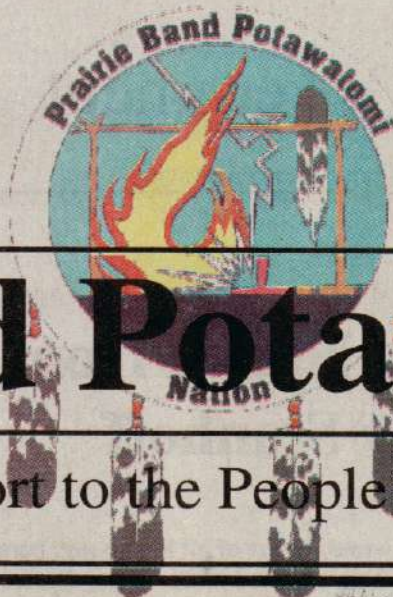


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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Shabbona Update

Two town hall meetings were held near Shabbona, Ill. during the third week of May concerning the Tribe's desire to put in a bingo hall and cultural center on land that it recently purchased in rural DeKalb County.

Each meeting drew hundreds of people that were both held at Indian Creek High School. Residents are divided over whether a gaming facility should be built in the area and are asking the federal government for clarification as to whether the land can have gaming on it.

An article in the *Chicago Tribune* (May 16, 2007) reported that political and legal officials Rep. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) and National Indian Gaming Commission general counsel Penny Coleman were at the first meeting held on May 14. Coleman told the crowd that under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) the PBPB have the right to put a pull-tab or bingo gaming facility on its land without state approval if the land is approved for gaming. Hastert suggested that more information is needed about that issue.

PBPB Tribal Council Chairperson Tracy Stanhoff attended both meetings. At the first meeting, the *Sauk Valley News* (May 15, 2007) reported that she said, "We stand firm that this is a reservation and we also stand firm that we will not be a burden."

At the second meeting, a *DeKalb Daily Chronicle* (May 18, 2007) article published that Stanhoff said the Tribe wanted to be good neighbors in the community and that they were trying to discuss the matter with the county and residents instead of going to court. She also said that the Tribe had been held back from pursuing the American dream and that she was asking for help to work through this.

Last year the Tribe purchased 128 acres that was formerly theirs since it was given to Chief Shab-eh-nay in 1829. Opponents are challenging if the land can be gamed upon and are looking to the federal government to clarify the land's status.

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to unveil Prairie Band Casino & Resort logo and branding campaign

At press time the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) was getting ready to hold a press conference to unveil its new logo and to launch a branding campaign for the new Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Depending on good weather the event was planned to be held near a billboard located on U.S. Highway 75 and 150 Road or at Harrah's Casino.

The property presently known as Harrah's Prairie Band Casino is being renamed the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. On July 1 the Tribe will officially take over the management of the casino from Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Kansas Casino Corporation and begin operating on its own management.

Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair, was scheduled to lead the unveiling of the logo that was going to be shown on a billboard advertising the new casino enterprise.

The logo was designed to be a blend of tribal and gaming symbols that are new and old. For example, the logo's diamond shaped background combines the concepts of Native



ABOVE: The new logo for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

American traditions with excellence and gaming, and the fire design is exemplary of the Potawatomi's origin tradition of being the "Keeper of the Flame." The bold Prairie Band Casino & Resort name will maintain customer recognition of the casino name and keep in mind projected plans for the first-rate amenities.

Those scheduled to attend the press conference were members of the PBPB Tribal Council, Gaming Commissioners, the PBPB

Casino Transition Team and Prairie Band Casino & Resort executive staff.

A special highlight of the event will be allowing attendees to be elevated by an aerial ladder for viewing of the event by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's state-of-the-art Fire Truck #651. The ladder, which can reach elevations of a 100 feet, will allow attendees to view the casino to the west, the new interchange system at U.S. Highway 75 and 150 Road, and surrounding region from the air.

A public grand opening celebration of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort is slated for early July. The Nation is also planning a private community celebration to thank Harrah's in the coming month.

In 1992, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation opened a Class II bingo facility on its Kansas reservation in Mayetta. In 1998, the Nation entered into an agreement with Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Kansas Casino Corporation, and opened a 63,000 square-foot gaming facility. In 2003 a \$55 million dollar expansion to the casino property took place that added new hotel space, two restaurants and added gaming space.

**Grand opening activities  
will be held in July**

## Kansas gaming bill may spell budget cuts for PBPB

Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison announced on May 14 that he will not challenge the new gaming legislation recently passed by the state until the law's operational regulations are written which could take up to a year.

Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius asked Morrison to challenge the bill at a signing ceremony in April shortly after the bill passed. She said a ruling by the Kansas Supreme Court about the legality of the bill would make potential casino enterprise investors feel more secure about the bill being sound. The bill is scheduled to go into effect July 1.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation also said they would fight the bill immediately after the legislation passed.

Operational regulations of the gaming enterprises will be written by the Kansas Lottery

who will oversee gaming in Kansas which is expected to take several months to complete.

The new gaming legislation will allow for the state to operate four destination hotel-casinos and slot machines at horse and dog tracks that are already located in the state.

PBPB leaders are concerned that the addition of the Kansas casinos will cause a reduction in the Tribe's casino revenues.

At the weekly director's meeting on May 9 it was announced that the potential casino revenue decrease coupled with the possible passage of an upcoming mail-out vote asking tribal members to increase per capita expenditures from 16 percent to 48 percent could mean an almost 50 percent decrease in the the operating budget of the PBPB government for next year.

## World War II veteran Leroy Mzhickteno receives Order of Saint Maurice Medallion from National Infantry Association



From left to right is Major General (Ret) Jack Strukel, Francis Shopteese, We-Ta-Se Senior Liaison, Jim Darnall, Liaison, Leroy Mzhickteno, WW II We-Ta-Se Veteran, Colonel (Ret) Robert A. Dalton, Executive Secretary of the 35th Infantry Division, and Jim Gravenstein, past National Vice Commander of District 1 American Legion who all participated in an awards ceremony to honor Leroy for his WW II service that was held at the We-Ta-Se Building on May 3.

Leroy Mzhickteno, a World War II veteran and Prairie Band Potawatomi member, received the Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion) Medallion by the National Infantry Association today at an award ceremony sponsored by the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 at their headquarters in Mayetta, Kan. May 3.

The Order of Saint Maurice Medallion is awarded to individuals who represented the Infantry Community of the United States Army with honor, valor, and by their actions. Mzhickteno was nominated through the Santa Fe Chapter of the National Infantry Association last year.

Major General (Ret) Jack Strukel, a retired U.S. Major General and himself an Order of St. Maurice (Primicerius) award recipient, presented the award to Mzhickteno. Others bestowing honors on the veteran were Colonel (Ret) Robert A. Dalton, Executive Secretary of the 35th Infantry Division, and Jim Gravenstein, past National Vice Commander of District 1 American Legion.

Mzhickteno was a member of Company E 137th Regiment, 35th Infantry Division during World War II in the European Theater of Operations. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for his service as a combat soldier with the 35th Division and also received other medals for his service including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Dalton presented Mzhickteno with a replica of the Combat Infantry Badge during the presentation.

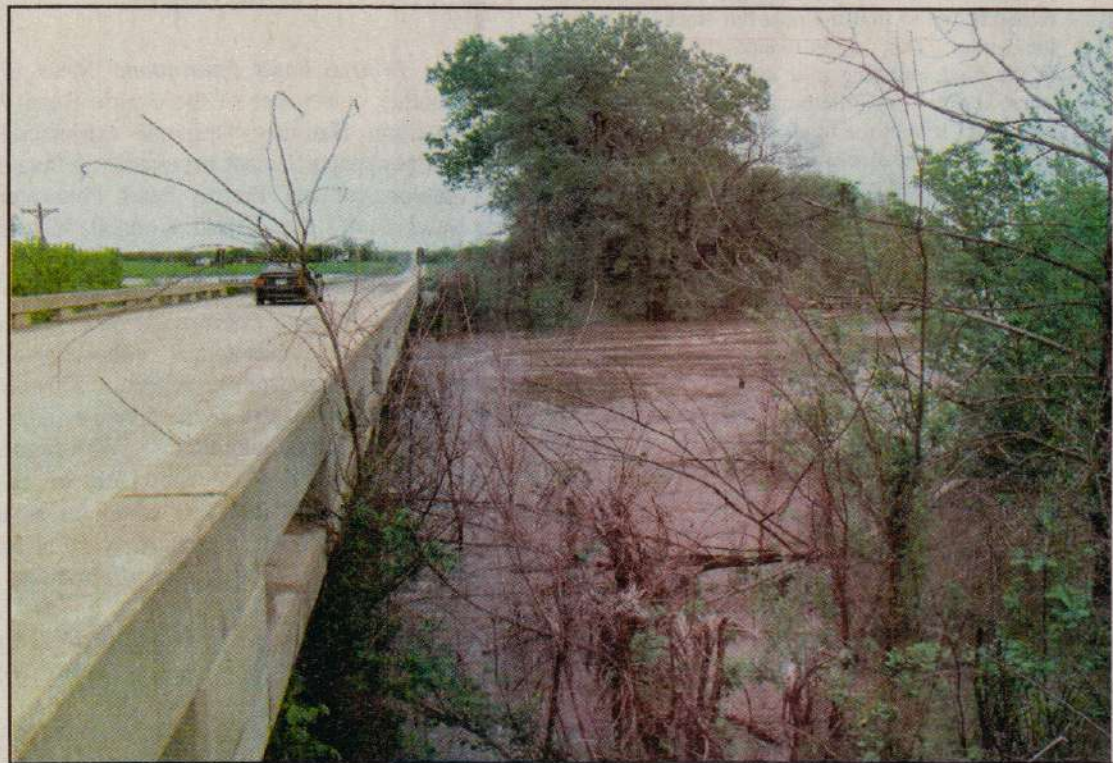
Mzhickteno was born on the Potawatomi reservation and attended schools in Mayetta. He joined the National Guard in 1938 and from there was drafted into World War II where he served in the infantry as a rifleman. After serving in the war he returned to Kansas where he worked as a millwright for FMC in Lawrence for 27 years. After retiring he moved back to the Potawatomi reservation where he has lived ever since.

He is also a lifetime member of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410, one of the oldest Native American Legion posts in the country that began in 1984. We-Ta-Se which means "one who is brave" in the Potawatomi language presently has 85 members. They are supported by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and have an office that is staffed by two veterans who work fulltime to assist tribal veterans. We-Ta-Se also participates in approximately 50 events a year posting colors at parades, powwows, and funerals.



Leroy Mzhickteno as a young man in the U.S. Army in the 1940s.

## When it rains, it pours!



Big Soldier Creek, that runs through the western edge of the reservation, was out of its bank in certain places after big rains came during the first weekend of May that dumped between 3 to 6 inches in the area. The bridge above, however, located on 158 Road between G and H Roads kept traffic rolling through as the road was high and dry. Thanks to the PBPB Road & Bridge crews, 158 Road was improved a couple of years ago with a new bridge and paved road.





## May 2007 Letter to the Nation from Tribal Chair, Tracy Stanhoff



Dear Tribal Members:

Again, I am writing to you all with a heavy heart. A petition for my recall as your Tribal Chair has been delivered to our Election Board.

What this recall process means, is that the Election Board has 15 days to verify the signatures on the petition and then, if valid, the Election Board has to call for a recall hearing (special meeting) within 30 days from signature validation.

During this hearing a vote may be called for my removal of office, tribal members must be present during this hearing to vote on whether I stay. The rules say that there will be no voting amongst our entire population - you must be present at the hearing to vote.

From what I understand from what has been reported to me those who presented the recall petition are a group led by Badger Wahwasuck, Mamie Rupnicki and George Wahquahboshkuk who want me removed from office.

I have done nothing illegal against Tribal Council policies or against our Constitution. But, I also understand as recent history has dictated that the Tribal Chair's position in our Tribe has often been under attack from some due to recalls, resignations and appointments as a means of staffing this important role.

When I was first appointed as our Interim Chair by Tribal Council last January, I visited with a tribal group headed by Badger and Mamie the evening before my swearing in. Instead of a curious welcome from our Tribal membership there, I was treated in a manner that George felt compelled to apologize to me for in a letter he wrote after the meet-

ing. He wrote, "First of all let me say, personally how ashamed I am of how you were received at the Senior Center by some of our more colorful and rude tribal members. I can assure you that there are a lot of us out here that doesn't act in such a shameful manner, as you witnessed."

The Tribal Council has had Badger and Mamie's group in a few times to discuss their questions on tribal business as all of our members have a right to express their opinions. It has been reported to me that when this group arrived last Friday with the recall petition, some in the group were tribal members who have personally met with me to discuss and to ask for my office's assistance with solutions for a wide variety of personal situations. Although I am troubled by their actions, nevertheless, my office has always been and will always be open for all tribal members who need assistance.

I will continue to lead our tribal efforts to: complete a successful, faster than planned, casino transition to self-management saving the Tribe millions of dollars in fees and lost revenues; pursue the Shab-eh-nay Reservation re-jurisdiction negotiations for the historic complete re-acquisition of our lost Reservation and establishment of a new gaming facility; formulate the diversifying of our Tribal businesses through the 75 Highway/150th Road development and our 8(a) SBA application; and other tasks that Tribal Council is completing right now.

I am proud of the progress that we, Tribal Council, make everyday in our efforts to "move our Tribe forward". Our last 16 months in office together has brought the Tribe much success.

As a sovereign Nation, we have the right to elect our officials - we have a right to vote. It is unfortunate that we have some in the Tribe jeopardizing our sovereignty by continuing on this recall process without cause and trying to reverse just election results.

We need to continue moving forward. I hope I will have your support at this upcoming recall hearing.

Tracy Stanhoff



Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff attended a reception for Presidential Candidate Senator Hillary Clinton. The two briefly spoke of the need for continued funding for Indian Health Centers and the upcoming Prez on the Rez conference to be held this August at Morongo.



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

By Rex Frazier, Financial Officer—Denison State Bank



Getting dressed is a common experience everyone shares on a daily basis. However, the variations within that common are great. Clothes a police officer needs for work will be different from those for a farmer or a surgeon. A

tie may be appropriate for a lawyer but very hazardous for a meat processor. "Onesies" are great for newborns, but entirely inappropriate for a 50-year-old.

It is important to pick out clothes appropriate to your age and occupation. It is equally important to pick out mutual funds appropriate to your objectives and risk tolerance. A mutual fund that is great for your neighbor may not be good for you, much like insulated underwear is great for a construction worker but usually not appropriate for a secretary.

To pick out mutual funds that are appropriate for you, it helps to be familiar with the basic types of mutual funds. There are a couple different ways to think about types of mutual funds. The first is to separate funds by their investment strategy. Value (or Income) funds are funds that invest in large or mid-sized companies that may be overlooked. In an effort to increase their attractiveness to investors, these funds usually pay dividends (thus the name Income Funds). These are usually more mature companies like General Motors, Royal Dutch Schell, or AT&T. As a mature company, their stock usually has less potential for large increase in stock price. On the positive side, the stocks are also less likely to suffer large declines in price. The dividends provide a source of income, regardless of whether the stock price is rising or falling.

Growth funds invest in stocks whose shares will hopefully grow faster than the average company. Microsoft, Google, and Nokia are examples of stocks that growth funds would invest in. These stocks have a higher potential for long-term appreciation. However, they are more vulnerable to

market risk. These funds are most suitable for long-term investors who can tolerate wide swings on their investment.

Most mutual fund companies offer Growth & Income (or Blended) Funds. These funds attempt to deliver both capital appreciation (increases in stock prices) and income. The idea is to get more growth than a pure income fund but less volatility than a growth fund.

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large Cap			
Mid Cap			
Small Cap			

Another way to separate mutual funds is by the size of the companies they invest in. Companies are usually divided up into large-cap stocks, mid-cap stocks, and small-cap stocks. The division is based on market value (number of stock shares multiplied by current market price). Large-Cap stocks have a market value greater than \$9 billion. Examples of large-cap stocks would be Kraft, Time-Warner, and Dell. Mid-cap stocks will have a market value in the range of \$1 billion to \$9 billion. Sirius Satellite, Rite Aid, and Mattel are examples of mid-cap stocks. Small-cap companies will have a market value less than \$1 billion. Some better known small-cap companies are Pier 1, Palm, and Blockbuster. Usually, small-cap companies will use their profits to grow rather than pay dividends while the large-cap companies will be mature companies, who pay dividends. It is also easier for a company's results to have a more dramatic impact on smaller number of stocks or cheaper stocks. Morningstar, an independent reporting company on mutual funds, uses the grid above to help investors quickly see where the mutual fund they are looking at belongs. Mutual funds plotted in the upper left box will be less volatile. As plot points go left or down, usually there is an increase in volatility and growth opportu-

nity.

Another type of mutual fund is an index fund. Index funds try to replicate one of the major indices, such as the S&P 500, NASDAQ, or the Russell 2000. Index funds purchase small amounts of each stock in the chosen index. By simply replicating the index, the fund manager has no need to do research, try to find the next hot stock, or outthink the market. This greatly reduces the operating costs of the fund, resulting in a very cost efficient fund. There is also very little buying and selling in an index fund. It buys the funds when you put the money in and holds the stocks until you sell. This buffers the investor from capital gains tax charges.

The final types are funds that invest in international stocks. For the past three years, this has been the hottest market for mutual funds. But this is also a market that carries more risks. Those additional risks include exchange-rate risk and political risk. Exchange rate risk occurs when foreign currencies exchange rates impact the value of the fund without the fund actually changing value in its native currency. Political risk is the threat of dramatic changes in a foreign country's government.

International funds specialize in foreign securities. They may invest in a single country or a region. Emerging Market Funds are a particularly volatile international fund. These funds invest in countries that are evolving from an undeveloped agricultural economy to a modern industrial economy or a socialist economy to a free market economy. These changes can be very difficult to forecast and therefore only aggressive investors should invest. There are funds which invest both in the United States and throughout the world. These funds are called Global or World funds.

I hope this brief introduction to the terms used to describe mutual stock funds was helpful. Stock funds are not the only type of mutual funds available. Next month I will tell you about Bond funds, Balanced funds, Asset Allocation funds, and Sector funds. Until then, I always look forward to your questions or comments. I can be reached at rfrazier@denisonstatebank.com or 1-800-633-2423.

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## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation gives large donation to Banner Creek Science Center



A press conference was held to announce the donation near where the Banner Creek center will be built. From left to right are Bruce Welliever, Mike Ford, Mike McManigal, Ellen Schirmer, Brad Rahe and Bill Zirger, who are all on the Banner Creek Science Center Board of Directors, and Delores Abrams, Tracy Stanhoff, Jim Potter, and Jackie Mitchell who represented the PBPB.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) awarded a \$12,000 donation to members of the board of directors of the Banner Creek Science Center near Holton, Kan. as part of their 1st Quarter Charitable Contributions awards for 2007. The proposed facility will provide a learning space for science programs and include an observatory/planetarium. The center being designed will serve K-12 children in Kansas.

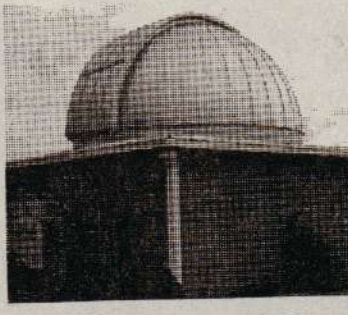
The news was announced on April 26 at a press conference held at Banner Creek Nature Trail which is located three miles west and one mile south of Holton near where the science center will be constructed. Members from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council and the Tribe's Charitable Contributions Committee were on hand to give the donation to Bill Zirger, president of the Banner Creek Science Center Board of Directors, and other members of the science center board.

In addition to the Banner Creek Science Center project, other organizations that are located near the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation were also scheduled to receive awards. Among them are the Mayetta Area Business Association that will receive \$1,000 to host a city-wide barbeque cook off, the Boy Scouts of America Troop #173 Hoyt-Mayetta who will receive \$1,000 for training equipment and Rural Township Fire District #3 headquartered in Perry, Kan. who will receive \$4,000 to purchase 15 portable radios with paging ability.

Some Topeka organizations will also benefit from Prairie Band Potawatomi Charitable Contributions. A \$5,000 donation to Doorstep, Inc. will help people in need with rent and utility bills, the YMCA Safe



Mike Ford



The Elk Creek Observatory

*Mike Ford, Holton High School Science Instructor, runs the Elk Creek Observatory located behind the school which is the only observatory used to teach K-12 children in the world. Students work on projects that teach them about black holes, solar planets and Near Earth Objects and are working with NASA project scientists and agencies.*

*Plans are to move the observatory to the Banner Creek Science Center once it is built. The Charitable Contribution donation is helping to fund that effort.*

Visit Program will receive \$5,000 to allow individuals with children to receive scholarship assistance, and Stormont-Vail who will use \$5,000 for their Care Line program designed to help patients with medical costs. Other organizations in Topeka receiving donations are listed at right.

Additionally, organizations in outlying communities will also receive help from the PBPB. In Lawrence the Boys & Girls Club will receive \$5,000 to maintain and increase services for their youth and Best Buddies International at the University of Kansas will receive a \$2,800 donation to help their group match college-age students to children in a mentoring program. The Franklin County Historical Society in Ottawa will receive \$3,000 for roof repair damaged by hail to help them preserve their artifacts and records.

Lastly, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are also helping Native American organizations. A \$2,000 donation will help underwrite the Stories N' Motion Film Festival that is in its third year at Haskell Indian Nations University; a \$3,000 award will help fund an Honor the Youth Spiritual Run that will begin in Macy, Neb. and end on the PBPB reservation in June, and \$5,000 will go to the National Native American Fire Chiefs Association to help underwrite fire safety and prevention programs for Native American communities.

Overall, \$73,800 was given for the 1st quarter Charitable Contributions Awards for 2007.



### Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 2007 1st Quarter Charitable Contributions Awards List

- Mayetta Area Business Association, Mayetta, KS \$1,000
- YWCA of Topeka R.A.C.E. Committee, Topeka, KS \$1,000
- Doorstep, Inc., Topeka, KS \$5,000
- YMCA Safe Visit Program, Topeka, KS \$5,000
- Rural Township Fire District #3, Perry, KS \$4,000
- Boy Scouts of America Troop #173, Mayetta, KS \$1,000
- Stories N' Motion Film Festival, Lawrence, KS \$2,000
- Honor the Youth Spiritual Run, 2007, Macy, NE \$3,000
- Stormont Vail Foundation, Topeka, KS \$5,000
- Banner Creek Science Center, Holton, KS \$12,000
- Victory Tabernacle Church, Topeka, KS \$4,000
- Midland Hospice 2007 Celebration Walk, Topeka, KS \$5,000
- Adult Education Center at Kaw Area Tech, Topeka, KS \$5,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, Lawrence, KS \$5,000
- Franklin County Historical Society, Ottawa, KS \$3,000
- Best Buddies International-University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS \$2,800
- National Native American Fire Chiefs Association, Maricopa, AZ \$5,000
- Washburn Women's Alliance, Topeka, KS \$5,000

Total: \$73,800

## News from the Gaming Commission

by Joyce Guerrero  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commissioner

I traveled to Green Bay, Wis. this month to participate in the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) certification course level 1 series for Gaming Commissioners that was hosted by the Oneida Gaming Commission, Green Bay, Wis.

These courses are informative and beneficial to the new inexperienced regulators as well as gaming commissioners who have been on the job for awhile.

The first day's opening remarks were given by Ernie Stevens, chairman of NIGA. He said that tribal gaming is now a 27 billion dollar industry and that the strength of our industry is our regulation and that we must not get too complacent and careless in regulations.

He also reported that the intent of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) was for the tribal regulatory bodies to be the primary regulators. Further, the tribes that have signed a compact with their states have agreed upon oversight by the state gaming agencies. The Prairie Band Potawatomi have signed such an agreement with the state of Kansas.

"We don't bend the rules" Stevens stated, "Indian regulation is legitimate and for real".

Another speaker talked about the tribal ordinances which is where the tribal gaming commissions get their authority. Suggestions were made to the gaming commissions to have regular meetings with their tribal councils and to stay informed about tribal ordinances and changes. The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is intending to focus upon the tribal gaming ordinances and are wanting more input in regards to what must be put in the tribal gaming ordinances.

Internal control standards are written policies that insure there are procedures to be followed so that you know where the assets are. Separation of functions, means of accountability and checks and balances are all in the current control standards that must be followed by your facility's technical standards. They are written for the regulation of gaming machines to insure that they are operating fairly and have the software that has been tested by an independent gaming lab and verified for the particular jurisdiction. The PBPB have current updated controls.

The NIGC, [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov) is also in the process of proposing amendments that are controversial to tribes and it is important that tribes follow the process and participate in comments to the NIGC. As you are probably aware, NIGC lost an important court case that affects their ability to audit tribes in Class III gaming. The Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) won a court decision where it was ruled that NIGC had no jurisdiction in regard to auditing Class III Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS). Phil Hogan, chairman of NIGC has said NIGC is coming back with proposals to modernize several regulations this year.

One of the rules he is trying to establish is a complex rule for facility licensing. It would require tribes to certify that their

casinos are located on Indian land, as defined by the IGRA, and that they meet environment and health and public safety standards. Hogan also has concerns that tribes will misread the CRIT decision and attempt to lock the NIGC out of areas like management contracts and ordinance approval and compliances.

Another issue that was discussed was the coming of newer technologies in the form of server-based and downloadable games. People can expect to hear more on these games because manufacturers are already trying to sell them and it was advised to move cautiously as to the regulation and controls of these systems. Just as we moved forward on the ticket-in-ticket-out process this should involve gaming commissions getting as much information and education as possible.

A good portion of the day was on the topic of licensing individuals for casinos. A point made was that licensing is a privilege. Commissions should know every person that is in the casino. No department or person should be exempt from submitting information to the gaming commission. There may be levels of how much information will be submitted but that decision should be left up to the Gaming Commissions. Some examples given were the buses that come into your casinos and vendors like Pepsi or Coca Cola. Should their personnel be licensed and what liability issues affect their personnel? In addition, subsidiary vendors can sometimes be a problem. These are all decisions that have to be determined by the gaming commissions. A recommendation was that tribal councils not have access to everything in the casino.

There was general agreement that first preference be given to all tribal members in the hiring process and that there may be some instances where conditional licensing could be considered by the Gaming Commission. After all, the intent of IGRA is to help tribal members with employment.

Other topics discussed were hearing procedures. Overall, the training conference was much appreciated and will be beneficial to my duties as a Gaming Commissioner. Another part of attending these conferences is the valuable networking that is done and visiting and sharing information with other tribal regulators from all over the country.

After the first day's classes, they offered tours of the Oneida reservation and a tour of their surveillance department at their casino.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commissioners: Front row left to right: Joyce Guerrero, and Tom Tuckwin. Back row left to right: Calvin Evans, Gary Mitchell and Jona Rupnicki. Photo courtesy of Jones Huyett

### PRAIRIE BAND CASINO & RESORT JOB FAIR on June 1st

Prairie Band Potawatomi Government Center Training Room,  
Noon to 4 p.m.

Applications being accepted for various positions in the following departments:

- Food and Beverage
- Finance
- Hotel
- Marketing
- Security
- Table Games
- Slots

WANTED - Customer Service oriented individuals to become part of a talented team of service champions!

Full and part-time benefits include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, savings & retirement plan 401K, tuition reimbursement and more. Prairie Band Casino & Resort exercises Indian preference in hiring in accordance with PBPB Tribal Code.







## Department & Program News

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

### Road and Bridge crew assists Jackson

Jackson County (JACO) road crew received a helping hand when PBPB's Road and Bridge (R&B) crew brought out trucks and graders to improve 198 Rd. between U.S. Highway 75 and K Rd. on May 1.

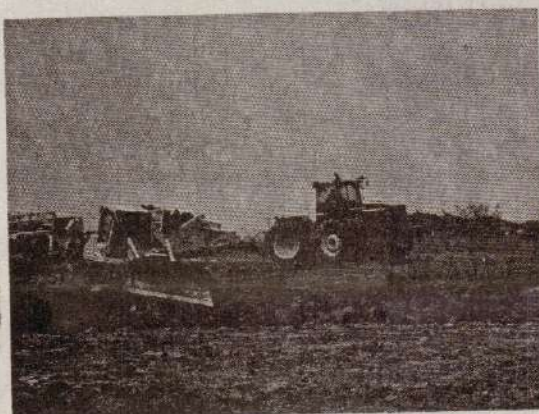
JACO and R&B worked under cloudy skies and rains prevented them from completing the project on time.



Photos by Suzanne Heck and Mary Young

### Another Road and Bridge project: developing a rifle range

Road and Bridge crews are clearing land for a rifle range that will be located south of 150 Rd. on L Rd.



Above, the Road and Bridge crew working at 198 and O Rd.

At left, Tim Ramirez backs the grader up.

Below, Benny Potts waits to unload his truck.



Photo at left and above: graders and earth movers moved quickly to finish before the rains came on May 1 when these photos were taken.

### Transit Program receives grant from the Federal Transportation Administration

Submitted by Micki Martinez and Tim Ramirez

The Transit Program received a \$360,000 grant from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) for the fiscal year 2006-2007. There was a \$7.92 million dollar grant available for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native Villages, groups or communities as identified by the BIA. The grant was available for tribal transit programs throughout the United States for planning, start up, or for enhancement of tribal transportation programs. There were 95 applicants with 63 tribal programs to be awarded part of the grant.

There were 34 reservations who will receive \$834,965 for planning studies and operational planning. There were 13 reservations who will receive \$3,168,681 to start up their transit programs. We were one of the 16 operating transit programs to receive part of \$3,916,354.

The \$360,000 awarded will be used for expansion and operation of our 5311 transit program. "We are very excited about the award, to make it even better the grant is a NON-matching FTA grant," said Micki Martinez. The Federal Transportation Administration's fiscal year is October 2006 to September 2007. This is a five-year program through FTA. We next need to apply for 2007-2008 funds. Funding for the next four years is: 2006 - \$8 million, 2007 - \$10 million, 2008 - \$12 million, 2009 - \$15 million.

Regional Tribal Liaison Joni Roeseler said they were pleased that the transit programs in our region were chosen to receive grant funding. The FTA Regional VII Office is located in Kansas City, MO and covers the states of Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska and Kansas.

In related news, Tim Ramirez attended a Southern Plains & Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Transportation meeting on April 10, 2007. One of the topics discussed was the distribution of the Federal Transit Funds given to the Tribes. Several tribes were unfunded due to inadequate preparation of their applications.

The Indian LTAP (Local Technology Application Transfer) at Oklahoma State University funded 50% by Federal Highway and 50% Bureau of Indian Affairs-DOT will provide training to Indian Transit Programs such as the PBPB and others as to operation, and future grant opportunities.

In addition, the PBPB is awaiting written notification from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) regarding a 5311 funding application for replacement capital and operational assistance.



### Attention all pet owners

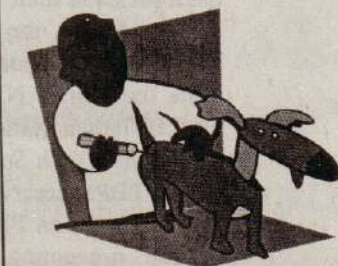
#### Rabies Clinic

June 9

9:00 a.m. to noon

at PBPB

PBPB Police Department



## FIRE DEPARTMENT BRIEF



FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN  
April 11—May 15, 2007  
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING  
ALARMS:

4-15-07 at 5:43 p.m. units responded to a Vehicle Fire at 8257 150 Rd. Upon arrival companies found light smoke coming from a passenger van in the driveway. Fire had been extinguished by the owner, who had used a garden hose to extinguish the flames.

4-24-07 at 5:49 p.m. units responded to 15424 K Rd. at the PBPB Boys and Girls Club for an Automatic Fire Alarm. Upon arrival companies found no smoke or flames visible. Alarm panel showed trouble in the elevator maintenance room. Alarm was found to be false. Cause of the alarm was determined to be hydrocarbons in the atmosphere from earlier maintenance on the elevator system.

4-28-07 at 8:46 p.m. units were requested to the area of 110 & G Rd. as automatic mutual aid for Delia F.D. responding to a grass fire. There was 1/8 of an acre found on fire. Ground was wet and tire tracks were found at the scene. Jackson County Sheriff was called to assist in the investigation. Cause of the fire was found to be arson. If you have any information in regards to this fire, you may contact the Jackson County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or WeTip at 1-800-47-ARSON.

5-10-07 at 8:10 p.m. units responded to the area of 150 & O Rd. on a possible assault. No victim was found, units were cancelled.

Public Assist:

05-03-07 at 2:49 p.m. units responded to a lockout situation in the lot of the Government

Center, 16281 Q Rd. for a lockout situation.

Fire Inspections Performed:

5-15-07 - 15434 K Rd. We-Ta-Se Building  
5-15-07 - 15498 K Rd. PBPB Tribal Court

Calls to Harrah's Prairie Band Casino:

Fire Alarm - 2  
Standby Event - 3  
EMS Calls - 8

Other Alarms:

EMS Calls - 30  
Medical Assists - 57  
Lifeline Alarms - 7  
Good-Intent Call - 17  
Standby Event - 1  
Grass Fires - 1

**EMS** Don't forget EMS Week May 20-26. The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department

will be celebrating EMS Week with several exciting activities. EMS Week is used to educate the public about EMS, injury prevention, and what to do in an emergency. This week's theme is "Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service." We hope that we provide that extraordinary service each time that you or your family call for help. EMS Week posters will be posted around the reservation with more information regarding all of the activities for EMS Week. The highlight for the week will be an "Open House," 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 25 with fire fighters and paramedics serving lunch to all of you! We appreciate your support for all we do!



Together, we can save a life

**Summer Safety Tips** from the American Red Cross - School's out, pools are open and people across the country are looking for fun ways to cool down as summer temperatures heat up. As you head to the beach, to the pool, or to the mountains for a camping vacation, the American Red Cross encourages you and your family to keep safety in mind!

Water Safety

The Red Cross is brimming with water safety tips to keep your family safe this summer. The most basic: Learn to swim! Take some lessons at your local pool. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. And always swim with a buddy; never swim alone.

The American Red Cross has swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability. To enroll in a swim course, contact your local Red Cross chapter.

- Swim in supervised areas only.
- Obey all rules and posted signs.
- Don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.

#### Boating Safety

Whether you're the captain of a schooner or a passenger on a ski boat, following safety guidelines ensures your safety and that of other seafarers.

- Be weather-wise: Sudden wind shifts, lightning flashes and choppy water all can mean a storm is brewing. Bring a portable radio to check weather reports.
- Bring extra gear you may need: A flashlight, extra batteries, matches, a map of where you are, flares, sun tan lotion, first aid kit, extra sunglasses. Put those that need to be protected in a watertight pouch or a container that floats.
- Tell someone where you're going, who is with you, and how long you'll be away.
- Then check your boat, equipment, boat balance, engine and fuel supply before leaving.

#### Sun Safety

Summer means fun in the sun! But be safe — don't let a heat-related illness ruin your day.

Always drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks when working or playing in the hot weather.

#### Hiking and Camping Safety

Many families will head to our national parks and forests this summer to enjoy the great outdoors. But if you're not prepared to rough it in the woods, hiking or camping can be a rough experience. The best way to help guarantee a good time for all is to plan ahead carefully and follow commonsense safety precautions.

Whatever fun activities you have planned this summer. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

From the PTFD

### EMS Week: from the past



Firefighters prepare feast for EMS Week (2006).



Community turns out for EMS Week (2005).

Life Team Midwest attends EMS Week (2005).







Here's where to take shelter on the reservation

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC)  
Emergency Shelter List

Emergency Procedure (For tornado or severe weather)

List of Buildings	Address	Primary Shelter
Government Center (966-4000)	16281 Q Road	Basement
Rock/Community Bldg.	16281 Q Road	Basement
Tribal Police Station (966-3024)	16344 Q Road	Restroom; Dispatch under table
Bingo Hall (966-4077)	16277 Q Road	Rock Bldg./Government Ctr.
Maintenance Bldg. (966-4068)	16281 Q Road	Rock Bldg./Government Ctr.
Casino (966-7777)	12305 150 Road	1 <sup>st</sup> floor new hotel
Fire Station (966-2164)	15468 K Road	Basement
Cluster 3/Seniors Housing	8273 156 Lane	Housing Authority basement
Housing Authority (966-2756)	8273 156 Lane	Basement
Tribal Court Bldg. (966-2242)	15498 K Road	Fire Station basement
Distance Learning Lab (966-2153)	15492 K Road	Fire Station basement
We-Ta-Se Bldg. (966-2580)	15434 K Road	Restrooms
Boys & Girls Club (BGC) (966-3031)	15424 K Road	Basement-West locker room
Early Child Care Center (966-2527)	15380 K Road	2 sleep rooms
Firekeepers Elder Center (966-0040)	15390 K Road	Lower level safe room
Prairie Village Senior Housing Complex	15372 K Road	Basement
	8161-8169 K Road	Safe rooms/Elder Center basement
Lands Bldg. (966-2582)	15185 K Road	Elder Center or BGC basement
Commodities Bldg. (966-2718)	15189 L Road	Elder Center or BGC basement
Road & Bridge (966-2375)	14880 K Road	Main building
Dance Grounds	150 Road	Elder Center or BGC basement
Cluster 1 Housing	152 Lane	Basements of homes
Prairie Peoples Park	M Road	Basement of Fire Station/BGC
Cluster 2 Housing	L4 Lane	Basement of Homes
Prairie Ridge Apts. Duplexes	158 Road & L Road	Laundry rooms; utility rooms
Prairie Ridge Modular Homes	158 Road & L Road	Basement of homes
Cluster 3 Housing	156 Lane	Basement of homes
Cluster 4 Housing	N1 & N2 (off 142 Rd)	Basement of homes
Potawatomi Health Clinic (966-8200)	11400 158 <sup>th</sup> Road	Conference Rooms in wing B
Girls Group Home	158 Rd	Basement
PARR Facility (966-3010)	18367 Hwy. 75	Basement
Nation Station (966-2719)	12285 150 Road	Freezer
Mayetta Oil Co (966-2721)	13487 162 Road	Government Center basement
Casino Training Center (364-5168)	190 Road	Evacuate
Area 51	190 Road	Evacuate

Emergency information on the reservation

If you are in trouble  
Call 911

Not sure what to do?  
Call tribal dispatch  
785.966.3024

PBPN Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC)

TERC was established in 1998 and is comprised of inter-departmental representatives in the PBPN government who meet periodically to prepare for managing emergencies on the reservation. The Core Committee listed below will be called in as the organizing team in the event of an emergency.

Core Committee members:

Fire Department - Chief Dave Price,  
Ass't Chief Larry Woltje  
Police-Chief Sam Grant  
Finance-John Crites, Barb Smelter  
Tribal Council-Tracy Stanhoff  
General Manager: Rick Rooth, Jim Shane,  
Brenda Pahmahmie  
Potawatomi Health Clinic-John Holtz  
Planning & Env. Protection-Virginia LeClere, Steve Duryea  
Road & Bridge-Tim Ramirez  
Construction/Lands-Carl Matousek  
Media-Suzi Heck  
Information Technology (IT)-Tony Scardina  
Harrah's Casino-Bob Bergquist, Mike Jackson Jackson  
County-Pat Korte

Note: Other Tribal Council members and department and program directors are also listed as members of the larger Tribal Emergency Response Committee team and will be notified as needed in an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness: Flash flood tips on what to do

In the car

(driving on roads or being swept into the water)

- Never drive across a flooded road or bridge. Back up and get to higher ground.
- If you do drive in and get stranded, try to abandon the vehicle if you can. Remember though, that six inches of moving water can knock you down so consider your height and weight.
- If you are in the car and swept into the water and submerged. Don't panic. Let the vehicle fill with water and once full, the doors will open. Hold your breath and swim to the surface.
- If you are swept away outside of your car, point your feet downstream. Try to go over obstacles, never try to go under.
- If you are stranded on something above the floodwater, such as a tree or rock, stay put and wait for rescue.

Source: FEMA: Floods: The Awesome Power

It doesn't take much water to float your car

- Six inches of water is enough to reach the bottom of most passenger cars.
- Driving through water six inches deep can cause a loss of control or stall the car.
- A foot of water will float most cars and two feet of rushing water will sweep most vehicles, including SUV's and pickups.
- If possible, avoid contact with flood-water as it may be contaminated with oil, gasoline or raw sewage. It may also be charged with electricity from fallen power lines.

In the home

(if it looks like you might be threatened by flooding)

- Keep your car filled with fuel.
- Sterilize the bathtub and fill with water in case tap water becomes contaminated or services are cut off.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves at the house.
- When deep flooding is likely, permit the flood waters to flow into your basement to avoid structural damage to the foundation and the house.

Health and safety tips

- Wash your hands frequently if you come into contact with flood water.
- Throw away food that has come in contact with flood waters.
- Take photos of your belongings and home.
- Don't throw away damaged goods until an official inventory has been taken by insurance agents or whomever else.





## Haskell Distance Education Courses offered for fall

Submitted by Melinda Williamson, Education Department

Haskell has a list of courses that they will be offering through the Distance Education (DE) Program for fall 2007. Nathan Harjo recently took over the DE program at Haskell and we are working together to make different courses available. There has been some additional requirements added to the admissions application along with new fees, so those of you that plan on enrolling for next semester, please read carefully and don't get discouraged. This year students will have to submit their ACT or SAT scores as part of an admissions requirement. This can be submitted with the application or for those of you that haven't taken it yet, they can be submitted later (Those of you that haven't taken either of these tests, contact me IMMEDIATELY). To enroll in a fall 2007 DE course(s) you must complete the following steps and pay the following fees:

1. Fill out the general application for admissions and send in with the \$10 application fee (must be a money order).
2. Once you are accepted you will need to send in a money order for the following:
  - a. \$110 off-campus tuition fee
  - b. \$200 for the DE course(s) -and/or- \$300 for an online course (this will cover the cost of all DE or online courses the student chooses to take)
3. You will also need to fill out the DE enrollment form and send it in.

Remember that tribal members can apply for educational assistance through our Higher Education Program.

### Courses offered

AIS 100		North American Indian Tribes	3
ENG 101		English	3
MATH 011	01	Intro to Algebra (DE)	3
MATH 100	03	Intermediate Algebra (DE)	3
MATH 101	05	College Algebra (DE)	3
AIS/E 346	01	Phil. in Indigenous Lit (Online)	3
COMS 246	01	Intercultural Comm.	
		(Blackboard, Online)	3
CIS 250	01	Advanced Bus. Applic.	
		for Microcomputers	3

For more information call Melinda Williamson  
J.O.M. and Job Skills Coordinator  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
16281 Q Rd., Mayetta, KS 66509  
Phone: (785) 966-3041  
Fax: (785) 966-4052  
Email: MelindaW@pbpnation.org

The Tribal Police Department held an open house on May 18 to honor Steve and to show off their newly remodeled facility



Above is Tribal Police Officer Steve Cook, a tribal member, who recently graduated from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Police Academy located in Artesia, N.M.

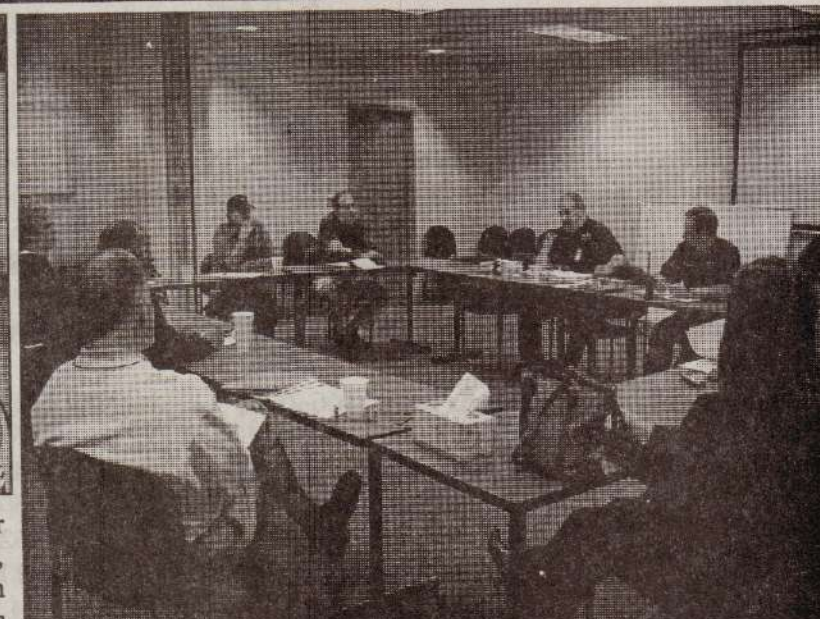
Steve attended the training course for 16-weeks and ranked fifth in his class out of 20. Police Chief Sam Grant and Lt. Marcus Koch attended Steve's graduation ceremony in New Mexico in April.

## Tribal Police Department and Tribal Emergency News

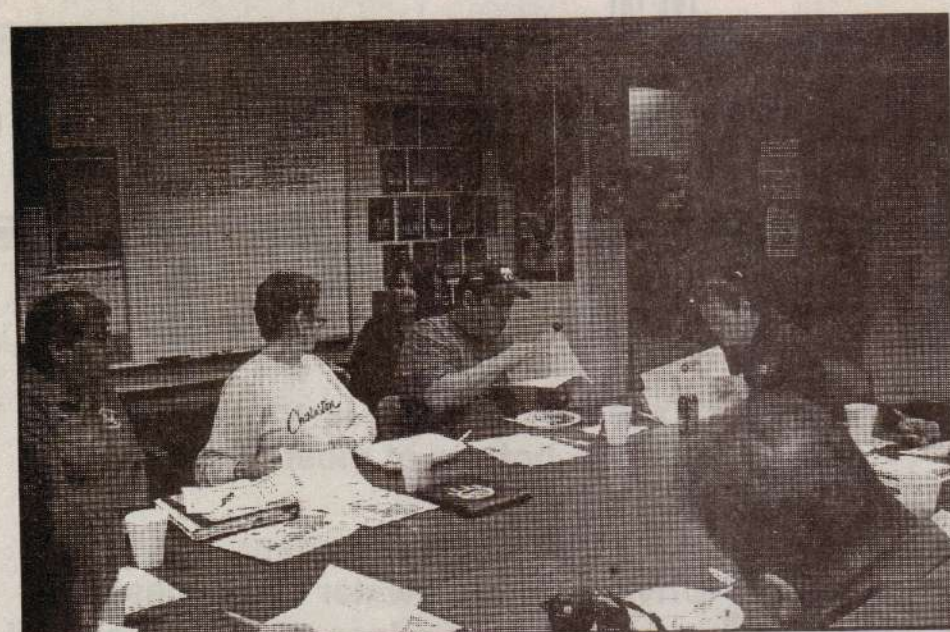


### Justin Rupnicki learns about tribal police work through job shadowing program

At left is Tribal Police Officer Mike Boswell (l) with Justin Rupnicki (r) an 8th grader at Jackson Heights School near Holton, Kan. Justin followed Officer Boswell around for the day observing what a police officer does. The job shadowing program was sponsored by Jackson Heights. Justin, who is a tribal member, told the *News* that he had an interest in a career in law enforcement and so school officials thought it was appropriate to pair him with Officer Boswell. The two spent the day doing routine police work around the reservation on May 10.



Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC) members held a meeting on May 7 to discuss the coordination of emergency preparations on the reservation. In the dark t-shirts sitting across the table are Fire Chief David Price (l) and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Woltje (r) who co-directed the meeting. Other people at the meeting are members of the Core Committee who will be the first tier of staff called out in the event of a declared emergency situation on the reservation.



When the Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on April 17 in the We-Ta-Se Building they heard Beverly Drew (sitting in back facing the camera) from Asset Life Cycle, speak about her electronic recycling business in Topeka. Twelve reservation residents and PBP staff attended the dinner meeting. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee meets monthly to discuss waste issues on the reservation and is under the direction of the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection.

### Dumping on reservation prohibited

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee would like to remind residents about the following code:

The Potawatomi law and order codes also known as the Title 21 Solid Waste and environmental/sanitation building codes. (section 21-1-1 of section (H) Prohibition on disposal in open dumps. In order to protect the limited land, air, and water resources of the reservation from pollution by solid and hazardous wastes and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all residents of the reservation and surrounding communities, disposal of solid and/or hazardous wastes in an open dump is expressly prohibited within the exterior boundaries of the reservation.



Tribal member Peggy Houston of the Casino Transition Team smiles for the camera.

At right is Delores Porter who was all smiles after receiving a Mother's Day gift during lunch at the Firekeepers Elder Center on May 11. Mothers received gifts of pot-pourri and lots of hugs from Nona Wahweotten, director of the Elder Center, and Joy Yoshida who is the Activities Director. The Firekeepers Elder Center offers activities and a daily luncheon Monday through Friday at the Elder Center building located on K Road.



## Snap and news around the rez



Mary Young, a.k.a. Lois Lane, taking photos in Prairie People's Park on a spring day.



### Frank Shopteese speaks about We-Ta-Se veterans program at Alateen meeting.



Frank Shopteese

Frank Shopteese, senior liaison for We-Ta-Se, spoke about being a veteran and the We-Ta-Se program at an Alateen meeting on May 1.

According to PBPB Alcohol & Drug Counselor, Shirlene Seymour, the youth enjoyed hearing Frank's presentation and learned much from him.

"We appreciate people like Frank and Judge Montie Deer who take time

out of their schedules to speak to our alateens about community awareness, motivation, and recovery," she said.

She also said that the meetings allow the youth to meet positive role models and to learn from them so that they will become better adults.

Alateen meetings are held Tuesday evenings at the We-Ta-Se building.

At right is Carl Matousek (l), PBPB Construction Manager, and Michael Shivers (r) Kendall Construction, Topeka, who are seen discussing recent renovations that have been made at the Girls Group Home. A fire occurred not long ago that caused smoke damage to the home and several repairs and updates are being made.



We-Ta-Se veteran Emery Hale met Tracy Stanhoff, tribal chair, at one of their monthly We-Ta-Se meetings recently.





## Congratulations to tribal member graduates

*Proud to be a Potawatomi*



Amanda Matchie  
Royal Valley High School  
Hoyt, KS  
(Eugene & Theresa Matchie)



Amber Nicole Hawkins  
Earlsboro High School  
Earlsboro, OK  
(Tammy & Tommy Hawkins)



Corisha Ta-Neil Webster  
Riverside University  
High School  
Milwaukee, WI  
(Brenda & Robert Webster)



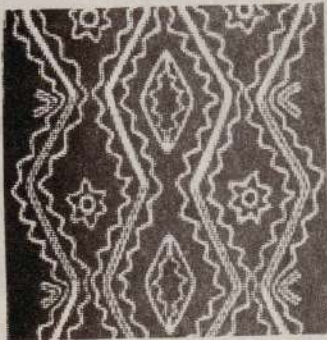
Genasa Richey  
Booker T. Washington  
High School  
Tulsa, OK  
(John & Sherree Richey)



Joshua DuPuis  
Hiawatha High School  
Hiawatha, KS  
(Doris Shopteese & Ralph Herling, Michael DuPuis)



Heather Zakar  
Lowdnes High School  
Valdosta, GA  
(John & Leah Zakar)



Jamie Lynn Parker  
Northwest Classen High School  
Oklahoma City, OK  
(Nicole & Richard Parker, Sr.)



Ryan Eaglestar  
Plenty Coups High School  
Pryor, MT  
(Dawn Eaglestar)



Ashley Carroll  
Grayson High School  
Loganville, GA  
(William & Alicia Carroll)



Sarah Carlotta Peters  
Topeka West High School  
Topeka, KS  
(Larry & Deb Peters)



Staci Jornov  
Holton High School  
Holton, KS  
(Frank & Donna Jornov)



Kinton Smith  
Highland Park High School  
Topeka, KS  
(Audrey Toelkes & Brent)



Matthew Wahweotten  
Ottawa High School  
Ottawa, KS  
(Mary Jo Wahweotten & Joe Wahweotten)



Jacob Andrew Sexton  
Westside High School  
Coal Hill, AR  
(Duane & Melinda Norwood)



Eden Malone  
Portage Northern High School  
Portage, MI  
(Lorraine & Mike Malone)



Kayla Johnson  
Shawnee Heights  
High School  
Topeka, KS  
(Bruce & Debbie Johnson)



Sarah Catron  
Rossville High School  
Rossville, KS  
(Hope Adame & Rod Catron)



Sarah Cartner  
Springfield High School  
Akron, OH  
(Rosemary Meek & Nolan Cartner)



Krystle Wahweotten  
Royal Valley High School  
Hoyt, KS  
(Gina & Junior Wahweotten)



Rachael Brown  
St. Scholastica Academy  
Chicago, IL  
(Lisa Seymour Brown)



Kavan O'Toole  
Royal Valley High School  
Hoyt, KS  
(Jim & Carrie O'Toole)



Stephanie McClure  
Royal Valley High School  
Hoyt, KS  
(Brenda McClure)



William Evans  
Sequoyah High School  
Tahlequah, OK  
(Mando & Anita Evans)



Jamie Primm  
Holton High School  
Holton, KS  
(Diane Vandewiele & Robert Primm)



Megan Catron  
Rossville High School  
Rossville, KS  
(Mary Adame & Roger Catron)



Michael F. Jim, Jr.  
Park Hill High School  
Kansas City, MO  
(Christina Thomas & Michael Jim, Sr.)



Tara L. Mitchell  
Royal Valley High School  
Hoyt, KS  
(Joanna Mitchell & Stephen Thorpe)





## PBPN's propane company passes the state of Kansas Fire Marshall's audit

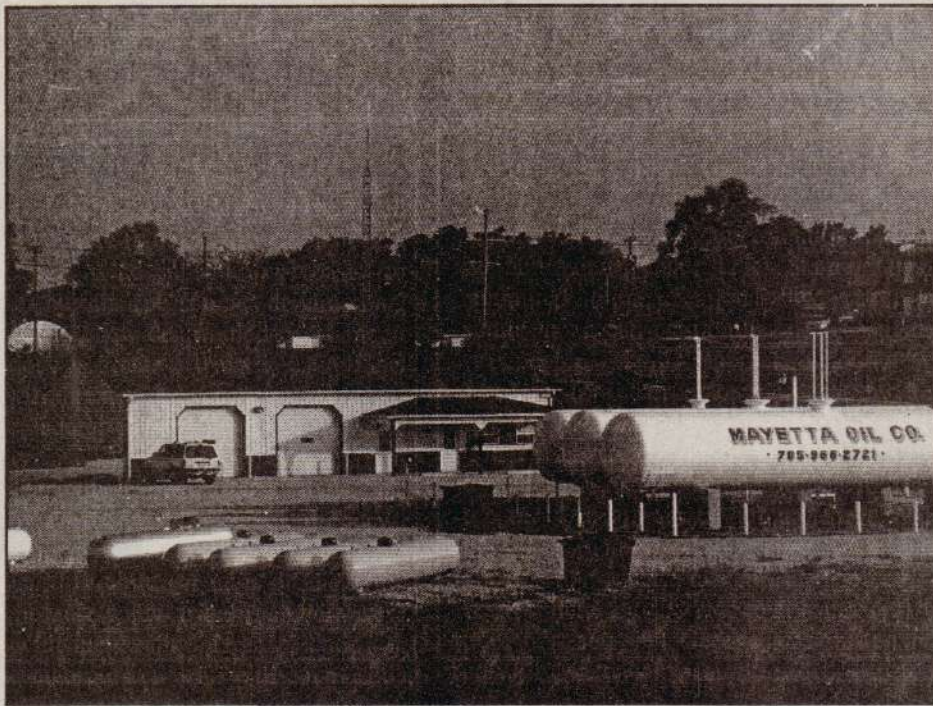


Photo by Mary Young

Submitted by Economic Development office

PBPN's propane company known as Mayetta Oil Company or "Mayetta Oil" was audited by the State of Kansas Fire Marshall. The purpose of the propane company audit is to ensure safety for the community and its employees.

Kary Broxterman, Mayetta Oil bookkeeper and tribal member commented that the outcome of the audit showed that processes were in place not only to operate as a safe propane business, but also, it was found that Mayetta Oil was one of the best maintained propane companies within the state of Kansas.

Mayetta Oil was purchased by PBPN in August 2005 and sells propane to the tribe for its government operations and to the tribal community members in Jackson County and other customers in Nemaha, Brown, Jefferson, Shawnee and Douglas counties.

Kary said that the key in passing a propane company audit is to keep current with the state of Kansas Fire Marshall's requirements and the national policies and regulations such as the U.S. Department of Transportation and Hazardous Materials policies and regulations.

Mayetta Oil is a member of the Kansas Propane Marketers Association of Kansas (PMAK) and the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA). PMAK is a Topeka-based organization and its purpose is to assist propane companies by ensuring safety, inform them of any new state and federal laws, as well as serving as a propane driver training provider.

Kary noted that the tribe's propane business has been in operation for about 1-1/2 years and the business's customer base is growing and has been profitable. He continued to say that the main goal of this business is to ensure customer satisfaction.

Also, during the summer months, one of the ways that Mayetta Oil Company employees will address customer service will be to check propane tanks. All propane customers need to be aware that there needs to be regular upkeep on propane tanks such as repainting to prevent rust that can lead to leaks and the checking the devices that regulate the flow of propane gas, etc.

If you have any questions about the propane company such as prices and delivery area or your propane tank maintenance call Mayetta Oil at 966-2721. Mayetta Oil's address is 13487 162 Rd., Mayetta, KS 66509.

## Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Celebration Day at Prairie Peoples Park "Fanning the embers"

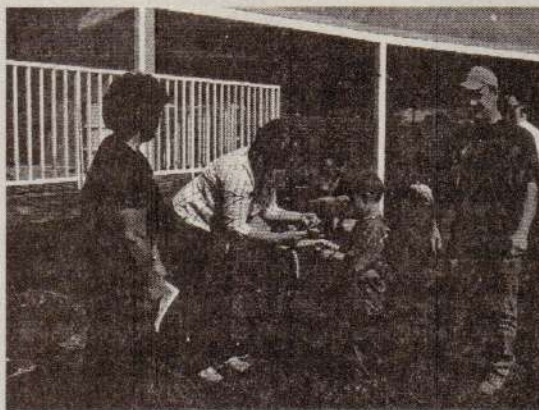
Parents, grandparents, and friends attended the PBP Early Childhood Education Center's annual graduation exercise and pow-wow Wed., May 16 at Prairie Peoples Park.



Above (l-r): Natalie McClane, Linda Hale (standing), Tina Haefke, and Juliet Carlisle handed out water, programs, and door prize tickets.



Above, graduates lined up to receive their certificate.



Above, Zachery Ross receives a medallion and will be moving on to kindergarten.



Above, Elizabeth Tye with her children.



Above, Hannah Tecumseh.

Photos  
by  
Suzanne  
Heck  
and  
Mary  
Young



Above, Tribal leaders Jackie Mitchell and Tracy Stanhoff attended the festivities.

## Letters to the editor/opinions

Dear Tribal Members:

It is with great dismay that I learn of the recall vote for our current Tribal Chairperson, Tracy Stanhoff. There is no constitutional basis for this recall, as our chairperson has done nothing criminal. What a few disgruntled tribal members have done is create a tribal constitutional crisis that will threaten the very survival of our tribe. The federal government will now use this issue as an example of a tribe that is unable to manage their own affairs, therefore, our rights as a tribe could be revoked and we could be terminated. Everything our ancestors worked so hard to build for us is on the brink of disaster because a few tribal members were not happy with the results of the election, an election the chairperson won with a landslide of votes. We cannot continue to attract the best leaders for our tribe if they are constantly fighting a few former tribal candidates who lost. To those candidates who lost, accept your defeat and move on, run for office again in the next election. Do not let your egos get in the way of our People's will.

This is not the time for our own tribal members to attack the person we chose to lead us. Our tribe is on the brink of many extraordinary accomplishments, reclaiming our rightful land, the Harrah's transition and so much has been done to benefit our tribe under the leadership of our chairperson and council. We cannot continue to elect chair-people to lead us and then because a few disagree with them or tear down the government. We look foolish to the outside world.

Let us not waste our precious resources on bitterness and let us work together as a tribe that sets an example to our children and the world. We are a people with one goal, one heart, self-determination for the Prairie Band Potawatomi.

Sincerely,

Leslie Morgan

To My Fellow Tribe Members,

It has been brought to my attention that a recall petition against Chair Tracy Stanhoff has been submitted to the election board. As I understand, this recall petition has been instigated by two people, Mamie Rupnicki who ran against Stanhoff for chairperson and lost by a wide margin and Badger Wahwasuck who was appointed as our chairperson after what was reported to assist in ousting Mamie during her tenure. I also understand that George Wahquahboshkuk, who also ran against Chair Stanhoff and lost by a wide margin, also joined forces with Mamie and Badger to try and oust Chair Stanhoff; and that George was ousted reportedly by a tribal group headed by Mamie.

I also know that they have all been chairperson before. George and Mamie were forced to resign, and Badger was not re-elected all due to reported unethical actions derogatory to the tribe that occurred during their terms. My question is "Why were George and Mamie allowed to run for chairperson of the tribe again?" I feel that once a chair has been asked to resign because of unethical behavior, they should not be allowed to seek the position again. I also wondered how they were able to gather the signatures for the petition, and understand that both have very large families who will benefit again by having either of them in office.

Chair Stanhoff has done a very good job while she has been chairperson. Because of her business experience, she knows (lawyers, government officials, etc.) and where to get the support she needs to negotiate with important contacts the tribe must deal with to get the best

terms and needs for its members...us. The tribe will be taking over the casino and not paying Harrah's an exorbitant fee for their services. Most of the other tribal casinos that dealt with Harrah's were able to negotiate a reasonable fee or no fee at all for their services. New Tribal Councils re-negotiated to lower fees later.

Chair Stanhoff has overseen the acquisition of land that belongs to the Potawatomi Tribe in Illinois and the eminent opening of another gaming facility. While in office Mamie and Badger contracted with questionable developers seeking "tons of money" from the Tribe in return for purchasing our land back, which was never completed, thus hindering our reacquisition of the Shab-ch-nay reservation for years.

Chair Stanhoff has brought prestige to the tribe with the many awards she has been given in recognition of her work in both her business and other American Indian organizations. There are many areas where she has excelled during her tenure. In my opinion, George, Mamie and Badger do not have the experience to even begin to handle these situations.

**WHY IS THIS RECALL TAKING PLACE!!!**

I am urging all of you to show your support for Chair Stanhoff. The tribe should not have to suffer because Mamie Rupnicki and Badger Wahwasuck want to be the chairperson. We have suffered enough from their previous tenures.

Lenora Hotema  
Enrolled Tribal Member

Dear Tribal Members:

I would like to voice my support for our Tribal Chairwoman, Tracy Stanhoff.

It has come to my attention that an ill-conceived recall is being attempted.

Chairwoman Stanhoff is leading our tribe ably and with great vision. We are on the brink of taking control of our own destiny, as we are assuming self management of our tribal enterprise, (our casino) and we are regaining our tribal lands in Illinois.

Chairwoman Stanhoff has been the leader we have hoped for, as she is the one who has led us to both of these great actions to benefit our tribe. She is truly a leader that is building a substantial future for our Nation. It is with great pride that I read her letter to the Nation in our tribal newspaper detailing her actions on behalf of our tribal membership.

We should wholeheartedly support our chairwoman and I urge all of you to please voice your support. We are fortunate to have her leadership and her commitment to our Nation.

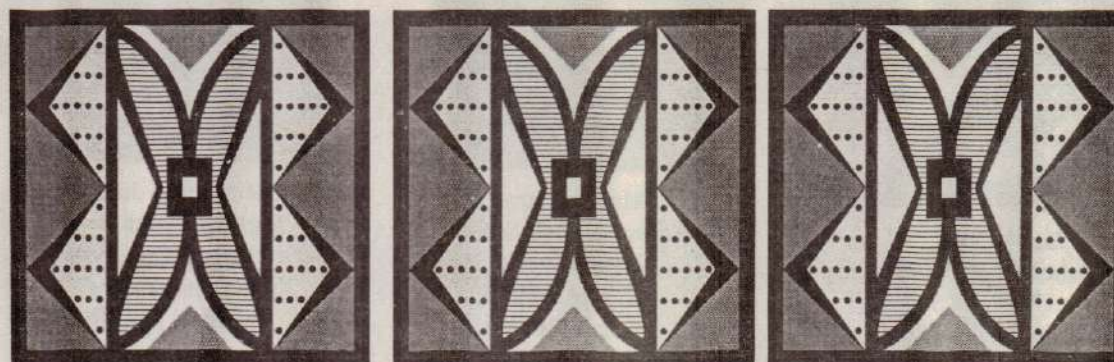
Thank you,

Allison Hicks

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## Paul Nioce receives medical degree

Submitted by Delores Nioce-Abrams

Paul Anthony Nioce, son of Frank ("Sonny") and Mary Nioce, graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine with a Medical Doctorate on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 during the annual Hooding Ceremony in Lawrence, Kan. Prior to attending medical school he graduated from Hayden High School in Topeka and then Washburn University with a Bachelors of Business Administration. During this time he was also working for the Topeka Fire Department as a Firefighter/EMT-ID and volunteering for the Silver Lake Fire Department as EMS/Fire Captain. Paul left the Topeka Fire Department in order to complete the prerequisites for medical school.

Paul will be moving (along with his wife Lisa and their five children) to Owasso, Okla. following graduation to work as a resident in Internal Medicine with the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa at St. John's Hospital. Currently a lieutenant and soon to be captain in the United States Air Force, Paul will be a flight surgeon for three years with the Air Force after his year in Tulsa. Following this he intends to come back to the Topeka area to do a civilian Emergency Medicine Residency.

Paul states that he is grateful for the grants available through the Potawatomi Education Office and for the support of family and friends. "I definitely could not have done

this without my wife," he said. "The first two years of medical school were pretty good for family life with usually one long study week a month. For the most part, school was my job. I would go in to KU Med in the morning, go to class, study all day, and then come home in the evening and spend time with my family. Third and fourth year had considerably more difficult work schedules but I was still able to make time for my family."

The upcoming year will be a difficult one, with a demanding schedule averaging 80 hour work weeks. Although somewhat apprehensive about the upcoming schedule and stresses of residency, Paul and his wife Lisa are excited for what the upcoming year will bring. "This will be a keystone experience in my life as a physician with irreplaceable learning experiences." Lisa is planning on home-schooling the children during this year in order make the transition easier on the children and to work around Paul's schedule as best as possible. After this next year the schedule will improve outside of possible deployments with the Air Force.

"I want to encourage those considering a career in the medical field, whether as a doctor or a nurse or other allied health personnel, that it is a totally realistic goal, but it is up to you to believe that you can achieve these goals and make the necessary choices and sacrifices in order to reach these goals."



Paul Nioce

## New address for Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition (FTWWC)

The Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition (FTWWC) is pleased to announce the opening of their office at 841 Central Ave., Horton, KS. The office hours are 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be reached at (785) 486-2996. The FTWWC provides services to Native American women of northeast Kansas. Their mission is to educate Native American women regarding the importance of having their yearly exams, assist them in navigating the health care system, and provide support during the process. The services are free to all Native American women in northeast Kansas who meet the criteria. The FTWWC will also be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Bingo May 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the PBP meal site. All those interested in attending, please contact the PBP meal site at (785) 966-0040. In addition, the FTWWC will be having an open house 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. June 7 at the Horton office. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

## Dehydration

By Mina L. Neuburger, RN, CHN  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center  
Office - 966-8233

The heat is here and will begin to get even warmer as the days go by. It is now time for us to all start watching out for dehydration. The following will give an explanation of why we get dehydrated and what we can do to help with this and prevent this from happening.

### Babies and small children:

Babies and small children have an increase portion of water in their bodies than adults. Dehydration can affect them quickly due to their high metabolic rate which uses more water in their bodies. The kidneys in a child do not work as well or conserve water as well as an adult. Also their natural defense system is not fully developed which increases the chance of illness. When a child is ill they will have periods of nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, and fevers. They also do not eat or drink as well when they are ill. It is up to the child's caregiver to provide food and drink.

### Older adults:

Older adults are not as thirsty as younger adults. Their kidneys do not function as well, or they have poor control of their bladder. They may have physical problems that prevent them from holding a glass well, pain when getting up to get something to drink or to go to the bathroom. They may have a problem with their speech that prevents them from asking for something to drink. Some may be taking medications that increase their urine output. It may be caused by their decrease in income so they don't buy the proper things to drink.

### Dehydration symptoms:

Dehydration symptoms can be simple to remember. Dry mouth, stick saliva, decrease in urine out, or urine may be very dark yellow and have a strong odor. A person can become irritable, drowsy, easily fatigued and at times confused.

### Home treatment can be simple:

- Adults to 12 years of age:
- Stop the activity that you are doing.
  - Get out of the sun and into a cool area.
  - Get your feet up.
  - Take off extra clothes that are not needed, especially shoes and socks.

- Drink water, juice or a sports drink. A person in this age bracket should have a total of approximately 2 quarts of cool water in 2-4 hours.
- Get your rest; if you have become dehydrated it can take as long as 1-1½ days to replace the fluid in the body that you have lost.

### One to 11 years of age:

- Drink water often and in small amounts,
- If dehydrated you can give ½ strength orange juice or water, even popsicles.
- 4-10 years old should drink 6-10 glasses of water a day.

### Newborn to 1-year of age:

- If nursing or bottle feeding, give feedings more often.
- The amount of solution to re-hydrate at this age depends on their weight and how dehydrated they are.
- If they are eating cereals, strained bananas or mashed potatoes this may also help replace fluid loss.

### Prevention:

Drink water before, during and after an activity. During the activity drink every 15-20 minutes. This may also include popsicles. (Please be careful if you are diabetic on what fluids you drink.)

NO cola, coffee or any beverage with caffeine – the caffeine will increase dehydration.

NO alcohol including beer and/or wine – this will also increase dehydration.

NO salt tablets – use a sport drink to replace any minerals that you may be losing while sweating.

STOP – whatever you are doing outside, especially if you become dizzy, lightheaded, or extremely tired.

WEAR one layer of light weight, light colored clothing. Also change into dry clothing often to keep your skin cool.

## There, there, everything will be all right...



In the photo, left to right: Fire Department's Nick Simon and Scott Fleming with LaRelle Exum, phlebotomist from the Community Blood Center (CBC), Topeka posed for a photo. The CBC was critically low on several blood types and a blood drive was held May 2 at the PBP Health Center.



## National Nurses Week: May 6-12

PBP Health Center nursing staff celebrated National Nurses Week. (l-r): Mina Neuburger, RN/Community Health Nurse, Brenda Catron, RN Supervisor, and Laury Shopteese, RN. Not shown: Sebe Masquat, RN, and Laura Thackery, LPN.



## Congratulations

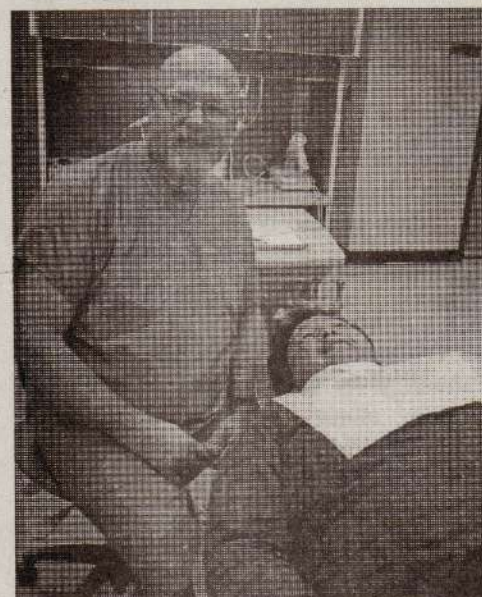
to  
Jessica Rae Youngbird on becoming  
a registered nurse  
Jessica graduated with a bachelor's degree  
from  
Washburn University's  
School of Nursing



## Tracy Stanhoff, Tribal Chair, visits the Potawatomi Dental Clinic



2. The next stop for Tracy was to have x-rays taken and to have her teeth cleaned by Debby who is a registered dental hygienist.



3. The final stop was for Dr. Randy German to examine Tracy. Dr. German received his D.D.S. from the University of Oklahoma and worked for several years in Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) Commissioned Core of Public Health Service and in private practice.



1. The first stop for Tracy was to fill out paperwork in the receptionist area. Debby Lowe, who is sitting behind the desk, helped Tracy out that day.

Going to the dentist isn't too much fun but the new facilities and staff at the Potawatomi Dental Clinic made Tribal Chair Tracy Stanhoff's experience a pleasant one on May 7 when she went to the office for a routine check up.

Although she had been to the clinic before, she had not actually utilized their services. She was impressed that the clinic's staff has the capability of servicing every area of dentistry except orthodontics. Dr. Randy German with the help of his staff can put in crowns and bridges, do root canal therapy, put in dentures, and conduct routine cleanings and fillings. The office also provides pediatric dental services.

Facilities are state-of-the-art. They include three dental chair examining rooms, a private examining room, a panel x-ray machine, a processor/sterilization room, a waiting room, private dentist's office, and a break room. The dental clinic is located in the Health Center's north wing.

Dr. German, Debby Lowe, dental assistants Andrea Wahwasuck and Gayle Lambrecht who are also tribal members, make up the staff at the clinic.

### Dental Clinic Hours

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., M., W., Th., F.  
8 a.m. - noon, T.

Walk-ins welcome  
8 a.m. - 10 a.m., M. - F.

Please give 24-hour notice  
for cancellations

Outside calls: 1-866-694-6728, press 4 for dental  
Local calls: 966-8290

All PBP members are urged to use the new clinic!





## Tribal members making news

### Levi Rickert leads effort in protest over closing of Indian school in Grand Rapids School System

Tribal member Levi Rickert, led a protest effort over the closing of Bimaadiziwin High School, a program for at-risk Indian students in the Grand Rapids Public School (GRPS) system, after learning that the school was closing. School officials said that the program was not performing to expectations and that changes in state and federal laws were making it more difficult to operate alternative programs.

Rickert, a leader of the Indian community in Grand Rapids and its former executive director of the North American Indian Center, is also a past community relations commissioner for the city. He and other American Indians have been fighting the closing of the school by holding meetings and organizing protest efforts against Grand Rapids school leaders. One of those efforts included recruiting Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM), who led approximately 100 demonstrators in a protest march to the GRPS administration building on April 23.

Below is an article about the closing of the school that Rickert co-wrote and submitted to the *News* that provides an overview of the situation.



Levi Rickert, Prairie Band Potawatomi, speaks with television reporters before the March for Justice demonstration protesting the closing of an Indian school in Michigan.

Photo courtesy of [www.peopleofthisplace.com](http://www.peopleofthisplace.com)

### American Indian High School Slated to Close: Superintendent Says 'The Program Doesn't Exist' by Levi Rickert and Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth

**Grand Rapids, Michigan:** On March 14, 2007 - without warning - top ranking administrators of Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) announced the closing of Bimaadiziwin High School at the end of the 2006 - 2007 school year this coming June. Bimaadiziwin students were "given the opportunity" to be relocated to a high school within GRPS.

Since the late 1970s, GRPS operated a program for American Indian students who are considered at-risk of not graduating. The success of the program is evidenced by dozens of students who have received high school diplomas, when in all probability they would not have been successful in a Eurocentric high school.

Three years ago, then GRPS Superintendent Bert Blake turned the alternative program into the Bimaadiziwin High School located at Lexington School. Students receive cultural teaching, Ojibwe language instruction and individualized assistance from teachers. Currently, there are ninety-eight (98) officially enrolled in the school, which includes American Indians and members of other racial / ethnic groups. Overall, there are over 500 American Indian students in the GRPS K-12 classrooms.

Superintendent Taylor told the community that he and his administrators "did not want to hear about our past or history because we

were not born 200 years ago." When parents offered to help save the program, Taylor also insisted that "program does not exist." Similarly disrespectful comments and interactions with Superintendent Taylor were cause for frustration to the local American Indian community; Taylor's conduct revived many feelings of mistrust and alienation by many American Indians in the Grand Rapids community.

The termination of the Bimaadiziwin program opens old wounds in the American Indian community, which has survived historical trauma and oppression in many forms: including young children being forcibly removed from their parents care to attend boarding schools. For these reasons, Dennis Banks was asked to come to Grand Rapids to highlight the current controversy. Banks is to hold a rally in Grand Rapids on April 23 on the steps of GRPS Administration Building.

The American Indian community is determined to hold a peaceful protest of the mistreatment demonstrated by the superintendent and other top administrators of GRPS. LIKE Buttons are being made in response - "Let Indian Kids Exist".

Visit the website for details [www.peopleofthisplace.com](http://www.peopleofthisplace.com)

### John T. Shopteese wins art awards

John T. Shopteese reported to the *News* that he has won the following art awards in Arizona recently.

On March 3 - 4, 2007 he took first place Best of Category where he was juried into the world famous Heard Museum's 49th Annual Indian Fair and Market, Phoenix Ariz.

The following weekend he was juried into the Fourth Annual Fort McDowell Yavapai Indian Market, Fountain Hills, Ariz., where he won the Best of Category and First Place for a sterling silver matching jewelry set of natural coral and opal.

In addition, he received Honorable Mention for his graphics with a "Winter Count" painting.

His summer art schedule includes the following juried competition and prestigious Native American Art Markets: Red Earth Indian Art Festival in Oklahoma City, the 15th Annual Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market in Indianapolis; the First Annual Sacred Ground Indian Art Festival, Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Southwest Native American Promotions during the Santa Fe Indian Market.

John can be reached at his studio at (612) 327-7447 or email [johnshop@msn.com](mailto:johnshop@msn.com).

On a personal note, John reports that he has been invited to participate in the first Cancer Summit in Minnesota and at the Turtle Mountain reservation in Belcourt, N.D. John is attending these events and others as a cancer survivor and as part of Cancer Awareness Week in Indian Country which is occurring this month.

### Mike Jensen receives position in Holton

Mike Jensen was recently featured in the *Holton Recorder* (May 7, 2007) for becoming the new director of the Jackson County noxious weed and waste management program.

Mike has previously worked for Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and the Kansas Pork Association in Manhattan, Kan. He presently lives on the Potawatomi reservation and is a member of the tribe's Solid Waste Advisory Committee.



Mike Jensen (r) with his dad, Francis Jensen, (l) at the 2005 Veterans Pow-wow.

2005 News photo

## More letters to the editor/opinions

You say "unjustly attacking" you. I say coup d'etat!

This is in response to the present chairperson's letter in the tribal paper, April 2007 Edition.

coup d'etat, The sudden overthrow of a government by a usually small group of persons in or previously in positions of authority.

*The American Heritage Dictionary*

coup d'etat (Politics), a sudden, decisive exercise of power whereby the existing government is subverted without the consent of the people.

*Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary*

coup d'etat n: a sudden and decisive change of government illegally or by force [syn: coup, putsch, takeover]

*WordNet 2003 Princeton University*

**Unjustly attacking? No. Not at all!** The PBP people have given Tracy Stanhoff a chance to prove herself and have judged by the 300 plus signatures that it is time for us to elect another candidate to take on the responsibilities of the Chairmanship. We have the right and responsibility as a sovereign nation to petition for this change.

In January 2006, the present chairperson, Tracy Stanhoff, had been placed as interim after the resignation of Chairman Zach Pahmahmie by the Tribal Council **not by the tribal members' vote**. When asked to wait until the upcoming General Council meeting, she refused then was sworn in before this General Council meeting. **This is a coup d'etat!**

During the following months, the interim chairperson is all over the tribal newspaper propagandizing the rightness of this appointment.

Prior to the election of the chairmanship, Ms. Stanhoff had said repeatedly that she would not run for this office. But when it came time for candidates to register, she then decided that she would run. The rest we all know about.

Six months before at the General Council meeting of July 2005 a vague motion to move forward on Shabbona was made by Tracy Stanhoff. During the discussion Vice Chairman Rey Kitchkumme stated that the tribe would not have to pay for this land. No contradictions to this statement were heard or recorded from the rest of the Tribal Council members. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Shortly after Stanhoff's appointment, news of the Shabbona land purchase was discovered on the internet with plans the build a casino then a bingo hall. No special meetings for the tribal members were called to discuss this transaction of \$8.9 million prior to using monies from our Economic Development funds. We later learn that CD's had been cashed out and that an additional \$5 million will be spent on this project.

According to the PBPN Constitution, the Vice Chairperson takes on the responsibilities of the Chairperson in absence. If the Vice Chair is not able or willing, it becomes the responsibilities of the Secretary. No other positions in the PBPN Constitution are prescribed in this manner. In other words, the Chairmanship should not be appointed outside of the elected officers.

During the past 17 months there have been other issues that have occurred during the Ms. Stanhoff's term too lengthy for this editorial. The recall meeting will give us the opportunity to hear all sides, exercise our rights as PBPN tribal members, and make an informed decision as a sovereign nation.

Rencie Eteeyan

### WHAT ARE THEY THINKING????

I live off the Rez about 400 miles away and try to make as many of the General Council meetings as I can each year. Because of time involved, price of gasoline and lodging, I cannot make them all. However, I did make this past meeting (April 21, 2007). As I approached the door I passed a table with papers and two ladies talking to people. Thinking I needed to pick up papers for the meeting I was told they were getting signatures for the "Recall" of the Council Chair. "For what reason?" I asked very shocked. They showed me where to read the charges but I could not read them because they were in small type and the sun was glaring on the paper. This was the first I heard about a "Recall" and am not happy that the overwhelming majority of the tribe was not notified. Even people on the reservation did not know or understand that a "Recall" was being made. Many were signing the petition without being shown documentation and proof of the accusations. What are these signers thinking?

I voted for Tracy because of her successful track record of being an experienced business woman, owning and running her business for 10 years. She has survived the difficult business environment in the state of California. She appeared to be a confident leader that would lead the tribe through a time when we are facing many transitions. The Shab-eh-nay land resolution that is favorable to the tribe, and which she led, has set an unprecedented victory that gives hope for other tribes to reclaim ancestral land. She is now leading the tribe with development of the land and moving forward with it.

At this time the tribe is sitting in a very precarious position with the state working against us by trying to bring in non-Indian gaming. Also on July 1, 2007 Harrah's contract will end and we will be managing the casino for the first time in its history. When the casino opened we had very little competition and it has grown and has done very well. However, now, Oklahoma has lit up like Las Vegas with more than 90 casinos and more on the drawing board. Many tribes have multiple casinos, the Osage tribe has five. We HAVE competition. The tribe needs to diversify and get other businesses going. Tracy has been working to get things moving in that direction.

My point is-this is not the time to "Recall" the

Chair. This is the time the tribe needs to pull together and face the competition, transition, and development of new business. Many small tribes in Oklahoma have sprung forward with all kinds of progressive development. Are we to be left sitting like a white elephant in the wheat field? We will be if we don't stop acting like a bunch of piranhas that keep nipping and back biting until everything is devoured. (Is this why we lost our last Chair?) Yes, you can win the battle, but in doing so lose a war!!! What are they thinking?

Some individuals, who had no authority to do so, took it upon themselves to falsely "represent" the tribe and caused the undoing of months and years of work involving Shab-eh-nay. If this keeps happening maybe the tribal members should bring a class action lawsuit against these people. They are doing harm to the tribe and costing us time and money to put back in place what they have undone. Some of the people pushing this petition have been past leaders of the tribe and helped lay the ground work that made our tribe a model for other Nations. What are they thinking? Now is the time for the tribe to remain a strong entity.

I will be at the "Recall" meeting and I urge others to attend and vote as I will--for Tracy Stanhoff to remain in office. She has shown she is working for the best interest of the tribe.

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## Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)

### Happy 1st Birthday Najaha Taylor-Eteeyan



What a blessing our family  
received when God gave us you.

You make mom's heart sing.

Your family,

Mom  
Ty  
Quamell  
Abyah

### Happy 6th Birthday Keesis on May 9

Love,  
Daddy, Mom, Nom Ki Wash & Sah Bi



### Happy 8th Birthday Nom Ki Wash on May 15

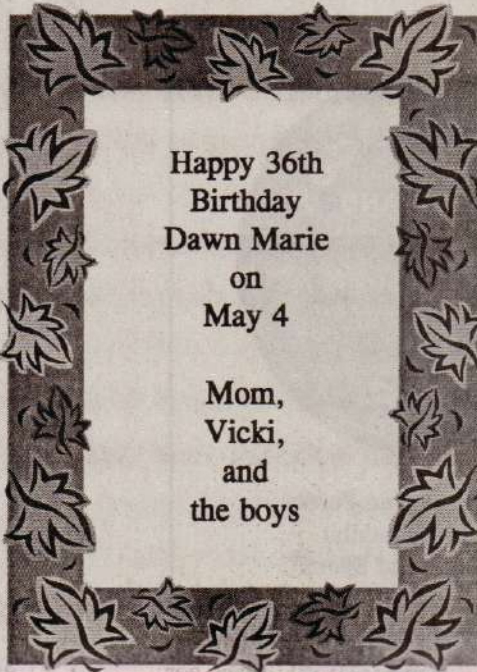
Love,  
Daddy, Mom, Keesis & Sah Bi



## Ganiṭṭēk (those who are born)

### Happy 36th Birthday Dawn Marie on May 4

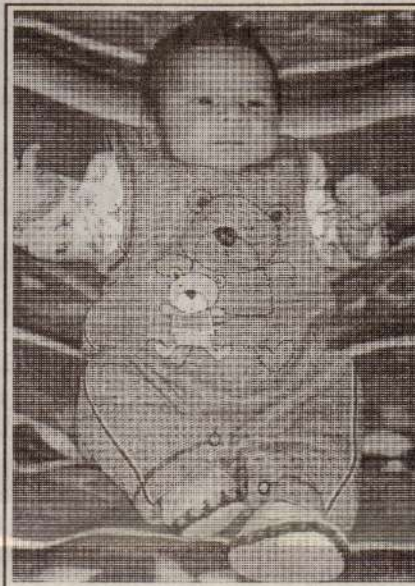
Mom,  
Vicki,  
and  
the boys



### Welcome Taeivus Ryan Robert

Born: February 12, 2007  
Wt: 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Parents: William J. Roberts & Phoenix M. Matt  
Grandparents: Kathleen D. Peterson & William A. Roberts  
Great-grandparents: Gilbert Harrison Shegonee, Melvia  
Wewasson and  
Marie T. and Arthur Roberts



### Happy 10th Birthday Sandra Solis

May 1

Love,  
Mom  
(Justina),  
Gilbert,  
Grandma & Grandpa  
(Judy & James Jackson),  
and  
Your sister, Yolanda



We love you!



### Happy 32nd Birthday Jay Levier May 7

Welcome to the family  
Marcellus Kee Arther  
Levier  
December 12, 2006



We love you both  
Love, Mom, Larry, sisters Carmen, Cherise  
and nieces Brandy, Miranda, Jaimie and  
Leilani

Happy Birthday Juana  
May 16  
Congrats Tara  
Love,  
Yo sis and auntie

### Happy Birthday Dad, still looking good, we love you



Love,  
Candi, Nader, and  
Zaid

### Happy 5th Birthday Edgar, Jr. (Boo Boo) June 13



We love you very much  
Love, your family  
Mommy and daddy,  
Omar  
Love you!

### Happy Birthday wishes to



Patty Potter  
on May  
30

Robert Lara  
on  
May 28

With love from your family

Happy Birthday  
to  
Benny Joe Potts  
on May 14  
Your sister,  
Micki

Happy 20th Birthday  
to  
Daniel Martinez  
on May 13  
Mom and dad

Congratulations  
to  
Audrey Simon, PBPB  
Recent retirement from Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Topeka  
after 32 years of service.

Love always,  
Dad, Shane, Camilla, Leeroy, Jr., and  
your entire family

## Kamboṭṭēk (Those who died)

### Anthony Felix Delg

Anthony Felix Delg, 85,  
Lecompton, died April  
27, 2007, at his home. He  
was born April 10, 1922, at  
Mayetta, the son of Dennis  
and Mary Cadgug Delgadillo.  
Mr. Delg served in the U.S.  
Army during World War II.

He was a barber, machinist, home builder and  
realtor before retiring. He was a member of  
Lecompton Lodge 420, AF&AM; Lawrence  
Scottish Rite Bodies; and Abadallah Shrine  
Temple. He married Ione L. Smith on June 20,  
1946, at Little Rock, Ark. She died Aug. 31,  
1990. Survivors include two daughters,  
Yvonne A. Tunstall and husband Mark, Le-  
compton, and Renee M. Merritt and husband  
Bob, Oskaloosa; and three grandchildren: Jen-  
nifer Delg, Mark Tunstall and Travis Tunstall.  
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. May 3  
at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 N.  
W. Independence Ave., Topeka. The We-Ta-  
Se Post 410 will conduct military honors at  
Maple Grove Cemetery, Lecompton. Mr. Delg  
will lie in state after 3 p.m. May 2 at the fu-  
neral chapel, where the family will receive  
friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Memorial  
contributions may be made to Midland Hos-  
pice, 200 S.W. Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS  
66606-2800. Online condolences may be sent  
to [www.PenwellGabel.com](http://www.PenwellGabel.com).

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 4/30/07)

## A time of remembrance celebrated with dance: a dream come true

Before John Lewis passed away, his dream was  
to have a street dance for the seniors/elders.  
Julia Lewis and Carol DeWitt made that dream  
come true—a street dance was held Saturday,  
May 15 at the community center on Meadow  
Lane to fulfill his wishes.

John Lewis  
Nov. 5, 1936 -  
Nov. 12, 2007



Around 45 people showed up for the party.  
There was plenty of food, music, and dancing.  
Music of the 50s to the 70s and Blue Grass was  
played by Carol DeWitt. There was a dance  
contest with Tutti Kern and Hedy Noland as  
the winners. The Stroll was just one of the  
many dances danced that night. We would like  
to thank everyone who showed up for this re-  
membrance party.



Above (l-r): The Contest dance  
winners Hedy Noland and Tutti  
Kern showed their winning style.



Above (l-r): Bernadette  
Lewis and Julia Lewis  
"strolled" to the beat.



Above (l-r): Jitterbug  
team Phyllis Kaufholz  
danced with daughter  
Donna Fairchild.



Above (l-r): Out for the  
evening, Kurlin  
Marshno posed with  
Julia Lewis.



Above (l-r): Nugget  
Whitlock, and Phyllis Kauf-  
holz visited with Kathryn  
Lewis.





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Kickapoo Pow-Wow Days 2007  
July 20, 21, & 22

Kickapoo Reservation  
Horton, Kan.

- Over \$35,000 in prizes
- Invited drum: Midnite Express, Twin Cities, Minn.

email: kickapoopowwowdays@hotmail.com



### Notice to Reservation Residents!

Please bag all of your recyclables to help our collection efforts if you use the Tribe's recycling services.

PBPN Department of Planning & Environmental Protection

Students who are interested in dentistry can attend with a free registration  
Society of American Indian Dentists  
Conference

June 7-10, 2007

Mystic Lake Hotel near Minneapolis, Minn.

Charge for hotel, meals and lodging

Information: jarickert@charter.net  
or phone (231) 276-9633

Calling all youth between 5-13 years of age!



Have fun at American Indian Culture Camp  
July 5-July 9

Rotary Club Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, MO.  
Sponsored by the Heart of American Indian Center

Applications: [www.haicindian.com](http://www.haicindian.com)  
Call (816) 421-7608 for details



See PBPN's Justin Purdee  
in a special exhibit  
"Community and Sports"  
at the  
Kansas History Museum  
6425 SW Sixth Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66615-1099

### Reminder:

All address and name changes are  
routed through Enrollment Office.

- All changes must now be mailed in or brought in-person to the Enrollment Office.
- Changes are no longer accepted by phone or e-mail. Fax accepted with legible signature.
- Each change of address must be in writing with a verifiable signature from the adult member or the person designated to handle that member's personal information, such as a Power of Attorney.
- Name changes must be accompanied by legal documents showing the change, such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree, and a copy of that person's Social Security card showing the name change.

All changes will be routed through the Enrollment Office.

Sample of form to be used:

Date of Update: \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last Name Maiden Jr/Sr  
Print Legibly

Other names used: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name for minor (Per Capita use): \_\_\_\_\_

Old address City State Zip

New address City State Zip

Social Security: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_ Request new card Y N

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested change by: IN PERSON MAIL

Copy to: Enrollment Election Per Capita

Sent by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered on database: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tribal Member



Be watching for  
grand opening activities  
at the  
Prairie Band  
Casino & Resort  
during the first two weeks in July!



Get fired up!  
for the first

Amateur Backyard Barbeque Cook-off!  
Saturday, June 2  
Cooking starts at 7 a.m.  
lunch at 10 a.m.-Mayetta Masonic Lodge  
Live remote by KNZA 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Mayetta United Park on Main Street  
Mayetta, Kan.

Sponsored by Mayetta Area  
Business Association  
For more information call (785) 966-2798



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
government offices will be  
closed  
Monday, May 28  
for  
Memorial Day

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is now participating in  
JACKSON COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS  
If you see crime happening call 1-800-222-TIPS  
Learn more at  
[www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com](http://www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com)

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

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

### Potawatomi Language Conference

August 5-8, 2007

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



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



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



Get the details about the  
PBP Pow-wow  
June 8, 9, 10, 2007  
Prairie Peoples Park  
Mayetta, KS, 66509  
by logging on to  
[www.pbpnation.org/powwows/forum](http://www.pbpnation.org/powwows/forum)

- vendor applications
- dance contest information
- lodging information
- princess contest

Miss Prairie Band Potawatomi  
applications now  
being taken by logging  
on to  
[www.pbpnation.org/forum/index](http://www.pbpnation.org/forum/index)  
Pageant June 7, 6 p.m.  
Prairie Peoples Park  
For details contact Jessica at  
Youngbird.girl@hotmail.com



For details  
call  
We-Ta-Se  
at  
(785) 966-2580

Rez Run 2007  
1st Annual Poker Run  
June 9  
Registration, 8:30 a.m.  
Ride, 10:30 a.m.  
\$20.00 donation for run and  
pow-wow weekend pass  
Breakfast by We-Ta-Se  
Free will donation  
8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
proceeds to help  
We-Ta-Se  
American Legion Post 410