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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Kansas lawmakers delay decision on Sac and Fox/Kickapoo compact with state

By: Suzanne Heck

The fate of a \$210 million casino to be run by the Sac and Fox/Kickapoo, in which the state of Kansas would receive a share, will now be decided by the full Kansas Legislature when they convene in January.

The Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations was first to approve the compact and voted on November 9 to advance it on to the Legislative Coordinating Council comprised of Kansas' top seven legislators. They met on November 17 and decided that it should go on to the full Legislature for a final decision.

If passed, Kansas, for the first time, would get a share of the Sac and Fox/Kickapoo casino's revenue which could generate up to \$50 million or more per year. Presently the two tribes along with the Iowa and Prairie Band Potawatomi already operate separate casinos in northeast Kansas that are not revenue-sharing with the state.

Although not directly involved, Tribal Council and the PBPB attorneys and lobbyists have been cautiously watching the developments taking place.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri and Kickapoo tribes, who reside in northeast Kansas, are proposing a \$210 million casino and hotel complex to be located in Wyandotte County near the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas.

The new casino project, if passed is expected to have a negative impact on revenues from Harrah's Prairie Casino.

Tribal Council secretary Steve Ortiz said at a weekly meeting of the Nation's department and program directors that the compact of the proposed Sac and Fox/Kickapoo Casino could hurt revenues for Harrah's Prairie Band Casino which in turn means less money overall for tribal operations.

Another concern is that the compact would also allow the state to put up to 600 slot machines at pari-mutuel race tracks already located around the state but it does put a cap on that number. The compact states that if the state allows more than the 600 the new casino revenues would be forfeited.

The compact also proposes an economic development fund for Brown County designed to stimulate economic growth when the Kickapoo and Sac and Fox Casinos close but none was put in for Jackson County.

Another step that organizers would have to overcome in the compact process would be having to apply to the federal government to take lands into trust for gaming purposes. The Sac and Fox/Kickapoo have already purchased the property in Wyandotte County where the Casino is to be built but the BIA must approve the property for that purpose first.

In related news, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is also seeking to gain state and federal approval for another casino near Wichita, Kansas.

## PBPB, Regional EPA, and Kansas Department of Agriculture sign agreement for pesticide activities



Others attending the signing included from left to right Louetta Flourney, Dale Lambley, Wally Leander, Jamie Green. In back are Sandra Siebert and Antoinette Houle.

A signing ceremony took place between the PBPB, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the Region 7 EPA Agency in Tribal Council chambers on November 10.

Leaders from each group signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to signify continued cooperation in implementing federal pesticide rules and regulations within the boundaries of the PBPB reservation. The MOU builds upon a history of cooperation in assuring the protection of human health and the environment concerning pesticides and their regulation within the PBPB.

Latane Donelin, PBPB's Director of the Department of Planning & Environmental Protection, opened the ceremony by offering a welcome and introduction which was next followed by a blessing from Council person, Steve Ortiz. Following the blessing was the official signing penned by Chair Zach Pahmahmie, Jim Gulliford, EPA Region 7 administrator, and witnessed by Constantine Cotisoradis, KDA deputy secretary, who stepped in for Adrian Polansky, KDA secretary who could not attend that day.



The photo to the right shows Jim Gulliford and Zach Pahmahmie each signing the MOU. KDA secretary Adrian Polansky had signed the MOU previously and could not be there the day of the ceremony.

After the signing, Zach Pahmahmie said, "It is important that we recognize the significance of this agreement. The Prairie Band people are the stewards of the land and we want to preserve its natural state in order to plan ahead for future generations."

Jim Gulliford, from the Region 7 EPA office, said that although the informal agreement between the three groups had served them well for the last five years, the formal agreement would place an even greater understanding between all of them. He also said that it was important to recognize what indigenous plants were culturally important to the Nation and to coordinate efforts in preserving them for the PBPB.

Constantine Cotisoradis also read a message from Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Adrian Polansky who had signed the MOU before the ceremony.

Following the event a tour of Prairie People's Park and the Earthship Building was conducted for EPA and KDA guests.

## Thunderhill Racetrack zoning issue tabled until next month

By: Mary Young and Suzanne Heck

The possibility of re-zoning Thunderhill Racetrack from agricultural to heavy/industrial was the main topic of discussion at the Jackson County Planning Commission meeting held at the County Courthouse on November 18.

The racetrack is located on the reservation on 142 Road which is two miles west of Highway 75.

At issue is an application request for a change of zoning and special use permit by Mike Henry, the owner of Thunderhill. Henry wants to change the land use from A-1 General

Agriculture to an I-2-Heavy Industrial category and has applied to the County for the change.

Approximately 35 people attended the meeting, many who are Potawatomi or live nearby the racetrack, and are opposed to the proposed change.

Latane Donelin, PBPB's Director of the Department & Environmental Protection, gave a presentation stressing the need to keep the land zoned for agricultural use citing several issues of concern. Among them were negative impacts on the water, nuisance conditions of noise, dust, alcohol and the potential damage to protected habitat areas. She also discussed the neg-

ative impact that the zoning change would have on the rural community and the extra utility and traffic services that would be incurred with the zoning change.

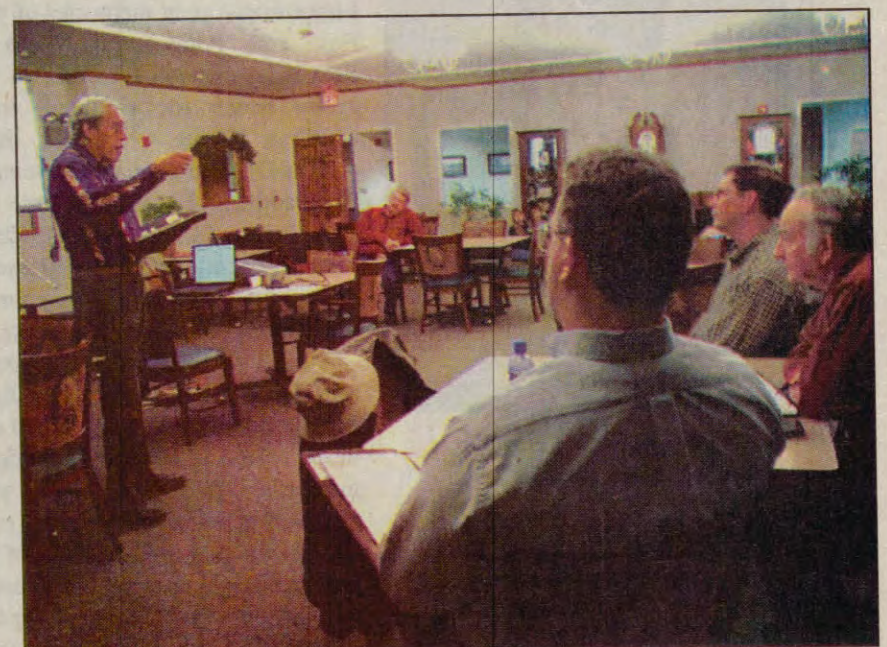
David Prager, PBPB Tribal Attorney, also spoke against the proposed zoning change and distributed a letter he had prepared. It stated that Thunderhill had been an illegal operation since it opened in 1994 and that it was both a common and public nuisance under state law. The letter also said that Thunderhill's operations had been illegal under tribal, federal and state law since the beginning and that they should not be permitted to continue.

Henry defended his request by stating that the racetrack had generated a greater economic impact than other racetracks in the area and that it was good for the County. He said that he did not have to adhere to the PBPB's zoning regulations because tribal sovereignty did not apply to him and that how

he chose to use his land was his choice.

No decision was made by the board and the issue was tabled until the next meeting scheduled for December 9. During that time citizens will be allowed to air any other concerns before a final decision is made.

## Fall aerial spraying meeting held



In the photo above is Jim McKinney who spoke about the importance of certain plants to Potawatomi culture at a public meeting on Aerial Spraying held at the Firekeepers Elder Center on Nov. 3.

A public meeting was held regarding the fall aerial spraying scheduled to take place between Nov. 15 - Dec. 15 on the east side of the reservation.

Experts from the BIA, EPA, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and Jackson County were on hand to give presentations about the pesticides used and to answer questions.

Maps of the tracts to be sprayed were also available as well as several other handouts to help reservation residents learn about the pesticides used.

Wally Leander, BIA representative, said that there were no new changes to report and that most of the spraying would be done by air

but only if wind conditions were less than 8 mph. Some spraying will also be done by the use of ground rigs.

He also stressed that home sites within 330 feet (1/16 mile) of the target area and land that has large areas of trees, large ponds and creeks, homesites, building areas, and roads, etc. would not be sprayed.

In addition, Jim McKinney, tribal member, spoke to the group about the cultural importance of certain plants to the Potawatomi.

The PBPB EPA Department sponsored the meeting and representatives from the Land Department were also on hand.

For further information please contact the EPA Department located in the We-Ta-Se building.



National Indian Gaming Association Chair, Ernest Stevens, Jr, third from left in the cowboy hat, stopped in for a visit at the PBPB Gaming Commission office on November 8. To his left is Jona Rupnicki and Calvin Evans and to his right is Milt LaClair, Joyce Guerrero, and Carrie O'Toole. As an aside, Stevens was also recently honored as a standout alumni of Haskell Indian Nations University where he graduated in 1983.

**Upcoming elections**  
**Special Tribal Council Election**  
**Dec. 21**  
**and**  
**Gaming Commission election**  
**on**  
**Feb. 23**

**Exert your right to vote!**



## Government and Special Election

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

### 2004 Notice of Special Election for Tribal Council

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that another Special Election will be held on December 21, 2004 for the purpose of electing (1) Council Person. The term of office for this position will fill the duration of term (July 2008). The election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Ordinance of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, New Mexico will assist the Election Board with this Election.

#### Qualified Voters

To cast a ballot in this election you must:

- A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
- B) Be 18 years of age or older by November 5, 2004.
- C) Have a voter registration form on file with the Election Board no later than November 5, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. A voter registration form is enclosed to indicate you are not a registered voter. **Note:** Registered voters will not receive a voter registration form. Only those who have not registered before will receive the forms.

Prairie Band  
Potawatomi Nation  
Election Board  
P.O. Box 128  
Mayetta, Kansas  
66509

#### Ballot Distribution

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than November 22, 2004. All ballot distribution packages will contain a preaddressed return envelope for mailing ballots back to the Election Board.

All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Mayetta, Kansas no later than 9:00 a.m. on the date of the election, December 21, 2004.

#### Notice to voters!

● You must fill out and sign the blue voter's certificate and include it with your Ballot or it won't count.

● Remember to place only your Ballot in the secrecy envelope and no one else's. One (1) Ballot per envelope.

#### Election Results

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for Tribal Members conducted by the Election Board beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Election day at the old stone community building. Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots have been tabulated and the results of that tabulation have been recorded.

The Election Board shall issue the Preliminary Election Results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation. Protests of the election results may be filed up until December 27, 2004, at 4:00 p.m.

Certified election results will be posted at the appropriate Tribal offices, as well as, being released to all appropriate media at the conclusion of the election.

#### Election Board

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#### Special Tribal Council Election Calendar

**November 22, 2004**

Ballots mailed to all registered voters

**December 21, 2004-9 a.m.**

Election Day  
Ballots tabulated and results reported

**December 27, 2004-4 p.m.**

Last day to file protest of the election



## Special Election Tribal Council Candidate Profiles Vote for one (1)



Peggy (Nioce) Houston  
"Kum ma kwe"

I'd like to thank those of you who voted for me in the last special election. It's a good feeling to know you have support among your people. This is a bond one does not ever want to break.

I consider myself to be a "helping professional." My very first job out of college in 1981 was for the Kickapoo tribe as a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Counselor. It was a great experience and I have many great memories of the Kickapoo, Sac & Fox and Potawatomi youth I worked with. Following this job I worked at the Villages, Inc. a group home for troubled youth, St Vincent's Children Home, a Catholic troubled youth home (originally an orphanage), a temporary position with Big Brothers, Big Sisters until I was offered a job with Shawnee County Indian Education. My title was Indian Education, Youth Counselor. Again, I have many great memories of my time working with the Potawatomi, Kickapoo and other urban Indian youth.

I share this to express my continued goal of representing and Advocating for All Prairie Band Potawatomi. I have contributed seven years working in the casino to benefit All Prairie Band Potawatomi members. My goal is to work with All Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members to provide opportunities and continuous improvement of our Nation. I will personally look for avenues to provide two-way communication with members, near and far.

My agenda does not change. I remain con-

sistent with my targeted areas, all of which require your suggestions and honest feedback.

**I have the following targeted areas of interest:**

● **Collaboration of our Resources.**

Provide Education for the Nation from the Nation.

● **Utilizing Native American Business Resources**

Protecting our Sovereignty while utilizing it to our fullest potential, by working Nation to Nation with our Native partners.

Contracting and hiring our members and business owners

● **Providing Resources to our People**

Health & wellness services that we can all depend on.

● **Open door policy**

Open communication with the members and collaboration with our businesses, regulators and service providers.

As a nation, we have a wealth of knowledge that should be used to the fullest potential. I am proud of our members' individual accomplishments, contributions to our businesses and maintenance of our government processes.

**Professional experience:**

● 7 Years of Casino Management experience at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino;

● 7 Years Independent Living Coordinator, for the State of Kansas S.R.S.;

● 7 Years as a Mental Health Technician, at the Menninger Foundation

**Community volunteer work:**

● Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow Wow Celebration Committee.

● President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Kansas;

● Member of the National American Indian Chamber of Commerce;

● Foundation Director for the Kansas Society of Human Resource Management;

● Highland Adult Education Board Member

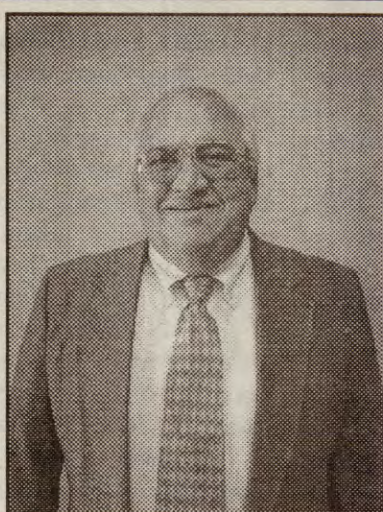
**Education:**

● Powhattan High School - 1974 Graduate, General Education

● Emporia State University - 1981 Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Sociology/Anthrop.

● Friends University - 2005 Graduate, (in progress) Master of Science in Management

I am the daughter of Edgar L. Nioce and Patricia Kahbeah Nioce. My grandparents, Joseph Nioce, and Alice Lasley Nioce honored me with my name, *Kum ma Kwe (Commaquah)*. Communication starts now, please e-mail me your comments, questions or suggestions at [pa\\_houston@earthlink.net](mailto:pa_houston@earthlink.net). Thank you for your VOTE and continued support!



Tom Tuckwin  
"Mnumquat"

I'm Tom Tuckwin and I am interested in filling the position of Tribal Council Member for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. My parents were both Potawatomi from here. They were Louis "Wag" Tuckwin and Elizabeth Blandin Tuckwin. I am a member of the Thunder clan and my Indian name is Mnumquat. I have also been a We-Ta-Se member for over twelve years.

I studied Business Management for two and one-half years at Wichita University before joining the US Navy during the Viet Nam Era. I was in communications for four years in the Navy which led me to study electronics at the University of Puerto Rico. I also had my own upholstery business for nearly four years in Puerto Rico while

studying there.

I was elected Tribal Chairman in the early 1970's and I served, along with the other council members, and without pay, with the intention of getting housing started on the reservation. I was also elected Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Construction Company in the 1980's, with the main purposes of road improvement and building lagoons for Tribal housing.

I have over twenty years of management experience, mostly in the private retail industry where I managed personnel, payroll, inventory and budget for our local office. I would like to use some of this experience to work for the tribe. I feel I can help our tribe to improve

in the areas of economic development, educational and health planning. With attention and care we can also improve the programs which are already in place, such as the housing, social and cultural programs. These improvements would not necessarily require more expenditures as much as more attention.

I have the time and desire to dedicate myself to this position and would be proud to serve all of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a Tribal Council member.

Thank you for all the support you can give. PLEASE VOTE.



## Continued



James Wabaunsee

My name is James Wabaunsee. I live here on the reservation. I graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Exercise Science and also from the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences where I received a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy.

After I graduated I came home and worked at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka for three and a half years. I then worked for the PBP Vocational Rehabilitation Program as the program coordinator. I am currently working at Holton Community Hospital in physi-

cal therapy where I have worked for the past year and a half.

I believe that each Tribal Council member is a servant to the people. The Tribal Council has been chosen to guide our nation and provide for its members. The Tribal Council must put those they lead before themselves. Our leaders uphold a standard for us to follow. The greatest skill of our leaders should be the ability to listen. And by listening, they can make decisions to benefit the people.



Tony Wahweotten

My name is Tony Wahweotten. Some of you may know me from General Council discussions or because I have been on or near our reservation all my life. I was born one of six children to Ron and LaVeda Wahweotten. My grandparents are Ray and Elsie Wahweotten and Charlie and Lillian Thomas. My three children, Chaumin, 19, Brennah, 7, and Zach, 4 currently live with my wife Angie and me in Mayetta, Kan. where we have lived for 13 years.

I received my diploma graduating from Royal Valley in 1984. At that time, I went to work for the USDA Conservation Department as an Engineering Technician for six years. This is where I learned survey and design techniques and other skills that have enabled me to be helpful to our Land and Zoning committees. I have worked on our Tribal Zoning committee for the past nine years. I was nominated and voted to serve as chairman for the last two terms. I was asked to participate and soon after was elected as a board member to the Land Management committee where I have served for

the last year.

In addition, I have been recognized as the owner and president of 1st Nation Painting, Inc. since 1996, when my father and I painted the first temporary casino on the reservation. Since 1996 we have completed contracts on the Elder Center, the PBP Childcare and Head Start, the Government Center, the Fire Station, the Tribal Court, the Bingo Hall, the Community building, and the Casino (existing and the new expansion) just to name a few of our projects in the last eight years. There have been many others. My business management skills and self-sufficiency have been learned through these experiences.

I have been involved with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Kansas (AICCK) through 1st Nation Painting for three years. Through these experiences I have learned to be accountable in a timely fashion and what it is like to look out for other families and resources as well as my own. I have been liable for five to 18 other families through

my business and have been responsible for our tribal assets, as well, through my committee work.

My interest in running for Tribal Council has come from being involved with the Nation in various business endeavors, meetings and committee work and my own personal experience and characteristics. I have earned a reputation for being fair and being able to make sound decisions quickly. I think the experience and expertise I have to offer in relation to the business of construction industry would be beneficial and timely. There are many other issues where I can offer leadership, like our tribal employee programs and the reasonable handling of our Nation's resources. I also think that policy and procedures are important and have good reasoning behind them and believe I can offer leadership in this area as well.

I humbly ask for your vote. My email address is [rawahoo@holtonks.net](mailto:rawahoo@holtonks.net). My phone number is 785/966/0049 and my work phone is 785/966/2935. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## 2005 Notice of Election for Gaming Commission

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that an Election will be held on February 23, 2005 for the purpose of electing (2) members of the Gaming Commission. The term of office for each position is four (4) years. This election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Ordinance of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, New Mexico will assist the Election Board with this Election.

| Qualified Candidate   | Qualified Voters   | Election Results   | Ballot Distribution  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>A qualified candidate must:</p> <p>A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.</p> <p>B) Be 25 years of age or older as of the date of this election.</p> <p>C) Agree to criminal background investigation conducted by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation/US investigations for record clearance.</p> <p>D) <b>NOT</b> have been convicted of a felony within the five years prior to the date of the election.</p> <p>E) Agree to the Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to drug testing.</p> <p>F) Submit a Declaration of Candidacy Form to the Election Board Office no later than November 22, 2004 by 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>G) Submit the \$150.00 nonrefundable filing fee and photo for ballot to the Election Board Office no later than November 22, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. The filing fee must accompany the Declaration of Candidacy Form and must be paid by cashier's check or money order.</p> <p>make payable to:<br/>Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation</p> <p>Cash or personal checks will not be accepted.</p> | <p>To cast a ballot in this election you must:</p> <p>A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.</p> <p>B) Be 18 years of age or older by January 3, 2005.</p> <p>C) Have a voter registration form on file with the Election Board <u>no later than January 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.</u> if you have never registered to vote. <b>Note:</b> Registered voters <u>will not</u> receive a voter registration form.</p> | <p>Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for Tribal Members conducted by the Election Board beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Election day at the old stone community building. Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots have been tabulated and the results of that tabulation have been recorded.</p> <p>The Election Board shall issue the preliminary election results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation. Protests of the election results may be filed up until 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2005.</p> <p>Certified election results will be posted at the appropriate Tribal offices, as well as, being released to all appropriate media at the conclusion of the election.</p> | <p>Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than January 14, 2005. All ballot distribution packages will contain a preaddressed return envelope for mailing ballots back to the Election Board.</p> <p>All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Mayetta, Kansas no later than 9:00 a.m. on the date of the election, February 23, 2005.</p> |

### Gaming Commission Election Calendar

**November 22, 2004- 4:00 p.m.**

Last day to file declaration of candidacy and pay non-refundable filing fee and turn in photograph for ballot.

**December 3, 2004- 4:00 p.m.**

Last day for candidates to withdraw from election

**January 3, 2005- 4:00 p.m.**

Last day to register to vote

**If you are not registered**

**January 14, 2005**

Ballots mailed to all registered voters

**February 23, 2005- 9:00 a.m.**

Election Day

Ballots tabulated and results reported

**February 28, 2005- 4:00 p.m.**

Last day to file protest of the election

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Election Board  
P.O. Box 213  
Mayetta, Kansas  
66509**





## An American Indian Symposium: Vision of Common Destiny: "make room for us"

By Mary Young

Region VII American Indian Council (AIC) sponsored the health and social services American Indian Symposium held in Kansas City, MO on November 16-17, 2004 at the Muehlebach/Marriott Hotel.

Packed to capacity, participants and attendees were eager to hear words of wisdom by the keynote speakers, Wilma Mankiller, former principal chief of the 220,000-member Cherokee Nation and Michael Trujillo, former director of the U.S. Indian Health Service.

### Wilma Mankiller:

Ms. Mankiller shared the concept of the lack of information about the American Indian, "We are either the noble savage, alcoholic or casino Indian." She said, "There is no balance." She continued with the myths about Indians: all Indians are the same, all religions are the same and can be replicated, and all Indians use sweat lodges. She further stated that history and contemporary lives of the Native are not understood, the meaning is lost for lack of knowledge. Language, culture, and lifeways are trying to be maintained but a thousand years of knowledge is lost when an elder dies. We need to capture what we have, and it is important to maintain them. The American Indian has a set of values whether they live in a rural or urban area. If you ask where they are from and if they live in an urban setting, they will say their tribal homeland, they will not say the city where they reside. She uses the term capriciousness of appearance which means, a different view of the world. This also includes reaching out and not looking at the situation but looking beyond.

### Michael Trujillo:

The next day Mr. Trujillo gave a summary of the panel presentations and on self governance, he said the following: "the Potawatomi need to be applauded although as Steve Oritz said, additional resources remain a concern." Mr. Trujillo was referring to Steve's presentation on developing a health and wellness center.

### PBPN Tribal Members Participate:

Presenters included the following PBPN members: Venida Chenault, "Abuse against indigenous women," Jerry Briscoe, "HIV/AIDS & American Indians" and Steve Oritz, "Establishing a tribal center for health and wellness."



Top row (L-r): Fred W. Schuster, US Dept. of HHS Regional Director, Steve Ortiz, PBPN Tribal Secretary. Bottom row (L-r): Nettie Grant Sikyta, NE HHS, and Wilma Mankiller.



Above: Venida Chenault and below, Michael B. Smith, LMSW, Chief of Human Services at Haskell Indian Health Center.



Christine Molle, American Indian Council Executive Director.

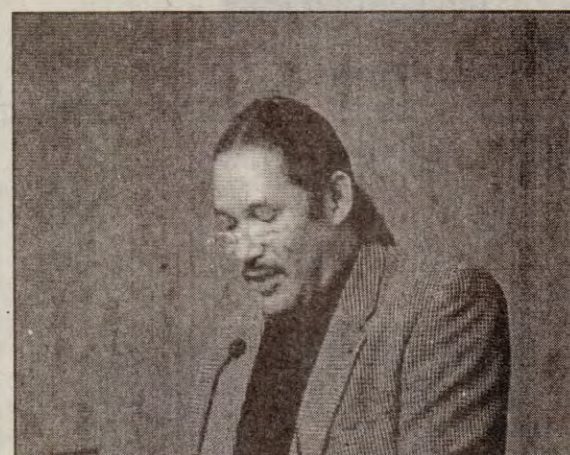


(L-r): Steve Ortiz, PBPN Secretary, Michael Trujillo, currently a professor at the Univ. of New Mexico, and Joseph "Jay" Mattwaoshshe, Region VII Board of Director.



### Keynote speakers:

Wilma Mankiller and Michael Trujillo.



Above photo: Jerry Briscoe, Left photo: Dee Ann DeRoin, M.D. and Below photo: (L-r): Attendees Verna Simon and Pam Bowman.



## Education Department: by Gwen Shunatona

### PBPN Higher Education Graduates Database deadline: December 31, 2004



If you have not reported a degree to us since the last survey in 2001, please complete this questionnaire and promptly return it to us. In addition to updating our Education Department statistics, this information may be utilized for future employment opportunities as they become available with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I gwi en.

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Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr \_\_\_\_\_  
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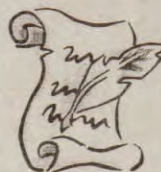
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Doctorate/Professional Major \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please return to:  
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### Introducing Gwen Shunatona

PBP Education Administrator is a position I fill as an opportunity of

honor and with sadness that our beloved Sharon McClane left the position when she passed into the spirit world. I call upon her daily for guidance in order to serve our PBP student scholars with the honor they deserve.

As we are taught, an individual life follows the spirit of the natural cycles of the traditional picture of life. Here is how I've tried and continue trying to do that.

**Eastern door of Spring** - where we come into human life, regardless of the month of our birth. It's been so nice to hear folks remember those who brought me onto Turtle Island. My father was Charles "Chief" Shunatona from whom I inherited my Pawnee and Otoe cultures. PBP's beloved sisters Jane and Sarah, remember my mom, Mary Farrell Shunatona (PBP and Otoe), as that little girl who ran errands for all the families who lived up and down Main Street in Mayetta. Another set of beloved PBP sisters, Vivian and Bernadette, remember my mom's parents, Gertrude Lasley Farrell, William Farrell, and my aunt Regina Farrell NewRider. The eventual choice of education as a profession was a natural choice for our family, in that my maternal great grandmother, Cole Nedeau's daughter, Rebecca Nedeau Farrell was a tribal interpreter for PBP because of her knowledge of both tribal and non-Indian cultures.

#### Summer growth

Growing up in Wichita, my first memories of our PBP Nation were playing outside the Rock Building while the adults attended General Council meetings. I'm proud and awed by the magnificent progress and development on our reservation due to enlightened leadership of our Tribal Councils through the years. Many PBP members remember when my dad MC'd PBP powwows, at the old site where the Government Center now stands. Those who have long memories have asked me if I can still do the Hoop Dance! From my dad's Pawnee culture, when a baby boy lived on this earth for only a few hours after birth, I stepped into the dance arena, taking that son's place, to fancy dance in feathers, as did a number of girls at that time. At the age of three years, one of my memories of that experience was getting help from adult dancers when it was time to find our seats around the "big" arena.

#### Fall maturity

Schooling was in Wichita through college, where I received a BA in Social Science at Newman University. An additional year in music school at Wichita State University, was followed by classroom teaching in elementary and middle schools. Then, while teaching at Chillicothe Indian High School in Oklahoma, I met up with two lively and interesting students, PBP's own Goffee Wabaunsee and Ruth Ann

Jessepe! Taking the opportunity to work in an All-Indian Upward Bound program for Minneapolis junior high school students, led me to graduate school at the University of Minnesota for an MA in Educational Administration. The unique aspect of that experience was being with the first cohort of students at four different universities being prepared to increase the number of educational administrators who were American Indian. Although selected to continue doctoral work at U of M, I was too eager to put the education to work, a decision with which I was happy; but, not having pursued a doctorate is a decision I've regretted so I always urge students to complete that hard phase of their education.

As an Assistant Dean of Students at Stanford University in California, I was delighted to see Rencie Etteyan and my cousin Marlene LaClair, now watching over us in the spirit world, provide leadership as undergraduates of whom PBP people can be proud. Our PBP Chairman Zach Pahmahmie graduated from Stanford after I filled the dual role of a Dean and Director of the Indian Program. A call from Washington, DC took me to the US Education Department as a manager in the Office of Indian Education for the type of program that PBP's Anita Evans so ably operates for our Royal Valley students. Expanding my service to tribal people, I spent some time in DC as the Director of Research, Demonstration and Evaluation with the Administration of Native Americans. Returning to education, I became a Vice President of the DC branch of Native American Research Institute, headquartered in Lawrence, where I enjoyed working with Marlene and with PBP's Carmilla Wishkeno Choteau. I then had the privilege of serving as President for ORBIS Associates, a national, Indian controlled, education-management-evaluation firm dedicated to providing assistance to tribes and their schools as well as those of off-reservation communities. With the National Indian School Board Association, helping develop a culture-based School Improvement Model for schools with Indian students was another great opportunity that took me to more than a dozen tribal and BIA schools. Most recently, I spent two intense and exciting years in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the Institute of American Indian Arts as Director of Planning and Coordination of a proposed Lifelong Learning Center for Native and Indigenous peoples. In that continuing education and training setting, PBP will have the opportunity to showcase our successful programs to the world.

#### Winter completion

Having, once again, come home to Kansas, I'm having a wonderful time being immersed in our PBP culture and am honored to be a part of the PBP Language and Culture Advisory Committee. Although my mom's early years were spent amidst our language, it will be only now that I'll be able to relish learning our true first language.

I use the word opportunity often because, as my sisters Jen and Adele learned from our parents, education is an opportunity to be seized in order to provide a person with many more opportunities throughout life. Serving Prairie Band people is one of those. I gwi en.

## News from PBPN Education Dept.:

Check out the website: [students.gov](http://students.gov)

Students.gov Infosource provides useful tips and information for college students and their families.

### Fellowship

National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology Fellowship Program

NWF is now accepting application for its 2005 Fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students interested in enhancing the environment.

New this year! Fellowship grants will be awarded in the following areas: Campus greening, civic engagement and research projects addressing global warming, water policy, Native American and Alaska Native communities, volunteerism and greenspace protection.

Fellows receive a modest grant, project support, recognition of their accomplishments and other benefits. They assist with the research, design and implementation of projects to reduce consumption and pollution and to restore habitat, and also assist with other environmentally helpful initiatives. Fellows will attend NWF's Annual Meeting in March 2005 in Washington DC.

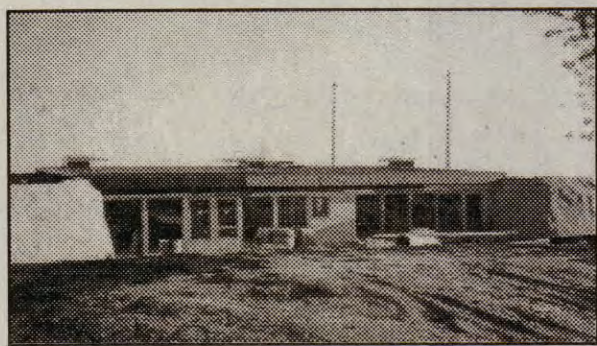
Applicants are evaluated upon a variety of criteria, including their abilities to work collaboratively with staff, faculty, administrators, students and community members; to secure academic credit; to secure matching funds and to serve as a model for the environmental movement. Applicants must convey their interest in learning about, serving as a representative of and pursuing further engagement with NWF and Affiliate organizations. They are also expected to remain active members of NWF after the conclusion of the fellowship. Learn more, get started and apply online.

Please contact us at [info@nwf.org](mailto:info@nwf.org) or 1-800-822-9919.

Send mail to: National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Dr., Reston, VA 20190.

Or call (406) 994-3911.





The Earthship Building located on 142 Rd is nearly finished and was made entirely out of recycled materials.

*The Great Spirit is in all things; he is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the earth is our mother. She nourishes us; that which we put into the ground she returns to us...*

*Big Thunder (Bedagi) (late 19th century) Wabanaki Algonquin*



Tribal member Laverne Biggoose was instrumental in getting volunteers from Washburn to help with building the Earthship. She attends Washburn and is presently interning in the PBPB Alcohol & Drug Department.



Dignitaries who attended the Pesticides MOU Signing on Nov. 10 took a tour after the ceremony of Prairie People's Park and the Earthship building. From l to r on the front row are: Dale Lambley, KDA, and EPA personnel Wolfgang Brandner, Louetta Flourney, and Martin Kessler. Back row l to r are: Jamie Green, Ira Salvini, and Jim Gulliford all from EPA. Next to them is PBPB Biologist Greg Wold, who conducted the tour that day.



In the far right corner of the photo Electrician Bob Clement can be seen explaining how the Earthship building's energy panels work in the front room of the building. Ira Salvini, EPA Region 7 Tribal Liaison is next to him. EPA Region 7 provided some grant monies for the building.

## PBPB Earthship: a model building for other tribes

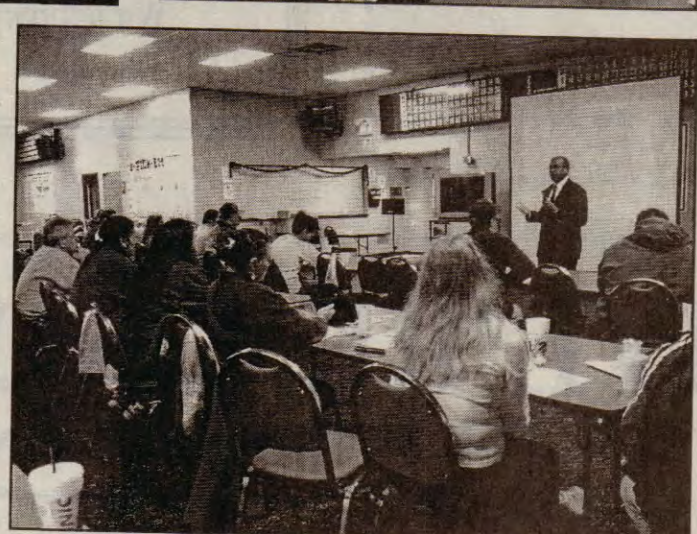
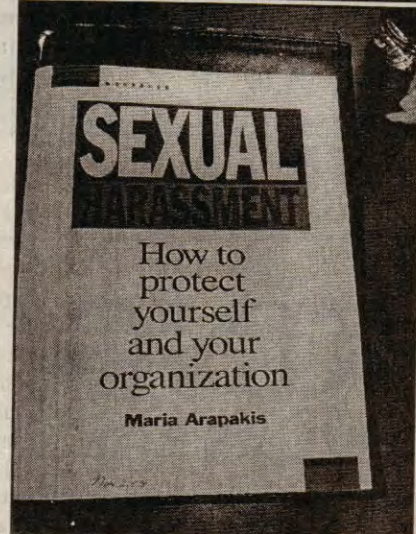
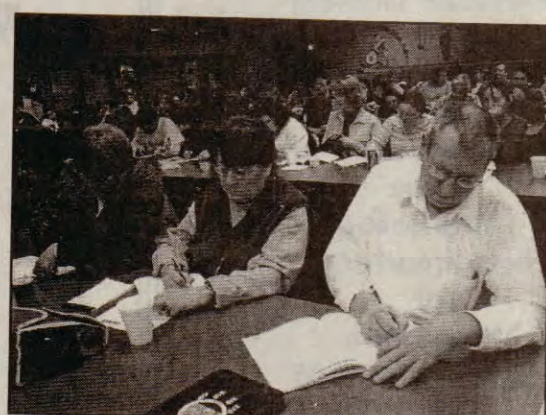
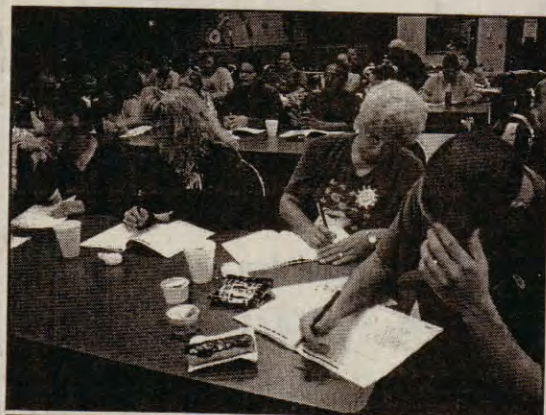
### EPA Region 7 leaders take tours

In the right photo Greg Wold is seen here describing the construction of the Earthship to EPA Region 7 administrator, Jim Gulliford and his staff.



Standing in front of one of the interior walls of the Earthship Building made with aluminum cans and stucco are from l to r front row: Clem Egger, EPA Region 7 Solid Waste Manager, Laverne Biggoose, and Wolfgang Brandner, EPA Reg. 7 Indian Program Coordinator. Back row l to r: Bob Clement, Greg Wold, Roy Hoss, PBPB Solid Waste Assistant and Ira Salvini. Egger, Brandner and Salvini came out to tour the building on the Friday before the MOU signing ceremony was held.

## Human Resources holds sexual harassment workshop for all employees



A mandatory "sexual harassment" training hosted by the PBPB Human Resources Department, broken up into four sessions, occurred on November 2 and 3, 2004 at the Bingo Hall.

According to the HR Policies and Procedures, "the Nation will have zero tolerance for sexual harassment in the workplace."

What is the general attitude on sexual harassment? According to the workbook used in the training session, it's "someone else's problem ... it couldn't happen here."

The workbook addresses the appearance of "just good humor" or "harmless fun" and looks at three categories of behavior, such as, "misunderstanding," "lack of awareness" and "malicious power play."

Skills to deal with such behavior were provided during the workshop.

The following are important questions to ask yourself as a self-check:

- Would I want my behavior on the evening news?
- Would I want my partner to know about what I'm doing or saying?
- Is there equal power between myself and the person I'm interacting with?
- Would I want someone else to act this way toward my partner?
- Would I want someone else to act this way toward my daughter?
- Is there "matched energy?"
- Is there equal initiative?

Remember, "harassment on the basis of sex is a violation of Section 703 of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as amended in 1972." See your employer for the policy and definition of sexual harassment because some behavior is inappropriate but is not illegal.

## Alcohol and Drug Program News

Submitted by- Shirlene Seymour

The Alcohol & Drug (A&D) program continues to do alcohol and drug assessments for clients. Assessments include gathering information on a client's medical history, employment-support, legal history, family/social relationships, emotional coping, a spirituality history, and their alcohol/drug history. In addition, the program also provides outpatient counseling with clients for self-referrals and court purposes.

Other job tasks include doing prevention projects and conducting inpatient placements at residential facilities many of which are out of state. This is one of the most important functions of the Alcohol and Drug program. Alcohol and Drug program staff advocate for clients to be admitted to the most appropriate program that will meet their needs.

For example, in October there were three enrolled tribal members who were admitted to the Omaha Intertribal treatment and all of them are in the process of completing their programs. The A&D program also uses Osage Nation, George Hawkins Treatment Center, and the Social Development Center in Ponca City, Oklahoma as treatment facilities where clients are transported to and from by staff.

For clients to use In-state placements, non-Indian health service (IHS) facilities must utilize state funding and private insurance resources. The alcohol and drug staff believe that Native Americans do better in I.H.S programs. Treatment centers also assist clients with discharge plans that include a safe and healthy recovery environment.

Additionally, the Alcohol and Drug program also provides crisis intervention by transporting clients to detox centers at the Johnson County Adult Detoxification Center, Kansas City, Kan. or Valeo (Sarp) in Topeka. Another form of crisis intervention is transporting a client to an AA meeting for sponsorship and for the fellowship of AA. Many times attending an AA meeting during the time of crisis can decrease cravings. Some of these transports occur on weekends or after normal business hours and is always completed by the A&D staff.

Also it should be noted that there are regularly scheduled AA meetings held every Wednesday at 7 pm, and a Woman's meeting held on Fridays from 6 pm to 7pm at the We-Ta-Se building.

Staff also attended various trainings throughout the year as a means of educating themselves about the latest trends in program developments and knowledge.



### Washburn students intern with A&D staff

Submitted by: A&D intern, Laverne Biggoose

The Potawatomi Alcohol & Drug Program has two Washburn University students interning with them this semester. James Jurey and Laverne Biggoose are studying to receive their certification for alcohol and drug abuse counseling in licensed/certified alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs in the State of Kansas. Both are also working toward a BAS degree in Human Services.

"We are very fortunate to have had this opportunity to get our foot in the door to such great experiences working with Shirlene Seymour, Tom Shopteese, and Elaine Mzhickteno Barr are all state certified Substance Abuse counselors," said Laverne.

### Alateen meetings held Mondays 7- 8 p.m. at We-ta-se Building

Submitted by: A&D intern, Laverne Biggoose

The Alcohol and Drug program has formed an Ala-teen group that meets on Monday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m and with the help of tribal members, like Paula Hopkins it has been a great success. Some teens from the Boys and Girls Club are participating in the group and have enjoyed refreshments to go along with learning about the devastating effects of alcoholism.





Above is Sharon Anderson-Bosse with her little pumpkin, Sophie.

## Halloween fun for the kids



Early Childhood Education Center children celebrated Halloween by trick or treating at various buildings on the reservation (see above) and then in the Boys and Girls Club gym. The photo, middle left, shows Tribal Officer Robert Neill giving candy to a trick or treater and top right is Bella with her mom, Edie Wamego.



## and the adults



A Halloween contest was held for employees, left, on October 29. Robin Shield, right, from the Finance Dep't won the grand prize for having the best costume.



The Nation Station convenience store turned in to Al's Diner on Oct. 29 and all the staff, dressed in 1950's outfits for the occasion.

Photo courtesy of Rez Gazette

## Nation Station staff takes stroll down memory lane with 1950s promotion



## Bowling-4-Kids Fundraiser to be held

Submitted by: Nis Wilbur

The PBPY Youth Action Coalition (YAC) and the Holton Bowling Alley will cosponsor a Bowling-4-Kids fundraiser to be held at 1pm on Saturday, December 4 to raise money for the YAC.

YAC is a group of community volunteers whose main goal is to educate the community about underage drinking and its long-term effects on our youth.

Because this program is volunteer-based there is not a funding source. This lack of funding makes it difficult to mount events and to pay for informational materials. All proceeds of the Bowling-4-Kids will go towards future activities and supplies.

For rules and regulations or more information contact Nis Wilbur at 1-866-966-0173.

## Washburn University Jumpstart program provides reading tutors for Ben-no-tteh Center

Fourteen Washburn students began reading to children at the Ben-no-tteh Early Childhood Education Center on November 15 and are reading to them in two-hour blocks four days a week.

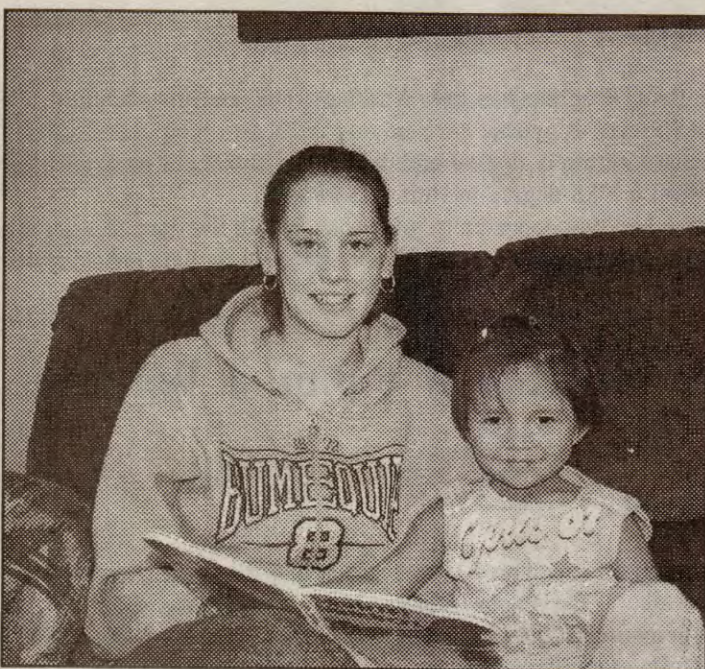
The PBPY is benefiting from a large Jumpstart Grant that Washburn University's Human Services Department received that recruits and trains students to serve as reading tutors for Headstart children between the ages of 3 and 4 years.

Students in the program are committing to one year or 300 hours of service and will receive \$1,000 scholarship awards when their service is completed.

Students were trained formally through the Learning in the Community(LinC) services at Washburn who secured the \$300,000 three-year grant. Washburn is one of 60 other colleges and universities that are participating in the program across the nation.

Founded by two Yale University students in 1993, Jumpstart's mission is to engage young people in service work to help every child in America enter school prepared to succeed.

Natalie McClane is the Child and Staff Development Program Manager at Ben-no-tteh Center and is coordinating the program with Washburn.



Washburn University student, Cheri Sturtz, seen left reading a book to Maylee, one of the Ben-no-tteh Early Education Center's students. The reading program is coordinated through the Learning in the Community (LinC) Center at Washburn.

Tribal Police are organizing a gift drive to make a Merry Christmas for PBPY foster children.

Please bring new gifts or financial donations to the Tribal Police headquarters at 16344 Q Rd Mayetta, KS 66509

For more information call Rebekah Potts at 785-966-3024

Nation Station now has Winter hours



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by: Suzanne Heck

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is planning to pave 158 Rd from E Rd to K Rd beginning next week, weather permitting.

Plans call for the road to be paved and smoothed out in addition to a connected extension of I Rd north to 166th Rd west where Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church is located. The church's parking lot is also scheduled to be paved.

Jim Shane, Construction Manager for the PBPB, hand delivered notices to residents along 158 Rd last week to alert them that the work would begin fairly soon.

"We hope residents under

stand that the road will be improved greatly by the reconstruction," he said, "but it will cause an inconvenience for a while."

In the meantime, detours will be set up and right of ways established on the road itself so that people can get through.

When asked when the road would be completed Shane projected that it should be done by early summer, 2005 as long as the weather isn't a major factor.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 15 at the intersection of 158 and K roads between the Nation and the design/construction groups who will do the work.

## 158 Road from K to E to be paved

Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church also to benefit from road improvements

Groundbreaking ceremony held



Left to right is Tom Bennett of BG Consultants, Manhattan, KS, from the engineering firm for the road, Tribal Council members, Steve Ortiz and Rey Kitchkumme, Pat Blosser of Hamm's, the group that will construct the road, PBPB Construction Manager Jim Shane, Executive Director Jon Boursaw and Tony Marienhaus, also of Hamm's. Not pictured is Tribal Member and Road and Bridge employee, Bennie Potts who gave the blessing before the groundbreaking.



This photo, taken at the intersection of K and 158 roads, is looking west from where the road reconstruction will begin. In the coming months the road will be reconstructed from gravel to pavement and will be leveled out.



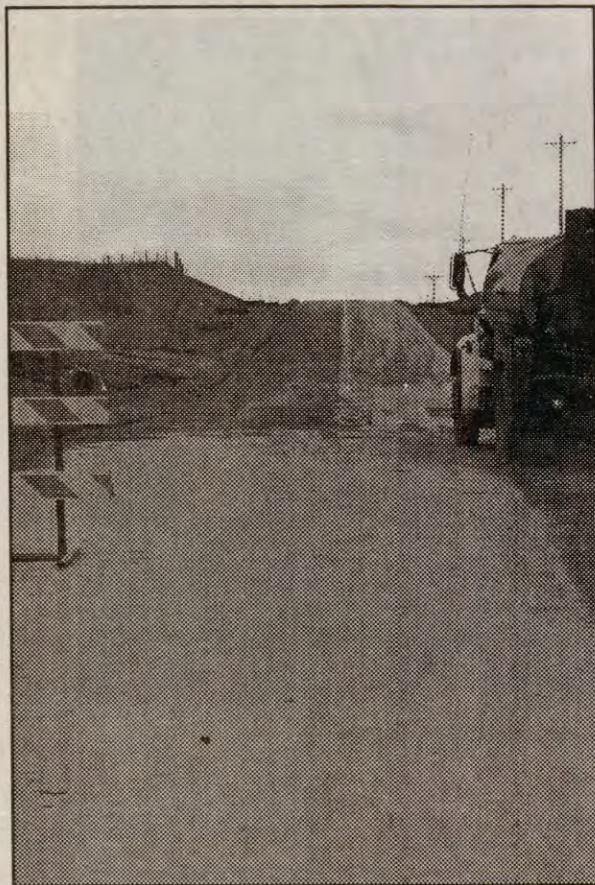
### Eagle Sighting on Rez

The Road and Bridge bison livestock crew reported seeing a bald eagle on November 12 roosting in a tree near the bison pasture on N Road. The News staff also enjoyed seeing the eagle.

### Is your car ready for winter?

- Check the antifreeze
- Windshield wipers need to be in good condition, keep fluid full
- Keep a shovel in your trunk, blanket, extra boots or clothes
- A lighted candle can keep one from freezing to death in a car; don't forget matches or a candle holder; keep in a covered coffee can with some food that will hold.

## More road improvements



Paving K Rd from 150 Rd to 142 Rd.



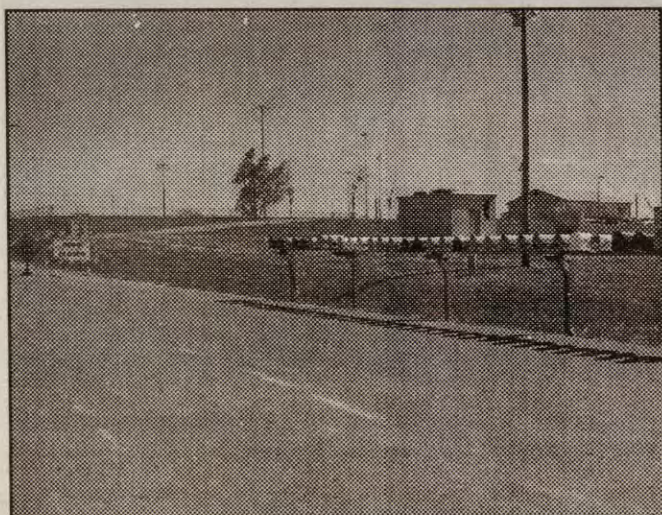
Seen above is the beginning phase of construction for a major access road on L Rd that will run from 150 Rd to 158 Rd. The road is being primarily developed for residents who live in the the new housing developments at 158 and L Rd.



Pictured above are some Road and Bridge workers making some improvements on 174 Rd. The crew installed the tube seen in the foreground and were mending the fence.

Photo by: Mary Young

Did you know that Road and Bridge has put in over 150 miles of road on the reservation so far?



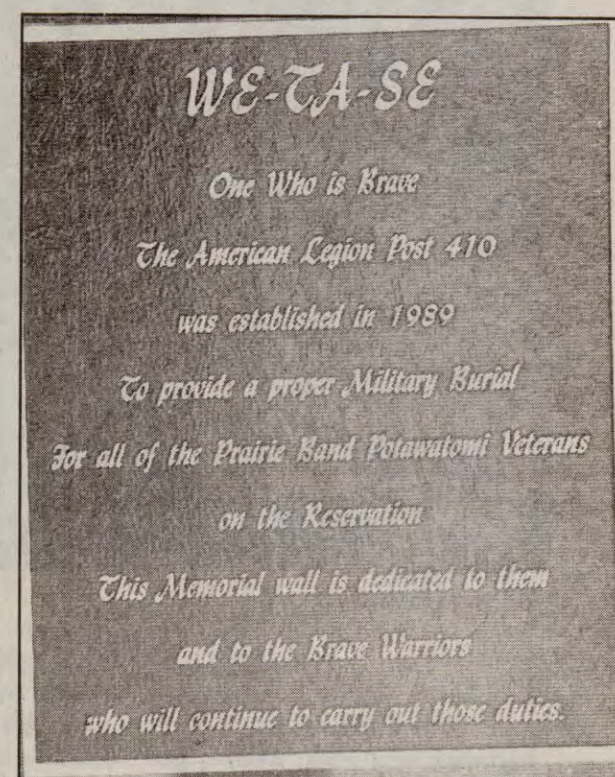
The picture to the left shows a row of mailboxes that have been temporarily placed in Housing Cluster 3 while its entry road is being reconstructed.



The Road and Bridge Department also oversees caring for the Nation's bison herd.



**PBPN War Memorial nearing completion for the Veteran's Day event at Prairie People's Park:  
The center photo depicts the engravers adding new names to the wall.**



**We-Ta-Se is further keeping alive the memory of others who sacrificed their lives**



We-Ta-Se members being recognized at the 3rd Quarter Charitable Contributions event at the Bingo Hall for their involvement with Great Overland Station in Topeka.

**Through PBPN's Charitable Contributions  
We-Ta-Se Post 410 gave a large donation to  
an All Veterans Memorial to be erected at the Great Overland Station in Topeka**



We-Ta-Se members were recognized at a ceremony at the Great Overland Station on November 16 for the contribution from the PBPN. Left to right is Jack Strukel, Roy Hale, Max Prosser, Jim Gravenstein, Francis Shopteese, Jim Darnall, and Leroy Mzhickteno. It was the second time that the All Veterans Memorial has received a contribution due to We-Ta-Se's help.



## Veterans Memorial Day Commemoration Prairie People's Park

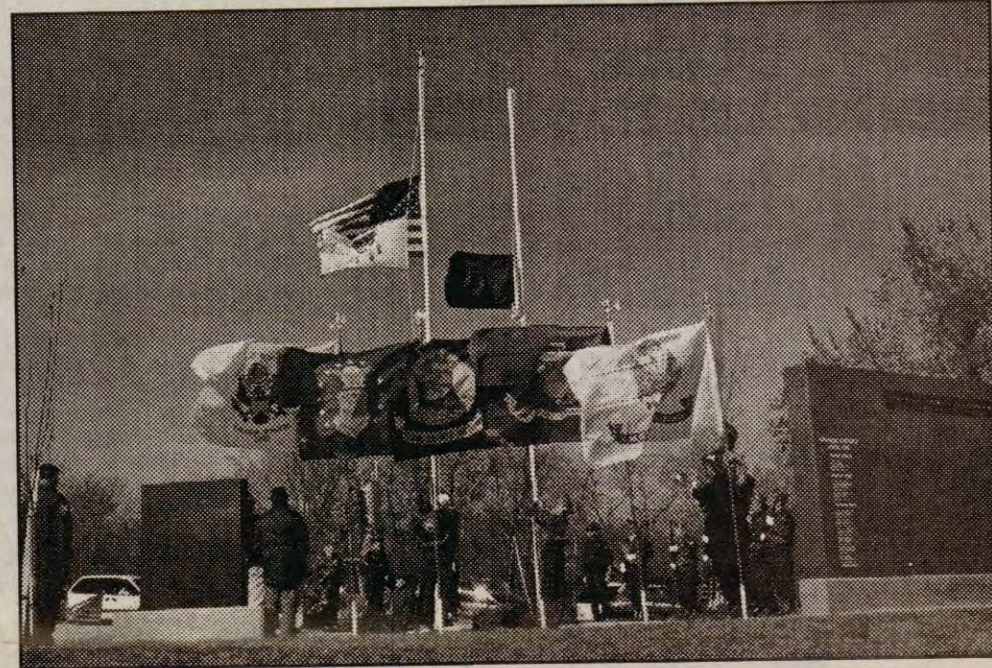


November 11, 2004

photos by:  
Mike Jensen



*Honor to all  
those that have  
gone before us  
and to those that  
may follow*



## Now on the front lines:

## Curtis Keltner's journey to Iraq

by Gary E. Mitchell

For Curtis Keltner, a 23 year-old tribal member, son of Roberta Keltner and grandson of Theresa Asselin, arriving in Iraq was a true cultural shock and living in a war situation for a year only added to the shock.

People in the hometown of Saddam Hussien, Tikrit, were considered loyalist of his regime. Hussein moved to Baghdad after rising to the presidency of Iraq but made sure his old home was taken care of and the town composition was mostly friends of his and relatives. It was evident to Keltner why the people there hated the United States Army.

Iraqi's believed in Jihad and the concept of a Holy War. By killing non-Muslims or die trying then this act ensured a place in heaven, which is why there were so many acts of suicide toward the United States military during Keltner's year there.

Keltner said the people were poor, lived in mud huts, and had no running water. The children were nice and walked up to the soldiers and shook hands but would always ask for a dollar. Seeing these poverty conditions in an oil rich country such as Iraq made Keltner wonder why it worked that way.

In the country of Iraq each town had a sheik, a millionaire who lived in big houses or mansions. He was considered the town leader and the title of sheik passed from one generation to another. Money equaled power in Iraq.

Before Keltner went to Iraq in March of 2003, the military instructed the soldiers in classes not to look at the Iraqi women because that would cause unnecessary grief for the women.

The women were obedient to the men and worked in back-breaking jobs in the fields. The married women dressed in black robes from head to toe.

The men in Iraq were allowed to have up to six wives, but only if they could afford them. Women in Iraq society are considered property. A man had to pay the father of a woman money or in a number of sheep, basically buying his daughter.

The people of Iraq consumed no alcohol or ate pork and would pray up to five times a day. At certain times of the day, music would come from the local mosque and the people would stop whatever they were doing and fall to their knees toward Mecca and prayed.

What brought Curtis Keltner to this oil-rich but desolate and poor country? He described it as a love of country and life growing up listen-



Curtis Keltner

ing to many military stories from his dad, who served 13 years in the army, and from his mother's side. All of these childhood stories made Keltner determined to follow in his relatives' footsteps and joining the army seemed the right thing

to do for him.

Arriving in Iraq during the hot season where temperatures rose to 140 degrees only added to the initial cultural shock. These feelings of pity toward the poverty conditions soon dissipated when his Alpha Company were fired upon in their daily patrols around Tikrit.

Instinct and all the intensive military training kicked in during these attacks. The attacks were mostly guerrilla tactics where 2 or 3 Iraqi would fire upon the Americans and then run away. That's the way they fought, said Keltner. It turned into a waste of time when his unit would have to go search for the attackers.

Keltner said nothing happened 90% of the time on these daily patrols then out of nowhere an attack would happen when they least expected it. It was only afterwards, that they thought "Oh my God, I could have died."

He described the soldiers in his Alpha Company as good people who saved his life on more than one occasion with their courage. "They had your back and you had theirs" as Keltner described it.

Keltner's message today is: even if you don't support Bush's war policies at least support the troops because they are doing it for their country.



See back page for highlights of the We-Ta-Se Post # 410  
7th Annual Veterans Recognition Pow Wow





## Prairie Band continues cultural way of giving to others

### Historically the tribe has always shared with others

William Mzhickteno recalls the story, recounted to him by his father and other Potawatomi tribesmen, of the Potawatomi's final buffalo hunt in the late 1840s.

The Potawatomi were anticipating a long, cold winter. Since buffalo were an important food source, preparations were made for a hunt. The Potawatomi had not only become adept at curing and preserving buffalo meat, they were also skilled at transforming buffalo hides into attractive, functional blankets.

Federal regulations of the 1840s required the Potawatomi to secure permits from the local Indian agent before leaving the reservation. With permit in hand, the Potawatomi hunting party, including Mzhickteno's father, Joseph, and his grandfather, Wamego, traveled west in search of buffalo. The tribesmen experienced a long horseback journey, traveling through the present-day towns of Junction City, Lindsborg, Great Bend and Wakeeney, before finally locating a buffalo herd. There the Potawatomi hunting party took enough buffalo to satisfy their winter needs.

On the return trip through Graham County, the hunting party came across the crude settlement of Nicodemus. They found a black settlement whose members were "helplessly stranded, hungry and without any means of shelter." It was apparent to the tribesmen, the settlers lacked the pioneering know-how to survive the winter. That night, over campfire light, the hunting party discussed the plight of the Nicodemus settlers. They decided to return the next day and help the settlers cut slough grass from a nearby creek, teaching them to build shelters similar to their own tribal homes.

"We can't leave them this way," said one of the Potawatomi. "They'll have to have something to eat and skins to wrap themselves in." The Great Spirit touched the hearts of the hunting party, and they agreed to give the Nicodemus settlers half their buffalo meat.

When the Potawatomi left for their reservation, their loads were considerably lighter, but they felt justified in the knowledge they had saved a community. Mzhickteno characterized the sacrificial act as a "bright page in human history." Upon returning home, the story of the Potawatomi hunting party quickly spread throughout the reservation, and hunting party members were hailed as heroes.

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October 6, 2004

Mr. Jim Garcia, Director  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Charitable Contributions Committee  
16281 Q Rd.  
Mayetta, KS 66509

Dear Jim,

Enclosed is a copy of The Leaven, containing an article and photo on page 2 of Haskell Catholic Campus Center's group at the Tekakwitha Conference. The generous donation from Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Charitable Contributions Committee is mentioned in the photo caption and in the article. The Leaven is mailed to registered Catholic homes, parishes and archdiocesan agencies in 21 northeast Kansas counties.

Jim, words can't adequately express just how much having the bus meant to those who made the trip. The reclining seats and bathroom were essential for everyone's comfort. We left at 2:30 a.m. and arrived in El Paso eighteen hours later, with brief stops for gas and a change of drivers in northeast Texas.

We have some single moms who bring their children to the center for Sunday Mass and religious training. These women are non-traditional students who are making a new life for themselves and their children. Opportunities for spiritual growth are so important to strengthen them for the challenges they face. We continue to see the benefits of helping them attend the Tekakwitha Conference. This year, as in past years, bonds were strengthened within the group. The women plan to sew shawls and shirts for everyone to wear during next year's Tekakwitha Conference. The young girls hope to make and sell craft items to help with trip costs.

Again, please extend our gratitude to the Charitable Committee for providing the funds for the bus and drivers. God bless each of you!

Sincerely,

Br Joseph McGlynn, O.F.M. Cap., Director

Haskell Catholic Campus Center  
P.O. Box 3496  
2301 Barker Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66046-0496  
785-842-2401



The photo above shows the new bus that was purchased for Haskell's Catholic Campus Center.



Seasons  
Greetings

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation recently joined the KSDS family with a grant to support training and placement of assistance dog teams. [Assistance dogs references service dogs and/or guide dogs.] The average estimated value of EACH fully prepared, career ready assistance dogs is now \$15,000, which includes all costs related to raising and training, such as veterinary care and certification of physical and genetic soundness. Such a cost—\$15,000—would be prohibitive for the vast majority of assistance dog users, and so we are appreciative of and truly indebted to KSDS supporters.

-Phyllis Burdge, VISTA, KSDS Public Relations  
Coordinator KSDS = Dog Power Empowering People



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a thank you  
from their Drama  
Department

The TDC Learning Center in Topeka also wrote a letter about the \$10,000 donation they received. Here are excerpts from their letter:

...Your gift was put to work and has provided scholarship assistance to several families, making a wonderful difference in their lives. We asked those granted scholarships to tell us how the scholarship helped. Here are some of the recipients' comments:

• Words cannot describe my gratitude for your scholarship program. My youngest child suffers from several medical problems which results in large monthly expenses for me as a single mom, and the scholarship has allowed my older daughter (to attend) a safe, educational and fun program.

• The scholarship that is provided to me allows me to keep clothes on my child, decent food in the house and the utilities on. Without the scholarship, I would not be able to afford to live.

• I am a single mother, currently working fulltime, and taking a full load of college classes to finish my undergraduate degree. The only way I would be able to meet my goals, to become a nurse, and provide a better life for my son and myself, is with your scholarship program. The well being of my son is the most important thing to me, but continuing my education is vital to our future. Your scholarship assistance is a tremendous help to me.

### 3rd Quarter Charitable Contributions Awards

- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Inc. (Omaha, NE) \$20,000
- Mayetta Pioneer Day Association (Mayetta, KS) \$1,500
- YMCA Safe Visit Program (Topeka, KS) \$5,000
- Meals on Wheels (Topeka, KS) \$20,000
- Shawnee County Family Resources (Topeka, KS) \$15,000
- Hiawatha USD 415 (Hiawatha, KS) \$10,000
- Topeka High School Choir & Band (Topeka, KS) \$4,387
- Royal Valley Recreation Association (Hoyt, KS) \$20,000
- Washburn University School of Nursing (Topeka, KS) \$20,000
- Royal Valley Elementary School (Hoyt, KS) \$500
- City of Mayetta (Mayetta, KS) \$5,000
- KSDS Inc. (Washington, KS) \$20,000
- Life Savers for Learning (Topeka, KS) \$20,000
- Post 410 We-Ta-Se (Mayetta, KS) \$20,000
- Project Plus SEKESC, USD 609 (Topeka, KS) \$10,000
- American Native Press Archives (Little Rock, AK) \$16,000
- Sherman Indian School (Riverside, CA) \$12,000
- American Red Cross (Topeka, KS) \$20,000
- Washburn University Indigenous Nations Student Association (Topeka, KS) \$5,000
- Topeka Center for Peace and Justice (Topeka, KS) \$20,000
- Friends of the Fair Pavilion (Onaga, KS) \$1,000
- Shawnee Heights High School Drama Department (Tecumseh, KS) \$9,000
- Camp Fire USA (Topeka, KS) \$10,000
- Law Enforcement Family Training Foundation (Topeka, KS) \$10,000
- Haskell Indian Nations University AISES Club (Lawrence, KS) \$5,000

The PBPN Charitable Contributions Committee considers four areas of focus when determining the distribution of funds. Tribal Council approves all distributions.

**Education:** The PBPN will support educational programs that will assist in developing skills to create a better workforce for the benefit of the whole business community, including the PBPN Nation.

**Health & Community Services:** The PBPN will support programs that address the mental and physical health issues that impact the whole community, including the PBPN Nation.

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

**Religion:** The PBPN will support the organizations that impact on spiritual wellness and quality of life for all.



## UALR recipient of Charitable Contribution gift to support American Native Press

2004 Sequoyah Research Center Symposium  
By Mary Young

As a representative of PBPB and an attendee of the 2004 Sequoyah Research Center Symposium, a Charitable Contribution award was presented to the Advisory Board of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's (UALR) Sequoyah Research Center to support the American Native Press Archives.



Dan Littlefield, Jr., and the Advisory Board accept the \$16,000 award presented by Mary Young. (L-r): Lorie Roy, Paul Austin, Robert Sanderson, John Sanchez, Selene Phillips, Paul Demain and James Parins. (Photo courtesy of UALR Media Relations Manager)

Professors Dan Littlefield and James Parins said the gift will create a graduate fellowship to help the research center prepare manuscripts, notes on history and content of Indian newspapers and periodicals, and other printed materials for public use in the American Native Press Archives housed at the Sequoyah Research Center at UALR.

A resource guide to native press history, including a research finding aid for the Native Press History Collection, a bibliography of published and unpublished resource on native press history will also be supported by this grant.

As of January 8, 2002, the American Native Press Archives has been receiving the PBPB newspaper including the past issues. Mary Young has attended three of four Sequoyah Research Center Symposia and currently has been elected to be a member of the Advisory Board.

## Sequoyah Research Center outgrowing space

Attendees took a tour of the American Native Press Archives (ANPA) located in the Center; as the photos show, the material is tightly packed and space is a valuable resource. The staff is busily packing the archival material to

be moved into larger quarters, eventually the material will be located in a newly constructed facility.

The ANPA was founded in 1983 and is "one of the largest repositories of Native thought" established by Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr. and James W. Parins. The newspaper and periodical collection is also one of the largest in the world.



"With this gift, the PBPB Nation will be creating a resource to help educate the public about publishing and other media that have played a major role in helping establish and maintain tribal sovereignty," Littlefield said.



Director Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr. conducting "Indian Identity in Arkansas" workshop. Sources were identified to assist in research projects.



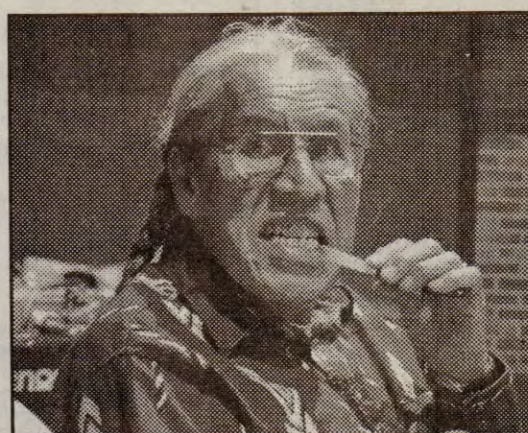
(L-r): Mary Young, Robert Sanderson, UALR, Jim Garcia, chair of Charitable Contributions.

## And the Nation itself has a lot to be thankful for in the bounty of food and gifts that we receive and share

### Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at the Elder Center



Stirring mashed potatoes for the dinner is Thedi Uhl with Gubba Hale in the background who was helping her and the rest of the cooks.



This tribal elder has a new way of cleaning his teeth after a meal. Photo is of Jim McKinney at a recent pow wow.

The new Food Commodity Building is finished and ready for customers. Inside it has lots of bright new storage space and a new cooler/freezer walk in plus a waiting room and offices. Outside it has a canopy for easy loading in the rain and a paved parking lot.



Some visitors at the new Food Commodity building recently included left to right Melissa Coonce, United Tribes, Jon Yorgason and Sabina Velasco, USDA Food & Nutrition, and Vice Chair of Tribal Council, Rey Kitchkumme. On Rey's right is Larry Berryhill who is the Director of the Food Commodity program.

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The *Prairie Band Potawatomi News* encourages and welcomes letters, editorials, articles and photos from its readers. This publication reserves the right to reject, edit or condense items submitted. We request your submissions by the 15th of each month. Submit items by email (as an attachment) or disk in Microsoft Word or stop by the News office with your information.

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Please include your name, address, and telephone number where we can contact you should we need to verify information.

Photos submitted with news articles will be returned after publication. Please print name on back of photo to ensure accuracy. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with the photo.

## To contact the PBPB Tribal Government:

Write  
16281 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
Or call  
Toll free: 1-877-715-6789  
Or (785) 966-4000



## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

**Your tribal enrollment card is not an insurance card.**

When you seek medical attention and you show your tribal enrollment card to your medical provider, the medical provider will submit a claim to PBPN Human Resources. When this occurs, the Human Resources Department will send it right back to them with a denial letter. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is NOT a Group Health Plan or an insurance company. The Human Resources Department is only responsible for those who are employed by PBPN. If you are a tribal member and need medical or dental assistance, please contact the Social Services Department. You can reach them by calling (785) 966-2932 or toll free 1-888-966-2932. The Social Services staff will



**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation**  
Jane or John Doe  
is officially enrolled with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

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be able to provide you with the information you need and/or an application for medical or dental assistance.

The Human Resources Department handles the Vision Service Plan (VSP) for all tribal members. This vision insurance plan is available to each of our enrolled tribal members. VSP will cover:

- Standard Eye Exam once every 12 months, which is covered 100%.
- Single vision, lined bifocal or lined trifocal lenses are covered in full (100%) once every 12 months.
- Up to \$115 allowance on any frame of your choice once every 24 months.

• Instead of lenses and frame, VSP members could receive a \$105.00 allowance applied to a contact lens exam (fitting & evaluation) and the contact lenses. You would also receive a 15% discount off the contact lens exam before the allowance is applied.

Tribal members are welcome to enroll anytime and can do so over the phone. If you have any questions about the Vision Service Plan, or would like to enroll, please call Tracy Rogers at (785) 966-3966 or toll free 1-866-694-3937.

- Submitted by the Human Resources Dept.

## Prairie Band Potawatomi/Sac and Fox Health and Wellness Clinic

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

785 364-2176

FAX  
785 364-3691

### TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Pharmacy  
1-866-727-6330

HEALTH CENTER  
1-866-694-6728

MANAGED CARE (CHS)  
1-800-441-6021



15392 K Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
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## PBPN Annual Health & Safety Fair held at the Bingo Hall

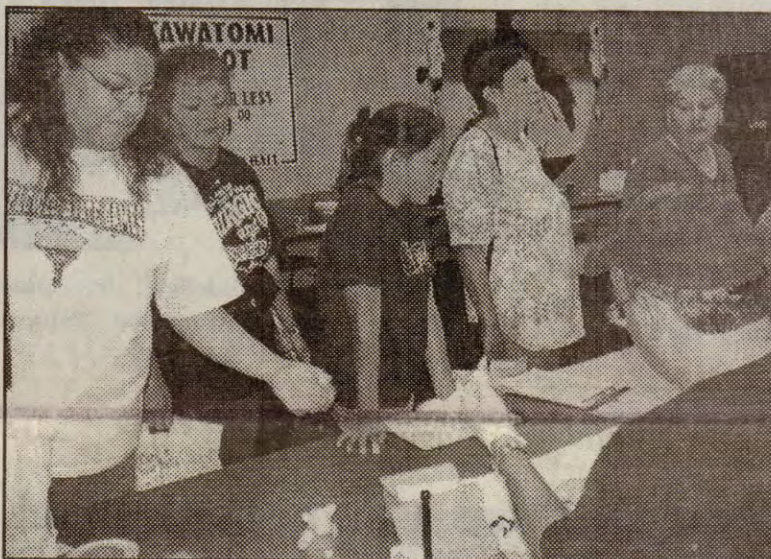


Above, Sharon Bukacek, Mayetta is seen getting her ears checked by UMKC medical student, Angie Torres during the Health Fair.



Above from left to right is Amanda Snowden, a nursing intern from Baker University, Ann Amon, Director of Home Health, and Zennie McClintock, Director of Social Services from the Holton Community Hospital. The hospital was one of several health organizations from the community who had a booth at the fair.

Below, Kelly Mills gets a cholesterol check from an EMS staff member.



sponsored by the Nation's C.H.R., Fire/EMS, and Tribal Police Dept's on October 29



## Pool Tourney Winners

On November 6 at 8 a.m., the annual pool tournament was held at the Fire Keepers Elder Center with the following results:

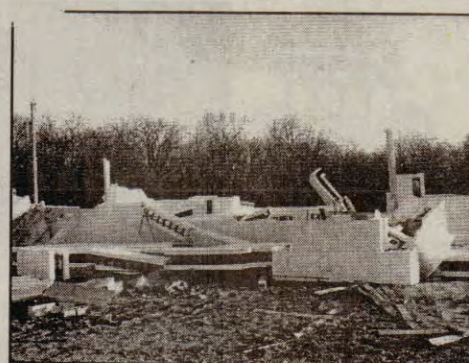
### Men's Snooker

First place: Ron Lynch  
Second place: Dale Dupis  
Third place: James Jackson

### Open 9-Ball

First place: Ron Lynch  
Second place: Rick Rector  
Third place: BJ Darnall

Top photo: Glenda Stenger, Care Giver Coordinator, is serving breakfast for Benny Potts. Lower photo: Both games are being played simultaneously.



KS winds once again wreaked havoc on the Rez. Prairie Gardens, behind Prairie Village apartments, felt the impact of the gale force winds.



Ann Kelly from the Topeka Social Security Office gave a presentation and answered questions after lunch on Monday, Nov. 8, 2004 at the Fire Keepers Elder Center. Contact number: 1-866-271-7580, select #1 for field office, enter 9888 for Topeka.



## December "2004"



| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Sloppy Joes<br>Baked Fries<br>Tossed Salad<br>Mandarin Oranges      | Country Fried Steak<br>Potato & Gravy<br>Broccoli Normandy<br>Dinner Roll | Beef Stroganoff<br>Broccoli<br>Tossed Salad<br>Garlic Bread          | Chicken Sandwich<br>Baked Beans<br>Cole slaw<br>Whole Fruit              | Salmon Patties<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Broccoli<br>Sliced Bread |
| Chili & Hot Dogs<br>Green Beans<br>Chefs salad<br>Cheese & Crackers | Salisbury Steak<br>Potato & Gravy<br>Zucchini<br>Salad & Roll             | Sweet & Sour Pork<br>White Rice<br>Egg Drop Soup<br>Cantalope Slices | Parmesan Chicken<br>Potatoes & Gravy<br>Broccoli Normandy<br>Dinner Roll | BLT Sandwich<br>Ham Quiche<br>Cottage Cheese<br>Fruit Salad     |
| Vegetable Beef Soup<br>Tuna Sandwich<br>Fruit<br>Crackers           | Meatloaf<br>Spinach<br>Potatoes & Gravy<br>Salad & a Roll                 | Beef Sandwich<br>Potato Salad<br>Vegetable Dippers<br>Fruit          | Christmas Dinner Potluck   | Fish Sticks<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Broccoli<br>Garlic Bread    |
| Liver & Onions<br>Potato & Gravy<br>Sliced Carrots<br>Dinner Roll   | Goulash<br>Brussels Sprouts<br>Tossed Salad<br>Garlic Bread               | BBQ Wings<br>Chicken Rice Soup<br>Baked Fries<br>Fruit Salad         | Lasagna<br>Green Beans<br>Tossed Salad<br>Garlic Bread                   | Closed for Christmas  |
|   |   | Pork Chops<br>Potato & Gravy<br>Succotash<br>Dinner Roll             | Hogi Sandwich<br>Potato Soup<br>Fruit Salad<br>Crackers & Cheese         | Closed for New Year   |

Native Seniors 50+ Free  
Adults \$3.50  
Children \$2.00

Potawatomi Elder Center

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

PBPN Caregivers attend the signing of the Proclamation by the Governor declaring November as Caregiver Awareness Month.

Photo at left (l to r): Glenda Stenger, Coordinator, Susan McKibben and Marcy Degand, Caregivers.

## Fire Keepers Elder Center: Limited evening hours

Hours will be arranged for upcoming activities; regular hours will be posted when the Activities Coordinator position is filled. Nona can be contacted at the Center for further information at 966-0040.





## Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Although the height of apple season may appear to be over, *Recipe Corner* is featuring more recipes utilizing the apple. We hope you try and enjoy the recipes in this issue.

### Apple Peanut Salad

Submitted by Carol Dewitt

4 medium apples, diced  
3 cups salted dry roasted peanuts  
1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

In a large bowl, combine the apples, peanuts and whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

### Apple-Sausage French Toast

Submitted by Carol Dewitt

3/4 pound bulk pork sausage  
2 medium apples, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices  
6 eggs  
2-1/2 cups milk  
1/3 cup maple syrup  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
18 slices French bread (1/2 inch thick)

In a skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Remove and set aside. Add apples to the skillet; cover and cook for 3-5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.

In a bowl, lightly whisk the eggs, milk, syrup and nutmeg until combined. In a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish, arrange half of the bread. Top with the sausage, apples and remaining bread. Pour egg mixture over the top. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 45-50 minutes or until eggs are set and bread is golden.

### Apple Chicken and Rice

Submitted by Carol Dewitt

1 pound boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes  
2 tablespoons butter or stick margarine, divided  
1 package (6 ounces) chicken-flavored rice mix  
1-1/4 cups water  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
1/2 cup apple juice  
1 medium apple, chopped  
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup dried cranberries or raisins

In a large skillet, brown chicken in 1 tablespoon butter until juices run clear; remove and keep warm. Set seasoning packet from rice mix aside. In the same skillet, sauté rice mix in remaining butter for 5 minutes or until golden brown.

Add the water, broth, apple juice, apple, mushrooms, onion, cranberries and contents of rice seasoning packet; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until rice is tender, stirring occasionally. Return chicken to the pan; heat through.

### Apple-Onion Pork Chops

Submitted by Carol Dewitt

4 lean boneless pork loin chops (4 ounces each)  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
2 tablespoons olive or canola oil, divided  
2 cups sliced red onions (1/2-inch slices)  
1 large tart apple, peeled and chopped  
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar or cider vinegar  
1/3 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth

Sprinkle both sides of pork chops with salt and pepper. In a large nonstick skillet, brown chops in a 1 tablespoon oil on both sides over medium-high heat. Remove and keep warm. In the same skillet, cook onions and apple in remaining oil over low heat until golden brown, about 30 minutes.

Return pork chops to the pan. Add vinegar; cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 18-20 minutes or until meat is tender.

### Mom's Waldorf Salad

Submitted by Suzanne Heck

2 bananas  
1 can pineapple tidbits  
2 apples  
2 stalks of celery  
1 cup peanuts  
mayonnaise or salad dressing by the tablespoon

Add together and chill.

### Gorst Fruit Salad

Submitted by Suzanne Heck

1 can drained fruit cocktail  
1 cup grapes  
3 apples  
3 medium bananas  
2 oranges  
1 pint whip cream

Mix and chill.

### Apple Chutney

Submitted by Suzanne Heck

1 large, tart apple, peeled & minced very fine  
1 large green pepper, seeded & minced very fine  
1/4 cup almonds, chopped fine  
3/4 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1-1/2 teaspoon lemon juice  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Mix thoroughly, serve with crackers, pita bread or nan (Indian Bread) an appetizer or with main meal as a side dish. Be sure to use tart apples, suggestion, Granny Smith.

The following recipes are the courtesy of Razzle Dazzle Recipes:

### Apple Pie a la Mode Shake

1 cup plain nonfat yogurt  
1/2 cup applesauce, frozen  
1/2 teaspoon brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in a blender until smooth.

## You're invited!



to a  
**retirement lunch**  
for  
**Judy Wabaunsee, RN**

**Tuesday, December 28th**

**Noon, Bingo Hall**



**Please join us**



## MAKING MEDICARE MAKE SENSE

Answers To Some of The Most Commonly Asked Medicare Questions

Q: What is the New Care Management for High-Cost Medicare Beneficiaries Demonstration?

A: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced they will conduct a demonstration to study various care management models for high-cost beneficiaries in the traditional Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) program. CMS will assess how well each of these programs is able to reduce Medicare costs while improving the quality of care and quality of life for beneficiaries.

Fifteen percent of the Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries (all of those not in a Medicare Advantage plan, but in original Medicare), account for approximately 75 percent of the total Medicare expenditures in any given year. Many of these beneficiaries have multiple costly conditions and are at high risk of continuing to require intensive medical services.

Under this demonstration, CMS hopes to test a variety of models such as intensive case management, increased provider availability, structured chronic care programs, restructured physician practices, and expanded flexibility in care settings such as providing the care in a beneficiary's home, which could improve the beneficiary's quality of life while simultaneously reducing costs.

Approximately, four to six organizations such as physician groups, hospitals and integrated delivery systems who have care management models will be chosen to participate. Applicants must be capable of providing ambulatory care services.

CMS will identify those high-cost, high-risk beneficiaries meeting the specific criteria used in the individual demonstration sites. The beneficiaries must have medical conditions amenable to care management.

Eligible beneficiaries will face no financial liability for demonstration administrative or care management fees, which will be paid in full by Medicare. Beneficiaries will continue to be responsible for deductibles, coinsurance and co-payments for regular Medicare services, and no organization participating in the demonstration will be permitted to restrict a beneficiary's access to regular Medicare services or providers.

Information for organizations who would like to ap-

ply to participate in the demonstration can be found at [www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/demos/cmhcba.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/demos/cmhcba.asp).

Information for organizations who would like to apply to participate in the demonstration can be found at [www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/demos/cmhcba.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/demos/cmhcba.asp).

Again CMS will contact beneficiaries who are eligible to participate in the demonstration.

Q: Is There a Message for Medicare Beneficiaries Who Might Be Concerned About the Shortage of Flu Vaccine This Year?

A: Yes, it is important for Medicare beneficiaries to know that all adults age 65 and older are in the priority group for vaccination. The public, and medical community need to make sure that the vaccine this year goes to those who truly need it most. Medicare beneficiaries are one group of individuals who need it most. Medicare beneficiaries should try to get a flu shot as soon as they can. Medicare Part B pays for the flu shot when beneficiaries get them from providers who accept Medicare payment as payment in full.

Q: Any news To Share About The Medicare-approved Drug Discount Cards?

A: Yes, we want to remind beneficiaries currently who do not have prescription drug coverage, and who have not looked into the Medicare-approved drug discount card program to do so as soon as they can. Beneficiaries may be very surprised how much money they can save on the costs of their prescription drugs every time they use the discount card at a participating pharmacy. Low-income beneficiaries will want to find out if they qualify for \$600 credit towards the purchase of their prescription drugs along with discounts provided by enrolling in a card. Now beneficiaries can easily find out if they qualify for the \$600 credit over the phone, instead of mailing in an application, by calling 1-800-633-4227, which is 1-800-Medicare. Beneficiaries who think they might qualify for \$600 credit, should do so soon, because after the end of 2004, beneficiaries who qualify will only get \$600 to use in 2005. If a beneficiary enrolls in a card before the end of the year and is eligible for the \$600 in 2004 but does not spend all of the \$600 towards prescription drug purchases in 2004 they may utilize the remaining money in 2005 along with receiving \$600 more in credit toward the purchase of their drugs in 2005. So, beneficiaries should act now before the end of the year to find out if they should have \$600 credit towards prescription drug purchases. Do not let this money just sit on the table. Call 1-800-Medicare, 1-800-633-4227 or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) the "Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs" tool to choose a drug discount card with pharmacy access in one's zip code area and that provides the biggest drug discounts on ones current prescriptions.

## Fried Bread Man

In this November issue of the *Prairie Band Potawatomi News*, Fried Bread Man asked about plans for the upcoming holiday season to Linda Sitting Arrow, Joe Fast Elk, and Mary Swift-bird. The three young people are sitting on logs around a blazing crackling fire. However instead of sitting under a starlit sky and a full moon, they are inside a bark house. They are having snow flurries. The flakes are coming down slowly. The three children are talking about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, while they are away from school for break. A warm fog appears that engulfs the children, and then Fried Bread Man walks out of the cloud. He warmly smiles and walks to the three kids and shakes their hand of greeting and then proceeds to sit down on a log.

Fried Bread Man clears his throat followed by a pause and speaks to the children, "It's good to see the three of you. It's been awhile since we last talked. What are your plans for the Thanksgiving Holiday?"

"Well, Fried Bread Man," Mary spoke looking at both Linda and Joe, "our class met and wanted to do a similar activity as last year for the reservation community. Our classmates are very excited in helping," reported Mary.

Joe explained, "Our class decided to prepare a family style Thanksgiving Dinner for ten elders. There are seven families who volunteered to prepare the meal."

"Our classmates will serve the meal to the elders," reported Mary. "Each student has a certain job to do."

"Guess what?" said Linda to Fried Bread Man.

Fried Bread Man answered with, a grin, and said, "What?"

"All the students have volunteered to serve on the clean up committee."

"That's a great idea," said Fried Bread Man.

Linda further explained, "We young people are

hoping the elders will share stories of their Thanksgiving memories."

"I think our elders would be more than happy to share their holiday memories with all of you," said Fried Bread Man. "But ask them in a respectful manner first."

"I want to tell you three a funny story," said Fried Bread Man. Since the winter months are approaching us, stories are told. This is a story called *Indian Hunter and his Dog*.

### The story begins:

Many years ago there lived a man who never married. This man had a gift and that being a good hunter. But every good hunter needs to have a good hunting dog (nēmōsh). This man, we shall call John. If John heard of a seasonal ceremony, he would hunt and donate his game, to the people. John had raised his nēmōsh, named Ke-mois, since he was a puppy (nēmōshes). Ke-mois could understand John's commands in Potawatomi.

Ke-mois was smart and could sense what game his master was hunting. For instance, if John was in the timber looking up in the trees, Ke-mois sensed, "We are hunting squirrels (sēngoyēk)," today. With sharp eyes and ears perked, he would locate the sēngoyēk and began barking upward until John made his shot with his rifle. Ke-mois knew they were hunting rabbit (mshweyēk), if John was sitting near a bush pile. Ke-mois knew his job was to enter the bush pile and scare out the game. The nēmōsh liked this arrangement, he knew that fresh game with nēmōshēk mattwat (dog food) was for supper. Our friend John liked to keep his nēmōsh on his paws. He decided to play a trick on him.

Instead of grabbing his trusty rifle, John reached for his fishing pole (kigos mtēkonafēk). "I'm gonna fool that nēmōsh big time today, laughed John." But to John's amazement, he couldn't locate his nēmōsh. He called his name, and whistled, but no nēmōsh. John continued his walk to his favorite fishing spot (etēmno tēmottgeyan). John stopped in his tracks, and couldn't believe what he saw. There was his best friend, Ke-mois looking for worms (wifēwabman mnētoseyēn) for his master. All John could do was smile and laugh at his one smart nēmōsh. This nēmōsh is going to get a turkey leg (o-nēmōsh witapnanabēn I pne kat).

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



## Reminder:

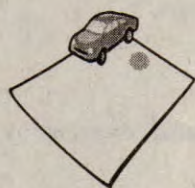
All address and name changes are routed through Enrollment Office. Deadline for address change is December 10, 2004.

- 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 <u>Y</u> <u>N</u> |           |        |       |
| Home phone:   | Work phone: _____                  |           |        |       |
| Cell phone:   | _____                              |           |        |       |
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## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

### Notice

The following vehicles will be sold through sealed bid response. These vehicles will be available for review and inspection at the PBP Nation Police Station located at 16344 Q Rd., Mayetta Ks. 66509 on Monday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Only.

All those interested in bidding on these vehicles must submit their sealed bid to Micki Martinez, at the PBP Nation Police Station by the end of the business day Thursday, December 9, 2004. The envelope must list the item number and the make and year of the vehicle you are bidding on. Prices submitted for bid must be a firm fixed dollar amount. The bids will be time stamped upon receipt and will be opened on December 10, 2004. The successful bidder will be notified promptly and must present payment in full to the Prairie Band Potawatomi and show proof of insurance prior to taking possession of the vehicle. All vehicles must be removed from the Reservation no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2004.

If you have any question please call Micki Martinez at 785-966-2995.

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Vehicles for sale are as follows:

Item # 1) 1995 Ford Crown Victoria, Color: Green, Mileage: 128,237.

\*Please note the following two items have a minimum bid listed. If the minimum bid is not obtained for the following two vehicles the Nation reserves the right to refuse to sell these vehicles.

Item # 2) 1999 Ford F150 4 x 4 extended cab pick-up truck with 5.4 L V-8 engine, automatic transmission, Mileage: 87,214 Color: Red. Minimum bid for item # 2 is \$9,000.00

Item # 3) 1999 Ford F250 4 x 4 super duty, long bed pick-up truck with camper/shell, 5.4 L V-8 engine with automatic transmission, Mileage: 22,842. Minimum bid for item # 3 is \$12,000.00.

Item # 4) 1995 Ford Blue Crown Victoria, it does not run. A new transmission installed in it on 7/17/2004 with a mileage of 142,390 at that time. The body of this car appears to be in pretty good shape. This car was serviced at Quality Car in Topeka, it has engine problems.

Item # 5) 1995 Ford Yellow Crown Victoria with a mileage of approximately 153,000. The body of this car is pretty good, interior needs to be cleaned and the left front door panel needs to be fixed. This car had a new alternator installed on 3/8/2004.

## Attention:

### Royal Valley announces Board of Education Election

Candidates have until noon, January 25, 2005 to declare their candidacy for one of the three positions available. The primary election will be held March 1, 2005 and the general election will be held on April 5, 2005. Registered voters within the school district are eligible to file. The term is for four years and will begin on July 1 following the election. The filing fee is five dollars.

The following are the boundaries for the Board of Education positions:

- City of Mayetta and west of Hwy 75, south to 118th Road.
- City of Hoyt, north to 118th Road, east to U Road and west to district boundary.
- Eastern 1/3 of the district.

If you have any questions, please call the School District Office at (785) 966-2246.

Please note: If more than one candidate files for a position, the election will be held on March 1 during the primary. At this time, voters select candidates in their section only.

During the general election, all positions are voted upon.



## Correction:

In last month's issue the News incorrectly identified Mary Shoptee as Mary LeClere in a front page photo. The News apologizes for the error.

## Fingerweaving class Joy Yoshida, Instructor

The Language Department will be hosting a fingerweaving class for tribal members who are interested in this art form. Class will be Saturday, Dec. 24, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Department is located in the basement of the Elder Center. Please call to sign up as we need a count for class participation and for a lunch count; 785 966-2138.

## Support Groups

### Topeka Area

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

**Native American AA Meeting** - 8:00 p.m. Friday, 135 Buchanan.

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

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

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

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

**Weigh Down Workshop** - Experience God's deliverance from dieting and over-

weightness. Free orientation at 12:30 pm Thursday, White Lakes Plaza Apartments clubhouse, 3730 SW Plaza Drive. Call Elizabeth, 266-7318,

### Mayetta Area

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

**Open AA Meeting**, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to ??, We Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road

**Alanon/Alateen Unheard Voices**, at the We Ta Se Building, 15434 K Road

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

**PARR Ranch** - Open meeting, Monday at 7:00 pm, 18367-182 Rd.

**Women's NA Meeting** - Friday at 6:00 pm at the We Ta Se building, 15434 K Road.

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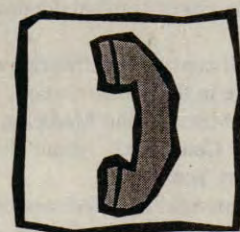
**Kickapoo AA meeting** - at the Kickapoo Senior Citizen Building at Friday at 8:00 p.m.

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

**Holton AA Meeting** - at EUM Church (1 block south of post office - enter south door), Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

### Lawrence Area

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



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

### TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

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

**Government Center**  
877 715-6789

**Alcohol & Drug**  
866 966-2411

**Boys & Girls Club**  
866 727-6242  
(866 PBP-NBGC)

**Health & Wellness Clinic**  
866 694 6728  
FAX 785 364 3691

**Pharmacy**  
866 727 6330

**Managed Care (CHS)**  
800 441-6021  
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**Housing**  
866 966-2756

**Social Services**  
888 966-2932

**Tribal Court**  
866 966-2242

**Transit Program**  
(785) 966-2995 or 966-3024 or  
877 727-6743



## New Web Site Address

www.nativebiz.com

NativeBiz Interactive, a division of Tribal Venture Development, Inc., announced (11-04-04) the launch of their AI/AN Business-to-Business Consumer website, www.nativebiz.com. This B2B/C website provides unmatched leading-edge solutions for improving the efficiency of business operations and relationships throughout American Indian/Alaska Native country.

NativeBiz provides comprehensive solutions that leverage unparalleled e-commerce experience and advanced personalization to bring American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and purchasing executives together with qualified services and products online.

An example of news items from this website:

### Latest news items:

- Indian health centers awarded accreditation
- First American Indian Elected to Minneapolis School Board

### Tools and resources:

- Native Power: a handbook on renewable energy and energy efficiency for Native American communities
- I.R.S. Employment Tax Desk Guide for Tribal employees
- Expanding telecommunications access in Indian Country
- Gaming Tax Law for Indian tribal governments
- Protecting public health and water resources in Indian Country

### Native directory links:

- National Indian Justice Center
- National Indian Health Board
- Native American Rights Fund
- Native American Bar Association of D.C.
- American Indian Heritage Foundation



## Ganiṭṭēk (Those who are born)



**Charles Michael Heim**

Born: August 10, 2004  
Weight: 4 lbs and 12 oz  
Length: 17 3/4 inches

Parents: Marji and Joe Heim  
Grandmother: Myra L. Matchie  
Nephew: Ruta L. Mendez &  
Raymond D. Nioce



**Mary Alice Howley**

Born: October 9, 2004  
Weight: 8 lbs, 3 oz.  
Length: 20 inches  
Parents: Jean & Alen Howley  
Grandmother: Georgia O' Bennick-Howley.



## Happy Birthday Turtle Girl



**November 13**

**From:  
Girl and family**



Happy, Happy Birthday  
December 2  
Mariah Delilah Shopteese  
Love you much from mom,  
Marty, & brothers Clayton,  
"Ki-te-muk"  
& baby sister Delilah



Happy 3rd Birthday  
November 28  
Delilah Georg-ia Allen Trager  
We love you  
from mom & dad & brothers  
Clayton, "Ki-te-muk" & big  
sister Mariah

## Happy Birthday Joe Jessepe & Mary Lewis December 9

**Warm wishes  
to you both**

From your family: Leslie,  
Jackie, John, Sydney,  
Sylvana, Ivan, Arrow,  
Aisian, Alan, Andy, Alexis,  
Brandon, Alisha, Pete,  
Denise and Jodi

## Happy 14th Birthday Jaime Farias

parents:  
Marlena (Jessepe) Jordan  
&  
Kevin Jordan

sisters: Adria & Marissa  
brother: Kobe



## Congratulations to Anthony HisLaw

**Royal Valley Middle School  
Honor Roll**



## In memory of



Kevin Mzhickteno  
b: Nov. 27, 1965  
d: Nov. 23, 1989



Duane Mzhickteno  
b: Nov. 17, 1957  
d: June 3, 2002

## Young Poet's Corner

### Two Spirits

The beating of a drum in the far  
The sound of teardrop rolling down a young lovers face  
But no one knows what happened that night in the car  
It was a chase that ended it all  
They were going too fast and lost control  
It all started with a race  
He had too many to drink and couldn't say no to the challenge  
It was no one's fault but his own  
Yet she still blamed herself for what happened  
For letting him drive alone  
For everything  
Since the incident, she hasn't said anything to anyone  
Now that it is all over and done  
She sits at the Drum Doings alone, close to no one  
With the constant thought that she was to blame  
She couldn't take it anymore, she had to get out of there  
So she left, it was dark and she was driving too fast  
She wanted so badly for it to end then and there  
All it took was a swerve to the right  
Straight off the narrow bridge and into the cold shallow water  
As she thought of him she watched the snow falling down  
In awe of its grace and beauty  
It reminded her of him the way it was silent  
The way it said a lot by saying nothing  
The way it floated so gracefully  
It was as if he was calling to her  
Then it happened just like that, just that fast  
She is cold, she can feel the water seeping into the bottom of her car  
The very next thing she sees is a single snowflake  
Melting on the tip of her nose  
As she watches the snowflake, the sound and rhythm of the drum  
comes back to her  
Now she can hear it very clearly, and out of the corner of her eye  
She sees him  
He is walking toward her, standing tall and strong, a great warrior  
With a bow in one hand he reaches for her with the other  
She stood up and looked him in the eyes  
Saying nothing she threw her arms around him  
Her eyes filling with tears, without a word they walked away  
Walking into their new life, eternal life, afterlife  
They were two spirits joined together as one  
In the stars they will always be remembered  
Two Spirits

-a PBPN teenager

### A Teenager's Life

*A teenagers life,  
is just what it seems,  
a world full of nothing,  
but a heart full of dreams.....*

*All the secrets that  
everyone knows,  
all the hangouts  
where everybody goes.....*

*It's having a boyfriend,  
it's having a date,  
it's being in a crowd  
where everyone is great.....*

*It's all the laughs,  
all the fights,  
all the hours for saying,  
GOODNIGHT!*

*A teenagers life,  
is just what it seems,  
a world full of nothing  
but a heart full of dreams.*

by: Samantha Rae Heim



## We-Ta-Se Post #410 7th Annual Veterans Recognition Pow wow Holton, Kansas, November 13, 2004



Francis Jensen, left, with his son, Mike.

*Honored veterans  
were  
Francis Jensen  
and  
Polly A. Davis*



Approximately 170 dancers participated in the Pow Wow.



Young "to be" Little Soldier singers.



Vendors had booths upstairs at the Holton Community building.



We-Ta-Se lifetime veterans led the Grand Entry.



Veteran Jim McKinney gave the invocation following the Grand Entry.

### We-Ta-Se Raffle Winners

**Pendleton blanket-Ferol Oxley  
Boom box-Larry Keesis  
\$500 cash-Judy Lundin  
\$500 cash-Tom Tuckwin**



Head Lady Dancer Cindy LeClere receiving a give-away.

*Miss  
Prairie Band  
Potawatomi  
Nation*

*Stephanie  
Shopteese*



Laverne Hale and her family did the cooking.

Raffles were a big part of the day. In the photo at right is Joanie Rebar of the American Legion Post 410 Auxillary who sold tickets. The Auxillary also wore new colorful shawls during the Grand Entry.



Dean Whitebreast was announcer at the PowWow and Perkins Whitetail was Arena Director.

The photo to the right shows Chris Howell, left, from the Kansas Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission who publicly thanked the We-Ta-Se Color Guard and the Tribal Council with commemorative blankets for their involvement in past Bicentennial events.



### Tailgate Raffle Winners

Submitted by: Pam Bowman

The PBPB Tribal Council Assistants sponsored a Tailgate Raffle. All proceeds from the raffle directly benefit the Potawatomi Princesses and were earmarked as a donation to be utilized for official travel expenses incurred during their reign. During October and November, Tribal Council Assistants, Miss Potawatomi Nations, Tamarah Pahmahmie and the out-going Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess Sydney Jessepe sold 1010 raffle tickets.

On Saturday, November 13, the drawing for the Tailgate Raffle was held at the We-Ta-Se Veterans Pow Wow. During the evening session of the Pow Wow, Miss Potawatomi Nations, Tamarah Pahmahmie and the newly elected Miss Prairie Band Potawatomi, Stephanie Shopteese were each awarded \$505.00 to be used towards their official travel expenses while representing Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

#### Raffle Winners

**52" Color HDTV  
Diane Robb, Mayetta, KS**

**4 Chiefs/San Diego Chargers tickets  
Mshawa Hale, Mayetta, KS**

**Grill Package  
Stephanie Van Dyne, Atchison, KS**

**\$100 Cash  
Ramona Davis, Depew, OK**

**Tailgate Package  
Lisa DeVader, Circleville, KS**

Special thanks to The corporate sponsors, to the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 for allowing us to have the drawing at their Pow Wow, and to all of the community support in ticket sales.

Mgwetch! Verna Simon, Liana McGeer, LaVerne Hale, Joanie Rebar, Pam Bowman, Francis Shopteese & Leslie Marshno.