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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Nation reclaims original homeland with Shabbona land purchase -press conference held on land

May 9 was a blessed, beautiful day for the Prairie Band Potawatomi people as tribal members gathered together on the site of their ancestral homelands — land that is located west of Chicago in the small town of Shabbona. More than 100 people, including the news media and Shabbona community members attended the event, which was hosted by the Tribe.

Major news outlets, including the *Chicago Tribune*, *FOX News Chicago*, and *CNN* were on site for the event. News media coverage about the event included articles by *The Associated Press*, the *Topeka Capital-Journal* and many others, including numerous reports on local radio stations.

Following an opening ceremony that included We-Ta-Se — the Tribe's veterans' organization — and drumming by the Little Soldier Singers, Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff formally announced that on April 25, 2006, the Tribe purchased a 128-acre farm from the Ward family of Shabbona. The Ward family joined tribal members for the announcement.

The farm lies within the boundaries of lands reserved by the 1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien for Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band — a Band which merged into and which is now recognized as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

"This land is part of our ancestral homeland and holds distinct cultural and spiritual significance to our people," said Tribal Chair Stanhoff.

"Today is one of great joy and celebration for our Tribe; and we are here to celebrate and share with you the re-acquisition of a piece of our ancestral homelands," said Tribal Chair Stanhoff. "If you are Native peoples, then you can imagine what we are feeling today as we stand, sing and pray upon this beautiful land — land that our ancestors lived on and land that we were forced to leave in the mid-19th century."

Tribal Chair Stanhoff noted that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was fortunate to have had the resources to re-acquire the land, and stressed that no developer's money

was involved in the purchase of the farm.

"Over the past few days, I have spoken with many members of our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and have heard many similar stories — stories that tell us where our people originated and stories about the sad history of our forced removal," said Tribal Chair Stanhoff. "At the same time, we are deeply moved by the way in which this wonderful community of Shabbona has always remembered and held in the utmost respect one of our Tribe's great leaders — Chief Shab-eh-nay."

"After more than 150 years we have a piece of our original homelands back; and this purchase rightfully and successfully ends more than 150 years of our efforts by our forefathers to get this land back," said Tribal Chair Stanhoff.

The Tribe's plans are to thoroughly investigate all legal and economic factors involved in the development of the land. More details on the development will be available to tribal members in the near future.



A press conference was held on May 9 that announced the Tribe's purchase of their original homeland. In the background of the photo is Tribal Chair, Tracy Stanhoff who made the announcement to the media and other people that day.



The photo to the left shows the Little Soldier Singers who performed at the press conference in Shabbona. The press conference announced the land purchase and drew a lot of journalists and people.

The photo to the right shows the We-Ta-Se color guard practicing before the press conference in front of a house that sits on the land recently purchased by the PBPB.

(Thanks to Peggy Houston for submitting the photos of the press conference)



News from the Elections Board

•A Tribal Council Candidate's Forum will be held on June 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bingo Hall. (Adult tribal members only, unless invited to attend. Coffee, juice, donuts and fruit provided).

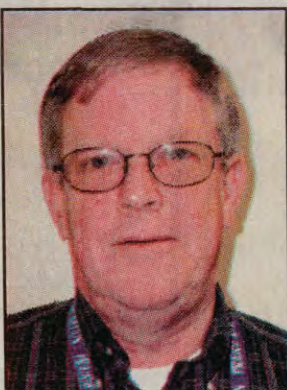
•Elections Office has moved to the north side of the Government Center where the Executive Director's office was previously located.

•In the last election voters from Massachusetts, not Maine, should have been counted and Elections regrets that error.

General Manager of Operations and Assistant General Manager selected

The Tribal Council recently announced the hiring of Richard Rooth as the new General Manager of Operations and tribal member Jim Shane as Assistant General Manager.

Rooth is from Topeka and served as an officer in the Coast Guard for 30 years. He has many years of management experience and holds a master's degree in quality systems



Richard Rooth



Jim Shane

management.

Shane, who lives on the reservation, has been PBPB's construction manager since 2004. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in construction management. He brings a variety of experience in construction, security, planning and development.

Their office is located in the Government Center where the Elections Department was formerly housed.

We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 proudly represent PBPB at flag pole ceremony at Great Overland Station in Topeka on May 7



We-Ta-Se members who participated in the flag ceremony are from left to right standing: Robert Rutherford, Joe Jessepe, Jim Darnall, Emery Hale, Glenn Levier, Steve Ortiz, B.J. Darnall, Francis Jensen, Francis Shopteese and Benny Potts. Sitting on the front row left to right: Roy Hale, Andy Mitchell, Tim Ramirez, Ralph Lundin, and Leroy Mzhickteno. The PBPB donated \$20,000 for the flag pole. Look for more information about We-Ta-Se's activities and events in the next issue of The Potawatomi News.



Big flag Memorial Day activities at Prairie People's Park May 28

Tribal tag issue back in 10th Circuit Court of Appeals

Editor's Note: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last December that the State of Kansas had the right to impose a tax on motor fuel sold on tribal land. The court also decided at that time not to make a decision over the right of the Tribe to have their vehicle tags recognized by the State and they pushed the case back to the lower courts.

Submitted and written by Ryan Dyer, Tribal Treasurer

On May 9, 2006 David Prager, III, Tribal Attorney, and I attended oral arguments in *Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation v. Wagon*, the motor vehicles tag case in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, in Denver. Prager argued on behalf of the Nation.

The tag case was sent back to the 10th Circuit for reconsideration in light of the Supreme Court's decision in the motor fuel tax case. The fuel tax decision held that for off-reservation state action against Indians, the issue is discrimination instead of a balancing test for the tribal, federal and state interests. Accordingly, the issue on May 9th was over whether the State is discriminating against the Nation's vehicle registrations.

In 2005, the same 10th Circuit panel of judges held in the Nation's favor under the balancing test. At that time Judge McConnell filed a concurring opinion that the Nation should prevail because the State is discriminating. Therefore, the May 9th argument was in many respects a re-argument of the discrimination issue.

"We are hopeful that the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals will uphold our rights as tribes and not bow to the political and uneducated interests of those who are trying to erode our hard fought sovereign rights," said Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair.

The oral argument appeared to go well. Judge McConnell took time to discuss whether and why the current case is distinguishable from the fuel tax decision. The PBPB explained that discrimination is a factual issue for each case, and that the fuel tax decision relied upon factual differences between the Tribe and the other states rather than categorical differences. That is, that "Tribes are not States" as observed by the high court in 1980. This view, that there are categorical differences between Tribes and other sovereign governments, could be very damaging to ALL tribal discrimination claims because Tribes would never be similarly situated to other sovereign governments.

This case represents discrimination in its purest form. Our case is strong, as Prager stated in his argument, and I am confident that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will undoubtedly prevail. The Nation and the Tribal Council will maintain vigilance over our inherent rights and fight to

retain them.

During the arguments, Judge McConnell seemed concerned that as residents of Kansas, the State could possibly differentiate between 1) the Nation and its members and 2) non-residents. The PBPB argued that they are similar because, like non-residents, the Nation and its members are not subject to state law in the place of residence. The PBPB are hopeful that the 10th Circuit will write a sound opinion in support of tribal sovereignty.

The entire panel grilled the State's attorney, Michael Hale, pretty well. Hale seemed reluctant to admit the view of the fuel tax decision—that off-reservation discrimination against Indians is illegal. Later on Judge McConnell asked Hale if he "had any argument on the merits" (regarding the issue of discrimination). It should be noted that Hale is the same attorney who wrote in 2001 the offensive argument that: "First and foremost, the tribe's assertion of inherent Indian sovereignty must be dispelled. The romantic notions of inherent tribal sovereignty vanished when the United States conquered and subdued the tribes in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries."

The State appears to want to limit federal law so that it protects tribal sovereignty off-reservation only in the event that Congress has enacted a law explicitly prohibiting such off-reservation discrimination. Under a favorable State outcome, Tribes would have no federal court protection against off-reservation discrimination and our only remedy would be to lobby Congress for protectionist legislation -- a very difficult, uncertain and expensive task to accomplish. The State's attempts to weaken the tribal protections historically afforded under the Indian Commerce Clause are part of a broader attack by the States against Tribes over the past 30 years. (See Robert N. Clinton, *The Dormant Indian Commerce Clause*, 27 Conn. L. Rev. 1055 (1995).)

Prager told the *News*, "I am cautiously optimistic that Judge McConnell will decide that there is illegal discrimination, as he did in his 2005 opinion. In many respects, this case has legal issues that are being decided for the first time, such as the Indian Commerce Clause standards for illegal off-reservation discrimination. I am hopeful that we will not only prevail, but will do so in a way that broadly protects tribal sovereignty in the future."



May Message to the Nation from Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff



Our Tribal Council has been busy making history, below is an overview of our actions and happenings:

- We purchased 128 acres of our ancestral homelands from the Ward family in Shabbona, Illinois. Vice Chairman Rey Kitchkumme and myself had the honor of attending the land closing. What a great day for us all. An extremely successful media event followed announcing the acquisition. (see front page)
- We are working with our gaming commission and our casino transition team on all aspects of our gaming enterprises and have developed a great team approach to our activities.
- Tribal Treasurer Ryan Dyer accompanied one of our tribal attorneys, David Prager, to Denver for the 10th Circuit hearing on our state tag case. (see front page)
- We hosted our Washington, D.C. legal team again to the reservation to discuss "next steps" strategy on our Shab-eh-nay land purchase – the meeting included time with our gaming commission and our EPA department on our zoning regulations that will apply to the land.
- We hosted National Indian Gaming Association Chairman, Ernie Stevens, Jr. and

his son to a Saturday breakfast meeting and tour of our reservation.

- Many of the Tribal Council attended the Haskell University graduation ceremonies with Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council member and Haskell Board of Regent who attended pre-commencement Tribal Leaders summit.
- Tribal Council member Jackie Mitchell and I represented the Tribe in Washington, D.C. this month, meeting with National Indian Gaming Association Executive Director, Mark Van Norman and, most importantly, in the Capitol building with Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert's Deputy Chief of Staff Mike Stokke regarding our Shab-eh-nay land purchase and our Tribe's intent to partner with the local community, state and his office at the federal level in any activity that the Tribe is seeking to establish on our reservation in Illinois.
- I thoroughly enjoyed two activities on the reservation this month, one being Earth Day – the three-mile walk was great fun and the second being our annual Student Recognition dinner at our Convention Center – congratulations graduates!
- As per my usual busy office appointment schedule, I continue to enjoy meeting with our tribal members regarding various issues and ideas. I am always available on an appointment basis call Verna Simon at

785-966-4008 to set up an appointment if you are in the area.

- I am also addressing via an investigation, claims that our Tribal mailing list has been compromised by candidate mailings. It is the Nation's intention and duty to protect the privacy and personal information of our membership. Any violation or breach of confidentiality will not be tolerated.

Kansas State Gaming legislation has been avoided again this legislative session. We remain ever hopeful that state gaming will become an issue of the past, but as usual, the Tribal Council will remain ever vigilant and monitor the legislative initiatives for any future word on state gaming.

Finally, many of our membership have asked why I have changed my mind and am running for Chairman in the coming election. The answer is two-fold: one, we have been significantly able to move our Nation forward in a positive, fair manner and we are not finished with our major projects that I feel I am able to lend my experience; and two, numbers of our members have appreciated the renewed positive tone and have asked me to stay while have welcoming me to this leadership position.

I am excited by the future opportunities that are in front of our Nation, we are working together to keep on our great path.

We're Moving Forward,
Tracy Stanhoff

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National Indian Gaming Association Chair Ernie Stevens pays a visit

Graduation activities kept Native Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Chair, Ernie Stevens, Jr., center, busy over the May 13 weekend. He and his son, Ernie Stevens, III, second from left, stopped by to say hello on their way to the Kickapoo Nation School where Ernie was keynote speaker that day.

The day before Ernie also spoke at the Haskell Indian Nations University commencement activities in Lawrence.

In the photo with Ernie and his son are Tracy Stanhoff, Interim Tribal Chair, (far left) and Tribal Council members Jim Potter and Jackie Mitchell who are to Steven's right respectively.



(photo by Mary Young)



Bank's eye view: Credit Report Primer

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank

Like the BASF advertisement suggests, credit scores don't make your life, but they can make your life better. Credit scores can impact your ability to get a loan, rent an apartment, or affect the cost of insurance. There are a lot of misconceptions about credit scores and how they work. This article is designed to address many of those misconceptions.

WHAT IS A CREDIT SCORE?

A credit score is a number lenders use to help them decide: "If I give this person a loan, how likely am I to get paid back on time?" Credit scores range from about 300 to 850, with an average of 678. The higher your score, the more likely you are to qualify for a loan or get a lower interest rate. Conversely, the lower your score, the harder it will be to get a loan and the more you will pay for a loan you get. While there is no "one" score that separates an average credit risk from a poor credit risk, a score below 620 often comes with a higher interest rate.

HOW IS MY CREDIT SCORE FIGURED?

There are five main categories of information factored into a credit score. The importance of any one factor may be influenced by the other factors. To understand this, let's look at someone trying to get a tan. The darkness of the tan a person receives will depend on their location, time in the sun, sunscreen, time of day, and ethnicity. A person in Barrow, Alaska, who spends four hours in the sun one morning probably won't get a darker tan than person who spends lunch on the beach in Fort Lauderdale. Hopefully this analogy conveys the point that credit scores are not a simple formula that subtracts a set number of points for every late payment. So let's now look at the five categories.

Category One: Payment History (Approximately 35% of credit score)

This category looks at how promptly you paid your mortgage, car loan, and credit cards. If you were late, how late were you? A 90-day delinquency presents a greater risk than a 30-day delinquency. How recently were you late? If you are currently 60 days past due on your car, that will hurt your score more than the 90 days you were late five years ago. Do you have any public records or collections? Since they are often used after all other efforts to get payments are exhausted, these are considered quite serious! Public records include bankruptcy, tax liens, foreclosures, and collections. Do realize that paying off a collection or closing a loan you were late on will NOT remove it from your credit report. However, a paid collection on your report is less harmful than an uncollected debt.

Category Two: Amount Owed (Approximately

30% of credit score)

Factors in this category include the amount owed on all accounts, how much is owed on different types of loans, the number of accounts with balances, and how much of your credit line is being used. Owing \$20,000 on a car loan is not as harmful to your credit as owing \$20,000 on a credit card. Owing \$2,000 on a credit card with a \$2,500 limit lowers your score more than owing \$2,000 on a credit card with a \$10,000 limit.

Category Three: Length of Credit History (Approximately 15% of credit score)

How long have your credit accounts been established? A person who hasn't missed a payment on an account opened 10 years shows a greater ability to make a payment in rough times than someone who hasn't missed a payment on an account opened three months. The age of your oldest account and an average age of all your accounts are factored into your score as well.

Category Four: New Credit (Approximately 10% of your credit score)

How many recent requests for credit have you made? Inquiries remain on your credit report for two years. A person with six inquiries or more on their credit report is eight times more likely to declare bankruptcy than a person with no inquiries. For most people, each additional inquiry in the last year will take about five points off their credit score. There are some inquiries that do NOT count against your score. Ordering your score from one of the three credit reporting agencies or myFICO service will not hurt your score. Requests that are marked as coming from employers do not count either.

Category Five: Types of Credit in Use (Approximately 10% of your credit score)

The credit score will consider your mix of credit cards, retail accounts, mortgage loans, and installment loans. You do not need to have one of each, nor is it a good idea to open credit accounts you don't intend to use. As a general rule, the harder the loan is to get, the more value it carries. Mortgage loans and installment loans are harder to get. Retail accounts (Kohl's, Amoco) are the easiest to get as the lender knows the card can only be used to purchase their product. That doesn't make these cards bad, but a large number of them without other types of loans will reduce your credit score.

Hopefully this has shed some light on a much discussed but seldom understood topic. Next month I will talk about how to get your credit report and how to correct errors on your report. Once again, if you have any questions or suggestions for future articles, please contact me at rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com.

Entrepreneur Spotlight

on
Judy and Eldon Darnell
owner of
Native Essence
Tradin' Post

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Judy follows in the footsteps of her mother, Virginia Delgadillo-Jacobson (deceased), who along with her husband, Charles, had a business in Holton for 26 years. They then moved to Mayetta for several years before retirement. Virginia was known for carrying lots of Indian items in her shop.

Judy isn't new to Mayetta as she and Eldon owned and operated Darnell's Antiques from 1993 to 2004 until they sold the building. In September 2005 they purchased the former Mayetta Oil Company building where Native Essence is now located. Stop in and say hi and check out the items the store has to offer.

Store items include:

- Fringe—31 colors
- Ready-made shawls
- Beading and sewing supplies
Beads, thread, needles, beeswax, and jingles
- Clothing (ready-made or made to order)
Jingle dresses, ribbon shirts, and more
- Antique collectibles; sand paintings; jewelry (turquoise/silver/beaded); quilts and more

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Tribal Council Election Highlights and Candidate Profiles

Election Highlights

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

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

Editor's Note:

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

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



Mamie Rupnicki



Position Paper by Mamie Rupnicki

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

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

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



Tracy Stanhoff



Accountable, Accessible and Progressive - Tracy Stanhoff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

tion submitted to the BIA (on-going)

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

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

We're Moving Forward,
Tracy Stanhoff



George Wahquahboshkuk

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION

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

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

OFF RESERVATION MEMBERS

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

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

George L. Wahquahboshkuk
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Tribal Council Candidate Forum, June 3, from 9 a.m. - noon, Bingo Hall



Tribal Council Secretary (vote for one (1))



Joshua Arce

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

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

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

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

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

If elected, I pledge to uphold all duties

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

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

Thank you.



Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VOTE "Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis"
for
Tribal Secretary

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Carrie O' Toole

Hello All Prairie Band Potawatomi Members,

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

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

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

ment.

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

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

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

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

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

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



James Potter

Jim Potter For Tribal Council Secretary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Cast
your
vote
in
the
Tribal Council
election



Tribal Council secretary candidates continued from page 4



Badger Wahwasuck

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

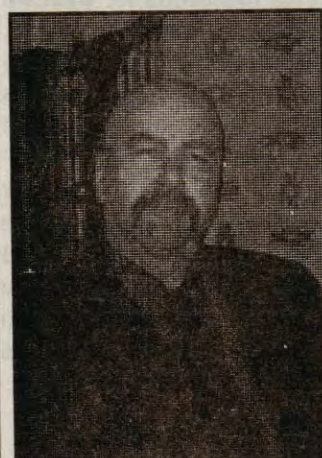
worked as an alcohol and drug counselor for the Traditional Indian Alliance. I was the Executive Director of the American Indian Association of Tucson; our family has had a wholesale business for 25 years selling Native crafts and producing Native music C.D's and tapes.

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

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

Get out and vote for your representation.

Tribal Council Person (vote for one (1))



Bobby Cadue



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

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

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

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

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

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

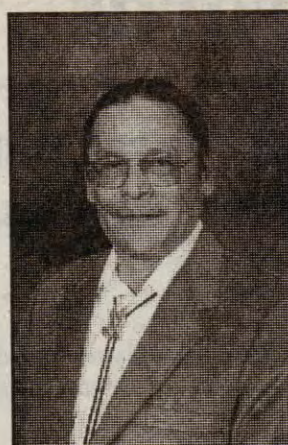
I have traveled through nearly every Indian reservation in this country west of the Mississippi River as well as some east of it. Some are underdeveloped and make us look good, but there are some who have far surpassed us in economic and social development. With our centralized location we should be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

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

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

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

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



Jim Darnall

Dear Fellow Members of our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation:

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

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

There have been many instances when all mem-

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

- When important decisions are made, the General Council will be involved. You will not learn of the Nation's involvement in multi-million dollar projects from the news media.
- My decisions will be made on the needs of all tribal members and how these decisions will affect all the member's lives. I will not make decisions that circumvent policies to the benefit of my family and friends.

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

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

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

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



Tami McClammy



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

Hello,

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

Iraqi Freedom.

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

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

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

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



Roy Ogden

Dear family, friends, and fellow tribal members,

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

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

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

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

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

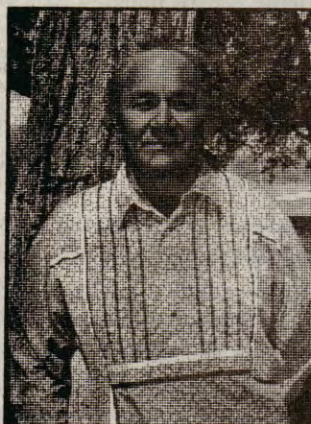
We need to make provisions now or we will lose some of that benefit. We need to hire quality skilled pro-

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

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



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



Benny Potts

Bo Sho.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Warren Wahweotten, Jr.

Bosho, Tribal members,

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

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

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

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

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

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

cess.

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

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

Megwetch,
Warren A. Wahweotten Jr.

2006 1st—quarter charitable contributions awards



Charitable Contributions Committee members (l–r): Delores Abrams, Mary Carr, Wanda Treinen, Chairwoman, LaVera Bell, Tribal Council Secretary Steve Ortiz, and Coordinator Jim Garcia. Another committee member, Betty Rice was unavailable for the photo.



Accepting from the Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition were (l–r): Shirley Rice, Carol Shopteese, and Dee Ann DeRoin.



Marnie Wuenstel, director of First Apartments, right, accepted the check along with Tribal member Camilla Chouteau, left, who interned at First Apartments.



At left, Louis Gray, counselor of Osage Nation Counseling Center accepted the check.

Photos by
Mary Young

22 contributions totaling \$80,100 were put back into the communities of NE Kansas, Wichita and Oklahoma

On April 27, the PBPB Charitable Contributions Committee held their 2006 1st—quarter awards ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at the Bingo Hall. Steve Ortiz welcomed and introduced committee members, Tribal Council and organizations who received awards.

Those organizations receiving contributions are as follows:

Camp Kindle (Lincoln, NE): \$5,000

Capital Hill Lodge #314 IOOF (Oklahoma City, OK): \$1,000

Dornwood Girls Softball Association (Topeka, KS): \$4,000

First Apartments (Topeka, KS): \$5,000

NE Kansas Korean War Memorial Association (Topeka, KS): \$4,000

Osage Nation Counseling Center (Pawhuska, OK): \$5,000

Washburn Women's Alliance (Topeka, KS): \$4,000

Midland Hospice Celebration Walk 2006 (Topeka, KS): 5,000

Royal Valley After Prom (Hoyt, KS): \$500

Stormont Vail Foundation Care Line (Topeka, KS): \$5,000

Florence Crittenton Services (Topeka, KS): \$5,000

Adult Education Center at Kaw Valley Area Technical School (Topeka, KS): \$2,500

Pony Express Big Brother Big Sisters (Marysville, KS): \$2,500

Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition (Lawrence, KS): \$5,000

Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Lawrence, KS): \$5,000

BSA Troop #7 (Topeka, KS): \$1,000

Outdoor Environment Education USD 501 (Topeka, KS): \$5,000

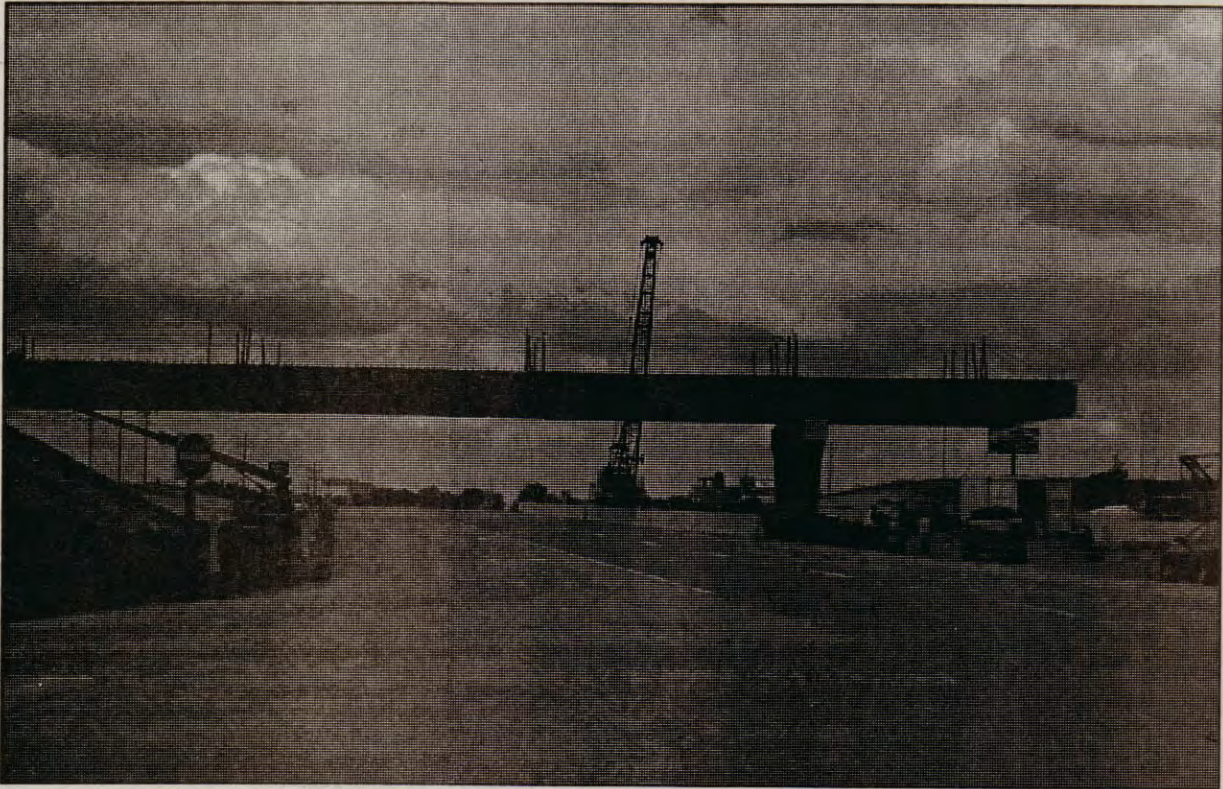
KETCH (Wichita, KS): \$3,000

Friends of the Kaw (Lawrence, KS): \$5,000

Brewster Place (Topeka, KS): \$2,300

American Lung Association (Topeka, KS): \$2,300

Housing & Credit Counseling (Topeka, KS): \$3,000



Construction continues on the overpass on Highway 75 at the casino interchange as seen in the photo taken facing north on Highway 75 at the intersection. It won't be long before commuters will be able to travel across the overpass to head west on 150 Road where the casino is located.

Four Tribes' Child Protection Team
give presentation at Indian Child Welfare Act
in Kansas Conference


by Carol A. Shopteese, LMSW, Facilitator

Some of the Four Tribes' Child Protection Team (FTCPT) members were asked to present, "So You've Sent the Notice to the Tribe...What Happens Next? A View of Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) from the Tribe's Perspective" at the Indian Child Welfare Act in Kansas Conference, which was sponsored by the Washburn University (WU) School of Law on March 24, 2006. Presenters included: Betty J. Rice, LBSW, Social Services Director/Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri; Dawn Masqua, BSW, Foster Care/ICW Social Worker/PBP Social Services; Regina Ott, BSW, CPS/ICW Social Worker/Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas and Carol Shopteese, LMSW, ICW/IL Program Director/Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Social Services.

Each of the panel members presented

their tribal specific guidelines they use when they receive ICWA notices. They also discussed their specific challenges when dealing with ICWA notices sent by the State of Kansas or other states, such as receiving phone calls instead of written notification of ICWA cases. Many questions were answered from the participants, especially regarding enrollment and eligibility for enrollment with Tribes/Nations.

The FTCPT received the highest rating from the participants for their part in the conference. The FTCPT is very proud of this since there were presenters from the WU School of Law, the University of Kansas, Kaw Valley Behavioral Health Care, etc. It is vital that education efforts such as this continue in Kansas, especially as it pertains to our Indian children. It is also an example of how much can be accomplished when the four Tribes work together for a common cause.



Join the Walking Club!

A walking club has been organized on the Potawatomi Reservation. Walkers meet every evening at Prairie Peoples Park at 6 p.m. and walk a little over a mile.

Jackie Mitchell invites you to join her and other walkers for some good outdoor exercise and conversation.

A flier is available on Walking Flyer.com



Kitty Shopteese (foreground) is seen above dropping some items off at the Department of Planning & Environmental Protection's Household Hazardous Waste Round-up held on May 13 on the reservation. People brought in hazardous waste materials like poisons, flammables, paints, batteries and tires to be collected for disposal as seen in the photo above.

Photo submitted by the Department of Planning & Environment



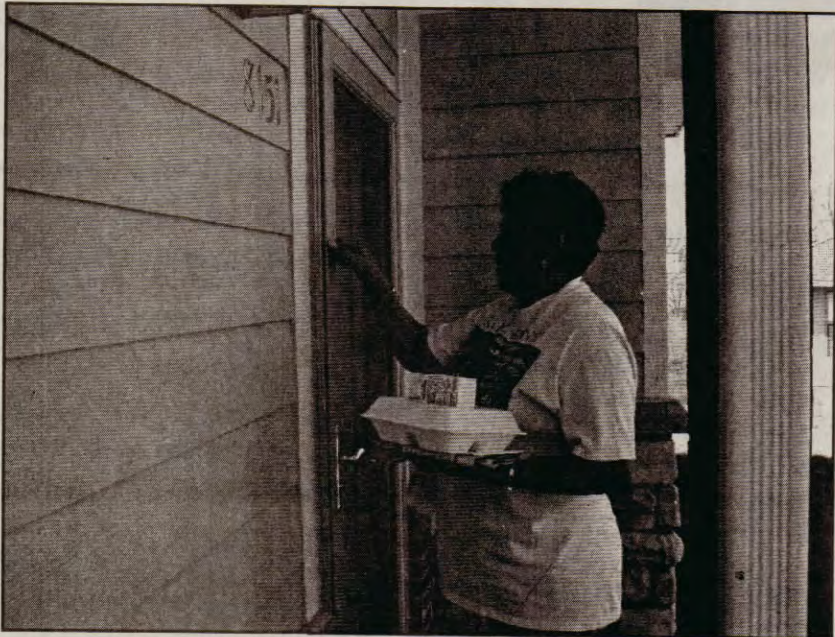
The Road & Bridge Department recently fixed a water drainage problem that was causing the casino's entry road to buckle and was also damaging the surrounding landscape. The work consisted of tearing out a portion of the road, installing crossroads tubes and then reasphalting the road. The work caused the entry road to be closed for a short time on May 9 but it was reopened the next day.

Meal deliveries: for the homebound elders



Photos by
Mary Young

Two vehicles are used to deliver homebound meals. Warren Wahweotten, above, loads an ice chest that holds the meals into one of the vehicles. He is responsible for the "short" route; he delivers meals to 22 people. The meal run begins about 11:20 a.m. rain or shine except for inclement weather; this could delay or cancel the deliveries.



Carol DeWitt, above, is responsible for the "long" route; she delivers to 16 homebound people. A doctor's excuse is required for a homebound meal delivery; meals are not delivered on holidays. Call the Firekeepers Elder Center at 966-0040 for a homebound meal delivery. Any cancellations for the meal delivery must be called in prior to 10:30 a.m.

Potawatomi Fire Keepers Elder Center
June 2006

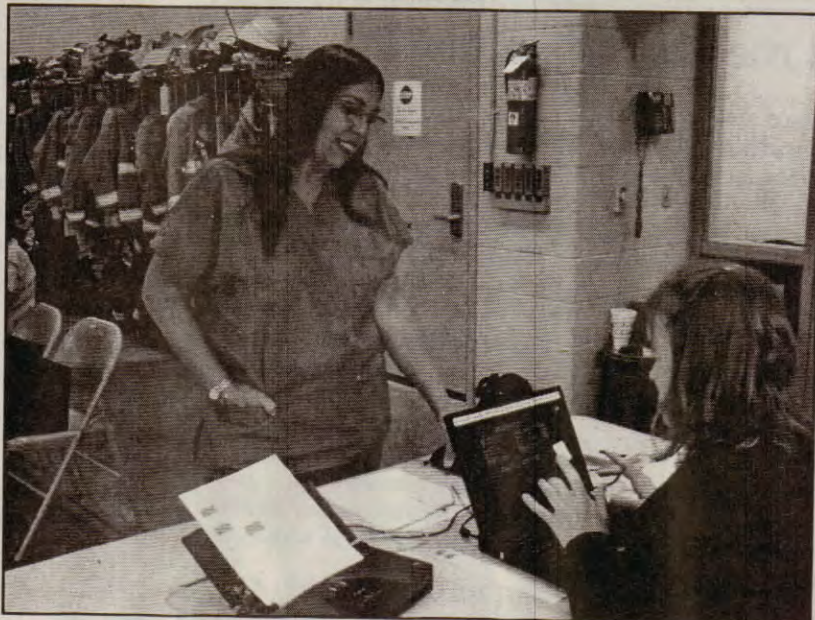
			Thursday	Friday
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Beef Stroganoff Steamed Carrots Spinach Salad Buttered Toast	Tuna Salad Sandwich Navy Bean Soup Garden Salad Cheese & Crackers
Chicken Salad Sandwich Chicken Rice Soup Jell-o Fruit Salad Cheese & Crackers	Meatloaf Potato & Beef Gravy Brussels Sprouts Dinner Roll	Corned Beef & Cabbage Grilled Red Potato Peas / Tossed Salad Sliced Wheat Bread	Thighs Cacciatore Brown Rice Steamed Zucchini Dinner Roll	Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas and Carrots Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit
Beef Stew Buttered Egg Noodles Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit	Lemon Chicken Baked Potato Vegetable Casserole Dinner Roll	Bologna Sandwiches Tomato Soup Fruit medley Chefs Salad	Birthday Dinner Indian Tacos Refried Beans Rice Salad Cake	Salmon Patty Macaroni & Cheese Zucchini Sliced Bread
Vegetable Soup Chefs Salad Cheese & Crackers Fruit	BBQ Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Pork & Beans Waldorf Salad	Parmesan Chicken Potato & Gravy Corn Vegetable Medley Dinner Roll	Goulash Green Bean / Carrots Tossed Garden Salad Garlic Bread	Hoagie Sandwich Chips Apple or Orange Cookie
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Salad Roll	Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuit	Baked Pork Chop Scalloped Potato Succotash Salad / Dinner Roll	Chili & Hot Dog Mixed Vegetables Tossed Garden Salad Cheese & Crackers	Baked Fish Sweet Potato Gratin Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll

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

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



Challenge: community blood
drive held at the fire station



Brenda Catron (left), nursing supervisor for the PBP Family Health Center, was one of the early birds to donate blood on Thursday, May 4 at the PBP Fire Station. Ann-Marie Koerner (right), Topeka Community Blood Center, registered the blood donors.

Robyn Edwards, CHR, not shown, said the challenge went to all PBP departments—small and large. The winning key was participation. The winners are: We-Ta-Se and the Three Rivers Program—100%; Tribal Fire Dept.—35%; and the PBP Health—35% participation.

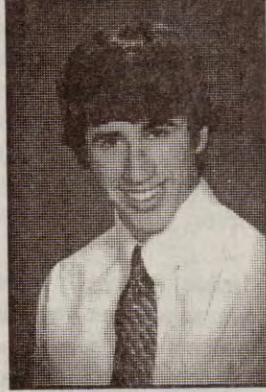


Congratulations 2006 graduates

Thanks to the PBPB Department of Education's Student Services and to parents and graduates who submitted the photographs and information below to the News.



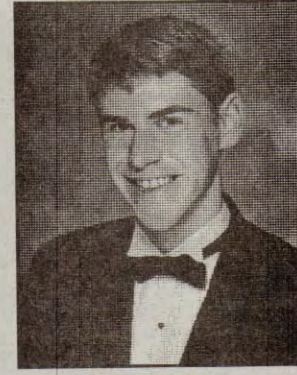
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(Tony Barber &
Roberta Thomas)



Anthony Carlton
(Stephanie Schlickman
& Ed Trevino)



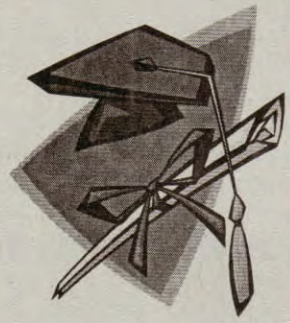
Amanda Cartner
(Rosemary and Nolan
Cartner)



Hunter Cox
(Nedra Darling and
Bowman Cox)



Robin Deo
(Tina Wahweotten &
Vincent Deo)



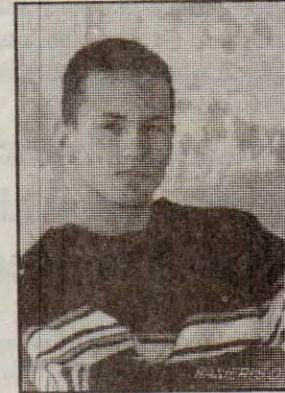
Nicholas Lee Galemore
(Leon & Peggy
Galemore)



Claranita Gorman
(Chris Gorman &
Terranita Williams)



Cassandra Jim
(Billy & Lea Jim)



Damian (Sock) Johnson
(Tamara Green)



Rochelle S. Jones
(Tina &
Burton Jones)



Tasha Jornov
(Franklin & Donna
Jornov)



Merry Alix Kelly
(Vickie & Paul
Wabaunse Kelly)



Tony LaBiosa
(Vincent & Anna
Labiosa)



Stephanie LaBranch
(Jeri Morland)



Anthony Levier
(Maria Levier)



Teresa Marie Mundell
(Gale & Diann
Mundell)



Rachel Rhiannon
Mzhickeno
(Larry & Marguerite
Mzhickeno)



Misti Lea Oliver
(Howard & Melvne
Oliver)



Adam M. Rickert
(Dennis & Sandra
Rickert)



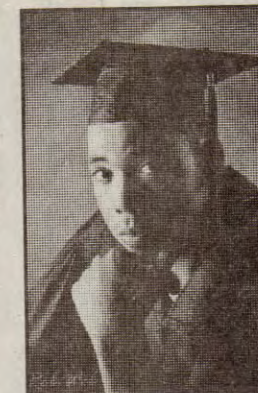
Carolyn Ann Seymour
(Shirlene Seymour)



Nelson Tecumseh
(Ralph & Linda
Tecumseh)



Andrew Wahweotten
(Junior & Gina
Wahweotten)



Robert Delano
Webster, Jr.
(Brenda & Robert
Webster)



Kayla Nichole
Webster
(Brenda & Robert
Webster)



Trevor Alan Young
(Roger & Janice Young)

special messages to grads

Toni Labiosa...It is with pride that the entire Labiosa family has watched our daughter, Toni Labiosa, mature and become the person that she is today. She plans on furthering her education in the Culinary Arts.

For our daughter...when you receive your diploma it is because of the goals you set and the commitment you have made to see them accomplished. The road is not always an easy one and it takes endurance and dedication to see it through. We recognize the strength and character, that is yours, and we know that you will succeed in a future filled with all the dreams and desires closest to your heart. We are so proud of you. Love mom, dad, Nick, Ryan, Bryan, Alice Potts, and the entire Beem clan.

Misti Oliver...Congratulations! We are all very proud of you. Love, your family.

Shannon Jessepe, 7th grade Everest Middle School...Congratulations for receiving a Social Studies Certificate of Achievement and testing "Advanced" in Social Studies on the Kansas State Assessment Test. We are proud of you! From your mom and dad.

Coleen Green...Congratulations on graduating from Baker University with a master's of science in management degree. Love, Nadas, Doug, Tamo & Kiikto and Merle.

7th Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Student Recognition Night draws large crowd

Almost 400 people attended the PBPB Student Recognition Night to honor graduating students and youth who are involved in the Tribe's student programs.

The event was held on April 26 at Harrah's PBPB Casino and was sponsored by the PBPB Education Department, JOM, Title VII and the PBPB Boys & Girls

Club. Originally the event was scheduled as a potluck dinner at Prairie Peoples Park but was later changed to Harrah's PBPB Casino.

Awards and gift bags were also given to graduating students, parents, and teachers for outstanding achievement and service.

All-Around Student of the Year

Kwaki Spoonhunter-RVES
Ramzey Ingels- RVMS
Ramona Nozhackum- RVHS

Outstanding Achievement

Daniel Criqui-RVHS

Unsung Hero

Yolanda Solis

Royal
Valley
School
District

Outstanding Athlete

Nolan Pahmahmie/Tara Mitchell-RVHS

Outstanding Teacher

Joyce Hale, 4th grade RVES

Outstanding Parents

Coleen & Merle Green



More congrats and student-related news

Congratulations to students in this family:
Your family is proud of you!



Tsianina Whitetree, 14
Courtesy Award
Jardine Middle School



Matthias Whitetree, 15
Sgt JROTC
Topeka West High School



Roman Harjo III, 7
Gifted program Math-
Bishop Elementary

In other family news Roman & Ruth Harjo both received master's degrees in January
Submitted by Linda Yazzie



Congratulations to
Melissa Lewis on
graduating from the
Gordon Cooper
Technology Center.
She is also
competing in the
National
Business Professionals
America
competition after
winning
1st place in
Oklahoma



Melissa Lewis



We want to
congratulate
Carolyn Begay
on graduating
from Washburn
University with
an A.A. degree in
Criminal Justice.

We love you and
are very happy
for you.

Your troops!



Coonie, Pudge,
Chuckie, Mom &
Pops

Stylin!



Some Potawatomi men who attended the 2006 Royal Valley High School prom. From left to right, Kwake Hale, Sock Johnson, Theodore (Cheeto) Wahquahboshkuk, Nelson Tecumseh (white tie), David Potts, Bill Evans, Andrew Wahweotten (hat), Nolan Pahmahmie (white vest), Alex Rupnicki, and Jaimi Farias.

Photo submitted by LaVerne Hale

Education Department Update

By Michelle Simon

A recent review of the Education department has motivated the staff to get all of the higher education program files in order. The higher education section of the Education department consists of graduate, undergraduate, adult vocational/technical training and adult education grants. These grants are all separate and each require specific pieces of documentation in order for the applicant to be eligible for funding and for reporting purposes. Therefore each grant program has its own file for each student.

Beginning in April the staff began sending out letters to students requesting information for their files. This was necessary to have all required documentation on file for each student for each one of the programs. The staff cannot remove items from one file to place them in another file. It is each applicant's

responsibility to submit a COMPLETE application for each program they are applying, including a copy of their Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card. The Education staff members have no authority to request copies of CDIB cards.

The staff appreciates those students who have cooperated in this effort. It is to everyone's benefit when documentation is turned in on time. This ensures that all PBPB students will receive the correct amount of funding on time no matter which program they are using.

In order to keep the files updated and all programs running smoothly here are a few reminders:

- Turn in a COMPLETE application. ALL of the requested items are needed to make a determination for potential funding.
- Take heed of DEADLINES. Deadlines are in place for the department to effectively

handle the applications we receive.
• Send in your transcripts/verification of completion after EVERY funding period. It has always been required for undergraduate, graduate, and adult vocational/technical students to send in an OFFICIAL transcript after every semester of funding.

It has always been required for recipients of the adult education grant to send in verification of completion after they have received funding. Failure to comply can result in denial of future funding.

PBPB Department of Education
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
Toll free at 877-715-6789

(Applications and policies soon to be posted on the Nation's website at www.pbpnation.org)

News about Team Kansas in the 2006 North American Indigenous Games

Submitted by: Steve McDonald

A celebration of sport and culture will take place this summer in Denver when the 2006 North American Indigenous Games are held July 2 - 9. Team Kansas will be well represented, as approximately 75 youth (ages 13-19) and 30 adults (ages 20 and up) will participate with other Native athletes from across North America in an attempt to bring home the gold. Team Kansas athletes are mostly Prairie Band Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Sac/Fox and Haskell students and will compete in archery, baseball, basketball, boxing, golf, softball, track/field, volleyball and wrestling. Presently donations have been received from the Kickapoo Nation (\$10,000) and the Sac/Fox Nation (\$2,000). Youth team members have been selling ESPN Magazine subscriptions and Steve McDonald conducted a golf marathon to raise money for the youth. A fundraising golf tournament is being planned as are some exhibition basketball games between the Team Kansas 17-19 year-olds and the Adult Men's team. Individual donations can be

made to Team Kansas by sending a check or money order made out to Team Kansas, PO Box 6, Mayetta, KS 66509.

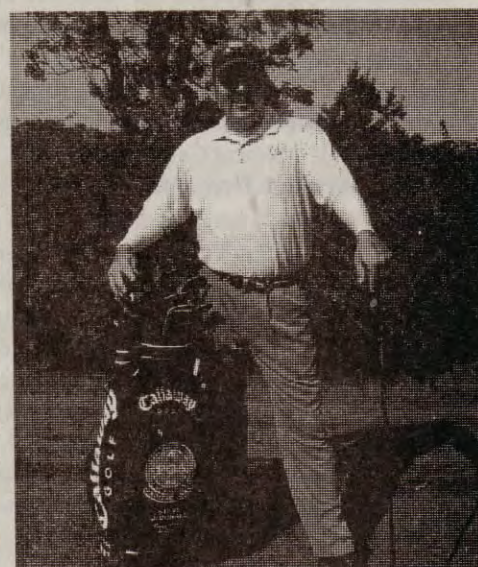
Participants have been working out and practicing in their respective sports. Team coaches are: Sag-tuk Banks - Archery, Mario Kitchkommie - Baseball Boys 13-14, Charles Nez - Basketball Girls 15-16, Phil Homerathia - Basketball Adult Women, Shawn Wetzel - Basketball Boys 15-16, Jamie Morrison - Basketball Boys 17-19, Isaac Keo - Basketball Adult Men, Steve McDonald - Golf, Gary Tanner - Softball Girls 17-19, Don Don LeClere - Softball Adult Women, Al Gipp & Dave St. Cyr - Track/Field, Stephanie Greemore - Volleyball Girls 13-14, Cheryl Hopkins - Volleyball Girls 15-16, Carla Feathers - Volleyball Adult Women, Justin Ogden - Wrestling. The 2006 Team Kansas Honorary Coach is Jerry Tuckwin and Raphael Wahwassuck & Steve McDonald are the Chef de Missions. Look for complete team rosters in next month's addition of the PBPB News. For more information concerning the 2006 North American Indigenous Games log on to www.naig2006.com

Steve McDonald wins All-Indian Tour Championship

PGA Professional, Steve McDonald won the All-Indian Tour Championship in Las Vegas, NV, April 14-16. He defeated Shreve Tso in a play-off to capture the crown. McDonald also finished third in a recent PGA ProAm event in Kansas City shooting a 3-under par 69 at Oakwood Country Club.

In related news, Nolan Pahmahmie won a varsity high school golf tournament recently in Atchison, Kan. where he fired a 3-under par 67.

At right is Steve McDonald at the 2005 Boys & Girls Fundraiser.



The Boys & Girls Club has 268 kids preregistered for their summer programs so far

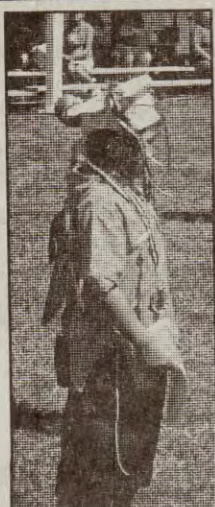
Scenes from the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Pow-wow

Graduation exercises were held for Early Childhood Education Center on May 17



Proud to be a
Potawatomi

It was a beautiful day at Prairie Peoples Park and attendance was great. Families and friends gathered to celebrate the children





Come to the Mayetta Western Roundup June 17 Mayetta, Kansas

- 7 a.m. Booth set up for vendors
- 9 a.m. Gates open
- 10 a.m. Parade

- Day-long activities include:
- a BBQ cook-off
 - music by the Kansas Red River Gang
 - demonstrations and games

Reserve a booth for western items only for \$25 a space (cannot be reserved without payment)

Contact Sally Merrill: (785) 966-2798
sally_merrill@yahoo.com

Kelly Gay: (785) 966-2500 store
(785) 935-2360 home



Apply Today!
6th Annual National Indian Youth Police Academy
August 6-19, 2006
Appleton, Wisconsin

All expenses paid!

For an application or more information:
Go to www.niypa.com
Apply no later than July 1, 2006

Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Must be 14 - 17 years of age on or before August 5, 2006.
- Must currently be in school or actively working on a GED.
- Must obtain three letters of recommendation stating why you would benefit from the Academy:
 1. A tribal teacher, counselor or school resource officer.
 2. A tribal official (i.e. Tribal council member, Tribal police official, Tribal government official).
 3. A Tribal member at large (any adult who is a Tribal member).

David J. Rogers (Nez Perce)
Academy Director
Fox Valley Technical College
Criminal Justice Center for Innovation
Ph: (920) 735-2590 Toll Free: (888) 370-1752
Fax: (920) 996-7192

Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals Information

Submitted by Micki Martinez, BPN MVD

Anyone wishing to renew their 2007 vehicle registration by mail, please mail a copy of your valid insurance card to our office and we will be happy to mail your registration to you. Make money order or check out to: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Motor Vehicle and mail to: Motor Vehicle Department, 16344 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509

Renewal Cost
Vehicles - \$20.00
Veterans, disabled, trailers, motorcycles-\$10.00

Duplicate Titles - \$10.00

Registration Schedules

Last Name	Month
A	February
B	March
C-D	April
E-F-G	May
H-I	June
J-K-L	July
M-N-O	August
P-Q-R	September
S	October
T-V-W	November
U-X-Y-Z	December

PBPN Government Offices closed
May 29 for Memorial Day

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation POW-WOW June 9, 10 & 11 Prairie Peoples Park 158 Rd & M Rd Mayetta, KS 66509

- Dance Contests-Specials
- Drum Contest

For more information call 1(877) 727-6743 or
email powwow@pbpnation.org

Location subject to change in case of inclement weather



Notice of Tornado Drill

The Potawatomi Tribal Response Emergency Committee (TERC) is planning a mock-disaster drill on the reservation on July 20 at 1 p.m. This will be a real-life exercise of responding to a large scale tornado disaster. For more information call Chief Price at the Potawatomi Fire Dept. at (785) 966-2164.



Save the date!
October 27-28
Diabetes Conference
Working together for balance

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino
Mayetta, KS

This conference is a cooperative effort of:

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

Contact Sebe Masquat at (785)364-2176 ext 231
(Major funding provided by Association of American Indian Affairs)

An open house was held at the Potawatomi Fire Station on May 18 in honor of National EMS Week May 14-22

2006 Potawatomi Gathering July 27- July 30 Dowagiac, Michigan

hosted by Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Details: LaVerne Hale at
(785) 966- 4014 or
email laverneh@pbpnation.org



Kickapoo Pow-Wow Days July 14-16 Kickapoo Reservation Horton, Kansas

Community reaches out to help Yolanda Solis

A thank you message from James & Judy Jackson and family

On behalf of my family I wanted to write this letter to express our appreciation for what the community has done for our granddaughter Yolanda Solis. All of you know, Yolanda developed a lump in her hand which turned out to be a malignant tumor. This tumor is a childhood cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. This type of cancer is treated by a combination of surgery and chemotherapy treatments at KU Medical Center in Kansas City. These treatments usually take anywhere from three to five days. Yolanda's mother Justina (Tommie) stays at her side day and night while Yolanda goes through the chemotherapy. Yolanda is only 10 years old and has shown a lot of courage during these times. Sometimes the chemotherapy causes complications with her blood cells. Yolanda and Tommie spent over two weeks at the hospital and finally got to come home before the next treatment. I just wanted to explain a little about the type of cancer Yolanda has. So again we wanted to thank each and every one of you for the donations Yolanda's received, and most importantly thank you for the many prayers and thoughts for Yolanda and our family. I pray that our creator will give everyone a special blessing for your kindness.

Justina (Tommie) Jackson also wants to thank everyone for their support.



Yolanda posed for the photo, left, when she stopped by the News office recently with her mother.

If you have one hundred people who live together, and if each one cares for the rest, there is one mind.

Shining Arrows (Crow)



People came together to help raise funds for Yolanda Solis. When this picture was taken approximately \$1,700 had been raised during three community events that were organized to help Yolanda with her health-care costs. Those who were instrumental in organizing the events are from left to right: Theresa Asselin, Judy Wabaunsee, Shayla Hale, Mary LeClere, Larene Thomas (inset photo) and Sandra Quintana (not shown). Also in the photo are Justina (Tommie) Jackson (far right) and Yolanda Solis. More fundraisers are being planned in the near future.

Photo by Mary Young

Julianna Walker retires from Army after 22 years of service

Submitted by: Julianna Walker

First Sergeant Julianna R. Walker (Bobese), a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Mayetta, Kansas retired from the U.S. Army in Feb 2006 after serving 22 years. She is a native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. She graduated from Valders High School in 1983 and attended Saint Leo University where she received her associate's degree in liberal arts and a bachelor of arts degree in Criminology. First Sergeant Walker enlisted in the United States Army Reserves in June 1983 as a 76C (Equipment Records and Parts Specialist). She later entered active duty in June of 1986.

Her previous assignments include service with the 222nd Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell KY; 54th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, Germany; HHC/DMMC, DISCOM 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; while assigned to 7th Transportation Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia she served with the 558th Transportation Company, the HHC, 6th Transportation Battalion, the HHC, 24th Transportation Battalion and the 10th Transportation Battalion; lastly she served with the 35th Supply & Services Battalion, Sagami Depot, Japan. Previous assignments while in the U.S. Army Reserves include service with the 377th Maintenance Company,

Manitowoc, WI.

Her military education includes the First Sergeants Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officers Course, Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCO), Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course (BNCOC), Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), AIT Equipment Records Parts Specialist (76C), Field Sanitation Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Unit Level Logistics System S4, (ULLS-S4), Unit Alcohol and Drug Coordinator Course, Direct Support Unit Standard Supply System (DS4) Management, Standard Army Retail Supply System 1 and the SARSS-1, Logistics Management Course Development Course.

First Sergeant Walker's Awards and Decorations include the following: Distinguished Order of Saint Martin for Logistical Excellence, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), National Defense Service Medal (1 Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon (#3 Device), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Overseas Service Ribbon (#4 Device), Meritorious Unit Citation and Driver's Badge. Her foreign awards include the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal and the Overseas Service Bar for service in Operation Desert Storm.

She is married to CW3 Jay L Walker, has one daughter, Melissa (21), one son, Matthew and currently resides at Camp Zama, Japan.

A point of view from Mildred Rohr

It was a sad day for the 287 tribal members who showed up for the General Council meeting on April 22, 2006. The reason for these meetings is to get information and to voice concerns on issues that are taking place without knowledge of General Council for the tribe. We were not given a chance or choice. Is this where we are headed on our reservation? To treat us like the federal government has treated us for 170 years? Where rules and laws are made with no input from tribes? Our Tribal Council sent the six amendments to Oklahoma without any input from General Council on the revised version of said amendments. We were told a forum would be held for the people's concerns. The chance is when we hold General Council meetings. Under the Bill of Rights we do have the right to freedom of speech. "The American Indian is neither an American nor Indian. He has the worst of one world the white world-and is barred from the best of his own. The Indian remains a stranger in his homeland. America's prisoner of war." I took this from the back of a book by Edgar S. Cohn, Editor, 1st print 1968 titled *Our Brother's Keeper: The Indian in White America*. Are we to become the forgotten Indian on our reservation and off?

An Elder in the Tribe
Mildred Rohr





Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)



Note-no-schkuk
is
6 years old on 06/06/06
A golden Happy Birthday wish for a little boy
that happens once in a lifetime.
We love you.
Mom and dad
(Angie & Tony Wahweotten & family)

James & Judy Jackson
send Happy Birthday wishes to
their granddaughter, Sandra Solis on May 1 and their
daughters, Tommie on May 8, and Jenny on May 19



Sandra Solis, right



Happy Birthday on May 14,
Benny Joe
Love, Mom



Belated
"Sweet 16"
birthday
greetings
to
Charissa
Jessepe
on
April 22
From, mom, dad,
Shani & Cordell

Happy 50th Birthday
Donald Lewis
(Kauch-chee)

May 8, 1956



Love,
mom and dad
& all the family

Happy Birthday
to Chris
on June 7
We love you and miss you
bunches!
Love, Aunt Brenda and your
cousins Brandon and Joey



Happy
Birthday
Marissa
Jordan
who is
6 years old

Love, Mom,
Dad, Jaime,
Adria, and
Kobe

Ganiffèk

(Those who are born)

Welcome
Evan James Lukens
Born: March 1, 2006
Weighed: 8 lbs, 15 oz.



Parents: Jon & Rhoda Lukens
Grandparents: Rodger & Darlene Young
Bob & Jan Lukens
Great-Grandparents: Agnes & the late Jim
McKinney

Welcome
to the world
Victor M. Espinoza-Zaragoza, Jr.
Born: Feb. 6, 2006
Weighed: 6 lbs, 15 Oz.



From your mom, dad,
grandma & grandpa,
aunties & uncles

Happy Belated 3rd Birthday
Mason Elkriver Thomas
on April 28

From: Pisho Fred, Gama
Rainey, Gama Rose and Buzz,
mom, dad, and sissy



Send your good
news to the News

Other Special messages

Thank you

The family of Isabelle (Nioce)
Wahweotten Thomas would like to express
our sincere gratitude for the prayers,
cards, flowers, food and phone calls at the time of the loss of
our mother and sister. A "special" thank you to our tribal lead-
ers, R&B Dept., Housing, Law Enforcement, CHR's, and the
PBPB Government Center for all you have done in providing
the care she received. Your acts of kindness shall long be
remembered.

Linda, Warren and Vernon Wahweotten
Inez Aikin, Loretta Rosenthal and Vestina

The family of Shawn Walker requests
your thoughts and prayers during his
deployment in support of Operation
Iraqi Freedom with the Kansas Army
National Guard (108th Aviation).
Shawn is the son of Cecil Walker and
grandson of Vestina Nonken

Wants a pen pal

Joseph A. Jackson A.O. #2049114
700 Conley Lake Rd.
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Area Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

Bethany Baptist Church

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

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

Prairie Band Baptist Outreach

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

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta, KS

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

Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist

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

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

Pentecostal

Lakeview Faith Chapel

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

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

Pottawatomie Pentecostal Church

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

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

Dear brothers and sisters and friends all:

What a friend we have in Jesus! He
really is a friend that sticketh closer than a
brother. He said He would never leave or for-
sake us and He cannot lie. In fact, one of His
titles is "The Truth."

Quite often we have
heard or seen the term, "In a
perfect world." That is kind
of a term that describes what
would really be nice for eve-
ryone. Well, we don't live
in a perfect world but we can
have the perfect God, in Je-
sus Christ. I have found Je-
sus to be everything I need.

First of all, I need
someone who is better and
greater than I am. I am a
mere mortal, and at 54, I am
starting to really experience
mortality. With Jesus Christ,
I have a sure hope of living
on and on. Not being perfect,
and not by a long shot at
that, I need to be forgiven.
That wonderful miracle was
taken care of by my Saviour,
Jesus. I need some one to
talk to, when there is no
one else who really can
understand or might look
down on me for being so
vulnerable. Jesus is that
very real person who will
listen to me at

anytime. He knew about 24-7 before man
finally came up with the term. I could write
many pages about all the wonderful qualities
of the God and man who walked this earth
some 2000 years ago. As the Apostle John
said (about all the things that Jesus did),
"I suppose that even the world itself could
not contain the books that should be writ-
ten." (John 21:25)

Yes, Jesus
Christ is my God, my
Lord and Saviour, my
High Priest, my very-
soon coming King.
With Him I experience
love, joy, peace, friend-
ship, forgiveness, accep-
tance, assurance and so
much more. I walk
around with fear in this
world, which is far from
perfect but one day will

be a perfect world when Jesus Christ, the King
of Kings will make it so. I plan on walking
in that world too, and I hope that you will
accept Jesus as your Saviour and with me.
Blessings,
Pastor Steve Cappleman
Lakeview Faith Chapel



Sunrise service at Lakeview Faith
Chapel.

Kamboffèk (Those who died)

Isabelle Thomas

Isabelle "Mak-Ke-yo" Thomas, 83, Mayetta, died April 22, 2006, at a Topeka hospital. She was born July 13, 1922, in Mayetta, the daughter of Charles and Alice Lasley Nioce. She was a lifelong resident of Mayetta and attended Holton High School. Mrs. Thomas was a seamstress for Slimaker Dress Factory and had also worked in Atchison. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, a chairwoman for the Potawatomi Pow Wow Club and was involved in the development of American Indian Day for the Potawatomi in Kansas. She was a member of the Drum Religion and attended Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. She married Albert Wahweotten in 1940. They later divorced. She later married Hollis Thomas in 1965. He died in 2003. She also was preceded in death by a sister, Vivian Nioce; a brother, Edgar Nioce; and her stepfather, Joseph Nioce. Survivors include three sons, Vernon Wahweotten and Warren Wahweotten, both of Mayetta, and James Lyddane, Topeka; a daughter, Linda Wahweotten, Holton; four sisters, Loretta Rosenthal, Cherokee, Iowa, Vestina Nonken, Holton, Inez Aikin, Fayetteville, Ga., and Jeanette Cummings, Hutchinson; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Drum services will be held April 25 at the Dancegroud Building in Mayetta. Burial will be April 26 in Shipshewer Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 4/24/06)

Louis "Roe Cloud" Jessepe

Louis "Roe Cloud" Jessepe, 89, Netawaka, died May 6, 2006, at a Sabetha care center. He was born April 1, 1917, in Delia, the son of Dewey and Minnie Wahwasuck Jessepe. Mr. Jessepe was a self-employed painter and trapper and was well-known for his arts and crafts. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. He married Luetta Jean McKinney. She died Nov. 17, 1998. Survivors include two sons, Dewey Jessepe, Horton, and John Klusener, Topeka; a daughter, Shirley Potts, Sabetha; a sister, Laura May Ortiz, Holton; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Drum services will be held at 5 p.m. May 9 at the Kickapoo Community Building on the Kickapoo Reservation, where family will greet friends at 6:30 p.m. May 8. Burial will be at 10 a.m. May 10 in Mjissepe Cemetery on the reservation. Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.dishon-maple-chaney.com

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 5/8/06)

In memory of Edison Mahkuk, Jr.

It has been four years since our brother Edison started his journey. I would like to thank the people who traveled here, for the donations. I would like to thank the Winnebago people for treating my brother like one of them, those that watched out for him the years that he lived in Minneapolis. I would like to thank the Winnebago wake and burial, for bringing my brother home and allowing him to be buried here. I would like to thank the Prairie Band Nation for financially making it possible for Jr. to be brought home, may God bless you all.

Edison Mahkuk—Fourth Memorial at N.A.C. Winnebago, Nebraska
May 20, 2006
Everyone welcome.
Thank you.
Pam Mahkuk

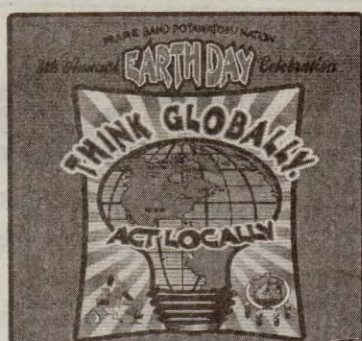


8th Annual Earth Day Celebration Think Globally, Act Locally

Submitted by Virginia LeClere

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation celebrated Earth Day on Sunday, April 23, 2006. Approximately 250 people participated in a variety of events such as the run, walk, bike ride, bike rodeo, bike safety check, cake-walk, and several youth races/activities. In addition, many ongoing events occurred throughout the day, including the tree/shrub/cedar mulch giveaway, environmental information booths and activities, raffles, and a concession stand.

This year's T-shirt was designed by Damien Valdivia, with the theme, "Think Globally, Act Locally" (see below). The winning design was selected from artwork submitted by local talent. All participants, volunteers, and attendees received an Earth Day T-shirt with the beautiful, new design. Designs from past Earth Day T-shirts were also featured on a handmade quilt donated by Cindy LeClere, Karen Thomas, and Paula Moore. The quilt was a very popular raffle item.



The day concluded with an awards and recognition presentation for all of the winners of events, volunteers, and contributors to the PBPB Earth Day Celebration. The PBPB Earth Day Committee would again like to thank all of the volunteers, participants, departments, organizations, and families for their valuable contributions. We appreciate your efforts to maintain and improve the wonderful community that we are all very fortunate to be a part of!

Listed below are the winners of Earth Day events:

3-Mile Run

0-10 Male

1st - Wahp LeClere
2nd - Kwaki Spoonhunter
3rd - Trent Blaylock

11-17 Male

1st - Wesley Mays
2nd - Mucks Wahweotten

18-39 Male

1st - Dustin Francis
2nd - Roy Spoonhunter

40+ Female

1st - Latane Donelin

Overall Female: Latane Donelin
Overall Male: Wesley Mays

3-Mile Bike Ride

0-10 Female

1st - Danielle Duryea
2nd - Mshetto Lewis
3rd - Amber Weber

0-10 Male

1st - Doug Green
2nd - Ivan Levier
3rd - Cooper Duryea

11-17 Female

1st - Sylvana Levier

18-39 Female

1st - Adele Thomas

18-39 Male

1st - Cody Nozhackum
2nd - Raphael Wahwassuck
3rd - Justin Torres

40+ Female

Hedy Noland
Overall Female: Adele Thomas
Overall Male: Doug Green

6-Mile Bike Ride

0-10 Female

1st - Hannah Wahwassuck
2nd - Sierra Pahnahmie

0-10 Male

1st - Mikal Kitchkemie

11-17 Female

1st - Nadas Green
Overall Female: Hannah Wahwassuck
Overall Male: Mikal Kitchkemie

3-Mile Predictor's Walk

0-10 Female

1st - Shobwas Hubbard
2nd - Halie Harjo
3rd - Talima Harjo

0-10 Male

1st - Doug Green
2nd - Josh Simon
3rd - Toby Ritchie Jr.

11-17 Female

1st - Nes Hubbard
2nd - Sylvana Levier
3rd - Carmen Wakolee

11-17 Male

1st - Mucks Wahweotten
2nd - Jesse Razo
3rd - Patrick Mills

18-39 Female

1st - Rose LeClere
2nd - Joy Matchie
3rd - Kelly Mills

18-39 Male

1st - Melvin Lewis
2nd - Toby Ritchie
3rd - Mikes Potts

40+ Female

1st - Donita Mattwaoshshe
2nd - Hedy Noland
3rd - Jan Hubbard

40+ Male

1st - Joe Jessepe
2nd - David Schneider
3rd - David Daubon
Overall Female: Rose LeClere
Overall Male: Doug Green

Special Recognition for Community Roadside Clean-up Volunteers:

- "TrashBusters" - Mary Young, Juanita Jessepe, Joe Jessepe, Mary Lewis, Sylvana Levier

- Rez Recyclers - David Criqui and Family

- PBPB Tribal Council

- John Ferrari

Special Environmental Hero Award:

- Alvina LaClair



Pictures of the 2006 Earth Day Celebration



Fire Department staff Lance Wishkeno, left, and Larry Woltje, right, performed a bike safety check.



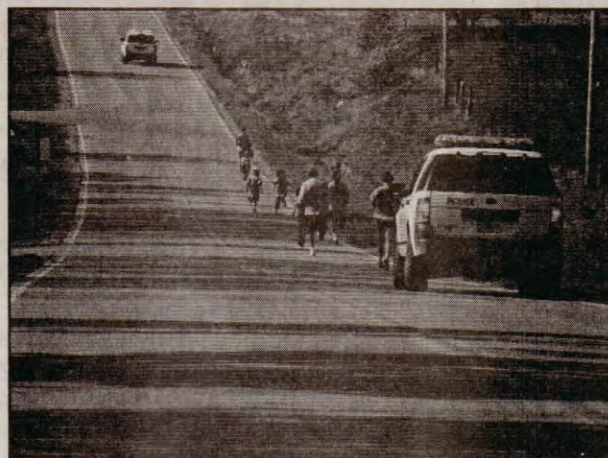
EPA staff distributed flower bulbs and tree seedlings to the community at the Earth Day festivities.



Donica Nanez, left, and Mary LeClere exhibit the handmade quilt of Earth Day T-shirt designs.



First place and "overall female" in the 3-mile run, was former EPA Director, Latane Donelin, who posed for a photo.



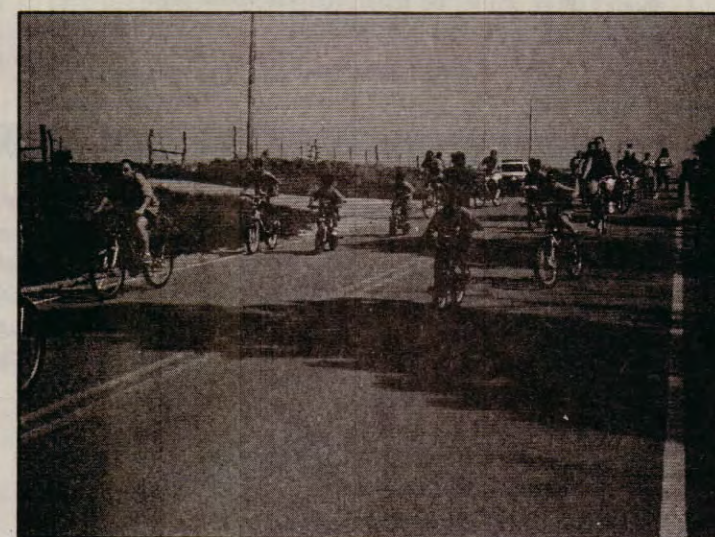
The first race for the day was the 3- and 6-mile run.



At the sound of the whistle, the 3-mile predictor's walk started under the arch and through the park.



Tribal Police participated in the events and gathered above as the award presentations took place, clockwise, l-r: Russell Whiteside, Robert Beseny, Matt Johnson, John Hurla, and Marcus Koch.



Rolling out of the starting gate, during the bike event.



Lt. Marcus Koch "directed" traffic at the bike rodeo; the unidentified girl with him signals a right turn.