBPB members who do not have health insurance is needed to assist the HC in planning for the health care needs of the uninsured in the future. Please cut out this form and mail it to Attn: Health Committee, Prairie Band Nation, Government Center, 6281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. If you live in the PBPB community you may leave the form in the box provided at the Reception Desk of the Government Center. Thank you on behalf of the HC. Please return the form by June 2, 2003. Your input is valuable!

See related Editorials
on Health Facility
& and 638 Compacting
on Page 12.

Health Survey

- Do you have health insurance? Yes _____ No _____
- 2. If you answered yes to question #1, does your health insurance cover self _____ family _____?
- 3. If you answered "no" to question #1, explain why you do not have health insurance.
- 4. What would you like to see added to services/features (printed in the April 2003 PBP News) of the new health facility?
- 5. How can the PBPB better serve your health care needs?
- 6. Tribal Affiliation: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Age _____ Marital Status _____

Physical Abuse is Our Problem

By: Nis Wilbur

- **Fact:** Native American women experience the highest rate of violence of any group in the United States. A report released by the Department of Justice, American Indians and Crime, found that Native American women suffer violent crime at a rate three and a half times greater than the national average.

Fact: 63% of all boys arrested for murder, ages 11-20, killed the man assaulting their mother.

Fact: In the United States, there are three times more shelters for animals than there are for battered women.

Physical abuse is not pretty. We all know what it is, and what it is not. It is not the topic of any television public service announcement. It is not the subject of any lecture I've ever listened to in school. It is not something we openly talk about, and it is NOT traditional.

But it IS in our community! It is happening right now to someone; maybe someone you know. It is an issue dominating the Native American world. It is ugly. It is pushing, punches, and slaps. It is kicking. It is bruises, tears, and sadness. And, it is our problem.

It is our problem for many reasons. The first of which should be obvious, and that is our children in this community. Studies have shown that domestic violence is a cycle of behavior that can be handed down from generation to generation by parents, and is often very difficult to break. When violence occurs in the home, children learn the negative pattern of behavior and assume it is accepted. They then imitate the behavior in their own relationships by being abused or abusive, sometimes both, perpetuating this unhealthy, violent cycle.

There are other reasons physical abuse is your problem. One of those reasons is that accepting abuse in our community is, in a sense, accepting the social beliefs forced upon Native Americans by European settlers.

Years ago, before the Europeans moved in, many Native American tribes did not allow physical domestic violence to occur within its tribe. It was a major social taboo, and if it did happen, the abuser was exiled from tribal land or dealt with by the victim's male relatives. Idly standing by, listening to the neighbors yelling, would be completely unheard of. Native Americans are peaceful people whose community comes together to solve almost any problem; physical domestic abuse included.

However, now that we understand that abuse is our problem, the question becomes, "What are we going to do about it?"

Let me tell you a story that is difficult to hear. It occurred in the Bronx, New York City, New York a few years back.

There was a couple fighting on the street, with seven people listening and watching from their apartment windows. A bit of arguing turned into the man beating his wife. Every one of those seven people heard her screams, but none of them called the police. Several minutes later, a passer-by saw what was happening, and called 911. By the time the cops arrived, the woman was dead, beaten to death at the hands of her own spouse. All seven people came forward to tell of the argument, but when asked why they didn't alert authorities, they all said, "It was none of my business."

Please, take time to think this over. Many women have died with stories just like this one. You might think it's not "that bad" because he didn't break her arm or he didn't bruise her face or it's just "Indian love" or it's none of your business. However, true Indian love is not traditionally abusive and, when it is, it becomes your business. Our women are very beautiful beings, and our most precious resource, so let's honor and respect them.

It is up to each and every one of us to pick up the telephone when the woman next door is crying out. We must begin to think: "What if that woman was my daughter, my sister, or me, and no one did anything?"

Our community is so small and tight-knit that none of us should ignore the fact that abusers exist within our circle. The abusers could be our next-door neighbor, our son, maybe our daughter, or our own partner. It is not a problem that popped up when the Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) was created in 2001, but rather an issue that is now being brought to the forefront by the FVPP, and hopefully, stopped.

We are going to be nice to one another. We are going to be ourselves. We are going to call for help, if help is needed. THAT is what we are going to do.

If you, or someone you know, are a victim of physical domestic abuse, please don't be afraid to call The Family Violence Prevention Program at 1-785-966-0173 or Tribal Police at 911. You can always call anonymously.

- **Fact:** for homicides in which the victim-killer relationship was known, 31% of female victims were killed by an intimate. 4% of male victims were killed by an intimate. Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report: Sex Differences in Violent Victimization, 1994 (NCJ-164508), September, 1997, p. 1.

Fact: 40-60% of men who abuse women also abuse children.

GET YOUR GATHERING 2003 DRESS ORDERED TODAY!!!



Come by the PBP Nation Government Center to check out the two satch-kin (phonetically spelled) style dresses designed and sewn by Diane Payne. The cost is \$125 per outfit. They can be viewed in the Election Office—see Voncile Mitchell or Ruta Mendez.

Diane will take custom design orders also—you choose the material, ribbon, and size. She also makes men's ribbon shirts at the cost of \$45.

To talk dresses and/or shirts, call Diane at 903-720-4758 or e-mail her at NDNMOM4@AOL.COM.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Vision Service Plan OPEN ENROLLMENT JULY 1 - JULY 31, 2003

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Vision Care Plan

Vision Service Plan

Vision Service Plan (VSP) has an extensive nationwide network of doctors who provide quality eyecare and materials. This plan is designed to provide for regular eye examinations and benefits toward vision care expenses including glasses or contact lenses.

Who is eligible?

All enrolled Tribal members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

What are the benefits?

| BENEFIT | FREQUENCY OF SERVICE | COPAYMENT |
|-------------------|--|-----------|
| Standard Eye Exam | Once every 12 months from your last date of service. | None |
| Lenses | Once every 12 months from your last date of service. | None |
| Frame | Once every 24 months from your last date of service. | None |

Spectacle Lenses and Frame:

VSP covers single vision, bifocal, trifocal, lenticular or other more complex lenses when necessary for the patient's visual welfare once every 12 months.

VSP covers a wide selection of frames, but not all frames will be covered in full. When a patient selects a frame that exceeds the plan's allowance, these additional charges are administered at VSP's controlled costs. VSP also has controlled costs for cosmetic options, and these charges are typically less than usual and customary fees. **Please consult your participating doctor about lens options, which may be cosmetic in nature, and may result in additional costs.**

VSP offers you even more value by providing a 20% discount on additional pairs of prescription glasses.

Contact Lenses:

Elective or medically necessary contact lenses may be provided instead of glasses.

Elective contact lenses: The standard eye examination is covered in full. An allowance will be provided toward the contact lens evaluation examination, fitting costs, and materials. VSP will pay up to \$105.00 for elective contact lenses. If the contact lenses cost more than that, the difference will be the patient's responsibility.

Contact lenses are instead of lenses and frames. Contact lens frequency is the same as spectacle lens. Under this plan, if you elect contact lenses, you will be eligible for a frame 24 months after the last date of obtaining the contact lens.

VSP's additional value is also extended to include a 15% discount off the participating doctor's professional fees when you purchase prescription contact lenses. This benefit is available in addition to glasses.

You may use these discounts for 12 months following the date of the covered eye exam. Also, these discounts are only offered through the VSP participating doctor who provided the last covered eye exam.

Medically necessary contact lenses: Covered in full 100% when prescribed by a participating doctor for one of the following conditions:

- Following cataract surgery
- To correct extreme vision problems that cannot be corrected with spectacle lenses
- With certain conditions of keratoconus

The participating doctor must secure prior approval from VSP for medically necessary contact lenses.

How does the plan work?

1. When you are ready to obtain vision care services, call a VSP participating doctor. To find a nearby doctor or to obtain general information about your vision coverage, call VSP toll free at 1-800-877-7195 or you can also use the VSP website www.vsp.com.
2. When making your appointment, tell them you are a VSP member. They will need your social security number, and the group name (*Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation*). They will contact VSP to verify your eligibility and plan coverage. They will also obtain authorization for services and materials. If you are not eligible, the VSP doctor will notify you.
3. At your appointment, the doctor will provide an eye examination and determine if eyewear is necessary. If so, the participating doctor will coordinate the prescription with a VSP approved contract laboratory. **You are responsible for paying any additional costs resulting from non-covered services and any cosmetic materials you selected.**

What if I don't use a participating doctor?

You will be responsible for the full amount of the bill. Pay the provider the full amount of the bill and request a copy of the bill that shows the amount of the eye examination, lens type and frame.

Send a copy of the itemized bill to VSP and include:

- Your full name and mailing address
- Your social security number, date of birth, address and phone number
- Group Name: *Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation*

Mail to: Vision Service Plan
Attn: Non-Member Doctor Claims
PO Box 997100
Sacramento, CA 95899-7100

Non-member doctor claims must be filed with VSP within 6-months from the date of service.

If you have questions and would like to speak to a *Tribal Representative*, you can call toll free 1-866-694-3937.

What are the limitations?

***** THIS PLAN IS DESIGNED TO COVER YOUR VISUAL NEEDS RATHER THAN COSMETIC MATERIALS. *****

If you select any of the following, you will be responsible for an additional charge:

- Blended lenses
- Contact lenses (except as noted)
- Oversized lenses
- Progressive multifocal lenses
- Photochromic or tinted lenses
- Coated or laminated lenses
- A frame that exceeds the plan allowance
- Certain limitations on low vision care
- Cosmetic lenses
- Optional cosmetic processes
- UV protected lenses

NOT COVERED

- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing
- Plano lenses
- Two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals
- Lenses and frames furnished under this program, which are lost or broken, will not be replaced except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes
- Any eye examination, or any corrective eyewear, required by an employer as a condition of employment
- Corrective vision services, treatments, and materials of an exceptional nature

COMMUNITY HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

C. H. R. Office,

Tribal Emergency Services,

United States Army Reserve

Operation Walking Shield Dental Mission

Community Blood Drive

Friday June 20th

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bingo Hall 162 & Q Road

Free Rabies Shots & Flea & Tick Dip

offered by Timothy Parks, D.V.M.

Heartland Veterinary Clinic PA

Various Health Screenings

Beanie Baby Give Away

Free Food, Door Prizes

Question call Office # 785/966-2221 or 785/966-2164

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**United States Army Reserve
912th Medical Company's
Dental Program**

Dental Mission for the Community

P.B.P. Nation Senior Center

Hours: 6/15 1:00-4:00

6/16 - 6/24 8:00-4:00

6/25 8:00 - 12:00

6/20 9:00 - 2:00 Health Fair

**Lots of Booths, Food, Fun, Give
Away and Beanie Babies**

**Dental Screenings, Cleanings,
Fillings, Preventive Dental
Education, Preventive Sealants**

Making Connections

On March 28, 2000, Governor Bill Graves signed an executive order establishing The Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. The Commission is to make recommendations to the governor about ways the state can pay tribute to Lewis and Clark and participate in the national Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration activities.

The mission of the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission is to commemorate the journey of Lewis and Clark, rekindle its spirit of discovery, and acclaim the contributions and good will of and towards native peoples. A primary goal of the Commission is to promote programs that focus on education, cultural sensitivity and harmony.

In an effort to make the Commission more culturally sensitive, Karen Seaberg, appointed by Governor Graves to chair the Commission, established a Native American Cultures Subcommittee and assigned this committee the task of providing technical assistance in communications with Native American tribes.

The purpose of the Subcommittee is to act as the first point of contact for the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, and related subcommittees, for all official Commission communications with the Native American tribes, communities and organizations across the State of Kansas and the United States.

Goals of the Native Cultures Subcommittee include:

- To promote inter-governmental cooperation, understanding and reconciliation between the State of Kansas and the Native American tribes located within the State of Kansas.
- To promote Native American cultural tourism in Kansas and internationally, to complement the activities sponsored by the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.
- To provide assistance to the Kansas Lewis and Clark Commission members in promoting positive images of Native Americans in all activities and products produced for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

The Native Cultures Subcommittee entered into a partnership with *The Brown Quarterly* to provide Native American tribes with an opportunity to tell their own histories. It is the hope of the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, and the Native Cultures Subcommittee, that this is the first of many partnerships that will be generated as we work towards the national signature event, *A Journey Fourth*, set for July 3-4, 2004. Sites in Atchison, Leavenworth and the Greater Kansas City Area will host the commemorative events for *A Journey Fourth*.

Chris Howell (*Pawnee*), Vice-Chair, Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission

Native Cultures Subcommittee



by
Chris Howell
Kansas Lewis and
Clark Bicentennial
Commission

The Brown Foundation is pleased to publish this newsletter for classroom teachers through which we will share resources available from national parks and museums. Established to maintain the legacy of the Brown decision, our organization plays an exciting role as a park partner. In 1990 we were instrumental in developing Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas. We hope you enjoy the *Brown Quarterly* and we eagerly anticipate your comments.

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We thank *The Brown Quarterly* for granting permission to publish the two articles above. A special thanks to Cheryl Brown Henderson, Executive Director at the Brown Foundation for their tribute and educational materials in the areas of native history in regard to Lewis & Clark Expedition. Their staff encourages everyone to visit their website at brownvboard.org for detailed and on-going education. Thanks to Grace Wilson and

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New Trail of Death Markers

NEWS from Fulton County Historical Society, Inc.
37 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975
Museum 574-223-4436 Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Web page: icss.net/~fchs
Dedications June 28 of 2 new Trail of Death markers at Perry, Ill., & at West Quincy, Mo.

Two new historical markers on the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail will be dedicated in Perry, Illinois, and at West Quincy, Missouri, on Sat. June 28. The new markers are metal plaques attached to stone. They were sponsored by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, headquartered at Shawnee, Oklahoma. The public is invited to the dedication ceremonies.

The dedication at Perry, Ill., will be in the town park on Main Street at 1 p.m. Gwen Woods, Perry historian, is in charge of the project, assisted by three brothers with Potawatomi ancestry, Wayne, Dean and Lyndle (Bill) Mountain of Perry. Their mother's great-grandmother was a Potawatomi. The Mountain brothers built a monument of concrete and stone for the plaque.

The marker in West Quincy is straight west of Quincy, Illinois, just across the Mississippi River from the big bridge. It is on highway 24/61 at Clark's gas station, about half a mile west of the river. Palmyra Boy Scout, Chris Pieper, got a boulder donated and moved to the site. The dedication will be at 3 p.m.

The Perry plaque reads: On Oct. 6, 1838, about 850 Potawatomi Indians camped at McKee's Creek near here on the forced removal from Indiana to Kansas, known as the Trail of Death. They crossed the Illinois river by ferry. Leaving the river they had to seek water, because of the severe drought of 1838. This plaque placed in commemoration in 2003 by the people of the Perry, Illinois, community and The Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Ok.

The West Quincy plaque reads: On Oct. 8, 1838, about 800 Potawatomi Indians camped here on the west side of the Mississippi River, after crossing by steam ferry from Quincy. They were enroute to Kansas being forcibly removed from Indiana. Three children died Oct. 8. Wagons were repaired; horses were shod. At request of chiefs they were granted liberty to remain in camp for devotional services on succeeding Sabbaths. Three dragoons (soldiers) were allowed to return home: Kelley, Smith and H. Barnett. Dr. Jerolaman of Logansport, Ind., arrived, but was sick. The health of the Indians was reported as "improving." Erected in 2003 by Boy Scout Troop 161, Palmyra, Mo.; Chris Pieper, Eagle Scout; and Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Ok.

This makes 70 historical markers on the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail. Indiana has 19, Illinois has 22, Missouri has 22, and Kansas has seven.

Three more historical markers being planned in Illinois will mention the Trail of Death. A marker is to be erected at Valley City for Phillips Ferry which transported the Mormons and later the Potawatomi across the Illinois River at Naples. A Timeline is being erected at Mound City Park in Quincy that will mention the Trail of Death on Panel Seven. A special memorial to all the American Indians who suffered removal from the east to the west side of the Mississippi River will be erected in Quinissippi Island Park, Quincy. One more Trail of Death marker is needed in Missouri. At Richmond a Boy Scout erected a marker in 2000 and placed the plaque at one side of the top of the boulder, leaving space for a map. Then the Boy Scout went into the military. In order to complete the marker, donations are needed to pay for the metal map plaque. The metal plaques cost \$400 and are tax deductible. All the Trail of Death historical markers are paid for by volunteers such as Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, historical societies, clubs, families and individuals. To donate and for more information, contact Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975, phone 574-223-4436, e-mail fchs@rtcol.com, web page: www.icss.net/~fchs.

Completing the marking of the Trail of Death will be a special Father Petit memorial at St. Philippine Duchesne Park south of Osawatomie, Kansas. This special memorial will consist of 5 boulders, one from each of the four states crossed by the Trail of Death and one from St. Louis where Father Benjamin Petit died on his way back to Indiana. Father Benjamin Petit accompanied the Potawatomi on their journey and suffered the same illness, probably typhoid. A plaque about Father Petit's life and a map of his journey west to Kansas and back to St. Louis will be included, sponsored by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Ok.

The Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan Sept. 22-28 will travel in cars and campers the original route taken by the Potawatomi in 1838. The caravan will start on Monday, after the two-day (Sept. 20-21) Trail of Courage Living History Festival at the Fulton County Historical Society grounds four miles north of Rochester on US 31 and the Tippecanoe River. This festival has portrayed frontier history of Indiana since 1976. Each year the festival honors a different Potawatomi family that had roots in Indiana in the 1830s. This year it will be the descendants of Mas-saw, which include the family of Jim Thorpe, World's Greatest Athlete. Thorpe was a great grandson to Mas-saw, who was on the Trail of Death. The Trail of Courage includes historic camps, foods cooked over wood fires, traditional crafts, two stages with pre-1840 music and dance, Indian dances, canoe rides, teepees and wigwams, much more.

Prairie Band Potawatomi

Rich in cultural tradition, the Prairie Band of Potawatomi currently resides on 77,400 acres, in an 11 square mile area, in Jackson County, Kansas. Non-Indians residing within the reservation boundaries own approximately 52,486 acres, all of which are on the Jackson County tax rolls. Tribal membership in 1999 totaled more than 4,000 members with almost 500 living on the reservation, another 1,000 within state boundaries, and the remainder living elsewhere in the United States.

Over the years, the Prairie Band of Potawatomi have had many captivating stories to tell, at every bend, twist and turn of their history. The stories of old say the tribe was originally located on the eastern seaboard and slowly migrated westward over the years. So slowly did these movements take place that probably no single generation was conscious of the migration. The Potawatomi were once allied with the Ojibwa and Odawa tribes in the 1500s, using this coalition for mutual benefit in hunting, territorial expansion and defense against other tribes. In time, the Potawatomi formed their own tribe, and used the name "People of the Place of the Fire."

During this time, the tribe prospered as an autonomous group living on what the land could produce, such as the rich hunting and fishing resources of the Great Lakes. Additionally, the Potawatomi's cultivation of corn, pumpkin and beans produced a relatively plentiful, stable food supply, and populations and villages increased in size and number, but that changed with the expansion of the 13 colonies or "13 Fires."

Land became a central issue, and removal of Indian tribes from their original homelands became the governing policy of the U.S. government. This led to the Potawatomi people making temporary stops in Missouri's Platte Country in the mid-1830s, and the Council Bluffs area of Iowa in the 1840s. The tribe controlled up to five million acres at both locations. As a result, the Potawatomi developed an ability to adapt to new environments.

In 1846, the Potawatomi Tribe arrived in an area of Kansas known as the "Great American Desert." At that

time, the reservation was 30 miles square, including part of Topeka, and was promised by treaty to be the home of the Potawatomi for all time. But the reservation had its boundaries changed again, as evidenced by the present size of the reservation, less than half its original size.

Within the last decade, the tribe has experienced a revitalization which has improved social services, education, environment, infrastructure and cultural leadership programs, due in no small part to the introduction of gaming activities.

In 1997, the tribe entered into an agreement with Harrah's Kansas Casino Corporation to assist the tribe in equipping the facility. Harrah's has been granted the exclusive right to manage the facility and to train members and other staff in its operation and maintenance. Casino gaming is subject to extensive state and local regulation.

The new facility has created more than a thousand jobs, generating several million dollars in wages and revenue, as the largest employer in Jackson County. Through this revenue, the tribe has improved the level of existing services to the reservation and its membership, and has developed new services. These include economic development, operations, enhancement of services to the elderly, youth programs, and increased employment opportunities, which not only alleviate pressure on the employment market but also develop individual self worth.

Tribal gaming has allowed members to live successful lives, provide for their families, and possess hope and pride in the future of the tribe. The Prairie Band Potawatomi can once again look optimistically to the future and to the preservation of a valued culture.

Information for this article comes from the *Native American Cultures Resource Handbook of the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission*, Suzanne Heck, editor



Potawatomi children, circa late 1800s.



Potawatomi child today

In an interview with Chris Howell, Vice Chair

of the Kansas Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission, he voiced that he views this as an opportunity for the four native nations in northeast Kansas to make presentations at the "Tent of Many Voices" observance ceremonies that will be occurring during the Lewis & Clark Expedition Bi-Centennial 2003-2006.

Tents will be set up along the trail of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Native nation leaders are being encouraged to speak at the tents. Roy Ogden, Tribal Council Member, is the appointed representative for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

The Tent of Many Voices will provide a space for live demonstrations, lectures, cultural presentations and audio-visual showings along with live performances by native nations—state governments, local agencies, the private sector and other federal agencies involvement.

How many of you recall the history of Lewis & Clark? To be honest, I had to do some reviewing so I will just give you a quick brush up and then it'll all come popping back into those cluttered brains. All I could recall was Sakajawea, a Shoshone native woman, had a great deal to do with their ventures as she was credited for her guidance and assistance to Lewis & Clark during their travels.

Quick review - about 200 years ago, President Jefferson sent Cpts Meriwether Lewis & William Clark on their legendary 3-year journey to explore the uncharted West. The expedition included 33 permanent party members, known as the Corps of Discovery. This group charted the area between the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast, a journey that was to forever change our Nation - the beginning of the westward expansion. It is for this reason that many native nations refuse to be involved in this celebration.

Today, the exploration is a benchmark from which multiple perspectives can be explored and shared with contemporary audiences through story, music, film

and folklore. Many times in life, we are told and taught (for example in Wellness Journeys) that we cannot begin to heal until we understand, make peace with those hurts, accept/forgive, and then move forward. This may be one of those times that we can continue that positive movement as natives.

Natives are known for resiliency. Perhaps, our lessons are that we have survived these forced removals, and will continue to become stronger - never to leave our history behind which includes our Treaties in the process. Ma Dos

Contest to Name the Quilt

By Mary Young

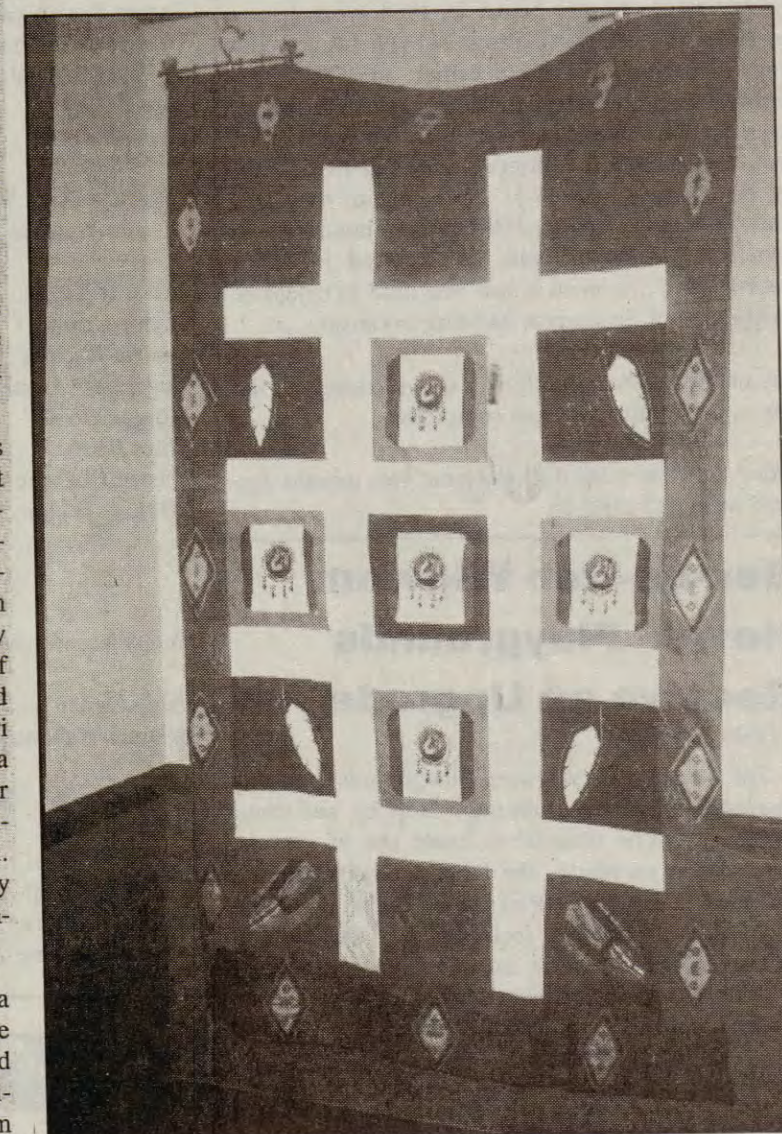
Sam Mitchell designed three patterns for the quillow that will be named prior to the drawing at the PBPN's Annual pow-wow on Saturday, June 14, 2003.

The seniors wanted the quilt to be named before the drawing; the list of names for the quilt is as follows:

- Spirit Threads
- Prairie Band Connection
- Prairie Patches
- Indian Heritage
- Denim Glory.

Two other prizes will be a part of the drawing but this will be determined at a later date. Tickets for the drawing are three for a dollar.

The quillow took two months to complete.



Celebrating the Future Generation

By Mary Young

Prairie People's Park was the site for the annual celebration of the PBP Early Childhood Education Center held on May 15, 2003. The program opened up with the raising of the flags, prayer and welcome to the participants and community who gathered to watch their relatives receive their certificate and t-shirt. In between the presentations, Little Soldier was there to sing an intertribal; all enjoyed these songs. Some of the children were unable to attend due to an outbreak of chicken pox.

Recognition was given to the following: Inter-agency Coordinating Council (ICC)/Health Advisory/Parents as Teachers from Royal Valley School; volunteers/helpers; community helpers, and tribal program helpers. Following the presentations, lunch was served.

Much is offered to and for the child at Ben-no-tteh Wigwam; a child can be at the Center from an infant until they leave to enter kindergarten but once the child does leave head start, they are off to kindergarten. The Center can boast that they have 44 enrolled in the Head Start classes.

The quality of the Early Childhood Programs is enhanced by the commitment and dedication of staff who are more than willing to work toward CDA credentials and early childhood education degrees. This type of commitment and dedication has contributed to favorable Head Start and Early Head Start Reviews and a NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young People) Accreditation for the Child Care Program. The Center has earned recognition for literacy development and was recently awarded a Touchpoints Grant through the Brazelton Touchpoints Center, which funds training for staff, parents and community members who provide care and education to infants and toddlers.

Success could not occur without all the people involved or the commitment they demonstrate each day; the following are those that are with the children on a daily schedule, and a special thanks goes to all: In the class rooms: Hedy Noland, Amanda Schultz, Juliet Carlisle, Mary Tiscareno, Toni Dodds, Sandi Jim, Vicki Wahquahboshkuk, Sam Mitchell, Miguel Ortiz, Amy Pruyser, Judy Jackson, Cynthia Murphy, Merry Burke, Cindy Dahl, Norma Shipshee, Renee Villines, Judy Jackson, Michelle Yoshida, Tina Levier, and Maria Fairman. Those not in the classroom but just as vital are as follows: Cecily Wabaunsee, director; Carrie Hastings, EHS program manager; Edie Wamego, infant/toddler specialist; Hope Adame, family/community program manager; Jubby Masquat, child/staff development program manager; Tina Haefke, family service specialist; Saga Fairman, floater; David Noland, bus driver; Shelley Guerreo, nutrition aide; Maria Russell, nutrition provider; Maxine Ramirez, nutrition aide; Jennifer Hale, office assistant; and Richelle Pahmahmie, contract helper.

As stated in the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam's Mission Statement: *The Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Center is committed to providing quality services, which assure a seamless system of care and education for the children, families, staff and the community. The philosophy reads: A child can best benefit from a comprehensive interdisciplinary program. His entire family and the community must be involved. We must consider the whole child.*

History of the Center began in 1984 when it was the Head Start Regional Program with twenty children. Outgrowing the old center, in 1992 child-care was added. In 1994, Jackie Mitchell applied for a Native American Head Start Program grant and was awarded; the program started in 1995, serving 32 children, ages 3-5. Once again, they outgrew the facility and in 1997, a new building was constructed. Early Head Start started in 1998. Then in 2001, an open house was held to celebrate the opening of the current building expansion.

One of the projects this spring was to resurface the play area and that has been completed.

Today the Center has 100 children; two months ago there were 102 children.

Ben-no-tteh Wigwam News: Playgrounds Receive an Upgrade

By Cecily Wabaunsee

The Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Playgrounds are being upgraded with new surfacing. Stop by and check them out. The material is made out of recycled tires and is currently, the highest quality material invented to improve "Playground Safety." If you walk on the surface, it feels spongy. Our children deserve the best as we prepare and protect them with high quality care and education.

The Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Staff wish to extend a big THANK YOU to the Tribal Council for supporting this project. Ig wi en!

(See photo opposite page)



Class A & C, Adults (L-R): Rudy Ebelmg, Amy Pruyser, Verna Potts, Cindy Dahl, Judy Jackson, and Merry Burke. Children (L-R): Cutlas Wishteyah, Skylor Criqui, Amos Ingels, Blake Garrison, Christopher Riggles, Miles Boell, Leona Chandley, Willie Taylor, Morgan Boell, Ashley Nioce, Arrow Levier, and Gven-go Fairman. (PBP News Photo)

Child Care Classrooms

INFANTS- Hedy Noland, Amanda Schultz, Juliet Carlisle

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| Alek Mitchell | Andrew Hastings |
| Madison Boswell | Clint Potts |
| Quinn Lewis | Hannah Tecumseh |
| Mae-Elizabeth Joslin | Maya Ogden |

TODDLER I - Mary Tiscareno, Toni Dodds

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Shelby Archilta | Victor Ceja |
| Eryn Daugherty | Wiley Potts |
| Brandon Rodewald | Dane Spoonhunter |
| Precious Tiscareno | Dayee LeClere |
| Kobe Mills | |

TODDLER II - Sandi Jim, Vicki Wahquahboshkuk

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| Allayna Bell | Darius Frisby |
| Avori Lewis | Andree Mitchell |
| Tesia Potts | Hunter Quiett |
| Doran Rupnicki | Masen Spoonhunter |
| Quetzacoatl Tiscareno | Zach Wahweotten |

AFTER SCHOOL/TRANSITION - Sam Mitchell, Miguel Ortiz

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| Tylor Nioce | Tyler Bell |
| Mittina Hale | Micaella Wamego-Mtz |
| Ivan Rodewald | Shayne Russell |
| Shonnesi Tiscareno | P seg win Tiscareno |
| Reigna Wahwassuck | Tanner Ogden |
| Chance Ogden | Logan Boswell |
| Kacie Boswell | Sierra Pahmahmie |
| Wemiko Lewis | |

HEAD START CLASSES

Class A - Amy Pruyser, Judy Jackson, Cynthia Murphy, Merry Burke, Cindy Dahl

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| Cathleen Riggles | Christopher Riggles |
| Quen go Fairman | Ashley Nioce |
| Norma Wahwassuck | Kenneth Aitkens |
| Shob was Ceja | Hunter Mattwaoshshe |
| Blake Garrison | Macy Putman |
| Charon Hill | Brandi Wohletz |
| Colby Ross | Megan Putnam |
| Class B - Norma Shipshee, Renee Villines | |

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Carley Shane | Kwaki Spoonhunter |
| Bi shi we Noriega | Nom ki wash Potts |
| Sage Pahmahmie | Anthony Canady |
| Garrett Rodewald | Taryn Boswell |
| Te wen es Tiscareno | Phlyte Wishteyah |
| Makayla Russell | Brian Shane |
| Joey LaClair | Rose Tecumseh |
| Jacob Hastings | Cody Wilson |

Class C - Amy Pruyser, Judy Jackson, Cynthia Murphy, Merry Burke, Cindy Dahl

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| Lannette Zeller | Trisha Nicklay |
| Skylor Criqui | Leona Chandley |
| Cateria Ebeling | Lorraine Ragsdale |
| Angeline Aitkens | Amos Ingels |
| Morgan Boell | Arrow Levier |
| Miles Boell | Audrey Harris |
| Tristen Cochran | Cutlas Wishteyah |
| William Taylor | Jacob Sawyer |

Early Head Start

Center-based - Michelle Yoshida, Tina Levier

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| Paige Ogden | Felicity Ortiz |
| Brianna Wabaunsee | Isabella Wamego-Mtz |

Home-based - Maria Fairman

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| Justice Gaylord | Honesti Gaylord |
| Daniel Mitchell-Alvarado | Bre Anna Torres |
| Francisco Torres | Dominique Wabaunsee |
| Ahshoni Stanley | Cissy Rose Martinez |



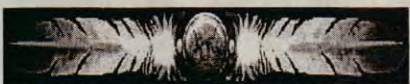
During the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam graduation celebration pow-wow, the Potawatomi language teachers were each given a certificate and gift. Pictured is elder, Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson, holding her gift and certificate. Alberta Marshno, Leo Nadeau, Lou Aitkens, Marcellino Berardo, and Sydney Van Zile, Language Program Director, were each awarded a certificate and gift for their dedication and hardwork in "lighting the lives of the children" with their endeavors in keeping the language alive. (PBP News Photo)



Child Care Aides for the 6-month to 1-year-old: Adults (L-R) Anna Boswell, Hedy Noland, Jennifer Hale, Richelle Pahmahmie, Carrie Hastings, Sam Mitchell, and Juliet Carlisle. Children (L-R): Taryn Boswell, Madison Boswell, Mae Joslin, Patch Potts, Andrew Hastings, Alek Mitchell, and Maya Ogden. (PBP News Photo)



Little Soldier out did themselves as they sang an honor song for all of the graduates. June 13-15th will soon be here, maybe they were revving up for the Annual PBP Pow-Wow!! (PBP News Photo)



Congratulations To All Students





Norma Shipshee's Class B, includes 3-5 year olds and Child Care. Adults (L-R): Janelle Masquat, Mary Tiscareno, Virginia LeClere, Rebekah Potts, Anna Boswell, Jamie Russell, Brenda Ellis, Shirley Rice, Kim Rice, Carrie Hastings, Renee Villines, and Norma Shipshee. Children (L-R): Phlyte Wishteyah, Tewenes Tiscareno, KwakiSpoonhunter, Nomkiwash Potts, Sage Pahnahmie, Taryn Boswell, Makayla Russell, Joey La-Clair, Anthony Canaday, Jacob Hastings, Brian Shane, and Carley Shane. (PBP News Photo)



Quen-go is one of the Head Start graduates who will be entering kindergarten this fall. (PBP News Photo)



Brianna Wabaunsee proudly showing her certificate and T-shirt. (PBP News Photo)



Lorraine Ragsdale, Class A & C. She will be attending kindergarten this fall at the local elementary school. (PBP News Photo)



Celebrating with the graduates with an intertribal. (PBP News Photo)

What a nice day to have a graduation pow-wow!!!!

Submitted by Julia Masquat

I am a grandmother of a "few" of the lucky children, past and present, to graduate from the prestigious Ben-no-tteh Child Care. And I would like to thank all childcare employees for the wonderful knowledge, care, and fun you have provided for my grandchildren throughout the years. When I saw them receive their "little" diploma and in their tassel caps and T-shirts, I told my Aunt "I wished I could have graduated from this school." Having such participation and total community support is a beautiful sight to see. Your dedication to your students reflects on their smiling, crying and dirty little faces.

I have been a fortunate grandma and had many opportunities to attend quite a number of your school functions. Having just as much fun as the kids!! And I know someday I will see the future Child Care Pow-wow M.C. introduce one of your graduates as a "Tribal Council Member."

So please accept my thanks as grandma because I love seeing my grandchildren so happy and proud of their accomplishments.

Keep up the good work Ben-no-tteh Child Care employees in your endeavors to help our young ones take their first steps down the right paths of life.

Thank you



Potawatomi in the Morning

rising after flying
sleepy-eyed and sipping coffee
he speaks Potawatomi to me
every word a stronghold
every word a prayer

an Indian man is more than a man
he carries the dreams of his people
creating culture
practicing religion
living Our way of life

praying together
we understand
the blessing of being here now

an Indian woman is more than a woman
she carries the prayers of her people
healing with her song
dancing the dream of the Earth

singing together
we catch a song
learning Our Story again

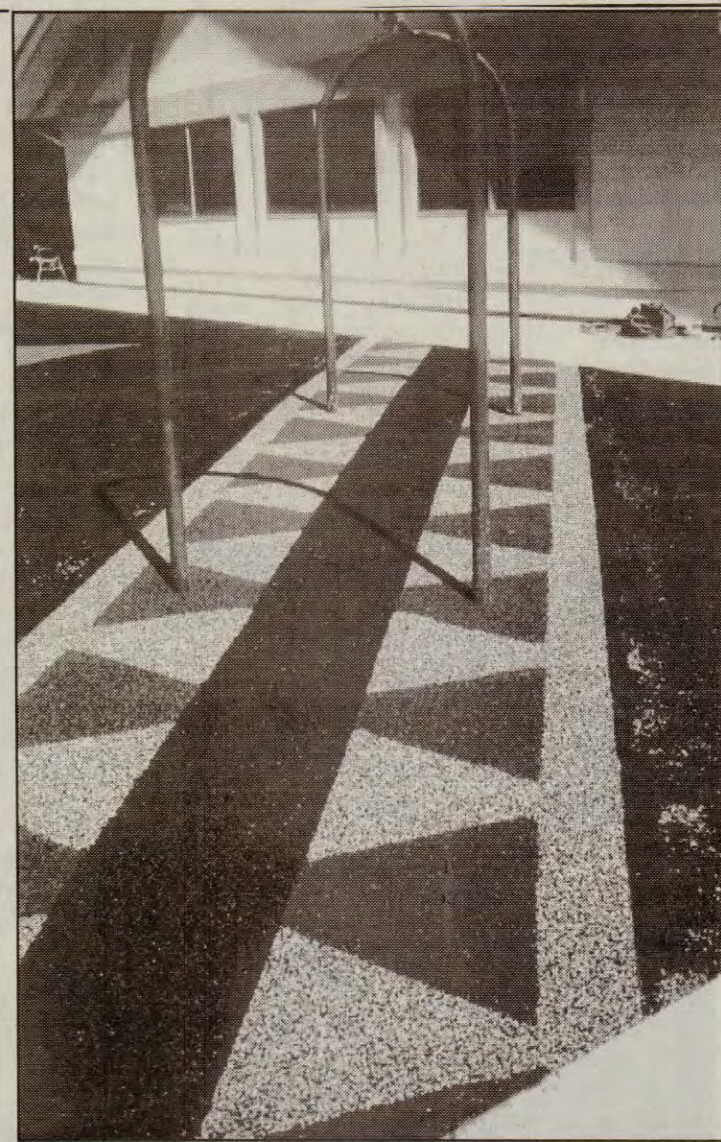
an Indian child is more than a child
more than a promise of love
more than a knowing in each cell
Mother Earth will always be
and we are part of Her

rising from the drum
he speaks Potawatomi to me
smiling and laughing
"becoming part of it" again

dancing next to me
we come full circle
Our Ancestors dance with us
today

rising from the ashes
daring to thrive
he speaks Potawatomi to me
and we are whole again

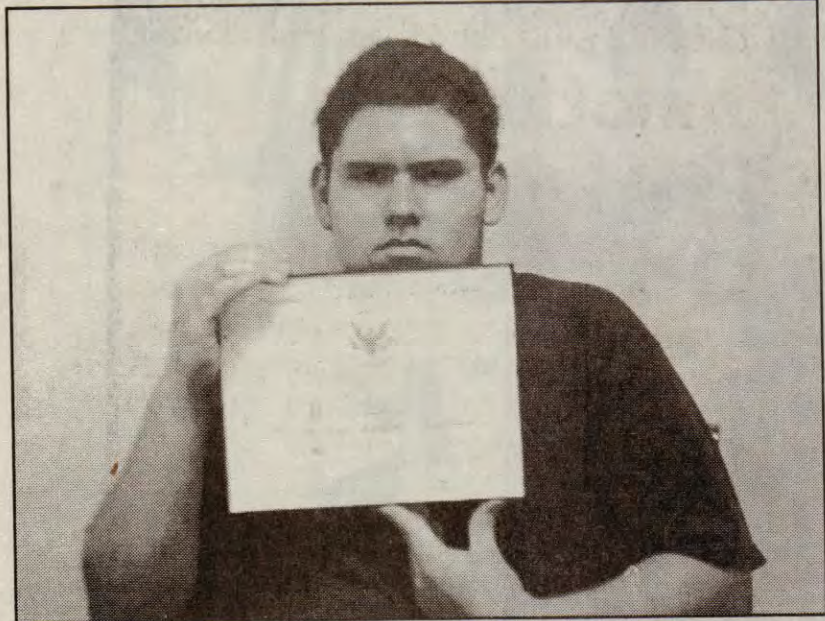
Kira Young—2003



Sub Surface Solutions company in the process of laying the new surface at the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam playground. (PBP News photo)

CONGRATULATIONS

Graduates



Congratulations goes to Elliott Donald Morris who has earned the "President's Education Awards Program in recognition of outstanding academic excellence, 2003." Elliott is a tribal member and a tenth grader at the Kickapoo Nation School. His special academic achievements include receiving "A's" and five college credits for sociology and philosophy from Highland College.



Chance C. Clement. Chance is a Kickapoo Nation School kindergarten graduate.

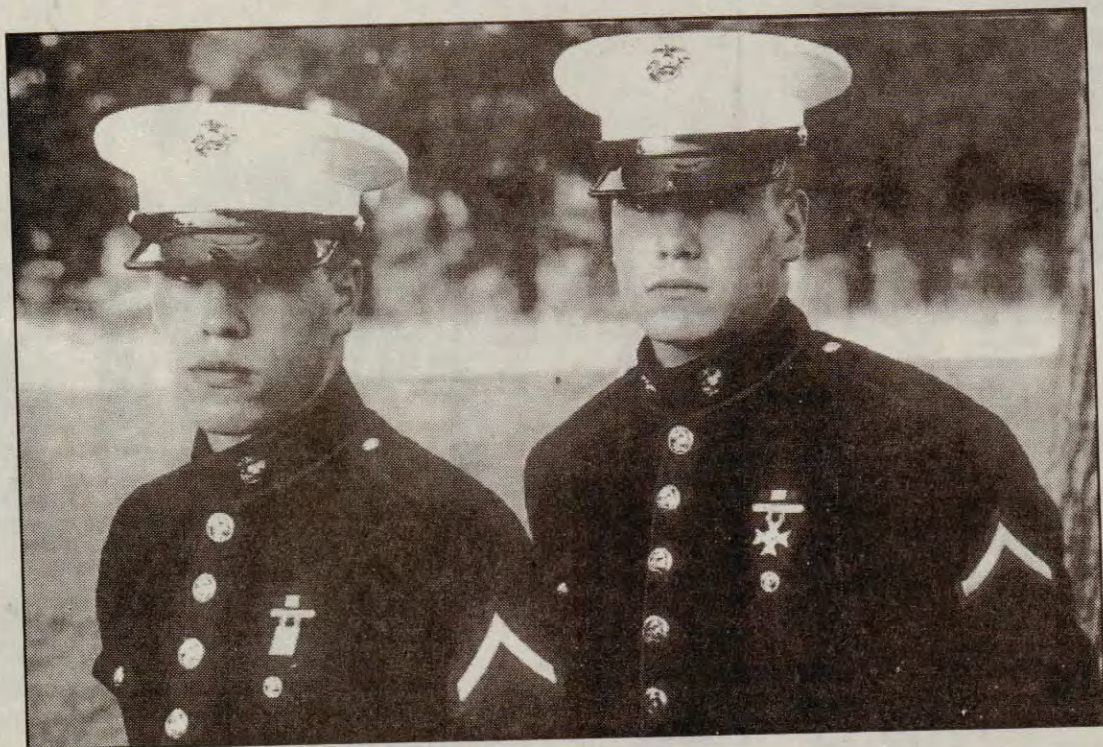
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Per Phyllis Van Becelaere



Smiling, Jona Potts-Rupnicki, after completion of her Associates of Arts degree from Highland Community Jr. College. She is currently continuing her education through Friends University.



James & Robert Pidgeon (pictured above) are the sons of James & Carol Pidgeon of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, grandsons of the late Luther and Lona Pidgeon of Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Robert joined the marines when he was 17 years old. He scored top of the year for Mechanic Testing and was given that field as his M.O.S.

James was working at Rainbow Casino, as Security in the evenings, going to school during the day for police science, also was auxiliary police officer for the City of Wisconsin Rapids before joining.

LCPL Pidgeon, James L.

Age 21
Home Base: Twentynine Palms, CA
Currently in Iraq

MCRD, Graduation April 12, 2002
3rd Battalion, Lima Company 3054

Certificates Earned:

Rifleman
June 23, 2002
Infantry Training-LAV Crewman
August 21, 2002
Marine Combat Aidsman
October 31, 2002

Address:

LCPL Pidgeon, James L. USMC
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UIC 39851
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LCPL Robert B. Pidgeon

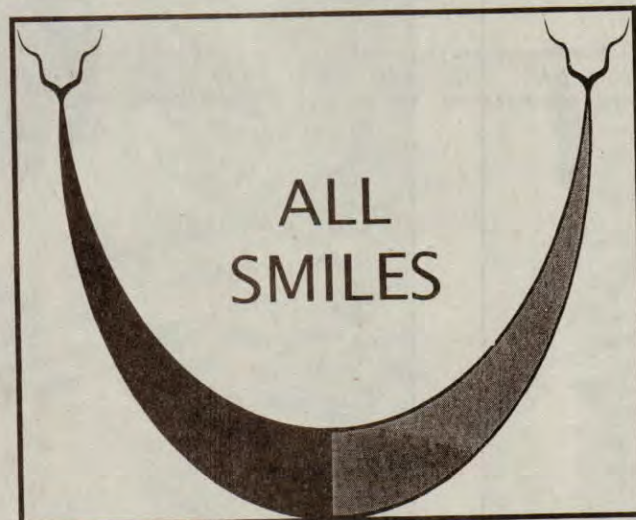
Age 19
Based in Okinawa, Japan
Mos - Heavy Equipment Mechanic
MCRD Graduation
October 19, 2001
1st Battalion - Delta Company

Certificates Earned:

School of Infantry - Camp Pendleton, CA
November 13, 2001
Automotive Organization Maintenance Course
April 29, 2002
Logistics Vehicle Systems Maintenance Course,
June 18, 2002

Address:

LCPL Pidgeon, Robert B.
MTM Co, IMA 2
3D MRB 3D FSSG
UNIT 38427
FPO/AP 96604-8427



Adele Jones Thomas
"Quah-mee"
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Horton High School Graduate
Parents: Jr. & Karen Thomas



Maria Fawn Fairman

Maria Fawn Fairman graduated May 3, 2003 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood from Highland Community College, Highland, Kansas. Maria graduated with honors by being on the Dean's List (3.5 or higher). Maria is the first grandchild of the late Alberta Nagmo-Wamego, Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal member, to graduate from college. Maria would like to thank the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for their support and encouragement during her time in school. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business Management.

I am very proud of Maria for having enough dedication to continue her education. I know that it has not always been easy for her work fulltime to support herself and her daughter Quen-go.

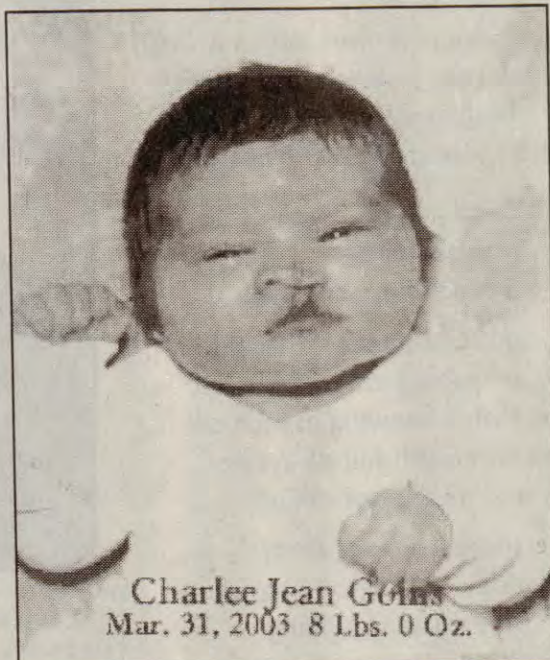
I greatly appreciate the help of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
Sincerely,
Sandra K. Mitchell (mother of Maria Fairman)



Army PFC John H. Zakar III, son of John & Leah (Matchie) Zakar Jr. of Valdosta, GA. John is the grandson of Howard & Melvne Oliver (Matchie) of Topeka, KS.

Currently, John is serving in the Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 101st Airborne infantry out of Fort Campbell. He works on Humvees.

Submitted by his aunt, Audrey Toelkes



Charlee Jean Goins
Mar. 31, 2003 8 Lbs. 0 Oz.

It's a girl!!

Name: Charlee Jean Goins
Parents: Jeff and Melissa Goins,
Mount Clemens, MI
Big Brothers: J.J. and Koby Goins
Grandparents: Kevin Aitkens, Norma
Reel,
Jeff and Gloria Goins



Four participate in Sniper Match at Houston, MO over weekend of April 26-27: Left to right Brandon, Merrill, and John Wahwasuck plus Hardy Eeteyan. Hardy said they did alright considering they were up against military and police units.



The Lady Panthers Fast-Pitch Team ended their season with a 17-6 record. Three seniors ended their season in style, being named as Members of the Big 7 All-League Team: (pictured left to right) **Amber Tecumseh** (All-League In-Fielder), **Ne Zat LeClere** (All-League Pitcher and Out Fielder), **Josie Pahmahmie** (All-League In-Fielder and Utility Player), and Coach Anita Evans. The girls will continue their ball season playing in a Women's Fast Pitch League in Kansas City this summer. Their schedule can be found on this Sport Page.

MidAmerica Softball Summer 2003 League

Monday - Tuesday Women's Fastpitch

1 - T.N.T.
2 - Twisters
3 - The Slowpitch Change-ups

4 - Kebway Gold
5 - Prairie Band

| | 9-Jun | 10-Jun | | 16-Jun | 17-Jun |
|------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|
| 6:30 | 5 vs 3 | 2 vs 4 | 6:30 | 1 vs 3 | 5 vs 4 |
| 8:30 | 5 vs 3 | 2 vs 4 | 8:30 | 1 vs 3 | 5 vs 4 |

| | 23-Jun | 24-Jun | | 30-Jun | 1-Jul |
|------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|
| 6:30 | 1 vs 4 | 5 vs 2 | 6:30 | 2 vs 3 | 1 vs 5 |
| 8:30 | 1 vs 4 | 5 vs 2 | 8:30 | 2 vs 3 | 1 vs 5 |

| | 7-Jul | 8-Jul | | 14-Jul | 15-Jul |
|------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|
| 6:30 | 3 vs 4 | 1 vs 2 | 6:30 | Game 1 | Game 3 |
| 8:30 | 3 vs 4 | 1 vs 2 | 8:30 | Game 2 | Game 4 |

| | 21-Jul |
|------|--------|
| 6:30 | Game 5 |
| 8:30 | Game 6 |

| | 22-Jul |
|------|-----------|
| 6:30 | Game 7 |
| 8:00 | Game 8 |
| 9:30 | If game 9 |

PRAIRIE BAND

How cool is this? They call themselves Prairie Band and they're ready for some fast action in Kansas City. Sogi LeClere has pulled together some of the best ball players around the Rez to form a women's fast pitch team and will be debuting in Kansas City this summer! Some members of the team are: Shayla Catron, Josie Pahmahmie, Amber Tecumseh, Amber Wahweotten, Delores Hooper, Minty Fish, Osh LeClere, Olivia Pewamo, Ne Zat LeClere, Allison Catron, and Sogi LeClere. These young ladies will be heading to all-native tournaments in Tahlequah, Oklahoma City, and Albuquerque. Check out their action!!!

Native American Junior Golf Association Begins 3rd Year of Program

Steve McDonald

The Native American Junior Golf Association (NAJGA) launches its third year of operation this month as the Annual "Tee it Up" picnic is planned for Friday, May 16 at Lake Shawnee Shelter House #5 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Youth ages 7-17 or the parents of youth interested in receiving free golf instruction, course access and equipment in this years spring, summer and fall programs please plan to attend. Registration, lesson schedules, tournament schedules, NAJGA golf trips along with fund-raising programs and fun golf contests will take place.

NAJGA is a non-for-profit 501 C3 organization designed to provide quality golf instruction, equipment and facilities to all youth, bringing health/wellness, life skills, networking and cultural awareness into their personal development.

During the first two years of operation NAJGA has touched the lives of over 225 community youth. NAJGA has successfully received grants from the PGA, Professional Golf Association of America, the USGA, United States Golf Association and has raised \$60,000 from other philanthropic groups throughout the community.

NAJGA is evolved with the Native American Sports Council, NASC, to produce and execute the 2nd Annual National Native American Junior Golf Championships to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 27 - 30 where Notah Begay will make a guest appearance on Wednesday the 29th.

The NAJGA organization is starting new chapters out in Indian Country and is developing fine young golfers throughout NE Kansas. NAJGA is extremely thankful for the support it has received from the Boys and Girls Club, youth, parents and the community of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Komotion

2003 League Schedule

Looking for some excitement? Check out the young girl's fast pitch team as they begin another fun-packed ball season! Local team members are Christa Catron, Sara Catron, Autumn Jones-Bigboy, Tara Mitchell and Ramona Nozackum. All games are played at Lake Shawnee's Red, Purple, Green, and Red Diamonds. You can call 267-0451 to find out if games are rained out.

June 2 @ 6:15 - Blizzards (Red Diamond)

June 4 @ 9:15 - Red Hot Chili Peppers (Purple Diamond)

June 9 @ 7:45- Explosion USA (Green Diamond)

June 11 @ 9:15- Wild Things (Green Diamond)

June 16 @ 9:15 - Kelly Express (Red Diamond)

June 23 @ 6:15- Topeka Angels (Purple Diamond)

July 21 @ 6:15- Phenix (Purple Diamond)

July 23 @ 9:15 - Stars (Purple Diamond)

Get 'em KOMOTION babes!!!

Shawnee County North Community Park

Men's Fast Pitch League

There are three native men teams represented in the league this year:
PBP Nation, PBP Nish Nah Bah, and Golden Eagle.

(Diamond #4 D#4) (Diamond #1 - D#1)

June 1

2:00 PBP Nation vs Tarwater (D#4)
3:30 PBP Nish Nah Bah vs Crown Dental (D#1)
5:00 PBP Nation vs Stars (D#1)
8:30 PBP Nish Nah Bah vs Golden Eagle (D#4)

June 8

2:00 PBP Nation vs Frito Lay (D#1)
5:00 Golden Eagle vs Stars (D#1)
8:30 PBP Nish Nah Bah vs Eye Doctors (D#1)
8:30 Golden Eagle vs Grapevine (D#4)

June 15

5:00 PBP Nation vs Asays (D#4)
7:00 PBP Nation vs Guerreros (D#4)
7:00 Golden Eagle vs Frito Lay (D#1)
8:30 Golden Eagle vs Stars (D#1)

June 22

2:00 PBP Nish-Nah-Bah vs Tarwaters (D#4)
3:30 **PBP Nation vs Golden Eagle** (D#1)
7:00 PBP Nation vs Crown Dental (D#1)
7:00 Golden Eagle vs Asays (D#4)

June 29

2:00 PBP Nation vs Tarwaters (D#4)
2:00 Golden Eagle vs Guerrero (D#1)
3:30 PBP Nish Nab Bah vs Asays (D#4)
5:00 PBP Nation vs Eye Doctors (D#1)

July 6

2:00 PBP Nation vs Tarwaters (D#1)
3:30 PBP Nation vs Grapevine (D#1)
7:00 **PBP Nish Nah Bah vs Golden Eagle** (D#4)
8:30 PBP Nish Nab Bah vs Guerreros (D#4)
8:30 Golden Eagle vs Eye Doctors (D#1)

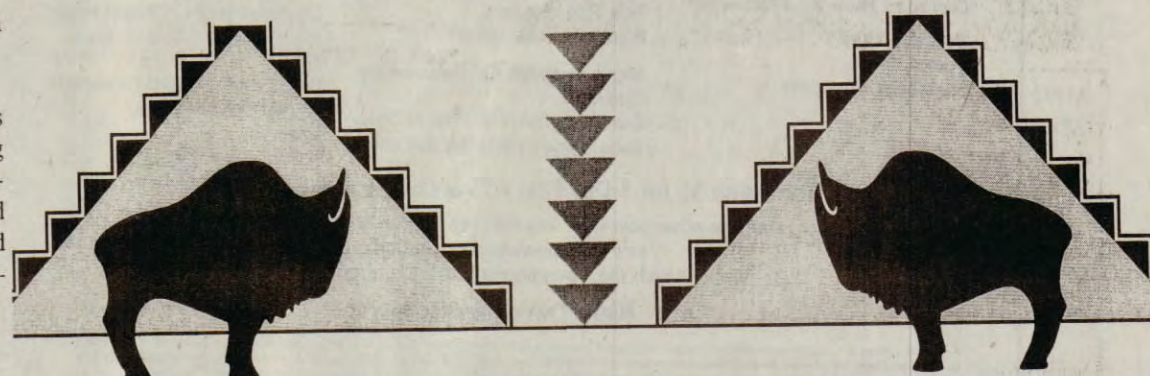
July 13

7:00 Golden Eagle vs Crown Dental (D#4)
8:30 PBP Nation vs Frito Lay (D#1)

July 15

8:00 PBP Nish Nab Bah vs Tarwaters (D#4)
9:30 PBP Nish Nab Bah vs Crown Dental (D#4)

Rain Out # 286-3238



May 28, 2003

Dear Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Members:

I have heard some very interesting things that am not sure that all Tribal members are aware of. I am a person whom has worked in the health care field for 6+ years. The new 638 program has a lot of things that need to be considered by all of us. To begin with you are being told that we can do this with no problems. Have those that are promoting this so hard made you aware of the things that can happen with this proposal.

To begin with, I think that we all need to be aware of the 6 million dollars that was set aside for the clinic on the reservation. How many of us were able to vote on that. All tribal members should have had say in how that would be utilized. That 6 million dollars will benefit those that are here and able to access that clinic. What about those members of our tribe that reside elsewhere? Is it agreeable by all of our tribal members? My understanding is that out of 2000 members that have the right to vote on something of this nature only 129 of us got that chance. This is less than 1/8 of our tribe. I feel that it seems a little unfair. Don't we all deserve the right to help decide these kind of matters?

The proposal is to pick up all members in Topeka. Are you all aware of the fact that it we 'pick up' those members up, it means all members. Not just our tribe but others as well. We get no more money for funding. We will be expected to take care of all Indians in Topeka. We will have a larger population to cover but NO more money to cover the expense.

If we fail and cannot do this, Indian Health Services does NOT have to take us back. They consider it self termination. They can close the door so to speak. IHS will not have to worry about us again. Do you think that maybe the thought of us going on our own is just a little appealing. Tell me when you live on a limited income and wonder how to cover all things that need to be, is it not appealing to think that the load will be eased by a group leaving your services. The prospect of not having to worry about a group makes it easier to encourage them to go it alone.

Those people that are long time users of this benefit know how difficult it was sometime back to keep up with our contract services. Almost all of us know about getting collection letters from a bill that has yet to be paid. Most of us know the frustration of worrying about something we

thought was covered. Is that going to be better with a larger population to cover. Are we all going to be more willing to wait longer and feel the frustration of a service that is going to be stretched even further.

I am very frustrated by the lack of education that we receive about the ways we can help to keep this service alive and well. How many of us have gone to the emergency room and said "oh, just bill IHS in Holton. They will take care of it." How many of us go to other facilities when the Clinic is open? I admit it is frustrating to go and wait. Are you any less angry when you get a bill that was denied because you could have used a facility with less expense and is covered?

How many tribal members are aware of the fact, you need to bill any health insurance you are covered by BEFORE billing IHS? By doing this you make the expense to IHS less. I am sure it is easier to pay a de-ductible or co-insurance amount instead of an entire bill. We are not all eligible for all the programs out there but some of are eligible for programs like Medicaid, Healthwave or Medikan. These are income-based programs. Those of us that could benefit from them should think of the relief it would give to our IHS program by helping to assist with our health coverage. I know personally that by doing this for an accident that affected more than one of my family members, I was able to have my complete bill covered at no expense to IHS. Even though I got treatment elsewhere that accident still became part of my medical history there at IHS. I am a very firm believer that if someone is paying for health insurance for us we should not waste those premiums by not using that insurance. As an employee that works and pays for insurance I am not wasting my money by relying on another source to cover me or my families needs. If health insurance if part of your benefit package you showing up and working your shifts is how you earn that coverage. You are earning that right. If you are paying monthly premiums don't waste your money.

There are questions that need to be asked of this proposal. Are we as a Nation going to sit back and let a few others make decisions for us. These decisions not only affect us but our children. We need to protect those things that have been put in place for us. I encourage all members to ask questions about 638. What does it mean to all of us?

Sincerely,
ROYCE OGDEN

Self-determination or self-termination

Venida Chenault

A recent proposal from the Health Committee and Tribal Council Liaison Steve Ortiz recommends that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation assume control of services currently being provided by the Indian Health Service through a process known as "contracting" or "638-ing" of these services. By contracting for services, the share of funds the tribe is eligible for, would no longer go to the Holton Clinic, but instead would be distributed to the tribe for health care services.

According to the health care committee, tribal members would benefit if the tribe were to take over health care services and eliminate the role of IHS in the process. At the January 2003 General Council meeting, the Health Care Committee secured tentative approval of a \$6 million budget to continue with plans for building and fully equipping a new clinic on the reservation so that the health care needs of members on the reservation and in Topeka could be met. In April the committee will bring forward a full feasibility study that examines all the issues the tribe needs to consider in making this decision. Committee members promised the long waits to see the doctor and delays in processing payments of hospital bills would be solved if the tribe builds a new clinic and initiates the 638 process to take over clinic services. This venture would actually generate revenue for the tribe according to information presented. Sounds good, right?

On the surface, this proposal sounds like a step in the right direction, but is it really all that? Up until the mid-1990's, tribes across the nation were contracting and compacting services from IHS, but this practice reached its peak in the mid-1990's and has continued to level off according to a report by the National Congress of American Indians. Why would tribes no longer be interested in exercising their rights of self-determination, one might ask?

There are many reasons for this development according to NCAI. Some tribes believe the push to convince tribes to contract and compact IHS services is a poorly disguised move toward termination of the federal-tribal trust relationship. When tribes assume control and responsibility for services such as health care, the obligation of the federal government to tribes is diminished ... basically, IHS is off the hook and the problem becomes ours. Will the \$6 million budget tentatively allocated for phase one of this project be a one time expense, or will it be an ongoing obligation that the tribe will be forced

to assume? What happens if the state opens up gaming statewide this session to deal with the budget deficit facing Kansas?

Another reason cited by NCAI for the reluctance of tribes to take the contract/compact "bait" is because tribes know that both the local IHS and the BIA operations are terribly underfunded and some tribes have chosen not to step into the federal governments shoes under these conditions. It would be like volunteering to take over a multi-million dollar corporation that was filing for bankruptcy and owed billions of dollars. Again, according to NCAI, each and every Administration has failed to meet its legal obligations to fully fund tribal contract support costs associated with tribally operated BIA and IHS programs. This failure to fully fund IHS clinics results in the problems found in IHS clinics, i.e., delays in payments and referrals. NCAI reports that health and social service programs are underfunded at 40 - 60% of need and tribes that have taken the bait are being forced to reduce services to sustain contract support that the federal government has failed to fund. Other tribes are satisfied with IHS continuing to operate programs, especially where the tribes feel they have substantial involvement in how each agency carries out its responsibilities. Other tribes do not feel they have the resources or capabilities to operate these programs on their own and have chosen to leave things as they are.

What is the solution to the health care issues of tribal members and will a new clinic solve our problems or create more problems? Is the solution to be found in treatment after disease has invaded the body or through education and prevention? Will the tribal clinic actually be able to generate a profit when we hear reports in the news daily about skyrocketing costs of health care and insurance? Will we be able to find and keep qualified doctors and nurses when our Kickapoo relatives have seen a revolving door of doctors at their clinic? What does one mammography unit, one x-ray machine, one viable lab cost, and how long will the technology last before each has to be replaced? What are we willing to give up to cover the costs that we will assume if we 638 and build our own clinic? Is this self-determination or self-termination?

The NCAI report referred to can be found at the National Congress of American Indians website. The report titled "Findings of the National Congress of American Indians National Policy Work Group on Contract Support Costs Final Report - July 1999"

PROPOSED USE OF \$6,500,000 of PBPB GAMING MONEY

| | | |
|---------------|---|--------------|
| Local | | |
| PBPB Tribal | | \$8,125 |
| Members = 800 |) | \$6,500,000. |

**** This money will also serve all non-PNPB Indians (members of other tribes) who use the services.**

| | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Out of Area | | |
| PBPB Tribal | | \$0.00 per Out of Area tribal member |
| Members = 4,200 |) | \$0 |

Is there a plan for local tribal member's health care needs? YES. See above. In addition, the PBPB will supplement this money with additional resources throughout future years for cost overruns, administration, maintenance, and upkeep of the building.

Is there a plan for non-local tribal member's health care needs that is equal to this level of service? NO.

Equal services for the approximately 4,200 non-local tribal members will require

\$8,125 / tribal member x 4,200 out of area tribal members = \$34,125,000

IS THIS FAIR????????!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The above formula sheet was submitted as part of an Open Letter to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council by "Nish-na-bek for Fair Government Practices."



Tourist groups regularly visit the buffalo herd on the Rez—here are several groups of kindergarten children on one of their last stops of the long day! Whew!

5th Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow Celebration



Prairie Peoples Park
June 13th – 15th, 2003 • Mayetta, KS

Grand Entry
Friday 7 p.m. • Saturday 1 and 7 p.m. • Sunday 1 p.m.

More than \$37,000 in Prize Money

Drum Contest

Head Man Dancer –
Jimi Mitchell, Prairie Band Potawatomi
White Swann, Washington

Head Lady Dancer –
Delanda Pushetonequa, Tama Iowa

Head Boy Dancer –
Wa-skeh Littleaxe,
Prairie Band Potawatomi

Head Girl Dancer –
Brittney Pelkey, Holton, Kansas

Host Drum –
Meskwaki Nation, Tama Iowa

Invited Drums –
Bear Creek, Sault St. Marie, Ontario
Yellowhammer, Oklahoma

Master of Ceremonies –
Marvin J. Burnett, Lakota

Co-Master of Ceremonies –
Gary Mitchell, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Arena Director –
Perkins Whitetail, Cheyenne

Honored Veteran –
Glen Levier, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Honored Elder –
Delores Abrams,
Prairie Band Potawatomi

Special Contests

"49 Contest"
Sponsored by the Hale Family

Chicken Dance Special –
16 & over
Sponsored by Wa-skeh Littleaxe

Jingle Dance Special – 16 & over
Sponsored by Delanda Pushetonequa

Jingle Dress – 15 & under
Sponsored by Brittney Pelkey

Head Man's Traditional Special –
16 & over
Sponsored by Jimi Mitchell

Drum Contest – Dance Contests

Golden Age – 55 or over,
Men's and Women's Categories

Adults – 18-54,
Men's and Women's Categories

Adult Prizes – 1st \$800, 2nd \$600,
3rd \$400, 4th \$200

Teens – 13-17,
Boy's & Girl's Categories

Juniors – 7-12,
Boy's & Girl's Categories

Tiny Tots – Under 6,
Boy's & Girl's Categories

Men's Fastpitch Ball Tournament
Contact:
Don Don LeClere, (785) 966-2335 (eve)
Curtis Masquat, (785) 966-2580 (day)



2003 Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess Ashley Whitetail

Diabetes Wellness Walk
Saturday 9 a.m.
Contact – PBPB Health Committee

Rez Run (Motorcycle Run)
Saturday 9 a.m.
Contact Rubina Etteyan,
(785) 966-3060 (day)
Hardy Etteyan, (785) 966-2375

Thursday Night – "Youth Night"
Potluck Supper – All Youth Drums
Invited
Hosted by Prairie Band Potawatomi
Gaming Commission

Admission \$5 for 3-Day Pass • 55 & Over and 6 & Under Free
For vendor or other pow wow info call: 1-877-715-6789 x3999 leave message
or e-mail: powwow@pbpnation.org
Visit our Web site: www.pbpnationtribe.com/powwow.html

Native Owned Vendor Spaces

All information is tentative and subject to change without notice. Alcohol, illegal drugs and firearms are prohibited. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will not be held responsible for accidents or loss of stolen personal property. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reserves the right to remove or ban any individual from tribal property for violation of these rules. It is unlawful to possess, use, sell or distribute any alcoholic beverage while at the Prairie Peoples Park. Any person violating this order shall be placed under arrest. Violations shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days or both.

Understanding Cholesterol Profiles: The Good, the Bad and Triglycerides

By Richard Pruikmsa, MD, Holton IHS Clinic, 110 W. 6th St., Holton, KS 66436, (785) 364-2176

By now most of you have heard of good cholesterol and bad cholesterol. And many of you may even know your own numbers for the good and bad cholesterol. How did these terms come about? How can cholesterol be both good and bad?

Even in the old days when we just measured total cholesterol with out any distinction, we knew that cholesterol was a necessary part of both diet and the body. But we also knew that it was the people who ate diets high in cholesterol or who had high concentrations of cholesterol in their blood stream that were at increased risk of heart attacks. This is still true but we have refined our understanding of how this works.

Cholesterol is only found in animal based foods such as meat or dairy products. It's still true that people who eat high fat animal based foods will ingest a high amount of cholesterol and increase their risk of heart disease. But even vegetarians have cholesterol in their blood stream, because humans make a large part of the cholesterol that flows in their blood stream.

However, the cholesterol that flows in the blood stream does not travel by itself but with certain carrier proteins. When it travels in Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) particles, we call it bad cholesterol because these particles sometimes stick to the sides of the blood vessels and cause narrowing of the blood vessels and sometimes trigger blood clots. When cholesterol travels in High Density Lipoprotein (HDL) particles, we call it good cholesterol because these particles seem to clean the blood vessels and actually help prevent heart attacks. So cholesterol is determined to be good or bad by the company it keeps.

There is a third number you get with your cholesterol profile called Triglycerides. These molecules are not actually a form of cholesterol but they are a form of fat that contributes to heart disease when present in high concentrations. They are present in both animal based foods and plant based foods and we also make these molecules ourselves.

The fourth number in the cholesterol profile is the total cholesterol. I think this number is included because of tradition and it is a way to compare to your old cholesterol numbers back before we started breaking it down to good and bad cholesterol. But we rarely use this number in discussing a treatment plan with you.

So in an effort to reduce heart disease and heart attacks in our patients we recommend keeping two of the numbers as low as possible and one of the numbers as high as possible.

- Triglycerides - keep low
- Bad Cholesterol (LDL) - keep low
- Good Cholesterol (HDL) - keep high

Not surprisingly, you can do a lot to improve your numbers by being careful in what you eat, keeping your weight down and exercising. If you need assistance in improving these numbers, please see us. We sometimes need to prescribe medicines to help lower the bad cholesterol and increase the good cholesterol.

Fried Bread Man

The April issue of the Potawatomi Nation News, Fried Bread Man was telling a story about the spring season to Linda Sitting Arrow, Joe Fast Elk, and Mary Swiftbird. Also, Linda expressed her concern over her dad's health. The four young people are now sitting on logs around a cozy crackling blazing fire. It is early evening and the stars and moon are shining brightly. Fried Bread Man clears his throat and his gaze returns to Linda.

"What's the latest health report on your dad?" asks Fried Bread Man.

"Thank you for asking. My dad talked with the psychologist, Dr. Guy Big Mountain.

"What did he say Linda?" asked Mary.

"My dad called this session an assessment, he talked with Dr. Big Mountain over 30 minutes."

"Then what happened Linda?" asked Mary.

"According to my dad, Dr. Big Mountain recommended a medication to be taken in the mornings, an antidepressant that looks like a little white pill. Dad has monthly appointments With Dr. Big Mountain," said Linda.

"How many weeks has your dad been taking that antidepressant pill?" asked Joe.

"Let me think. This will be dad's fourth week."

Fried Bread Man asked, "Do you see anything different in your dad?"

Linda starts to talk, and begins to smile. "I have

noticed my dad is smiling and teasing us kids this past week. Another thing we have noticed in our dad, the other night he was playing this old tape, it was loud and the singer seemed to be screaming."

"Did you ask your dad the name of the tape?" asked Joe.

"Dad said it was a 1970's English group called Led Zeppelin. Dad said it was a popular group when he was in high school."

"Jeez, Linda, I didn't know they had tapes back then," said Joe, who was smiling.

"Has your dad started his walking?" asked Mary.

"Our dad started walking two weeks ago, just slowly building up his leg strength," said Linda. He reported wearing an elastic wrap around his knees helps a great deal."

"How is he walking?" asked Joe.

"He's doing a half-mile, four times a week. But you know everyone, dad has lost weight," said Linda beaming.

"That is so good Linda," said Mary.

"How much has your dad lost?" asked Mary.

"Well Mary, our dad has lost 12 pounds in two weeks."

"The Sitting Arrow family should be proud of themselves. They have all worked very hard to regain their health," said Fried Bread Man.

"The summer season is rapidly approaching us," said Fried Bread Man. These are some suggestions to pass along to your friends and families about the summer season. Many of our families and relatives will be traveling to various pow-wows in Indian country, remember to do your tobacco offering before leaving on a trip, and give an offering when you return home. Keep as small amount in a sealed container in your vehicle's glove compartment. If a thunderstorm is approaching place your tobacco offering in a clean area on the mother earth. If you are playing inside the house, stop until the storm passes. When you do this, you are respecting our divine nature. It's getting close to wildberry harvest time. Be sure and place your tobacco offering before picking nature's berries, and pick enough for an elder. And Joe, should you and your friends go squirrel hunting, harvest enough to feed your family. Don't go hunting just to be shooting game and not eating it," said Fried Bread Man.

This concludes this month's article on Fried Bread Man. Have a good month!

DIABETES WELLNESS WALK (1.2 miles)

"Walk 30 minutes Each Day"

Walk Leaders: James & Patty Potter

Saturday, June 14, 2003

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Wellness Walk Time

At Prairie People's Park

In conjunction with Annual Pow-Wow

Ask the Dentist

By Jessica Rickert, D.D.S., P.C.

Dear Dr. Rickert,
How does diabetes affect dental work?
Jenny from Michigan

Dear Jenny,

There are so many diabetic people who lead fascinating, busy lives. Yet, their lives are quite changed once the diagnosis of diabetes has been made.

People with diabetes have trouble regulating blood-sugar levels. The natural hormone INSULIN moves the blood-sugar glucose out of the bloodstream and into cells; the cells use the glucose for energy. Excess sugar in the blood causes the blood vessel walls to thicken and weaken. Normally, oxygen and nourishment quickly pass through the blood vessel walls into surrounding tissues, including the oral cavity. The thicker walls slow down this flow.

Type I diabetes affects young people and type II affects adults. The pancreas in these patients does not produce insulin correctly.

The blood sugar levels needs to be regulated, and this can be done in several ways. Weight-control, diet and exercise help to regulate blood-sugar levels. First, active muscles absorb glucose more efficiently. Second, obesity causes the cells to not respond properly to insulin. And, third, a patient's diet directly affects the blood-sugar levels, according to the amount of sugar the patient eat or drinks. Fourth, the medical doctor may have the patient use insulin or other drugs daily as the patient monitors the blood-sugar level.

Diabetics develop infections more easily and quickly throughout the entire body; and they do not

GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

Yvonne Smith

Yvonne "Shorty" "Negonosh" Smith, age 68, of Carter, passed away unexpectedly at St. Mary's Hospital, Rhinelander on Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Yvonne was born in Mole Lake on November 17, 1934, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Whitefish) Smith.

Yvonne lived most of her life in Hanover Park, Illinois, returning to Carter 15 years ago. While living in Illinois she worked for the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. After returning to Carter she worked for the Forest County Potawatomi Health Care Center and later as a childcare provider. Her hobbies included going to auctions, rummage sales and visiting the casino.

She is survived by: three daughters, Francisica (Chita) Gonzales, Clara (Steve) Lange, and Yvonne Jeanne Harris, all of Carter; a son, Jeffery Taylor (Betty Jo) Keeble, Carter; three sisters, Elaine Shepard, Wabeno; Susan Wakeman, Carter; Paulette Smith, Mole Lake; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother; sister, Gloriann Waube; brothers, Galen and Eugene Smith.

Visitation was on Tuesday, May 6, after 3 p.m. at the Potawatomi Recreation Center, Stone Lake. Native American services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. with Mr. Pete Pemma conducting services. Interment will be at the McIntosh Family cemetery, Wabeno.

Mary Hubbard

Mary L. "Ke wa yah" Hubbard, 92, Topeka, died Monday, May 12, 2003, at a Topeka care facility.

Mrs. Hubbard was a homemaker. She also had worked for Seymour Egg Factory and for a dry-cleaning business in Topeka.

She was born March 14, 1911, on the Potawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta, the daughter of Frank and Pa-shaw LaClair.

Mrs. Hubbard was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation.

She married Chester Hubbard on June 12, 1945, in Topeka. He died Sept. 17, 1979. She also was preceded in death by a stepson, Anthony "Huck" Hubbard, and a stepdaughter, Mayme Matwaoshshe.

Survivors include four sons, Galen Hubbard and Delmar Hubbard, both of Topeka, Clifford Hubbard, Kansas City, Mo., and Robert Hubbard, Le-compton; a daughter, Antoinette Smith, Amelia, Ohio; a sister, Catherine Lewis, Mayetta; 24 grandchildren; and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in Sister Theresa Hall at Our Lady of the Snows. There will be a noon meal at the hall Friday. Burial will be in Shipshew Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Hubbard will lie in state from noon today until 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

heal as well or as quickly as those without diabetes.

Diabetics have a greater incidence of more severe periodontal or GUM disease than the rest of the population. As many as 20% of the juvenile diabetes have some form of periodontitis. Without treatment, the body fighting this chronic infection can throw off the blood sugar levels even further, causing a cycle of worsening oral infection and wildly fluctuating blood-sugar levels.

A recent study also demonstrated that root canals do not heal as well in diabetics; nor do extraction sites; and there have been problems with implants in diabetics who have not controlled their blood-sugar levels.

As diabetics lose their teeth, they begin to eat softer, processed food, which can cause difficulty in following an ideal diabetic diet. Again a cycle is set up, whereby eating less raw foods can cause the blood-sugar levels to fluctuate and the diabetes is not controlled, which leads to more tooth loss, which leads to eating less raw foods...etc.

Diabetics do not have to lose their teeth. I advise many patients that they have their teeth cleaned every three months, so that gum disease can be prevented and any other problem can be found when it is very small and quickly treated. Also, the daily oral hygiene we discussed in a previous column is absolutely necessary for diabetics; they must brush three times a day and floss once. Sometimes, I have them use special toothpastes or rinses. I also recommend that dental appointments be made in the morning, about one (1) hour after breakfast; and I ask that the diabetic bring a snack with them because sometimes they need it after the appointment.

With the correct diet, ideal weight, lots of exercise, meticulous oral hygiene and a little extra dental care, you can look forward to a full life and a full set of teeth.

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 Bsm. 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, 2nd floor, meeting room 9: 862-6666; and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Westminster 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.

Weigh Down Workshop-Experience God's deliverance from dieting and overweightness. Free orientation at 12:30 pm Thursday, White Lakes Plaza Apartments clubhouse, 3730 SW Plaza Drive. Call Elizabeth, 266-7318,

Mayetta Area

Open AA Meeting at Judy's Café, 104 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS on Tuesday's at 6 pm.

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.

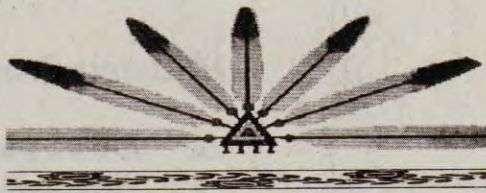
PARR Ranch-Open meeting, Monday at 7:00 pm

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.

Lawrence Area

Circle of Hope AA Meeting every Wednesday at 7 pm, Haskell Campus, Winnemucca Hall (south of the campus)



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bull and bear. A bull market is rising in value, while a bear market is declining. Both were both used in the early 1700's. The bear was used in association with scandals, and the bull was used as the bears alter ego for rising stock prices.

For the past three years, we have been going through a bear market, this has been the longest it has ever lasted. Usually a bear market would last a year and half, then bounce right back up again. In the finance world, now would be a good time to buy stocks because they are at their lowest and they probably won't be this low again for a very, very long time.

Here are some websites for you to use in your research: Bloomberg.com, hoovers.com, Kiplinger.com, quote.com, and nasdaq.com.

Another resource is to go to your public library or an academic library and ask to be guided to the business section. The business section is where you can read all updated financial reports such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's Financial Weekly*, and *Standard & Poors*.

The Dow Jones and other indexes are also listed in the business section of the newspaper including the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), National Association of Securities Dealer Automated Quotations (NASDAQ), American Stock Exchange (AME) and Mutual Funds for your very own "stock watch."

Don't be discouraged, it takes time and patience but once you take it seriously, and do your homework, it will pay off.



The Mighty Kwinn Team Crosses Finish Line

Submitted by Brigitte T. Kwinn, LTC, OD

My 14-year-old son, Michael, has a malignant inoperable brain tumor. He was diagnosed March 12, 2002. Since then, he has had 8 surgeries, radiation therapy and 6 chemotherapies. Last year after his first surgery, he decided that he wanted to do something for other children with tumors.

Since our medical insurance provides well for us and the Army takes care of our working requirements, Michael decided to raise money for The Brain Tumor Society (TBTS). TBTS provides research grants to organizations that are searching for a cure for brain tumors. Last May 2002, Michael raised \$15,000 for the Cassidy and Pinkard 5k race that benefits the TBTS. He did this fund raising in 2 weeks. This year, he set his goal higher. He

raised \$50,002.11 from 400 donors across the world, to include deployed soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea. The \$2.11 was from our neighbor boy who brought Michael all the money in his piggy bank.

Attached are some photos of my family in the race. I am #14, Michael is in the wheelchair #15. My husband, Mike Kwinn Jr., is number 16 and my daughter, Cheryl, is to the left of my husband. The other picture is of the people that attended the 5k run/walk in Washington DC on 4 May 2003. There were 100 people on Michael's team. We all crossed the finish line together with the 2500 other competitors cheering Michael.

Michael cannot talk or move now. The disease has progressed significantly.

We pray each day for a cure or miracle. Thank you for your time.

I am the daughter of Raphael Norbert Wahwasuck.

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are available nationwide to qualified tribal members through the

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Housing Programs include:

- Down payment assistance
- Renovation and repair assistance
- Relocation assistance

For more information contact the PBPB Housing Department
toll-free at 1-866-966-2756
or visit our website at pbpnation.org/housing

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Potawatomi Elder Center

Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30
Seniors 50+ Free
Adults \$3.50
Children \$2.00
Menu subject to change

Area Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

Prairie Band Baptist Church
128 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS

Sunday: 10 am – Sunday School
11 am – Worship Service

Thursday 7 pm Adult Bible Study
7 pm Children's Bible Church

Pastor Terry Paine

Bethany Baptist Church

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

David Noland, Youth Sunday School Teacher
David preaches the 5th Sunday of months.

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 – 166th Rd, Mayetta

<http://www.pbpcindiantribe.com/snow/index.html>

Native American Mass at Assumption Church

204 West 8th, Topeka, KS

Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist
On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.

Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

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

Pentecostal

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134
Rev. Vernon Potts

Sunday: 10 am – Sunday School
10:45 am – Worship service
7 pm – Evening Worship

THE BIBLE SAYS...

By Pastor Terry Paine

1 Corinthians 12:1-2 says, "Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, (love) I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

The Apostle Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit says in verse 13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity. (Or Love!) And so we see the importance that the Word of God puts on this subject—the subject of love.

In John 15:13, Jesus himself says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." The Lord Jesus is saying here that this act would be the highest sacrificial act—it displays the greatest act of love. In John 3:16 the Bible says "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Beloved, in this verse we see the true love that God has for us.

OH! Can you imagine how hard it would be to send your ONLY son, to die for the sins of other people? My wife and I have only one son, and that thought tears my heart out. God sent His ONLY son, to die a horrible death on an old rugged cross that your sins and mine might be forgiven. God loves YOU and ME that much!

Many people in the world today believe that no one loves them, that no one cares. Not true! Do you know that he is so concerned about you that he even knows the number of hairs on your head? (See Luke 12:7) Jesus said in Heb. 13.5 "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Jesus wants to carry your load of heartache and burdens. He calls to you right now, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28

Jesus wants to help you, He wants to be there for you, but He will not step in until you call on Him. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jesus paid the greatest price for you, Beloved. Why not receive Jesus as your Savior today, and KNOW what real love feels like.



**Announcing
a New AA Meeting Location:
Circle of Hope AA Meeting
Haskell Campus
Winnemucca Hall
(south end of the campus)
Every Wednesday
At
7 p.m.
Lawrence, KS**

REMINDER

**PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
Health Committee
Regular Meetings at 10:00 a.m.,
last Monday of each month,
16281 Q Road, Tribal Government Center,
Mayetta, Kansas**

Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Salads. It is the season for salads. Time for quick, easy and light meals. Time for picnics and time to enjoy the weather without spending so much time in a hot kitchen preparing nutritious and tasty meals. These recipes are from the courtesy of *Better Homes and Gardens Quick-Toss Salad Meals*, 2002, published by Meredith Integrated Marketing, Publishing Group of Meredith Corporation.

Southwestern Chicken & Black Bean Salad

10 cups torn romaine
1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
1-1/2 cups chopped cooked chicken or turkey (about 8 ounces)
1-1/2 cups red and/or yellow cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2 cup reduced-calorie bottled Caesar salad dressing
2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
2 tablespoons snipped fresh cilantro or parsley
1/2 cup broken tortilla chips
Fresh cilantro sprigs (optional)

In a large bowl combine romaine, black beans, chicken, and tomatoes.

For dressing, in a small bowl whisk together salad dressing, chili powder, and cumin. Pour dressing over salad. Toss lightly to coat. Sprinkle with snipped cilantro and tortilla chips. If desired, garnish with cilantro sprigs.

Brown Rice & Asparagus Salad with Shrimp

8 ounces fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces
3 cups cooked brown rice, chilled
1/2 pound peeled and deveined cooked shrimp
3 tablespoons chopped oil-packed dried tomatoes, drained
2 tablespoons sweet-hot mustard
1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Cook asparagus, covered, in a small amount of boiling water for 3 to 6 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain; rinse under cold water.

In a large bowl toss together asparagus, rice, shrimp, and tomatoes. Add mustard; toss lightly to coat. Sprinkle with almonds.

Autumn Salad with Hot Bacon Dressing

2 cups fresh Brussels sprouts or one 10-ounce package frozen Brussels sprouts
1-1/2 cups packaged, peeled baby carrots, halved lengthwise
4 slices bacon
1/4 cup wine vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon snipped fresh summer savory or basil or 1/2 teaspoon dried savory or basil, crushed
1 15-ounce can chickpeas (garbanzo beans), rinsed and drained
8 cups torn romaine or torn mixed salad greens

Trim stems and remove any wilted leaves from fresh Brussels sprouts; wash. Cut any large Brussels sprouts in half lengthwise. Cook, covered, in a small amount of boiling water for 2 minutes. Add carrots; cover and cook for 8 to 10 minutes more or until vegetables are crisp-tender. (Or, cook frozen sprouts according to package directions, adding carrots the last 8 to 10 minutes of cooking.)

Meanwhile, in a large skillet cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp. Drain bacon, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside.

Stir vinegar, sugar, and savory into drippings. Bring to boiling; add cooked vegetables and chickpeas. Cook and stir for 1 to 2 minutes or until heated through.

In a large bowl toss together romaine and vegetable mixture. Top with crumbled bacon.

Beef & Apple Salad

1/4 cup apple juice
1/4 cup salad oil
2 medium apples or pears, cut into wedges
1/2 pound lean cooked beef, cut into thin bite-size strips (1-1/2 cups)
1 cup jicama cut into thin bite-size strips
2 medium carrots, cut into thin bite-size strips (1 c)
1/4 cup dried cherries or cranberries
Coarsely ground black pepper (optional)

For dressing, in a screw-top jar combine apple juice, salad oil, and vinegar. Cover & shake well.

Line 4 plates with lettuce leaves. Arrange the apples, beef, jicama, and carrots atop lettuce. Top with cherries. Drizzle dressing over salads. If desired, sprinkle with pepper.

Until next issue, Recipe Corner would like to say wis-nemen!

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: BINGO MANAGER
REPORTS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
STATUS: FULL TIME
SUPERVISION
EXERCISED: BINGO EMPLOYEES
SALARY: COMMENSURATE TO EXPERIENCE
OPENING DATE: MAY 28, 2003
CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Develops, implements, coordinates, and monitors all functions of the Bingo Hall to produce and maintain a profitable operation by performing the following duties personally or through subordinates:

JOB DUTIES:

- Responsible for developing and executing annual business plan and budget for the Bingo Department. Maintain monthly budget, justifying unusual variances while providing monthly status reports.
- Responsible for all aspects of promotions and/or special projects relating to Bingo.
- Directly responsible for interviewing hiring, training, and career developing for Bingo personnel.
- Responsible for approving all purchases of products for Bingo while maintaining inventory levels.
- Responsible for resolving both guest and employee conflict situations in a way that is consistent with Prairie Band Potawatomi Bingo Policies and the State Gaming Compact.
- Develop, implement and coordinate short and long range objectives including marketing promotions, gaming related events and tournaments to increase Prairie Band Potawatomi Bingo's share of the high quality gaming customer market.
- Maintain and submit required records and reports and maintain the confidential nature of matters pertaining to company records.
- Adheres to regulatory, department, and company policies.
- Operate and manage the Bingo Operation in a profitable manner.
- Perform other duties, responsibilities and requirements as assigned.

PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:

- Skill in reading analyzing and interpreting common professional and technical journals, financial reports, and legal documents.
- Skill in responding to common and unusual inquires or complains from customers, regulatory agencies, or members of the community.
- Skill in developing a team environment.
- Skill to effectively present information to top management, public groups, and/or boards directors.
- Able to tolerate secondary smoke.
- Able to respond calmly to customer complaints.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must have at least five years of specialized experience in Bingo gaming with two years of supervisory capacity. Working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: Individual selected shall agree and abide by the PBP Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to a drug screening PRIOR to employment.

PRIVACY ACT: This position must comply with all requirements and provisions of Subpart D of CFR, which implements the Privacy Act (5), USC 552a, (i)(1).

INDIAN PREFERENCE EXERCISED.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reserves the right to make changes to the above job description.

Submit application/resume and three (3) letters of professional references to:

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Human Resources
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
Fax (785) 966-3062

For more information call toll free 1-866-694-3937.

Holy Ghost Revival

Place- Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

Date- June 12-15, 2003

Time- 7:00 p.m.

Speaker- Danny Rogers, Alabama

Location- 4 ½ Miles west of Hwy. 75 on
134th Road Mayetta, Ks.

Contact info- Vernon Potts, 785-966-2885

Refreshments following each service!

GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

Julia Kweh mi kwe "Camille" Sweet

Julia "Camille" Kweh mi kwe Sweet, 74, Topeka, died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at a Topeka hospital. Mrs. Sweet was retired from Econo Clad Books and was most recently employed at McDonalds. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, was a Tribal member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians and a 24-year member of A.A. She was born May 25, 1929, in Mayetta, the daughter of Frank G. Moore and Eleanor Spitto Moore. Survivors include three daughters, Judy Dominguez and Theresa Sweet, both of Topeka, and JaNae Fritz, Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Melvin Moore and Terry Moore, both of Topeka; two sisters, Bernice Holtzmann, Toledo, Ohio, and Caroline Moore, Topeka; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Sweet was preceded in death by a sister, Geraldine Moore. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mayetta. Burial will follow in Shipshew Cemetery in Mayetta. Mrs. Sweet will lie in state after 2 p.m. Sunday at Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, where a parish rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and sent in care of the funeral home, 800 S.W. 6th Ave., Topeka, 66603.

Mary M. Ortiz, 58, Topeka, died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at St. Lukes Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Ortiz was employed by the Department of revenue before she retired in 2000. She was born Sept. 26, 1944, in Topeka, the daughter of Joseph and Julia LeClere Sanchez. She received an associates degree in social work from Washburn University. Mrs. Ortiz was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Indian Nation. She married Blas L. Ortiz on Oct. 18, 1969, in Topeka. He survives. Other survivors include a son, Gabriel Ortiz, Lawrence; three daughters, Lisa Ortiz and Christina Ortiz, both of Topeka, and Sara Ortiz, Lawrence; two stepsons, Glenn Ortiz and Paul Ortiz, both of Topeka; a sister, Linda Leavitt, Kauai, Hawaii; a brother, Ronald Sanchez, Topeka; and three grandchildren, Ashley, B.J. and Samantha Ortiz, all of Topeka. Mrs. Ortiz was preceded in death by two brothers, Frederick and Dennis Sanchez. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Mrs. Ortiz will lie in state from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home where a Legion of Mary rosary will be recited at 6 p.m., a parish wake service will be at 6:30 p.m. and a scriptural rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Project Pride for Our Lady of Guadalupe School or to the American Diabetes Association and sent in care of the funeral home.

Mary M. Ortiz

WE-TA-SE NEWS

June 2, 2003

KIA:

On May 25, 2003, Post 410, WE—TA—SE gathered for traditional Memorial Day Services at Cecilia Jackson's home on the Potawatomi Reservation. The Potts family served the veterans breakfast at 8:00 A.M., and then Post 410 proceeded to nine cemeteries on the Reservation to pay respect to our fallen veterans and others that have passed away in recent years. Post 410, Color Guard furnished the traditional 21 gun salute at each of the nine cemeteries and placed American flags at all the veterans graves. The cemeteries had a beautiful appearance and thanks to the mowers and caretakers for their wonderful job.

The Potts family started having this Memorial Day celebration back during the end of World War II when veterans began coming home and some sacrificed their lives during the War. The whole day is dedicated in honoring those passed aways, along with visiting and enjoy the evening meal and participating in the singing and dancing that is provided for the evening enjoyment for everyone who cares to have fun.

Post 410, WE—TA—SE, also had a special dedication at 6:00 P.M. for all our Prairie Band and Citizen Band Potawatomi. Veterans who has names on our newly constructed Veterans Display Case. The Display Case consists of 370 Potawatomi veterans names which will eventually be mounted in the WE—TA—SE building. We have 10 veterans that were **killed in action from either WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam**, and one Prisoner of War, Corporal Nelson Potts. We salute these brave Indian veterans.

FRANK CADUE (WWI) U.S. ARMY
LYMAN TAPSEE (WWI) U.S. ARMY
FRANCIS SHOPTEESE (WWI) U.S. ARMY
WILLIAM LASLEY (WWII) U.S. ARMY
GEORGE G. WAMEGO (WWII) U.S. ARMY
LAVERNE THOMAS (WWII) U.S.M.C.
VERNON L. MZHICKTENNO (KOREA) U.S. ARMY
VICTOR HALE (VIETNAM) U.S.M.C.
MARTIN JIM, JR. (VIETNAM) U.S. ARMY
FLOYD NEVINS (VIETNAM) U.S. ARMY
FRANK CADUE (WWI) U.S. ARMY
GEORGE G. WAMEGO (WWII) U.S. ARMY
MARTIN JIM, JR. (VIETNAM) U.S. ARMY

Post 410, WE—TA—SE, posted 31 flags of deceased veterans in our parade of flags, that were present all day during the Memorial Day Celebration.

Also, we would like to remind everyone to send in veterans names that will be posted in another new Veterans Display Case that is being presently constructed to house eligible veterans names in the past and present Wars, such as Lebanon and Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf and other recent Conflicts. These names can be sent to American Legion, Post 410, WE—TA—SE, 15434 K—Road, Mayetta, Kansas.

In signing off, we give special thanks to Ben Joslin for playing the bugle for us during the Memorial Services for our veterans and to Jim McKinney for his special prayers for our new Veteran's Display Case.

Prepared By: Roy A. Hale



Construction crews continue in the development of the Boys & Girls Club on K Road. The building near the site is the We-Ta-Se building.
(PBP News photo)

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: FIREFIGHTER/EMT
REPORTS TO: SHIFT CAPTAIN/SHIFT LIEUTENANT/ASSISTANT CHIEF/FIRE CHIEF
WAGE: COMMENSURATE TO EXPERIENCE
OPENING DATE: MAY 13, 2003
CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Under the supervision of the Captain/Lieutenant, the firefighter/EMT shall be employed to perform on a full time basis in an hourly position. This position will require that the firefighter/EMT work 24-hour shifts. The shifts begin at 0800 and end at 0800 the next day. The duty days and hours will be on an A B C shift schedule and may be changed at the discretion of the Fire Chief/Director.

JOB DUTIES:

- Respond to alarms (fire and medical) and special duties as assigned
- Attend meetings with company officers as necessary for proper dissemination of information and procedural updates and changes in department policy.
- Read maps of reservation, pre-plans, and special response areas
- Provide patient care within current PBP medical protocols
- Use EMS and firefighting equipment carried on apparatus
- Work with other shift personnel on assigned shift and other shifts
- Follow chain of command
- **Willing to accept other duties as assigned**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must hold current certification for Kansas EMT or above. National registry will be helpful. Minimum one (1) year experience will also be helpful. One (1) year firefighting experience (paid or volunteer) is desirable but not required. Must be willing to attend a two (2) week firefighting academy with passing scores. Must possess a valid Kansas class "B" drivers license and be insurable or must be able to obtain within 6 months. Applicants will be required to submit to testing; written and physical agility, and the results will determine an oral interview. The individual selected will be required to obtain a physical and must successfully pass a background investigation prior to employment. *Must provide three (3) letters of professional reference with application.*

PROBATION PERIOD: Individual selected will serve a probation period of 90 calendar days.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: Individual selected shall agree and abide by the PBP Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to a drug screening PRIOR to employment.

PRIVACY ACT: This position must comply with all requirements and provisions of Subpart D of CFR, which implements the Privacy Act (5), USC 552a, (i)(1).

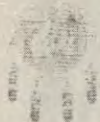
INDIAN PREFERENCE EXERCISED.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reserves the right to make changes to the above job description.

Submit application/resume with three (3) letters of professional references to:

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Human Resources
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
Fax (785) 966-3062

Call toll free 1-866-694-3937 for more information.



MEMORIAL DAY: A DAY TO REMEMBER



Mike Jensen constructed the Veterans Honor Roll case with a 100-year-old tree that once stood and flourished on his grandmother's property. Now the Nation's veterans are being honored with native wood. Pictured (L-R): Byron J. Darnall, Post 410 Commander, Francis Jensen, Post 410 Chaplain and Mike Jensen during the special Memorial Day services held on May 25th. (Photo submitted)



The following photos were taken during the special Memorial Day services and dedication of the We-Ta-Se Post 410 Veterans Roll Call case at Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson's home. Each Memorial Day the veterans go to the various cemeteries and place flags at each veteran's grave site to honor and remember them for their dedication and commitment to help keep this country free.



The photos were submitted to the *PBP News* by Orville Rice.

